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**Women
-78kg: Former world champion UMEKI beats Japanese teammate to gold**

Former world champion UMEKI Mami (JPN) walked away from Budapest with gold for the first time in her career having finished second at the Worlds a year ago and fifth at the Grand Prix in 2015. UMEKI, who was a surprise winner of the World Championships in 2015, took the final to her compatriot and Ekaterinburg Grand Slam winner TAKAYAMA Rika (JPN) with a string of convincing attacks. UMEKI sealed her second Grand Prix title by countering an o-goshi attempt by breaking the balance of TAKAYAMA who went over for ippon.

In the first semi-final UMEKI threw world number two Natalie POWELL (GBR) for ippon to extend her one-sided 100% record against the Welsh judoka to 8-0.

In the second semi-final Paris Grand Slam silver medallist Guusje STEENHUIS (NED) was thrown by TAKAYAMA with an osoto-gari for a waza-ari score in golden score.

The first bronze medal contest was won by STEENHUIS who rushed past world bronze medallist Kaliema ANTOMARCHI (CUB) after 22 seconds as the Cuban had to submit to the shime-waza.

The second bronze medal was won by POWELL who showed her class to defeat younger teammate and Rome European Open winner Katie-Jemima YEATS-BROWN (GBR). POWELL captured her 17th Grand Prix medal by scoring twice against YEATS-BROWN who only moved up to -78kg in July.

**Final**TAKAYAMA, Rika (JPN) vs UMEKI, Mami (JPN)

**Bronze Medal Fights**STEENHUIS, Guusje (NED) vs ANTOMARCHI, Kaliema (CUB)
POWELL, Natalie (GBR) vs YEATS-BROWN, Katie-Jemima (GBR)

**Final Results**

1. UMEKI, Mami (JPN)
2. TAKAYAMA, Rika (JPN)
3. STEENHUIS, Guusje (NED)
3. POWELL, Natalie (GBR)
5. ANTOMARCHI, Kaliema (CUB)
5. YEATS-BROWN, Katie-Jemima (GBR)
7. PACUT, Beata (POL)
7. VERKERK, Marhinde (NED)

**+78kg: Cuban legend ORTIZ wins first IJF gold since 2016 ahead of World Championships**

**Cuban all-time great** Idalys ORTIZ (CUB) remained undefeated in 2018 with a vintage display as the three-time Olympic medallist showed that she is on track for Baku 2018. ORTIZ**, who won the** Pan American Championships in April, is one of the most revered heavyweight judoka of all time having took bronze at Beijing 2008, gold at London 2012 and silver at Rio 2016 in addition to two world titles. The 28-year-old **beat** Tbilisi Grand Prix silver medallist Maryna SLUTSKAYA (BLR) in the +78kg final by a waza-ari **in an exciting final.**

In the first semi-final SLUTSKAYA profited from an insipid display by world number 54 JIANG Yanan (CHN) who received three shido penalties and was disqualified.

In the second semi-final ORTIZ defeated Openweight World Championships bronze medallist Nihel CHEIKH ROUHOU (TUN) who was giving her marching orders after picking up not one or two but three shidos.

The first bronze medal was awarded to CHEIKH ROUHOU who threw Zagreb Grand Prix bronze medallist Yelyzaveta KALANINA (UKR) with a makikomi effort and pinned down the tall Ukranian for a second and match-winning waza-ari score.

The second bronze medal was won by JIANG who powered past Ekaterinburg Grand Slam bronze medallist Carolin WEISS (GER) with one of the ippons of the competition. China’s number four at +78kg launched her German opponent with a huge o-guruma for the maximum score and her first medal on the IJF World Judo Tour.

**Final**ORTIZ, Idalys (CUB) vs SLUTSKAYA, Maryna (BLR)

**Bronze Medal Fights**CHEIKH ROUHOU, Nihel (TUN) vs KALANINA, Yelyzaveta (UKR)
JIANG, Yanan (CHN) vs WEISS, Carolin (GER)

**Final Results**

1. ORTIZ, Idalys (CUB)
2. SLUTSKAYA, Maryna (BLR)
3. CHEIKH ROUHOU, Nihel (TUN)
3. JIANG, Yanan (CHN)
5. KALANINA, Yelyzaveta (UKR)
5. WEISS, Carolin (GER)
7. SUTALO, Ivana (CRO)
7. SAVELKOULS, Tessie (NED)

**MEN
-90kg: Terrific TOTH wins fifth Grand Prix title to close in on Worlds challenge in Baku**

Former world silver medallist TOTH Krisztian (HUN) chalked up a fifth Grand Prix win and his second in his homeland with a battling display in the -90kg category. TOTH faced world bronze medallist Ushangi MARGIANI (GEO) in the gold medal contest and matched his 2017 win over the Georgian to sent the home faithful into raptures. The Hungarian ace joined teammate UNGVARI Miklos as a home winner at Budapest 2018 and both men will be leading hopes for their country in Baku. TOTH clinched gold by a waza-ari score from a seoi-nage and after being awarded the final, he posed with his adoring supporters for pictures and had his hand raised by the mascot Judoggy who craved the spotlight alongside Hungary’s player of the day.

In the first semi-final MARGIANI bested Ekaterinburg Grand Slam winner Aleksandar KUKOLJ (SRB) by ippon.

In the second semi-final European Championships bronze medallist Nikoloz SHERAZADISHVILI (ESP) finished second best against TOTH who scored a waza-ari with 14 seconds left which was the only score of the contest.

The first bronze medal was won by Pan American Championships winner Ivan Felipe SILVA MORALES (CUB) who squeezed past SHERAZADISHVILI by the slender margin of a single waza-ari from a uchi-mata.

