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## BRITISH JUDO PICK UP THREE MEDALS IN OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

British Judo picked up three medals on the European A Tournament circuit this weekend – two silvers at the Rome A Tournament for Women and a bronze at the Rotterdam A Tournament for Men.

Sophie Cox (22) of Rochdale, gained her second medal in as many weeks, winning silver in the Women's –57kg weight category. In the semi final she beat Alice Schlesinger of Israel but was defeated in the final by 2000 Olympic gold medallist and 1997 World Champion, Isabel Fernandez of Spain.

Sarah Clark (24) of Edinburgh, who won silver at the top ranked Paris Super A Tournament in February, picked up another silver in the –63kg weight category. In the semi final she beat 2003 World silver medallist Driulis Gonzales of Cuba. This result took her into final where Ylenia Scapin of Italy eventually defeated her.

Peter Cousins (22) of Harlow, who won his eighth consecutive national title at the 2003 British Championships, won bronze in the –90kg weight category, beating Alexey Mikhalev of Russia in the bronze medal fight.

The results bring vital qualification points to the British squad who are competing in Europe to add further Olympics places to the four achieved at the World Championships last year. The medal wins for Cox and Cousins leave them sitting in qualifying positions, however they must continue their bid for Athens next weekend when the women travel to Tallin, Estonia and the Men to Minsk, Belarus.

### Note to Editors:

More information on the players is available online at [www.britishjudo.org.uk/media/profiles.php](http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/media/profiles.php)

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