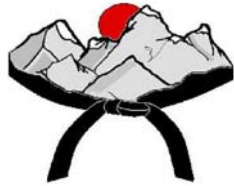


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## Articles

### Scott Moore Named U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Coach of the Year

Nicole Jomantas March 24, 2010



(Colorado Springs, Colo.) – USA Judo is pleased to announce that **Scott Moore (Englewood, Colo.)** has been named the 2009 U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Coach of the Year. Moore was nominated for the award by USA Judo.

Moore was the head coach of the USA Judo Team that won 17 medals at the 2009 International Blind Sports Association Pan American Games in July. In addition, Moore led the U.S. Team to six medals, including two golds, at the 2009 German Open International Championships – the most prestigious international tournaments in the world for visually impaired players during a post-Paralympic year.

“That’s awesome. I’m overwhelmed,” Moore said when he was told the news in the Denver International Airport on his way to coach the U.S. Team at the IBSA World Championships in Anatalya, Turkey that begin tomorrow. “I’m quite shocked, especially since I’ve been coaching internationally for such a short time, but it’s a great honor.”

A 2000 Paralympic Champion who also medaled at the 1996 and 2004 Games, Moore has been the head coach of the Denver Judo program since 1998, but his first international appointment was as an assistant coach at the 2008 Games.

“I worked with Scott during his athletic career and he always had an outstanding work ethic,” said USA Judo Director of Athlete Performance **Eddie Liddie (Colorado Springs, Colo.)** “We knew when we named Scott as the Head Coach last year that he would do a great job His professionalism and approach towards coaching elite athletes has paid off greatly and he has truly helped expand our judo program and help the elite athletes reach the next level.”

The awards will be presented to the recipients on Thursday, June 17, during the National Coaching Educators' Conference at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto in Savannah, Ga. The conference is a three-day event conducted jointly by the USOC, NCAA, National Federation of State High School Associations and National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Moore is joined as a coach of the year by National Coach **Bob Bradley (Manhattan Beach, Calif.)**, head coach of the U.S. Men’s Soccer Team; Developmental Coach **John Wingfield (Indianapolis, Ind.)**, director and head coach of USA Diving's National Training Center; and Volunteer Coach **Brian McCutcheon (Kaneohe, Hawaii)**, a coach of top junior taekwondo players. **Heidi Thibert (Fort Collins, Colo.)**, a U.S. Figure Skating Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee member, was selected as the "Doc" Counsilman Science Award honoree.

# Myles Porter Wins Bronze at Visually Impaired World Championships

Heidi Moore and Nicole Jomantas March 27, 2010



Photo: Heidi Moore

(Colorado Springs, Colo.) – **Myles Porter (Colorado Springs, Colo. / NYAC / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center)** has come close to the podium twice – first placing fifth as a rookie at the 2006 International Blind Sports Association World Championships and then again at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

The #3 player in the United States among sighted athletes in the 100kg division, Porter has never let his 20/200 vision keep him from competing against anyone he could get his hands on – first as a high school wrestler, later as a football player at the University of Toledo and now as one of the top judo players in the world.

But for all of his achievements, the 24-year-old was missing a World Championship medal from his resume and Saturday he got his chance to fill that gap at the IBSA Worlds in Antalya, Turkey.

Porter began his third World Championships with a 14-second defeat of **Hector Espinoza (VEN)** who he threw with a drop seoi nage (dropping shoulder throw) for ippon (instant win).

In the quarter-finals, Porter faced **Oliver Upmann (GER)**. Porter earned the first score of the match when he threw Upmann with a strong o uchi gari (inner leg throw) for a waza-ari (half-point) score. Upmann responded to the score by attacking with a seoi nage (standing shoulder throw) which Porter attempted to counter with a te guruma (hand wheel throw). The judges determined that the technique was an illegal leg grab and Porter was disqualified from the match.

“Obviously I was upset about my match against the German, but I knew I had to get it back together if I wanted to come back and win the bronze,” Porter said.

In the repechage, Porter faced two of his nemeses. Porter’s first match pitted him against **Juan Carlos Cortada (CUB)** who beat Porter in the bronze medal match in Beijing. Determined not to let the Cuban shut him out of the medals again, Porter took the match to the ground in the second minute, armbarred Cortada for ippon (instant win).

In the bronze medal match, Porter faced four-time Paralympic Champion **Antonio Silva**, the Brazilian who defeated Porter in the first second round in Beijing. After forcing Silva into an early penalty for non-combativity, Porter threw Silva for ippon with a tani o toshi (valley drop throw) to win his first World medal.

