

Record Medals for Kin Ryu Fighters



Kin Ryu's International Belgium team, players, coaches, referees and parents

Kin Ryu Judo club has started 2013 with force after taking a range of medals both internationally and domestically. The K2 judo club started 2013 with a trip to Belgium which saw 8 young players competing against some of Europe's best. The results were 2 gold's, 1 silver, 4 bronze medals and a 5th place, the clubs best international results to date.

This competition proved to be a great warm up to the 2013 British Championships held at the English Institute for Sport in Sheffield. Kin Ryu fighters David O'Doherty, Kirstyn Chase and Jack Thompson competed for a place in the 2013 GB squad. David took silver at the 2012 championships but moved up both an age band and a weight group so this was to be a difficult challenge. He fought well however and took a respectable 9th place. Kirstyn and Jack followed and again both were the bottom of their age groups and were up against tough opposition. Both put in a great performance and Jack finished in 5th place just missing a bronze medal.

Following just 1 week off the club was in action again, with 12 of the clubs junior fighters competing at the Sussex green and under in Worthing. After a great day's judo the club returned home with 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals another great days results.

The final competition took the club to the Midlands, just avoiding the snow, to take part in the Midlands U20 ranking tournament. Again some of the clubs top junior fighters were in action against the top competitors in Great Britain, so this was always going to be tough weekend. Although none brought home medals on this occasion Kirstyn Chase finished in 7th place picking up her first cadet ranking points and Jack Thompson, Connor Leonard, Zack Wake, William Burke and Corlia Robertson all finished in 5th place. A good result for all these athletes at this level.

Kin Ryu coach Lisa Harrison said "It has been a great start to the year so far and it's great to see youngsters competing and achieving at a higher level, they put so much hard work into their training and they deserve their results".

Kin Ryu Judo Club trains at K2, Crawley Juniors Mon, Wed and Thurs evenings and Seniors Mon and Wed evenings all new beginners welcome. For more information check out our website www.kinryu.org.uk or call Lisa Harrison on 07940653563.