



Judocomp February 2020 Newsletter

The annual Ft. Worth Open took place on January 18. This mostly local tournament is held inside the space of Fort Worth Judo Club's Dojo. A few new clubs showed up. Jita Kyohei Dojo 's Ethan Steffens won gold in 11yr, 44 - 53kg. Ocean Springs Martial Arts, also new on the scene, took home a couple medals. Kama Jiu jitsu's Kalah Thompson won a gold medal. A couple of senior competitors drove up from Mexico and had some good competition. Rodrigo Jimenez from Houston's Westlake Judo Club took a gold in juniors and a silver senior novice.

There were quite a few standout performances. 6 year old Dominic Voung from Bulldog Judo Club took first place in a division of 7 kids. Cooper Owens for Oklahoma's USA Stars Club, took gold in 9 -10yrs 29 - 33kg, also in a 7 person division. From Denton Junior Optimist Club, one of the longest running judo clubs in the country, Cambrian Gonzales took silver behind Marcus Parks of Eastside Dojo.

One of Texas's biggest rivalries is between Cambria Nyland of Eastside Dojo and Chrystal Monthe Noussi of Ft. Worth Judo. For several years these two have been fighting each other in local as well as national tournaments. They are two of the best judoka in the country who happen to live in the same area so they see each other a lot. They may not realize it but they are lucky to have each other. Sometimes Cambria wins and

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few minutes to decompress, they were seen sitting together playing video games. Chrystal's little sister Gabrielle also won gold as did Ft Worth Judo's brother and sister, Ryan and Elizabeth Dyer.

The Ft. Worth Open has been going on for a couple years now. This tournament runs quick and it's really great for Judoka who want some competition without a lot of hassle.

On February 29, Eastside Dojo will be hosting the NTX Slam at the new NTX Training Center facility in Plano. This will be the first event at NTX. There are some new systems being used at this tournament with weigh-ins, belt and judogi colors. Go to judocomp.com to get all of the information. Other events coming to NTX this year are the Dallas International Camp June 12, 13,14, hosted by Becerra Judo, the Becerra Challenge in September, the Ruben Martin Open, and more.

The Lone Star Classic was held last week in Euless. This truly is a Classic Texas tournament. We will have results next month.

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