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CAMBERLEY BRING HOME TOP INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Players from Camberley Judo Club have returned from two tough Championships in the US and Canada with six medals, beating off competition from around the world.

Their first stop was the US Open Championships from 11-12 October in Las Vegas where they won two of Great Britain's six medals. Rachel Wilding triumphed in the women's -78kg winning the gold and Luke Preston won a bronze in the men's -81kg.

The tournament marked the return of the -70kg Commonwealth Champion Samantha Lowe who made her first appearance in a year following a cruciate ligament operation. She finished a notable fifth, as did Australian Carly Dixon who lives and trains at Camberley.

After competing in the US Open, the players flew to Montreal to compete in the Canadian Open Championships where they scooped four medals. Carly Dixon won the silver, while Rachel Wilding, Luke Preston and Samantha Lowe all won a bronze medal.

Camberley's Head Coach Mark Earle said: "I am delighted that the players did so well in both Championships. To win six medals is a great achievement for our club and proves we are strong internationally across the board".

After the US and Canadian tournaments, Rachel Wilding along with club team mate Clare Lynch, flew straight out to represent Great Britain in the finals of the European Team Championships for Women which took place in Oradea, Romania on 25 October. Great Britain won the silver after beating the host nation in the semi-finals, but then losing a closely contested final against France 3-2.

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