“At first I was disappointed because I really came here to win gold, but with superior coaching and everything I was able to persevere and come back for third,” Porter said. “I’ve worked really hard with my coaches Ed [Liddie] and Ryan [Reser] since Beijing and I’m happy to be able to bring home a medal.”

Porter won’t have long to rest on his laurels as his next goal is to become the first visually impaired athlete to reach the podium at the USA Judo Senior National Championships, May 1-2 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

“Winning my first medal here was a great feat and it will give me good motivation going into Senior Nationals,” said Porter whose medal was the first for Team USA at the IBSA Worlds since 2003.

# Katie Davis Wins Silver, Becomes Third U.S. Woman to Medal at the Visually Impaired World Championships

Heidi Moore March 28, 2010



Photo: Heidi Moore  
Silver medalist Katie Davis (78kg).

(Colorado Springs, Colo.) – Twenty-three-year-old **Katie Davis (Sacramento, Calif. / Team Sacramento)** became just the third U.S. woman ever to win a medal at the International Blind Sports Association World Championships on Sunday in Antalya, Turkey.

Competing in her first World Championships, Davis won a silver medal in the non-Paralympic 78kg division on the final day of the World Championships.

“It’s just awesome,” Davis said. “I have been training hard, but I never expected to win a medal at my first World Championships.”

Davis, a former heavyweight who lost 40lbs between last April and the World Trials in September to make 78kg, was disappointed to learn that the International Paralympic Committee had decided to make the two heaviest divisions for the London Paralympic Games 70kg and +70kg.

Davis gamely agreed to fight in both the +70kg and 78kg divisions in Antalya. After placing seventh in the +70kg division on Saturday, Davis began competition on Sunday with a win over **Chinara Rzazade (AZE)**.

The first-time World Team member attacked constantly and forced Rzazade into a stalling penalty. In the second minute Rzazade threw Davis for a yuko (quarter-point score). David answered by aggressively controlling the match, forcing Rzazade into another penalty and tying the match. The score was tied at yuko a piece at the end of regulation time and the match went into Golden Score (overtime). Davis continued to outpace the Azerbaijani through the second minute of the overtime period, forcing her into another penalty and sealing the win for Davis.

In her second match, Davis faced **Juana Sanchez (ESP)**. In the first minute of the match, Sanchez attacked with an o uchi gari (inner thigh throw) which Davis countered for ippon (instant win).

The win put Davis into the finals against **Tatiana Savostyanova (RUS)**, a bronze medalist at the 2008 Paralympic Games in the 70kg division. Davis started with a strong grip and attacked well, but the Russian's experience showed when she threw Katie with sumi gaeshi (sacrifice throw) for a waza-ari (half-point) score and pinned her for the win.



## Coming Events



Boulder Mountain Tournament  
Saturday, April 3, 2010  
Boulder YMCA  
[http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010\\_Boulder\\_Mountain\\_Judo\\_Tournament.pdf](http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010_Boulder_Mountain_Judo_Tournament.pdf)

*NORTHGLENN  
TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 17,  
2010  
<http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010ngl-n-rev-Mar-22-2010.pdf>*

### RANK TESTING

Youth Students – Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Senior Students – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Please ask your instructor if you are eligible to test!

*US Senior, Masters, and Visually Impaired National Championships will be held April 30 – May 2, 2010 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Register on-line at <https://webpoint.usjudo.org/wp/Events/ViewTournament.asp?EventID=900>*

## April Birthdays

Steeve Alvaro 4/18  
Ben Detwiler 4/23  
Aaron Zak 4/29  
Yehuda Detwiler 4/26



Did we miss your birthday? Email [heidi@denverjudo.com](mailto:heidi@denverjudo.com)!

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## Boulder Mountain Tournament

April 3, 2010

Boulder, CO

[http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010\\_Boulder\\_Mountain\\_Judo\\_Tournament.pdf](http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010_Boulder_Mountain_Judo_Tournament.pdf)

## Liberty Bell Championships

April 10-11, 2010

Philadelphia, PA

[http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/19959/2010\\_Liberty\\_Bell\\_Entry\\_Packet.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/19959/2010_Liberty_Bell_Entry_Packet.pdf)

## Northglenn Championships

April 16-17, 2010

Northglenn, CO

<http://www.coloradojudo.org/PDF/2010ngln-rev-Mar-22-2010.pdf>

## Rank Testing

Youth – April 21, 2010

Adults – April 24, 2010

## Senior, Masters, and VI Nationals

Myrtle Beach, SC

May 1-2, 2010

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## OTC Spring Championships

Colorado Springs, CO

May 29, 2010