The second bronze medal went to world number one KUKOLJ who beat Tunis Grand Prix bronze medallist David KLAMMERT (CZE) by a score of two waza-ari to one. With 30 seconds to go the scoreboard had a waza-ari apiece until the Serbian loaded his Czech rival onto his hip and over for a medal-winning score.

**Final**TOTH, Krisztian (HUN) vs MARGIANI, Ushangi (GEO)

**Bronze Medal Fights**SHERAZADISHVILI, Nikoloz (ESP) vs SILVA MORALES, Ivan Felipe (CUB) KUKOLJ, Aleksandar (SRB) vs KLAMMERT, David (CZE)

**Final Results**

1. TOTH, Krisztian (HUN)
2. MARGIANI, Ushangi (GEO)
3. SILVA MORALES, Ivan Felipe (CUB)
3. KUKOLJ, Aleksandar (SRB)
5. SHERAZADISHVILI, Nikoloz (ESP)
5. KLAMMERT, David (CZE)
7. VARAPAYEU, Yahor (BLR)
7. MUKAI, Shoichiro (JPN)

**-100kg: World champion WOLF beats world-class pack of contenders on return to action**

World champion WOLF Aaron (JPN) showed no signs of being off the circuit for 12 months as he won gold in Budapest as he did one year at his first World Championships. Tokai University judoka WOLF, who was wearing his red backpatch for the first time, in his comeback event, looked sharp and was ruthless with his ashi-waza which he used to setup the majority of his scores. WOLF went to a four-minute stalemate with Agadir Grand Prix bronze medallist Karl-Richard FREY (GER) as a period of golden score was summoned. After 13 additional seconds WOLF showed lightning quick footwork to deftly counter his German adversary for ippon and a scintillating return to competition. WOLF will be in Baku to defend his title and FREY will be one of a legion of contenders with a focus on the man of the moment at -100kg.

In the first semi-final FREY defeated four-time Grand Slam medallist Jevgenijs BORODAVKO (LAT) by ippon with a ko-soto-gake having out himself under pressure by accumulating two penalties.

In the second semi-final world champion WOLF held down former Tbiisi Grand Prix silver medallist Martin PACEK (SWE) with a yoko-shiho-gatame for ippon.

The first bronze medal was won by European Championships bronze medallist Peter PALTCHIK (ISR) who submitted PACEK while also applying a pin as there was no way out for the Swede.

The second bronze medal went to BORODAVKO who defeated Tbilisi Grand Prix silver medallist Merab MARGIEV (RUS). Latvian veteran BORODAVKO was awarded the contest when Russian MARGIEV was penalised for the third and final time with a shido for dropping.

**Final**WOLF, Aaron (JPN) vs FREY, Karl-Richard (GER)

**Bronze Medal Fights**PACEK, Martin (SWE) vs PALTCHIK, Peter (ISR)
BORODAVKO, Jevgenijs (LAT) vs MARGIEV, Merab (RUS)

**Final Results**

1. WOLF, Aaron (JPN)
2. FREY, Karl-Richard (GER)
3. PALTCHIK, Peter (ISR)
3. BORODAVKO, Jevgenijs (LAT)
5. PACEK, Martin (SWE)
5. MARGIEV, Merab (RUS)
7. MOSER, Patrik (SUI)
7. HERBST, Daniel (GER)

**+100kg: Japan’s number three KAGEURA ends Budapest Grand Prix with heavyweight gold**

**The Budapest Grand Prix’s men’s heavyweight crown went to Japan and** Paris Grand Slam winner KAGEURA Kokoro **who** eventually found a way to defeat European Championships bronze medallist Stephan HEGYI (AUT) in golden score to claim Japan’s ninth gold medal in Budapest. While the Japanese applied more and more pressure, Junior Worlds runner-up HEGYI, stood firm and did not let the world number 12 through. In golden score KAGEURA threw his young Austrian rival with a **harai-makikomi for a waza-ari score and +100kg gold.**

In the first semi-final Tunis Grand Prix bronze medallist Ruslan SHAKHBAZOV (RUS) fell to HEGYI by a waza-ari score.

In the second semi-final KAGEURA found a way past The Hague Grand Prix winner Roy MEYER (NED) by way of a waza-ari score after countering an uchi-mata.

The first bronze medal was won by MEYER who beat Belgrade European Cup winner Zarko CULUM (SRB). Dutch powerhouse MEYER sent CULUM over with a ouchi-gari for a waza-ari and applied an armlock to win by ippon.

The second bronze medal went to former European silver medallist Adam OKRUASHVILI (GEO) who outscored SHAKHBAZOV in added time. OKRUASHVILI led by a waza-ari score from a makikomi throw before SHAKHBAZOV caught the Georgian for a waza-ari. After 24 seconds of golden score OKRUASHVILI sent his opponent through the air and flat on this back with force for ippon.

**Final**HEGYI, Stephan (AUT) vs KAGEURA, Kokoro (JPN)

**Bronze Medal Fights**MEYER, Roy (NED) vs CULUM, Zarko (SRB)
SHAKHBAZOV, Ruslan (RUS) vs OKRUASHVILI, Adam (GEO)

**Final Results**

1. KAGEURA, Kokoro (JPN)
2. HEGYI, Stephan (AUT)
3. MEYER, Roy (NED)
3. OKRUASHVILI, Adam (GEO)
5. CULUM, Zarko (SRB)
5. SHAKHBAZOV, Ruslan (RUS)
7. JABALLAH, Faicel (TUN)
7. BASHAEV, Tamerlan (RUS)