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Sarah Clark wins Paris Silver

Edinburgh based Judo player Sarah Clark clinched a silver medal at the prestigious *Tournoi de Paris* last weekend. Other results for Great Britain came from Georgina Singleton who won a bronze medal in the –52kg weight category. Winston Gordon and Peter Cousins both managed fifth places in the Men's –90kg weight category. David Somerville finished 7th in the –66kg.

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British Judo in Europe

Good luck to the British Men's Team who are competing in the Budapest A Tournament and the British Women's Team who are competing in the Leonding A Tournament this weekend. Both teams are hoping to pick up crucial Olympic qualification points. The results will be posted on the British Judo website on Monday.

<http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/home/EuropeanATournamentSeasonandOlympicQualification.php>

Sport England Opens £10m Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre

On Wednesday 11 February, HRH The Princess Royal officially opened Sport England's Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre. The centre is used on a full time basis by the National Judo Academy but will also be used by British Judo's Cadet, Junior and Senior Squads. At the opening students from Academy performed a dramatic judo performance in front of Princess Anne, athletes from other sports and over one hundred VIPs from the community and the sporting world. Sport England has invested £10 million of Lottery funding into the state of the art redevelopment of Bisham Abbey's 43-acre site to create an excellent foundation for elite and community sporting achievement.

<http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/home/BishamAbbeyOpening.php>

2004 British Open Championships - Spectator Tickets

Tickets are now available to book online for the 2004 Senior British Open & VI Championships on 17th & 18th April. We are offering a two-day saver ticket for internet bookings only, and there are a limited number of tickets available so book early to avoid disappointment! Further information can be found on the link below:

https://www.secure-website.com/britishjudo/open_order.html

2004 British Open Masters Championships

The 2004 British Open Masters Championships for Men & Women are to be held on Sunday 25th April at The Triangle in Burgess Hill, just south of London.

The tournament information and entry forms are available on the BJA website:

<http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/competitions/britishopen.php>

BJA Competitions Commission

The BJA Competitions Commission is looking for 2 new members to serve on the Commission for the calendar year 2004. If you are interested in being considered for service, please send a letter expressing your interest and why you feel you should be considered, and a brief CV (optional).

All applications should be forwarded to:

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The closing date for applications is 27th February 2004.

2004 Malta Open

The Maltese Judo Federation are organising the Malta Open in March of this year, and they would like to hear from any British Clubs who may be interested in taking part. Further information can be found at:

www.maltajudo.com

Introducing the British Judo Association Club Accreditation Scheme / Sport England Clubmark

The British Judo Association Club Recognition scheme is a new initiative that is being introduced to recognise and reward examples of good practice within clubs that are promoting and delivering Judo. It will also spread best practice in management and coaching across the country. An integral part of the BJA Recognition Scheme is the Sport England Clubmark - a scheme created in partnership with National Governing Bodies with the aim of accrediting sports clubs that are committed to providing a safe, effective and child-friendly environment for children and young people.

<http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/home/BJAClubRecognitionScheme.php>