



MAT BURN



春は空中にあります

Haru wa kūchū ni arimasu...

SPRING IS IN THE AIR...

BY RP TAYLOR

Blue eyes himself, Frank Sinatra, serenaded his fans with the famous lyrics, "Spring is in the air, you're love is blooming...When spring is in the air, you're in love..." But, for Eastside Dojo, spring is in the air, and youth tournaments are everywhere.

With spring upon us and summer right around the corner, this time of year signifies many things to many people. To young people, it means another school year has ended. To some, it means graduation is on its way very soon. To competitive youth judoka, it means competition season is in full swing.

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EASTSIDERS AT THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE JUDO ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALS

Head Coach Russ Hogan traveled to Texas A&M for the National Collegiate Judo Association High School Nationals with some of Eastside's elite youth judoka:

- Ronin Austin
- Tom Braverman
- Anmol Murickananickal
- Diego Padilla

The youth tournament was in conjunction with the National Collegiate Judo Association Championships. Both tournaments were canceled in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic that gripped the nation.

While all of the judokas from Eastside competed very well, we want to highlight the two that earned medals.

ANMOL MURICKANANICKAL

Gold Medal

- Blue Belt
- 15 Years Old
- Freshman

TOM BRAVERMAN

Silver Medal

- Brown Belt
- 18 Years Old
- Graduating Senior



BOB PEREZ, AGGIE JUDO

BY RP TAYLOR

Mat Burn had a chance to visit with Bob Perez, Head Coach of the Texas A&M Judo Team after the NCJA High Nationals. Here's a look at that conversation.

How long have you been over the judo program at TAMU?

I started judo here in 1984 and I stayed with it. I started coaching in 1993 when I took over for Gary Berliner (head tournament referee), who was in medical school and was in Temple his last two years of medical school.

Your other job is for the TAMU Library System?

Yes, my main job is for the University Libraries. I run a small media department, and then coaching.

This is not volunteer work, I would assume.

Oh yeah. We have a scholarship program, but all the money we have in the endowment goes to pay the coaches or pay the athletes.

But not you though?

They pay for my travel and cover my expenses.

You do some coaching sometimes too, right?

Yeah.



Wow! You must really love judo.

I do [love judo]. It's a great sport. It's good for the kids. I get to develop them and see them grow. It's nice to see that.

So next year this will be in California at San Jose State, so we will need to travel out there for this tournament?

Yes, I'll be out there with my college kids. I'll be taking about 8-10. Many people qualify. I make our guys qualify so we just don't send them. They have to attend certain tournaments, they have to place at those tournaments, they have to attend practice, and they have to help out at our events. If they don't help out, it's more on them to pay for most of it. Otherwise we cover a lot of it.

What is your ranking in judo?

I am a gholdan, 5th degree black belt..



David Yoshida traveled to the 2022 Youth National Championships in Lansing, Michigan, with some of Eastside's other competitive elite youth judoka:

Linda Dervisoglu - Anora Khamraev (Gold) - William Yoshida





USA JUDO SENIOR NATIONAL *Championships*

IT'S WEEKS AWAY
What a Way to Kick Off the Summer!
PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!!!

At the 2021 Senior Nationals in Reno Nevada, Eastside Dojo was the high point team and won 1st place. This year the Senior Nationals are being held in Daytona Beach, Florida. There are already people signing up now to help Eastside Dojo show up on the national stage again this year, and bring home some hardware. In order for that to happen, there needs to be enough participants that travel to Daytona for the tournament. Please sign up ASAP!



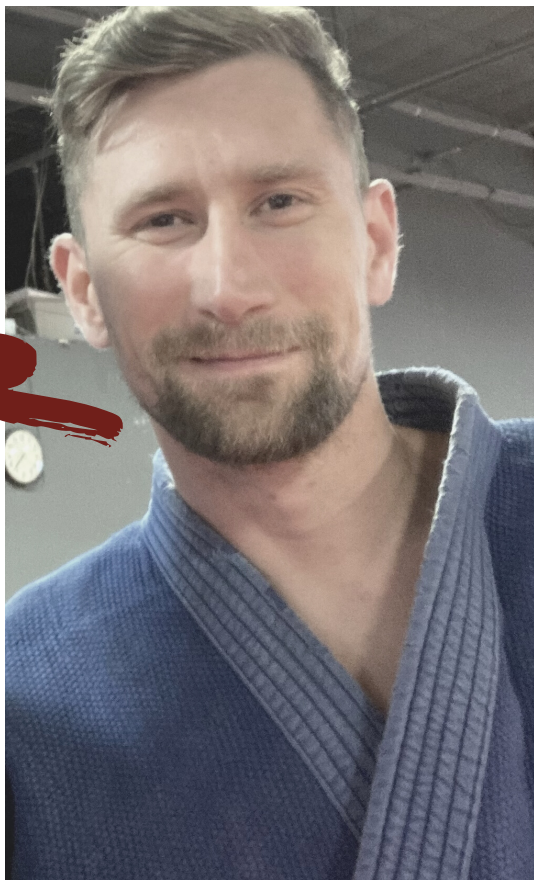
International Judokas

PART 1 OF A 3 PART SERIES

ALEJANDRO LOPEZ

Venezuelan

- From Caracas, Venezuelan
- Brown Belt
- 30 Years Old
- Moved to Texas in October 2019 searching for better opportunities because things are very dire in his home country.



SEM MALTSEV

Russian

- Descends from Russia, by way of New York
- Black Belt Shodan
- 34 Years Old
- Moved to Texas from New York because he believes it's a better place to raise a family.
- Wants to continue to progress in judo because it's now his lifestyle

EASTSIDERS AT THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE JUDO ASSOCIATION
HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALS



RUSS HOGAN, RONIN AUSTIN, TOM BRAVERMAN, ANMOL MURICKANANICKAL, DIEGO PADILLA, JOSH PERRY



Anora Khamraev wins GOLD!!!

2022 YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Your support means the world so please come out!

LOCAL EVENTS



The 6th Annual Nagase Cup Judo Championships

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, 2022
At: NTX Training Center



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NATIONAL EVENTS



USA JUDO SENIOR NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
MAY 21 - 22, 2022



U.S. OPEN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
JULY 28 - 31, 2022