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BRITISH JUDO HEAD TO GERMANY IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WARM UP

The Great Britain judo team will head to Germany this week to compete in the German Open Championships, the last tournament before the 2005 World Championships.

The tournament, which will take place in Braunschweig, Germany, from 6-7 August, will see the more established names in the team, including Athens Olympians Sophie Cox, Winston Gordon and Craig Fallon, aiming for medal winning performances to prove their World Championship form. Joining them is the new and younger talent, who will need to put in strong performances to be in contention for the 2006 World Cup season.

British Judo enjoyed a successful 2005 season in the first part of this year, culminating in a four-medal haul at the European Championships in May. There, Karina Bryant became European Champion for the fourth time, and will no doubt be looking to dominate the competition again in Germany.

The 2005 World Judo Championships will take place in Cairo, Egypt from 8th-11th September. At the last World Championships in 2003, Great Britain won three medals, a silver from Craig Fallon in the Men's -60kg weight category, and two medals from Karina Bryant, a bronze in the Women's +78kg, and a silver in the Women's open weight category.

Colin McIver, British Judo High Performance Director said: "We hope to return from Germany with good results. This competition always attracts a strong entry so will provide an excellent preparation tournament for the World Championships".

British Judo will announce the 2005 World Championship Squad week commencing 8th August.

Full team for the 2005 German Open

Men's Team (including home town):

-60kg Craig Fallon (Wolverhampton), **Tom Smith** (Chinnor), **Gavin Davies** (Cannock)

-66kg Alan Scott (High Wycombe), **Richard Phillips** (Bristol), **Alex Mason** (High Wycombe), **Colin Oates** (North Lopham, Norfolk), **James Lutman** (Virginia Water), **Gareth Carder** (Hemel Hempstead), **Dominic King** (Great Yarmouth), **James Millar** (Edinburgh)

-73kg Craig Ewers (Newport), **David Lamb** (Scunthorpe), **Iain Feenan** (Dunfermline), **Matthew Pursey** (Edinburgh), **Ian Johns** (Scunthorpe), **Edmund Callender** (London), **Jason Parsons** (Trowbridge)

-81kg Euan Burton (Edinburgh), **Jonathan Pursey** (Chobham), **Adam Bick** (Dartford), **Andrew Malone** (Larkhall)

-90kg Peter Cousins (Harlow), **Winston Gordon** (London), **Andrew Burns** (Blackburn), **Steven Vidler** (Edinburgh), **Bobby Rich** (London), **James Austin** (Litchfield)

-100kg Jeremy Luff (Horsham), **John Tierney** (North Shields)

+100kg Chris Sherrington (Exmouth)

Women's Team (including home town):

-48kg Donna Robertson (Glasgow), **Emma Paffin** (Kings Lynn)

-52kg Victoria Dunn (Dartford), **Louise Renicks** (Lanarkshire), **Jodie Carter** (Boston), **Sophie Johnstone** (Brighton)

-57kg Sophie Cox (Rochdale), **Elizabeth Welsh** (Brighton)

-63kg Sarah Clark (Edinburgh), **Tamsyn Rutter** (Weymouth), **Sarah Jones** (Edinburgh), **Faith Pitman** (Manchester), **Laura Clempner** (Manchester)

-70kg Samantha Lowe (Camberley), **Michelle Holt** (Perivale), **Sian Fairbrother** (Finchampstead)

-78kg Rachel Wilding (Camberley), **Sian Wilson** (Mitcham), **Michelle Rogers** (Edinburgh), **Kimberley Aspinall** (Stroud)

+78kg Karina Bryant (Aldershot), **Simone Callender** (London)

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