

## Kin Ryu fighters win abroad



Photo by Mark Burke

Last Sunday 6 members of Kin Ryu Judo Club travelled to Olen in Belgium to compete in the Mini Pot van Olen International Judo Tournament.

The six youngsters were all aged between 9 and 12 and for 3 of the athletes this was to be their first taste of competing in a full junior international tournament.

In the U13 age group the club was represented by Corlia Robertson, Joe Beckett and Adam Funnell.

Both Adam and Corlia were in top form after fighting the previous weekend at the 2013 British Championships and both fought well winning gold in their groups.

For Joe this was his first time competing at this level but he fought well to take silver in his group only losing the final on a small score.

After them it was the turn of the younger players in the U11 section, and representing the club was Enrique Howells, Sky Phillips and Katherine Burke.

The first to fight was Katherine who dispatched her first two opponents easily with lovely throws but in the final she was unlucky to get thrown and also won the silver medal.

The last of the girls to fight was Sky and after battling some early nerves she soon got into her stride and fought hard to take the silver medal in her group despite being the lowest grade in the tournament! The last of the boys to fight to fight was Enrique who produced the most exciting contest of the day as he continually threw his opponent but was not awarded any scores! Still he fought on and did well to take a bronze medal in his group.

Despite all being tired when they finished the players all agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and hopefully the start of some of their international judo careers.

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