



Hartlepool Wadokai

White & Red Belt Championships

19th June 2010, Belle Vue Sports Centre



Officials

- Charlotte Welsh, 14 years old
- Luke Dawkins, 13 years old
- Connor Dougherty, 13 years old
- Roy Salmons, 13 years old
- Jasmin Langley, 13 years old
- Daniel White, 12 years old
- Joel Copeman, 12 years old
- Phil Salmons, 11 years old
- Lewis Muldown, 11 years old



Competitors (in no particular order)

Daniel Parkin	6 years old	Daniel Spires	8 years old
Shauna Parkin	8 years old	Megan Spires	6 years old
Kristie Holdsworth	9 years old	Demileigh Swift	8 years old
Charlie Shepherd	5 years old	Thomas Buttery	9 years old
Jack Solomon	7 years old	Chantelle Swift	9 years old
Lukas Valet	8 years old	Ashlyn Pell	11 years old
Jay Forgie	8 years old	Luca Hearn	6 years old
Rebecca Caygill	7 years old	Lauren Cowan	7 years old
Jake Norman	8 years old	Lucy Downes	8 years old
Saffron Stabler	11 years old	Oliver Fraser	9 years old
Kieran Wilson	6 years old	Adam Cowan	10 years old
Alex Welsh	5 years old	Amber Hearn	11 years old
Megan Dougherty	5 years old	Jessica Johnson	14 years old
Bailey Lindridge	8 years old	Olivia May Bond	6 years old
Tommy Beer	13 years old		



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Megan's opening punch were she slid right, then left and dropped in with a perfectly timed reverse punch to get the opening point. The fight ended at 6-6, then 4-2 in Sai Shiai (New Fight = extra time).

Cat 6 Kumite 13-15 years



- 1st Place – Tommy Beer
- 2nd Place – Jessica Johnson
- 3rd Place –
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It was a straight final for the 13-15 years Kumite. Both competitors performed well with some great techniques, it's just a shame that there weren't a few more competitors for them to test themselves against.



Cat 7 Kumite 9-12 years



- 1st Place – Adam Cowan
- 2nd Place – Saffron Stabler
- 3rd Place – Kristie Holdsworth
- 3rd Place – Amber Hearn



Once again some of the early rounds were very close. This category also had more than its fair share of 'heavy hitters' with a number of penalty points awarded though that shouldn't detract from some of the performances. It was particularly interesting to see the difference in those who were competing for the first time to those who have 2 or 3 competitions under their belts.

Conclusion

The whole event went very well and *everyone* enjoyed themselves, including the competitors and spectators. I'm particularly impressed at the fact that EVERY competitor chose to enter both Kata and Kumite events. The cadets worked very well as officials making some great calls and all their hard work over the past few weeks definitely paid off. This sort of training will help them understand what officials look for and help them to become even better competitors themselves.

Thank you to all the parents, students and officials who helped make this event possible.

Note about the competition

The competition was held in the conference suite at the Belle Vue Sports Centre in Hartlepool. Only one area was set up to ensure it was easily managed. The cadet officials judged *all* the kata bouts themselves with three flag officials in use. The Kumite event's used three cadet flag officials and were refereed by Sensei Carl. The juniors also ran the scoreboard and managed the paperwork during the day too.