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Ozark Judo Competitors Attend Dallas Invitational Judo Tournament

Two competitors from the Ozark Mountain Judo School in Calico Rock attended the 41st Annual Dallas Invitational Judo Tournament in Dallas, TX. This tournament is hosted by the Texas Judo, Inc., the State Governing Body for Olympic Judo in Texas and is a National E Level Event that attracts some of the best judo competitors in the United States. The tournament was held Saturday November 25 at the Hilton DFW Lakes Hotel in Grapevine, TX.

Brian Bowser, an Ozark Judo competitor from Melbourne competed in the Senior Men's Novice 100+KG division. This division was composed of fighters from throughout the US ranked below the brown belt level in Kodokan Judo. Brian fought four matches, winning two with "Ippon" an instant win equal to a knock out in boxing. His favorite technique, an outside leg reap, proved to be both effective and powerful at this tournament. Brian finished the tournament in fourth place, losing his last match to the eventual bronze medalist.

Clay Maple, another Ozark Judo competitor from near Norfolk competed in the Senior Men's Novice under 100 KG division. This division also contained competitors from throughout the nation. Clay competed in three matches, winning one with an "Ippon" instant win. His favorite technique, a half hip throw, was effective in his winning match allowing him to dominate his opponent.

"Both Clay and Brian competed well and at the level that they should be for this stage in their training" said Bill Beebe the Ozark Mountain Judo Coach and two time Senior National Masters Bronze Medalist and Alaskan Masters Champion. "This was their first competition and we just wanted to see where they were to determine the future course of their training." Both Brian and Clay are currently ranked at Green Belt. Brian has been practicing Kodokan Judo with Ozark Mountain Judo for over a year while Clay has been working out about six months.

The tournament included more than 450 competitors ranging in age from six to the late forties. Competitors represented teams from throughout the US, including all three Olympic Judo Training Centers. Some of the more notable competitors that participated in this tournament were Ronda Rousey from Santa Monica, CA. and Ryan Reser from Colorado Springs, CO. Ronda is a 2004 US Olympian, two time World Junior Championships Medalists and is currently ranked as the number 4 female judo competitor in the World at her weight class. Ryan is a two time World Cup medalists. Both Ronda and Ryan are leading candidates for the US Judo Olympic Team in 2008.

Ozark Mountain Judo practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at 115 Main Street in Calico Rock. During practice sessions, students practice standing techniques, ground fighting, self defense and Kata. Ozark Mountain Judo accepts both male and female students starting at six years of age.