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2011 USA Judo US Open Wraps Up in Doral

U.S. earns 13 medals at premier international event

DORAL, Fla. – The U.S. earned 13 medals Sunday at the 2011 USA Judo US Open at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa. It featured some of the best “judokas” from around the world competing in Olympic weight classes, as well as paralympic and masters divisions. The one-day event was truly a premiere international competition, with more 700 athletes representing over 50 countries, as it benefited from being held just one day after the 2011 USA Judo World Cup, which serves as an Olympic qualifier.

The U.S. dominated the men’s 66-kilogram division by placing two athletes in the final. Kenneth Hashimoto (San Jose, Calif.) defeated fellow American Bradford Bolen (Riverforest, Ill.) in the final to earn gold. Also winning gold for the U.S. were Harry St. Leger (81kg - Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Hannah Martin (Burnt Hills, N.Y.).

“I felt like today was redemption for yesterday,” said St. Leger, who defeated the Czech Republic’s Jaromir Musil by ippon, which is equivalent to a knock-out, in the final. “I felt like I had something to prove to myself. When we came out for the second exchange I tried to grip aggressively and was able to throw him for ippon.”

Bronze medal winners for the United States include: Men’s 60-kilogram – Aaron Kunihiro (Wakefield, Mass.) – Bronze; Men’s 90-kilogram – Jacob Larson (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Women’s 52-kilogram – Angelica Delgado (Miami, Fla.) & Amelia Fulgentes (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Women’s 57-kilogram – Hana Carmichael (Wellington, Fla.); Women’s 63-kilogram – Christal Ransom (Little Rock, Ark.); Women’s 70-kilogram – Kathleen Sell (Osh Kosh, Wisc.); Women’s 78-kilogram – Allison Clifford (San Jose, Calif.); Women’s +78-kilogram – Molly O’Rourke (El Cerrito, Calif.)

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