





## Competition Round up – Midlands Upset and Y&H Regional Schools

On the 10th January Amber and Jake competed at the Yorkshire & Humberside Area Regional Schools Championships, both coming away with Gold medals! There was a real sense of deja vu as both players came away with Gold at this event last year too! On 24th January we took Amber, Dylan, Luke, Millie and Jake to the Midlands for the Regional Schools and Open events but unfortunately due to a power failure the event had to be cancelled last minute. A shame but a good team building day for all nonetheless.

## Keidokwai Player Profile – Dylan Lloyd (12th Mon)

### Who are you?

My name is Dylan Lloyd, I am 14 years old.

### Tell us about your judo journey?

I started judo when I was 7 years old, I saw a class on at the YMCA when going to a party and was mesmerised by it. I was talked into going down after being unsure if I could do it and ended up loving it.

### What is your greatest achievement in judo?

I got a trophy for throw of the tournament at my first competition with an ippon seio-nage at 8 years old. Recently I've completed the kanji assistant coaching, refereeing and table scoring qualifications. I have been accepted onto the British Judo Association Junior Leadership Council, the hot topic of which is to bring judo back to GCSE and A level curriculums.



### What are your aspirations for judo?

My aspirations consist of competing at the British Schools Championships and compete more frequently, gain my black belt by 18 and help develop the junior competitive team for those who look up to me.



### What is your favourite throw?

My favourite judo throw is Obi-tori Harai-Goshi.

## Competition Roundup: North West Regional Schools Championships

On Sunday 25th January Amber and Leah traveled to SKK Judo Club in St Helens and both secured their second Gold Regional Schools medals this month alone at the Northwest Area Regional Schools Championships! Leah scored with some big throws and looked strong on the standing to ground transition. This was Leah's second Gold medal in two weeks, showcasing her dedication and commitment to improvement while Amber showed her versatility with three big Ippon wins. Due to a lack of viable opponents Amber had to fight the same girl in a best of three round robin. We want to thank Amber's opponent for showing the Spirit of Judo and providing the opportunity for Amber to have as many matches as possible. Jake Pasquill who also competed came away with a Silver medal after pulling out of the final due to injury. We wish Jake a speedy recovery ASAP!

