

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom

March 2015



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World Wado Kai Cup

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An increased number of Wado UK competitors took part in this year's Shito Kai England KSE 8 competition. Previous years have seen the three Dhesi siblings travel the distance to Gloucester, however this year Oliver Dearing, Ellis Miller and Josh Hartery joined in and it was a very beneficial weekend for the group. 9 medals would be won over the course of the day,

which included 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze.

The competition is divided into two main sections with the younger competitors of 11 years and below taking to the mats first. Once the traditional presentation of participation medals has taken place, the tatamis are cleared in readiness for the kata events to begin. This would signal the start of our medal success as 6 of our medals would be won in these opening events.

Getting the ball rolling was Amrit Dhesi as he managed to make his way through the rounds and secure himself a place in the final. A silver would be his reward as his opponent caught the eyes of the judges in preference to Amrit, but a good opener with better still to come from our youngster.

Teaming up with sister Charan next in the pairs category, Amrit would go one better in this event. The young pairing again making the final but on this occasion gaining favour with the judges on the area, and adding our first gold medal of the day to our overall tally. Our next medal would be yet another gold as the previous pair were now joined by Ellis in the team kata event. Admittedly not an enormous



event but never the less beating both of the opposing teams they were faced with meant that they had done all they could. This meant that for the youngsters the kata events were now finished, and the kumite events would now take place.

First up inevitably because of his age would be Amrit. Again making steady progress through the rounds and reducing the amount of opponents left to face, Amrit ended up with just the one opponent left. His final was to result in yet another victory and therefore another gold for both him and the Wado UK group.

The next medal came from Ellis in his kumite event. Following in Amrit's footsteps in making his way through the rounds, Ellis found himself in the medal positions in the semi-finals. This would be the limit of his travel though on this occasion settling for a well earned Bronze medal.

To finish off these 11 years and under events the trio of Charan, Amrit and Ellis now joined forces in the mixed team kumite event. A novel approach which sees two boys and one girl in each team line up gave an opportunity for this first Wado UK team set up. It would pay dividends

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however as its conclusion saw our team in the final against the team of Western Karate Union having dispatched all before them to this stage. It would prove a step too far securing this title but they performed well and deserved their silver reward following the event.

Around 1.30pm the 12 years and over categories began. This transition would see a further 3 medals added to our overall total, with Josh Hartery kicking things off with an impressive performance in his individual kata category. Amalgamated because of numbers this particular grouping included both male and female and competitors beyond Josh's 13 years age

group. This didn't seem to have any effect on Josh's performance though because he beat all of his opponents to secure his first medal of the day, a very impressive gold. He would later go on to bolster this result with a deserved bronze in his kumite category also.

Our final medal of the day would be secured thanks to yet another impressive set of performances by Oliver in his kumite section. Yet again looking like he was in the wrong age category with all of his opponents standing taller than he, Oliver just got on with the job in hand making his way through the rounds. His efforts were rewarded with a personal bronze medal, and the final piece in the 9 medal jig-

saw that was our Wado UK result. An added bonus was seeing Oliver walk away unscathed as normally the size difference he has to deal with sees him pick up injuries. Not today!

I'm sure that the quality of this event will see us return in 2016 despite the distance required to travel. Sometimes you just have to put in the miles to benefit from quality events and this is one in that category

Well done everyone and a big thanks to all the parents for their time and financial investments, and of course to Gaynor Dent, Chris Dearing and Coach Miller for their efforts on the day.

Chojinkai Children's Championships

As anticipated our squad for this one was decimated following the incredibly late finish at last year's event. Only one competitor made the journey this year, Ellis Miller from the Hull Zanshin Dojo travelled to Penrith to compete. Thankfully the day was as promised an earlier finish at around 6.30pm, and to add some icing to the top of the cake Ellis managed to bag one silver and four bronze medals throughout the course of the day.

