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CLARK WINS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Edinburgh's Sarah Clark has won the -63kg title on the second day of the 2006 European Judo Championships, in Tampere, Finland – beating both the World Champion and reigning European Champion to take gold.

The 28-year-old Athens Olympian beat World Champion Lucie Decosse of France in the final to take the top spot on the medal rostrum.

The well-deserved title came in a particularly strong field with Clark also beating the reigning European Champion Elisabeth Willeboordse in the semi final. The Dutch Champion eventually finished third as did Olympic bronze medallist Ylenia Scapin of Italy.

Afterwards Clark said, "It hasn't really sunk in yet. But I am delighted to be European Champion."

A second British medal of the day came from Winston Gordon who won his first European medal - a bronze in the -90kg weight category. The 27 year old from London beat Krzysztof Weglarz of Poland in the repechage final.

With Craig Fallon's gold yesterday the two medals today takes Great Britain to the top of the medals table with France in second place.

Tomorrow four times European Champion, Karina Bryant will be looking to hold on to her current European +78kg title.

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Full Team

Women:

Category:	Selected:	Home Town	Club	Personal Coach	Date of Birth
- 52 kgs	Sophie	Brighton	Bridgeview	Mark Earle	23/8/84

	Johnstone				
-57kg	Faith Pitman	Harlow	Camberley	Mark Earle	4/5/1985
- 63 kgs	Sarah Clark	Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Billy Cusack	31/1/78
- 70 kgs	Samantha Lowe	Ovington	Camberley	Mark Earle	20/1/82
- 78 kgs	Michelle Rogers	Swinton, Manchester	Whitburn /SIS	Darcel Yandzi	21/06/76
+ 78 kgs	Karina Bryant	Aldershot	Camberley	Mark Earle	27/1/79

Men:

- 60 kgs	Craig Fallon	Wolverhampton	Hardy Spicer 83	Fitzroy Davies	18/12/82
- 66 kgs	Colin Oates	North Lopham, Norfolk	Kumo	Howard Oates	7/6/83
- 73 kgs	Matthew Purssey	Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Billy Cusack	23/2/81
- 81 kgs	Euan Burton	Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Billy Cusack	31/3/79
- 90 kgs	Winston Gordon	London	Budokwai	Eric Bonti	9/11/76
- 100 kgs	Peter Cousins	Harlow	JSC	John Cottis	3/3/81