

INTERNATIONAL & REPRESENTATIONAL UPDATE

Nathan Katz - Croatia Grand Prix - 28th September – 1st October, Zagreb Croatia. Nathan had a great preparation for this event and played far more openly and with higher intensity than at the Senior Worlds.

In the second Round Nathan drew the Italian National Champion Medves who has a good record as medalist and winner of European Cups and Opens as a Cadet, Junior and Senior. Medves had already beaten the US athlete formerly from Morocco. Nathan looked sharp from the outset attacking first with Uchimata. Dealing with an awkward gripping style Nath conceded Shido for an eri grip at about 40 secs but at 1 minute he dropped in a near perfect Morote-Seoi-Nage just losing the drive forward. ITA put in his first real attack which was easily defended and Nathan responded shortly after with another strong attack, this time Osoto Gari / Otoshi. Two more Ippon Seoi attacks saw Nathan composed and building momentum looking well in control past half-way. A full minute of medical treatment for ITA was followed by a Sode attempt from Nath. With less than a minute remaining, Nath tried Deashi which turned into Gake but he lost his grip and was squashed. Nath tried to keep stable and perhaps was looking for the ne-waza transition, but this saw ITA drive down and roll Nath for Waza-Ari. This was really bad luck because at this stage it really should have been even or 2 Shidos to 1 in Nathan's favour. ITA wasted the next 20 secs on the ground and the following 30 seconds running away, off the mat and dropping conceding a Shido with Nath coming in with a good spinning Tai-Otoshi. Very little in this match with only 1 real attack from ITA and a counter to Nathan's attack. ITA lost the QF to TUR but in repechage won his next 2 matches against FRA and RUS for the Bronze. Thanks so much to Luke Preston from Camberley Judo Club, for looking after Nathan at this event.



Josh Katz, Kyle McIndoe and Cameron Leishman - Junior World Championships – 18th – 22nd October, Zagreb Croatia. Kyle and Cam participated at the AIS camp between 19th – 24th September. Unfortunately no other Budokan athletes were invited. Kyle travelled straight to Japan afterwards and has been doing well training at Nittai-Dai University in Tokyo. Josh is still at Camberley and will participate in an international training camp in Strasbourg France from 5th to 8th October before his final prep phase at Camberley. Cam is training back at Budokan until he leaves for Croatia in less than 2 weeks.

Nathan Katz – 2017 Welsh Open – 21st October; European Cup Malaga Spain 28th – 29th October. To get more international matches under his belt and build more international experience, Nathan will compete at the Welsh Open but not cut for 66kg and then compete in the Spanish European Cup a week later at 66kg.

Cameron Leishman, Naomi de Bruine and Amber McIndoe – Australian University Games – 24th– 30th September, Gold Coast, Queensland. Cam won his division and elected not to compete in the Open due to a rolled ankle which he did at the AIS camp. Naomi and Amber won all their fights in the teams event. Naomi won her division and came second in the Division Winner's Open and Amber came 2nd in her division getting caught on the ground after being 4 Waza-Aris up.



Photo: Cameron and Kyle at the AIS Camp; 19th – 24th September



Photo: Naomi and Amber at the University Games;