In his first event he was among other hopefuls taking to the mat to display their kata skills. He clearly impressed the judges en route as he found himself in the final alongside Ellie Payne of Yanagi-Kai. It didn't go Ellis's way on this occasion but he shouldn't be too disappointed as Ellie is very experienced and a very good Kata competitor. Well done to both youngsters.

Kumite was next for Ellis, and in both his -40kg section along with moving up

to the +40kg section also, he managed to add two bronze medals to his growing collection. Achieving the same result in each division, a semi final position, gave him opportunities of silver or better. However this was to be his final round for the day and he did himself proud winning these two matching bronze medals, one in each of the weight divisions.

This should have been the end of the day for Ellis but having travelled the distance we had a chat with a few of the local clubs and managed to make up a Pairs and Team kata which included him. This wasn't expected to deliver a great deal as they hadn't even met each other before the day of the comp, let alone trained and practiced together. However a small amount of success in each meant that he finished his day off with a further bronze medal from each of the events. A very pleasing little by product of making friends as we travel



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Mushindo Kata Championships



Representing Wado UK once again at the Mushindo Kata competition were several members of Chikara Dojo. Again it proved a successful day for the group as they managed for the second time to win the overall trophy. Read on to see how the day panned out as Steve Balaam-Reed reports below.

It was a fantastic day for Chikara at the Mushindo Kata Competition 8th March. We were by no means the largest squad in attendance and managed to come away with 11 Gold's, 8 Silvers and 8 bronze medals. This meant for the second time we went on to win the Club of the Day trophy for the most medals won in the competition.

Some of our students again stepped up into higher categories and most competed in both Wado and Open sections. We also had

Lauren Foster and Calum Longmuir who's categories just sneaked into the more senior section so they were up against some significantly older students, and still did remarkably well.

One of the 'stand out' performances of the day came from our junior team, thrown together at the last moment (on the day!), we were proud of them for having the nerve to take part. They then they excelled by going on to win the section. Congratulations to Harry Rolland, Logan Foster and Will Chapman.

Our significant medal haul:

Individuals: Steve Balaam-Reed – Gold & Bronze, Paul Foster - 2 Gold's, Scott Longmuir – Silver & Bronze, Ed Chapman - Silver, Thomas Balaam-Reed – Gold, Silver & Bronze, Lauren Horner – 2 Bronze,

Calum Longmuir – Silver & Bronze, Harry Rolland 2 Gold's, Logan Foster 2 Gold's, Will Chapman - Bronze

Pairs: Thomas Balaam-Reed & Lauren Horner – Gold, Calum Longmuir & Izzy Johnson - Bronze, Harry Rowland and Logan Foster Gold and Silver

Team: Harry Rolland/Logan Foster/Will Chapman – Gold, Scott Longmuir/Paul Foster/Ed – Silver Thomas Balaam-Reed/Lauren Horner/Calum Longmuir – 2 Silvers

It was a great weekend with the full squad really showing what we are capable of. There was immense support for each other and great team work, fantastic job guys.

Write up courtesy of Steve Balaam-Reed

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Jakub, Thomas and Steve Pictured with Radio Humberside Presenter David Burns

Three members of the Chikara Dojo will be travelling to Japan later in the year, to represent the English Wado Kai at the Wado Kai World Championships. The competition will take place over the weekend of the 15th & 16th August, where the Chikara trio will also be riding the Bullet Train as

a special bonus treat on the trip. Below Steve Balaam-Reed, along with son Thomas and Jakub Lutwiejko can be seen during a Radio Humberside interview which was aimed at looking for sponsorship. We will of course bring you news of the trio's results following the competition.

Date Section

22nd March

Hartlepool Wado Kai Championships
Hartlepool

18th April

Asda Bag-Pack
Please see club instructors for details and support this event if you can.

18th & 19th April

EKF National's Sheffield
12 Years and 3rd Kyu & above only

3rd May

Weston Karate Union Spring Invitational
Weston-super-Mare

14th June

Chojinkai Open Karate Championships
Penrith

27th June

Wado UK Junior Championships
Woodford Sports Centre
Hull