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Take Note!

Visit our new Judo Team Website!

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14th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, September 20th 2004
Cinnebar Hills, San Jose

Keo University visits SJSU—celebrating 40 years of friendship

Highlights

2004 Olympic Trials—Saturday, June 5th, 2004 at San Jose

Collegiate Championships Recap

Executive Committee Report on new website

Annual Request for Donations



San Jose State Judo—New Website.

*Gary Newquist, Executive Committee member
Chuck Jefferson, Judo Team Coach*

www.sjsujudo.org—plain and simple, check it out!

Over the past five years the Judo Executive Committee has communicated with our alumni and friends with a published newsletter. We now have created a new website that will allow you, our alumni and friends, access 24/7 to current events on a timely basis.

Ali Moghadas, a graduate and former coach at SJSU,

created and donated a professional video of SJSU Judo which will premier on our new website. Thank you Ali!

You will now be able to see team pictures, historical pictures, financial information, team and player statistics, updates on tournaments, fund raising activity and what's new with alumni all from your computer.

Coach Chuck Jefferson and Gary Newquist will coordinate website updates with Dick Norona and the Executive Committee.



Get up to date stats and information at www.sjsujudo.org

Your Contributions Support SJSU 2004 Olympic Judo Team Hopefuls

*Dick Norona, Executive Committee Director
Chuck Jefferson, Judo Team Coach*

Thank you for continuing your support of SJSU Judo. Over the last year SJSU Judo has received contributions from our esteemed Alumni, the Annual Golf Tournament, earnings on the SJSU Judo Endowment and allocations from the SJSU Associated Students.

Since 1999, when Head Coach Yosh Uchida asked the Executive Committee to put in place a long-term plan for SJSU Judo, the team has been self-funded. Annually we have published the financial information in newsletters. In the future, these reports will be updated on the new SJSU Judo website.

2004 is a critical year for the SJSU Judo Team as we prepare for the 2004 Olympic Trials and the Olympics.

The U.S. Trials will consist of the top 5 individuals in each of the 7 Olympic weight categories for both men and women. Thus far, Chuck Jefferson (73kg), Jose Benscome (73kg), Tetsu Okano (81kg), Mike Barnes (100kg), John Serbin (100kg plus), and Heidi Bartkowski (63kg) have secured their spots to compete in the Trials.

The U.S. Olympic Trials will be held at San Jose State on June 5th, 2004.



2004 Collegiate National Tournament Report:

At the start of the year, the coaching staff knew we had our work cut out for us. Quite a few players had finished their college eligibility last year, and several people on the team were waiting for in-state residency before becoming full-time students. Things only became more difficult when several players had to sit out due to injury.

We went into this year's College National Championships trying to defend our National title with a team of only 4 men and 1 woman.

At 60kg, Freshman Matt Dias had a great day finishing with a Silver medal. In the 73kg category, SJSU had two players, Trevor Mallo with a 6-2 record taking 4th place and Takeshi Young finishing in 2nd place with a 4-1 record. Andy Hung, at 81kg, went 3-2 to finish in 5th place. All four members on the SJSU men's National team were Freshman.

Heidi Bartkowski, SJSU Junior, went 3-1 for a third place finish in the women's competition.

San Jose took second place overall in the team standing, behind Cumberland College by only 1 point. This was the first time in since the mid 1980's that SJSU Judo did not walk away with the Team Title. However, the performances of our young players are an insight to the future success of SJSU Judo. These players are the future of our program. We are expecting a good sized Freshman class next

fall and look forward to having a full compliment of players at next year's tournament.

This year's second place finish serves as motivation for the both the players and coaches to rebuild and strengthen our team so we can regain our National Title next year as SJSU Judo hosts the 2005 College National Championships.

• Tracy Newquist—Newsletter design and production

• SJSU Associated Students—printing of the newsletter.

SJSU Judo plays host to the 2005 College National Championships

Judo Team News and Notes:

- Welcome back Eitan Gelber.

Eitan is back at SJSU helping with team training programs.

• SJSU will miss Tamo Kitaura—Coach at Palo Alto Judo. A long time friend to SJSU Judo, Tamo passed away in 2003. Thank you Tamo for over 50 years of help to SJSU Judo.

• Keo University visited SJSU in February celebrating a 40 year history of friendship and support. It was great to see Michi Sengoku, who was a member of the first team that came to SJSU 40 years ago.

We also wish to extend appreciation and thanks to the following friends of SJSU Judo:

- Dr. Bob Nishima—Judo Team Physician.
- Gayle Norona—Many hours of administrative work to make Dick Norona look good.
- Steve Constantine—SJSU Foundation.

Alumni & Friends:

The SJSU Judo Team and Executive Committee thanks you for your on going support of the SJSU Judo Program.

The Judo Executive Committee Members include:

Lydia Uchida Sakai, Yoshihiro Uchida, Gary Newquist, Keith Nakasone, Michael Swain, Steve Bonier, John Kawamoto, Marium Popescu, Dan Kikuchi, Chuck Jefferson and Richard Norona.

The SJSU Judo Program survives because of the continued support of our Alumni and Friends. Without you, our success would not be possible.

We graciously ask that you continue your support of our program.

Sincerely,

*The San Jose State Judo Team
and
The Judo Executive Committee*