



The UKTA London Taekwondo Open Championships 2011

On Sunday the 10th July 2011, five competitors from the Hogan's Sydenham School of Taekwon-do competed in the UKTA London at the Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex. All the Students did very well; especially as for most of them it was the first time that they had entered a competition.

PATTERNS

The first challenge was Patterns; up first was Jasmine John-Charles. Jasmine performed her pattern, which was Chon Ji Tul, with very good movement, but at too fast a pace unfortunately the winning decision was given to her opponent. A very good effort and better luck next time.

Bradley Gale-King was up next, His Chon Ji Tul was exceptional with good movement and most importantly, very good timing between stances, his pattern saw off the competition as all the judges flags were raised in his direction. through to the next round. The second and third rounds saw slight moments of hesitation between moves, but Bradley composed himself and completed the patterns which were good enough to see him through. He eventually got beat but his final pattern was as good as his first, and although his opponent made a couple of mistakes in his blocking techniques, this was not picked up by the judges; hence he was given the decision. Bradley's effort had earned him a bronze medal, which he well deserved considering the large group he was in well done.

Chioma started very well with her much improved Yul Gok Tul her kicking was much sharper than usual and the extra effort she put in saw her through to the next round. She got beat the following round but nonetheless a very good effort. Overall Chioma, should be proud of her fine efforts and should be more confident for her next competition going by this performance.

Jeheim John-Charles patterns performed Do San Tul, as he only graded a few weeks before this competition, overall he did well to proceed to the third round, unfortunately it was very close in the next round and the result did not go his way with a split decision in favour of his opponent.

SPARRING

Bradley was up first for sparring, he did very well with an array of well placed kicks and punches unfortunately points were deducted for an excellent jump punch to the head of his opponent, which, in this competition earned him a points deduction as this was not allowed in his age group. Keep up the good work

Jeheim John-Charles won a bronze medal in the sparring event; he fought well, and showed a more positive approach this time in his second major competition. Jeheim should be proud of the why he has improved due to a lot of hard work on his side in training and his mental attitude. Well done again.

Connor McCormack entered this competition for sparring only he had three fights in all which were



scheduled for two rounds his first opponent was very similar in stature and his sparring methods were also similar both using good leg techniques, but Connor caught him with turning kicks to the head one of which rocked his opponent a little. This resulted in points deducted but his work rate carried him through to victory and the next round. His second fight was against a very good sparring and avoidance techniques unfortunate for him Connor kept him at bay with his tight guard and good leg work, another good win for Connor.

Next was the final against one of our own, a well known Hogan's' lad Luke [the duke] Yip. Both competitors did extremely well, showing off their sparring skills, at the end of the second round the judges awarded a draw, so off they went again scoring and conceding points. At the end of this round the judges once again saw it as even Stevens. The last round ended with the decision going to Connor, earning him the gold medal and the silver medal for Luke. Well done to both these competitors for their achievements today against opponents of a high standard.

All in all a very good effort from all our competitors.



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