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2005 Kyokushin Open Full Contact Championships

115 fighters took part in the 2005 Full Contact Kyokushin Open Championships making it not only the biggest knock-down event since the first tournament in 1977, but with 15 KO's it now also holds the record for the number of knock-out wins in an Australian Kyokushin Full Contact tournament. With 115 fighters, 10 knockouts with head kicks and 5 with a body punch, the 2005 event stands alone as one of the most exciting events ever. It was non-stop action with one KO win after another. The full capacity crowd was on their feet. With a large New Zealand team entered, two South African and a Lebanese champion, the 2005 event had everything and it certainly lived up to expectation. The finals began with the Female 16 – 17 Years Division between Karina Wolvey from Zen Chi Kai and Sonja Stovkov from Shihan Peter Mylonas Kempo Ryu organisation. Both girls attacked from the bell in an aggressive fight with Sonja dominating the first half. However, she started to tire allowing Karina to work her way back into the fight. With neither fighter able to score, it went to the judges who gave the win to Sonja.

The Male Lightweight Colts then followed with South African fighter, Keenan Crowe, in action against Daniel Larkin from The AKKA Bell Post Hill dojo. A great fight ensued with both landing big hits and strong kicks. It was Daniel who set the pace, forcing Keenan to fight off the back foot, putting him at a disadvantage. The judges awarded the bout to Daniel.

The Male Heavyweight Colts saw the other South African, Keiran Crowe, against Power Karate fighter, Dane Barron. The fight was even until just before the bell when Kieran scored a half point with a great body punch that stopped Dane in his tracks and before Dane could even up, the bell went which gave the 2005 Title to Keiran.

The Female 5th Kyu & Under Division final had Stephanie Dunford from the AKKA Parkes dojo taking on Marina Wheadon from the AKKA Splashdown dojo. Marina is certainly a big puncher as Stephanie, who was on the wrong end of a few, will testify. Stephanie countered by using her longer reach to good effect and scored a half point with a kick to Marina's head, which eventually proved to be the winning margin.

The Male 5th Kyu & Under Division had Tomasz Traceweski from the AKKA Bondi dojo up against Derek Grima from the AKKA Ballarat dojo. This was certainly a no beg-your-pardon affair with both fighters pounding each other with some huge punches and low kicks to the leg. Surprisingly, neither fighter wilted under the onslaught and it had to go to the judges for a decision, who went for Derek.

The Female Open Weight 4th Kyu Division had two very tough ladies competing in Parkes AKKA fighter Natalie Rolfe and Celia Penny from the AKKA Kingscliff dojo. Natalie looked determined as she walked onto the mat and that is the way the fight went with Natalie driving into Celia with very strong body punches and low kicks. Celia managed to hold on until the bell, but the judges gave it to Natalie.

The Male Middleweight 5th Kyu & Under Division final between Joseph Angus, part of the strong New Zealand team, and Dylan Jusufi, from the Unanderra AKKA dojo was another hard fought bout. Dylan took the fight to Joseph who simply stood his ground and refused to take a step backwards, which led to some very strong exchanges. Dylan managed to score a half point with a kick to the leg right on the bell to give him the 2005 Male Middleweight 5th Kyu & Under Division Title. The Female 5th Kyu & Under Division final between the New Zealand fighter Kataraina Orikena and Laura Symonds from the Parkes dojo. Laura drove into the less experienced Kataraina who was constantly on the back foot and unable to get back into the fight, giving the win and the Female 5th Kyu & Under Division title to Laura, making this three out of three females divisions for the Parkes dojo all training under Michele Harmer. There are obviously some very strong female fighters in Western NSW.

The Male Heavyweight 5th Kyu & Under Division final between Simon Ross from the AKKA Ballarat dojo and Jason Forster from the AKKA Splashdown dojo, had Simon forcing the pace by driving forward no matter what, but Jason was not going to get caught in a nose to nose exchange and countered by taking a step backwards, picking Simon off as he came forward.

Simon's tactics paid off and the judges gave the 2005 Male Heavyweight 5th Kyu & Under Division title to him. The Male Middleweight 4th & 3rd Kyu Division between Charnwood AKKA fighters George Tanevski and Paul Wilson from the AKKA Ballarat dojo was another fight that had everything and was well worth the price of admission on its own. As both fighters put in a great effort, in a split decision, Paul was awarded the win and the Male Middleweight 4th & 3rd Kyu Division title.

The Female Lightweight Open Division saw two first time knock-down fighters into the final, in AKKA Ballarat fighter Magan Hardy and Hiroko Suzuki from the AKKA Leisurelink dojo. This fight gave a good indication as to what to expect in the Open Division when both fighters let go with a barrage of techniques and took to each other with a ferocity and power that belied their weight and experience. The punches were big and the kicks were bigger. When the fight went to the flags, the judges thought that Hiroko had done enough to take out the Female Lightweight Open Division Championship title.

