

## Goodwill Championship 2007 – Tournament Report

### English and Welsh Samurai Squads Dominate Karate Championships in Australia

At the end of March a strong Samurai UK squad of 23 competitors between the ages of 12 and 21, travelled to Australia and walked off with the majority of the medals at the Samurai International Goodwill Karate Tournament.



*Sensei Tom Beardsley in discussion with Sensei Lee Taylor (Welsh Coach) as the hall is prepared at the beginning of the tournament.*

The tournament, hosted this year by the Australian Samurai Karate Association, took place over Friday and Saturday 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> March in Melbourne Australia. The event saw teams from New Zealand, Germany, England, Wales, and Australia competing over 19 divisions.

Competing as separate English and Welsh squads the UK competitors took 32 of the 57 available medals with England topping, and Wales second in, the medals table. England took 11 Golds, 6 Silver, and 7 Bronze; and Wales 3 Golds, 2 Silver, and 1 Bronze. In addition England and Wales shared the Gold and Bronze in the Team Kata event where two combined UK teams were also entered.

The tournament opened up with the two Team Kumite events and UK competitors took Golds in both; this provided a fantastic start to the tournament and the squad never looked back.

UK competitors took Gold in all but one event on day one of the tournament, and although the other nations came back strongly on day two, the UK squads still won the majority of the divisions. The strength in depth of the UK squads was evident in the number of silver and bronze medals which were also amassed.

Full results of the tournament will be found at the end of this item

*Mark Lennox (boys' team captain) fighting his way to a Gold medal in the Senior Team Kumite Event*



The England and Welsh squads were prepared and coached by Senseis Paul Jones (National Coach and Team Manager), Lou Griffin (England Coach) Lee Taylor (Welsh Coach) ably assisted by Rich Hunt. All four travelled with the squad.



Samurai UK Chief Instructor Shihan Tom Beardsley and Welsh Chief Sensei Jim Whittington also travelled to Australia to officiate at the tournament, Sensei Jim travelling with the squad and providing helpful support to the squad throughout the tour.

the opportunity to train together and to take

part in a series of training classes, as well as sharing in a range of social activities in and around Melbourne. Whilst in Melbourne the whole squad made a day trip to see the Great Ocean Road,

*UK Girls taking the Gold in the Team Kata Event. From left, Holly Farmer, Ruby Hunter, and Kerrie Griffin (girls' team captain).*

and some squad members were taken by their Australian hosts to see an 'Aussie Rules' football game.

After a week in Melbourne the England and Wales Squads travelled to Sydney for a few days' relaxation and sightseeing before flying back to the UK. The whole squad behaved impeccably throughout the tour and were excellent ambassadors for their clubs and their countries.



*Members of English and Welsh Samurai Squads in Sydney at the end of a successful tournament and tour.*

## 2007 SWKA Goodwill Championships

Melbourne, Australia.

Fri 30 & Sat 31st March 2007

### Girls 12/13 yrs Kata

- |   |          |           |
|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | R Hunter | England   |
| 2 | E Hunt   | Australia |
| 3 | M Winder | England   |

### Girls 14/15/16 yrs Kata

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | K Griffin | England   |
| 2 | H Farmer  | England   |
| 3 | S Emerton | Australia |

### Girls 17 to 22 yrs Kata

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|---|----------|-------------|
| 1 | G Atkin  | England     |
| 2 | S Batson | New Zealand |
| 3 | M Neal   | Australia   |

### Boys 11/12/13 yrs Kata

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|---|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | D Blackie     | Australia |
| 2 | L Bennett     | England   |
| 3 | J Singh Boyal | England   |

### Boys 14/15/16 yrs Kata

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|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | P Taylor | Wales     |
| 2 | T Olsen  | Australia |
| 3 | C Rowan  | England   |

### Boys 17 to 22 Yrs Kata

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|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | A Begbie | England   |
| 2 | L Olsen  | Australia |
| 3 | M Lennox | England   |

### Junior Grade Open Kata

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|---|------------|---------|
| 1 | S Rintoul  | England |
| 2 | A Williams | Wales   |
| 3 | C Sterry   | England |

### Senior Male Open Kata - Under 16yrs

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | P Taylor  | Wales     |
| 2 | T Olsen   | Australia |
| 3 | D Blackie | Australia |

### Senior Female Open Kata - Under 16yrs

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|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | K Griffin | England |
| 2 | H Farmer  | England |
| 3 | R Hunter  | England |

### Team Kata



*The three 'amigos' AKA Senseis Paul, Lou and Lee, enjoying a well earned break in Sydney, sporting non-regulation head gear.*

- 1 United Kingdom "A"
- 2 Wales
- 3 United Kingdom "B"

#### **Girls Kumite 12 - 14yrs**

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | J Saveska | Australia |
| 2 | H Farmer  | England   |
| 3 | E Hunt    | Australia |

#### **Girls Kumite 15 - 17yrs**

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|---|----------|-------------|
| 1 | S Batson | New Zealand |
| 2 | M Dawson | England     |
| 3 | M Neal   | Australia   |

#### **Girls Kumite 18 - 22 yrs**

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|---|------------|-----------|
| 1 | A Schwager | Germany   |
| 2 | L Newlan   | Australia |
| 3 | G Atkin    | England   |

#### **Boys Kumite 11 to 13 yrs**

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | L Bennett | England   |
| 2 | B Le      | Australia |
| 3 | D Blackie | Australia |

#### **Boys Kumite 14/15 yrs**

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|---|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | P Taylor      | Wales     |
| 2 | J Butterfield | England   |
| 3 | T Olsen       | Australia |

#### **Boys Kumite 16/17 yrs**

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|---|----------|-------------|
| 1 | C Rowan  | England     |
| 2 | D Hillis | New Zealand |
| 3 | M Watson | Australia   |

#### **Boys Kumite 18 to 22 yrs**

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|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | A Begbie | England   |
| 2 | L Olsen  | Australia |
| 3 | H Hunt   | Wales     |

#### **Team Kumite 16 Yrs & Under**

- 1 England
- 2 Australia
- 3 New Zealand

#### **Team Kumite 17 yrs & Over**

- 1 England
- 2 Germany
- 3 Australia