

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE JUDO ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

1962 - U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO

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| <u>135</u> | | <u>165</u> | | <u>195</u> | |
| 1. D. Yoshida | San Jose | P. Maruyama | Loyola | L. Stuefloten | San Jose |
| 2. E. McHugh | A.F. Ac. | W. Minami | San Jose | R. Hoffman | S. Ill. |
| 3. T. Crone | Mankato | P. Sheehan | Mankato | G. Newquist | San Jose |
| <u>150</u> | | <u>180</u> | | <u>HEAVYWEIGHT</u> | |
| 1. L. Parr | San Jose | H. Fukawa | S. Cal. | S. Alcorn | San Jose |
| 2. R. Gibson | San Jose | R. Summerville | Illinois | J. Fader | Colorado |
| 3. G. Lyddane | | D. Sawyer | San Jose | R. Tellor | Minn. |

GRAND CHAMPION: P. Maruyama

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: 1. San Jose State College
2. Air Force Academy



Paul Maruyama receives his trophy from Col. A.J. Withycombe

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Paul Maruyama, first NCJA Grand Champion, throws Dave Yoshida, 135 lb. Champion, with seoi nage in the Grand Championship matches

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San Jose State College, San Jose, California, ran away with the team championship of the First National Invitational Judo Tournament held at the USAF Academy, Colorado, on May 12, 1962. Amassing a total of 66 points, San Jose scored more than double its nearest competitor, the second place USAF Academy team. Competition was held in six weight classes: 135, 150, 165, 180, 195 and heavyweight. San Jose State, incidentally, placed champions in four of these six weight divisions.

The outstanding Judo man of the tournament was Paul Maruyama, Sandan, Loyola University of Los Angeles. Maruyama won high individual honors, including the 165 lb division and then beating all comers to take the grand championship among all contestants.

The first collegiate tournament ever held at the national level, the tournament featured 57 players from eleven schools. Team standings were: San Jose, first; USAF Academy, second; Colorado University, third; with Loyola of Los Angeles and Mankato State College, Minnesota, in a tie for fourth place. Sixth was University of Southern California. A modification of the new Olympic weight class system was used with each Olympic weight class being divided into two weight classes, making a total of six.

In the 135 lb weight division, the outstanding players were Tom Crone of Mankato (third place), Eugene McHugh of the Air Force Academy (second place), Dave Yoshida of San Jose State (Champion) and Bryan Carey of the Air Force Academy (4th place). Crone used good foot sweep techniques throughout the tournament as well as shoulder throw which was a favorite in this division. Yoshida, the Champion, used seoi nage (shoulder throw) and osoto-gari (major outside reaping) very effectively. Yoshida holds the Judo rank of Nikyu (Second Class Brown Belt).

Lee Parr, Nidan (Second Degree Black Belt), San Jose State Team Captain, won the 150 lb division championship with very little trouble. He used uchi-mata (inner thigh throw) and seoi-nage. Parr won all of his contests by a full point. Richard Gibson, Nikyu, San Jose State, was the runner-up, beating Bruce Wilkinson, Nidan, of Colorado University, on a choke in the semi-finals and losing to Parr in the finals. George Lyddane, Ikkyu, (First Class Brown Belt) took third.

In the 165 lb division, the champion was Paul Maruyama, Sandan (Third Degree Black Belt). Maruyama won all of his contests with a full point throw or hold down, and looked like a champion throughout. His favorite techniques are right side tai-otoshi (body drop) and ouchi-gari (major inner reaping). He also uses seoi-nage, osoto-gari, and minor foot techniques. The runner-up in this

His opponent was Warren Minami, Nidan, of San Jose State. Paul Sheehan, Niyu, of Minnesota State, showed great potential as he held Minami to a decision win in the semi-finals and placed third by beating Gary Coleman, White Belt, of Colorado University.