Nakia Benny from the AKKA dojo in Batemans Bay was fighting above his division in an effort to make the Australian team for next year's World Cup in Sydney. He certainly proved he could mix it with the big boys when he took on Dean Booth from Shihan Barry Johnson's Bendigo training centre in the Male Open Lightweight Division. It was a classical battle, with Nakia knowing he had to take the initiative if he had any chance of winning. However, Dean is too well trained to get caught with such an obvious tactic and soon had Nakia on the wrong end of a half point with a body punch. Seeing his chance, Dean quickly followed up and scored again to get the Male Open Lightweight Division Title.

A black belt is a white belt that never gave up.

The Female Middleweight Open Division final was between Sharon Boyle fighting out of the AKKA Hamlyn Heights dojo and Raylene Welsh from Shihan Trevor Field's Mackay dojo. Raylene had the right tactics in driving forward to offset Sharon's long rang kicks and punches, but Sharon is well used to this tactic being used against her and dropped back to give herself room then launch her own attack. This proved an effective tactic for Sharon and the judges gave her the 2005 Female Middleweight Open Division Title.

The Male Middleweight Open Final had a lot to live up to after the fight between Sharon and Raylene, but live up to it they did with some dynamic action when Jason Baltovska from the AKKA Unanderra dojo took on Dean Hinch who trains at the AKKA Bell Post Hill dojo. Jason found himself on the wrong end of a warning after making contact with Dean's face with his fist, but that did not slow Dean down, who came back at Jason with a very strong attack. Jason however was up to the task and blocked Dean's powerhouse hits only to come back with his own. Needless to say, some of the big hits from both sides got through but both fighters stayed on their feet, which is a testament to the hard preparation and training the fighters put in, getting ready for such an event. Towards the end of the bout, Dean wilted slightly giving Jason the upper hand for a short period, and although Dean started to come back, the judges must have thought those few moments were enough to give Jason the fight and the 2005 Male Middleweight Open Middleweight Title.

The Female Heavyweight Open final was another Kiwi vs. Aussie battle with Melanie Agopiou from the AKKA Corio dojo taking on Penita Davis. Penita's bulldozing tactics driving into Melanie with very powerful hits had Melanie going backward and unable to counter. The judges had no option but to award the win and the 2005 Female Heavyweight Open Championships to Penita.

The last fight of the day was certainly well worth waiting for when Judd Reid from Shihan George Kolovos dojo took on Robert Vack from the AKKA Geelong dojo. It was another classical battle with powerhouse Robert smashing into Judd, who countered with his own strong attack and great technique. It was hard to split the two after the first round and the judges went for a draw. In the second round, both fighters received a caution for grabbing, then right on the bell, when the fight looked like heading for another draw, Judd received a seconded penalty and under the rules the fight went to Robert.

For a full report and photographs of the 2005 event see the October issue of Blitz Magazine.

South Australian Camp:

As reported in the last issue the South Australian camp was a great success. However, I thought this little adjunk was worth noting. One of the males tending the camp, after repeated requests his wife to do so without success, had not put in his camp application, so she decided to do it on his behalf, but added some conditions of entry. Here they are.....Enjoy **South Australia Camp** - Jo Scheidl's conditions of entry for her husband Al, who after many years absence from karate came back and decided to go in camp with his son.

AL SCHEIDL'S CONDITION OF ENTRY TO CAMP

- * Unsure of Grade - have contacted Noah, who will get back to me when he's finished repairing his boat.
- * Must be a person either side of him at all times, who is competent in 'CPR'.

- * Mobile phone must be close at hand - just in case the need for an ambulance arises.
 - * If 'CPR' is required - please remove his false teeth before resuscitation.
 - * Personal psychiatrist's phone number is on speed dial of phone (held in his bag) Regards Jo Scheidl
- PS As the only adult in the family, I have signed his application form.

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This month's quote: "A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her." W. C. Fields

Now let me see have I got this right?



GRADING SYLLABUS:

With the student working toward the September grading, they should think about buying a grading syllabus. You will be sure exactly of what is required to get your next grade. At only \$15.00 and packed full of karate terminology as well as the grading syllabus up to San Dan, it is well worth the price.

Brain Cramps, or quotable quotes:

"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president." Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.

New members: I would like to welcome the new members the dojo: Kylie Mulford-Stuart - Felipe Lemos-da Silva - Hoshito Nishida - Noritoshi Suzuki - Sue Armstrong - Carol O'Loughlin - Nori Toshi - Hal Cumpston-Lane - George Tsegoa - Pan Yu Josephine Shotbolt.

Upcoming events:

2005 NSW Kyokushin Spring camp 16th -18th September

Bondi Junction Under Green belt Spring grading

Adults: Monday 5th September 6.30pm

Kids: Monday 5th September 4.30pm

Bondi Beach Under Green belt Spring grading

Kids: Tuesday 6th September 4pm

Things Kids say:

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

This months bad joke:

A lady inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters.

They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

Contributions to the "SHIN"

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