

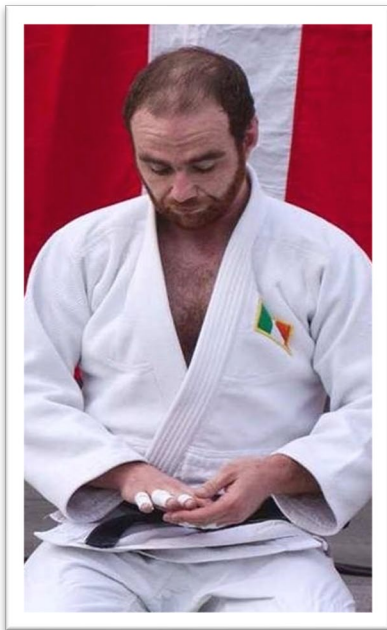
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EUROPEAN VETERANS JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Donal Tannam, Johnny Dennis and Enda Hackett travelled to Sarajevo in Bosnia & Herzegovina for the European Veterans Judo Championships 6th to 9th June 2024.



Johnny won a bronze medal at the 2018 Europeans, had placed seventh at the European and fifth at the World Veterans Championships last year and had a good chance of a podium finish, in a new weight category, in Sarajevo. It was not to be. Moving up a weight category meant Johnny was competing against unfamiliar players but finishing in 7th position bodes well for the upcoming 2024 World veterans Championships in Las Vegas.



Enda Hackett went into this tournament with a good track record of 5th and 7th placings at previous European and World Championships. Enda's 7th placing at the Warsaw European Cup in April 2024 gave him a medal hope for Ireland. Again, it was not to be.

It is an expensive business attending tournaments, particularly at this level. The Irish masters Squad is self-funded and our players train well for these events. Our three competitors at this event were all of a medal winning standard and they certainly earned our respect in Sarajevo.

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It was Donal Tannam, 8 times World Veteran medallist with two prior European silvers and a bronze medal to his name, returning to the European Championship stage after a five year hiatus, who brought home a well-deserved silver in the M8 U66kg category.



The Irish Masters Squad now gear up for the World Veteran Championships in Las Vegas, USA (4th to 7th November 2024). Both Donal and Johnny have already entered. The first Masters Squad training for this specific event commenced Saturday 15 June.

All veteran players – contact Paul Cummins to join our Masters Squad Whatsup group.