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NEWSLETTER



Competition Roundup! North West Open & Welsh Open

Keidokwai has a new North West Champion in Amber Grand who looked dominant in the U57 Cadet category at the NW Open! This comes on the back of a fantastic performance at the Wesh Open Junior Championships where Amber lasted 8 minutes with a black belt, almost winning on the ground before conceding a loss. Dylan won his first match at the NW Open with some stunning groundwork before losing his next two fights in a very competitive category! Well done all!

Editor's Letter: Chris Kidd (Safeguarding officer)

Over the summer I connected with Active Lancashire and their Sport Welfare Officers, Gwen and Nathan. From our initial meeting, where we spoke about the club's history, values and welfare approach, they have been incredibly supportive. They were especially impressed by how positively we engaged with their suggestions, including completing the Child's Voice initiative in September. As a result, they were keen to visit the club to see our work in action. During their visit they watched our kids' class and Gwen even joined in with the adults' session. Afterwards they told us they had never felt more welcomed at any club. This is a real credit to our coaches, members & parents. Following their visit, we



have been selected as Active Lancashire's November Spotlight club, and have also been invited to a regional networking event to support our club's future growth.



Dan selected for British Judo Veterans Squad 2025/2026!

Earlier this year Dan competed in the British Veterans Championships where he progressed to the final of the M1 81kg category coming away with a Silver medal. Dan received his GB Veteran patches and a letter confirming his selection at the time however the whole 25/26 squad was formally named this month. Dan is now eligible to represent Great Britain at International Veteran Events!



Congratulations to Jake Pasquill on achieving his 1st Dan Black Belt!

Last month we reported that Jake had earned the last 20 points towards his 1st Dan and this month he passed his theory exam to earn the coveted Black Belt! Jake trains at the highly respected Bacup JC under 7th Dan Brian Moore however Jake still trains at Keidokwai regularly and has a long history with the club. We are very proud to see another Blackpool born Black Belt! Congratulations!

