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British Judo Start New Year in Sheffield

British Judo's World Class Start Programme will arrive in Sheffield on 3rd January to undertake its first training camp of the New Year.

Over 100 talented 13-16 year old boys will take part in the two-day camp at the English Institute of Sport facility, which opened this month and boasts two Dojo areas for Judo.

The aim of the World Class Start programme is to identify and develop Judo's future World and Olympic medal hopefuls. Its participants will also represent Great Britain internationally at top Cadet tournaments.

It will be the first time the young players on the programme have trained together, having been selected from the Junior National Championships at Crystal Palace in November. The Championship medallists were invited to join the programme, which will also continually monitor young talent around the country.

During the camp the players will be coached by former World Champion Graeme Randall MBE, who recently became a British Judo World Class Start Coach. In addition, former World Champion and Olympic silver medallist Neil Adams MBE will run sessions as part of the camp.

Dave Sanders, British Judo's World Class Start Manager said: "British Judo's new World Class Start Programme will provide a solid foundation for young Judo players aspiring to become World and Olympic Champions by preparing them with the necessary core skills at young age".

"While our Senior Squad are busy preparing for Athens, our Start Programme is concentrating on finding and developing Britain's potential medallists for Beijing 2008 and hopefully London 2012"

Note to Editors:

Please contact Emma Reed to discuss photograph/broadcast opportunities or interviews.

The 13-16 year old girls will have a two-day camp at the same venue from 17-18 January 2004.

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