Harry Fukuwa, Sandan, University of Southern California, was the 110 lb champion and next to Maruyama the most outstanding player in the tournament. Fukuwa won most of his contests with a full point and was never in trouble. Bett Summerville, 18 year old Nidan, of the University of Illinois, did very well, beating Sawyer of San Jose State and Smith of the University of Minnesota (both Black Belts) to get into the finals. Fukuwa, however, has a tremendous amount of contest experience and caught Summerville with a beautiful seoi-nage after one minute and seventeen seconds of the final contest. Dave Sawyer, Nidan, San Jose State, took third by beating Stuart McCurdy, Sankyu, of the Air Force Academy on an arm bar. Both McCurdy and Truman Young, White Belt, of the Air Force Academy, have great potential as they are both sophomores.

In the 195 lb division, Ron Hoffman, Nidan, University of Southern Illinois, although he weighs only 170 lbs, got into the finals and placed second. Larry Stuefloten, Shodan, of San Jose State, beat Hoffman with osoto-gari in the finals to take the championship. Third was Gary Newquist, Nikyu, of San Jose State, who beat John Straub, Ikkyu, of the University of Minnesota with a half point throw and half point hold down, putting Straub in fourth place.

The heavy weight division was won by Sanford Alcorn, Shodan, of San Jose State, who beat John Fader, White Belt, Colorado University, with left foot sweep in the finale. Robin Taylor (White Belt), University of Minnesota, placed third by beating Paul Van Sickle (White Belt), Air Force Academy, with a hold down.

The most exciting feature of this first national collegiate level tournament was the competition for the grand championship. To pick the grand champion, the 110 weight division champions were put into two round robin pools. These consisted of the 135, 150 and 165 lb champions (Pool 1) and the 180, 195 lb, and heavyweight champions (Pool 2). The winners of these two pools then fought it out for the grand championship. The contests for the grand champion were very dramatic. First, Yoshida of San Jose State, the 135 lb champion, met Parr of San Jose State, 150 lb champion, and went down before a smashing shoulder throw in eighteen seconds. Then Parr met Maruyama of Loyola. This was a tremendous match, as Parr was the only man in the whole tournament that Maruyama could not score on with at least a half point throw. They went seven minutes and then five minutes more in overtime, both attacking hard without a point being scored. Maruyama won the decision. In this pool the final contest was between Maruyama and Yoshida, the 135 lb champion. Maruyama threw with seoi-nage in forty-two seconds. His two wins made Maruyama the winner of Pool 1 and put him in the finals for the grand championship.

In Pool 2, Fukuwa of the University of Southern California threw Stuefloten of San Jose State, the 195 lb champion in eight seconds with a beautiful seoi-nage. Stuefloten then fought Alcorn of San Jose State and lost to him when he was injured and forced to retire. The final match of Pool 2 was between Fukuwa of University of Southern California and Alcorn of San Jose. Fukuwa won the decision after throwing Alcorn with a half point with his favorite seoi-nage. As was the case with Maruyama, Fukuwa had two wind and went into the finals for the grand championship, the finest contest of the day.

The instant he took hold, Fukuwa drove in with a terrific uchi-mata which threw Maruyama high in the air. As both players spun through the air, Maruyama twisted out, landing on his side and preventing any score by Fukuwa. Maruyama then began attacking furiously with his tai-otoshi and ouchi-gari, using them as single attacks and in double combinations. Although never effective in scoring against Fukuwa, these attacks had him constantly in danger and sapped his strength. As this was a ten minute final, it soon became apparent that Maruyama would score with something against Fukuwa before the end of the match. At this time Maruyama started to use osoto-gari against Fukuwa, who had adopted a stance with his legs close together to stop Maruyama's inside reaping attacks. Maruyama knocked Fukuwa down about three times with osoto-gari and one of these was successful in getting a half point. At the end of ten minutes the decision went to Maruyama who was clearly the champion.

A set of beautiful trophies was presented to the first five players in all weight divisions and to the grand and team champions by Colonel Howard F. Withycombe, USAF Academy Chief of Staff, and the First National Invitational Judo Tournament came to a close.

Officials for the tournament were Mr. Kaname Kuniyuki, 6th Degree Black Belt, President of the Southern California Black Belt Association, Mr. Yosh Uchida, Chairman of the U. S. Olympic Judo Committee, 5th Degree Black Belt, and Mr. Tooru Takamata, 5th Degree Black Belt, Chief Instructor of the Denver School of Judo. All of the Tournament awards were donated by the Judo Black Belt Federation of the United States.