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BRITISH JUDO ANNOUNCE TEAM FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

British Judo has announced its team for the 2005 European Judo Championships taking place in Rotterdam, Holland from 20-22 May 2005.

The European Championships mark the end of the 2005 World Cup season for British Judo after a disappointing Olympic Games. During the last five months they have picked up 18 medals in 9 European tournaments, including golds from Craig Fallon (Men's -60kg in Warsaw, Poland) and Peter Cousin's (Men's -90kg in Bucharest, Romania). Sophie Cox picked up four medals overall, making her the top performing British player.

The team travelling to Rotterdam includes former European Champion Georgina Singleton and Commonwealth Champion Samantha Lowe. Absent are Athens Olympian's Craig Fallon and Winston Gordon. 2004 European medalists Sarah Clark, Sophie Cox, and four times World medalist Karina Bryant also feature.

Craig Fallon is unable to compete due to an injury to his hand. This has required a small operation to put right, but this will allow him to resume training shortly to be in contention for the World Championships later this year.

Colin McIver, British Judo Performance Director said: "The team selected combines experience with some new talent, which makes for an interesting mix".

"We have had a relatively successful World Cup season, while experimenting with new, up and coming players alongside more established names, as well as using new coaches. I am confident that the foundations being built will return us to achieving consistent performances, and systematic success."

The full team line up with weight category is as follows:

Women:

Category:	Selected:
- 48 kgs	Donna Robertson (Glasgow)
- 52 kgs	Georgina Singleton (Finchampstead)
- 57 kgs	Sophie Cox (Littleborough, Lancs)
- 63 kgs	Sarah Clark (Edinburgh)
- 70 kgs	Samantha Lowe (Camberley)

Men:

Category:	Selected:
- 60 kgs	James Millar (Edinburgh)
- 73 kgs	Craig Ewers (Newport)
- 81 kgs	Euan Burton (Edinburgh)
- 90 kgs	Steven Vidler (Edinburgh)
+100 kgs	Joe Delahay (Bristol)



- **78 kgs** Rachel Wilding (Camberley)
- + **78 kgs** Karina Bryant (Aldershot)

The team will depart for Rotterdam on Thursday 19 May.

Note to Editors

To request interviews or profiles of the players please contact Emma Reed.

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