



## Hogans Institute of Taekwon-Do

A smaller team than usual took to the road for the Imperial Wales Championships on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Our Tigers somewhat depleted due to conflicting sporting events, others off through injury and one major medal winner from previous events made to sit on the benches as that all precious black-edged dobok was left hanging, freshly ironed, at home. Picture the look on Master Hogan's face!

First up was Thomas Lutley in the red belt patterns. He looked crisp and was doing well until adding that EXTRA move in Toi Gye. Winners for Hogan's team in patterns were Bronze for Ryan, Emma and Katherine Stonehouse (after she was finally accepted into her group) and Aiden Yip. Silver went to James Davis, Ethan and Luke Yip. Sadly due to the upheaval from whether or not Katherine should be in the group, Leanne had to compete twice against one other competitor. First time she won then when the group started again she lost. Bad luck for Leanne coming away with Silver.

Sparring next with India Yip in the corner ring pushing out some well formed side kicks, Pete Yip beaming from a fierce first round, happy with a bronze. James Davis also came away with bronze. Silver went to Emma and Katherine Stonehouse. Luke Yip had a fantastic fight, drawing in both the first and second round and after going to first point to win he sadly came away with Silver, but with the cheering of all the benches and crowds round his ring for his fantastic performance.

Two superb gold medals won in sparring, congratulations to Ethan Yip and Leanne Evans.

Lastly, in a day that for those sitting on the hard benches was thankfully not too long, came the Special technique. India Yip came away with a gold medal for being the smallest competitor to attempt the jump. Shame on you all! James Davis put in an excellent fight with 4 amazing jumps but sadly came away with second place. Likewise Leanne put her all into the leap and the last medal for Team Hogan was gold. Congratulations!





Our thanks go to Master Lawes and his team for a great welcome and our usual great day with the Wales ITF, and lastly well done to all the team and their parents and supporters for travelling to the competition.

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<b>Medals Table 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Wales</b>			
<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Pattern</b>	<b>Sparring</b>	<b>Special Technique</b>
<b>Eathan Yip</b>	Silver	Gold	
<b>Emma Stonehouse</b>	Bronze	Silver	
<b>Leanne Evans</b>	Silver	Gold	Gold
<b>Ryan</b>	Bronze		
<b>Katherine Stonehouse</b>	Bronze	Silver	
<b>Aidan Yip</b>	Bronze		
<b>Luke Yip</b>	Silver	Silver	
<b>James Davis</b>	Silver	Bronze	
<b>Peter Yip</b>		Bronze	
<b>India Yip</b>			Gold