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Judo Champion receives MBE

Scottish Commonwealth Champion and former World Champion, Graeme Randall received his MBE at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace last Thursday.

He was awarded the MBE for services to Judo in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

Graeme, who took up Judo at the age of 12 and awarded the black belt by 15, was Junior European Champion in 1994 and Junior World bronze medallist in the same year.

He was the first Scot to ever win a World Judo Championship title and represented Great Britain twice at the Olympic Games in 1996 and 2000.

Following his Commonwealth gold medal win in Manchester, Graeme retired from competitive Judo and became a coach at the Scottish Institute of Sport.

Today it was announced that Graeme had accepted a position as World Class Start Coach with British Judo. His role will be instrumental to the new British Judo World Class Start Programme, which will lay the foundations for future success in major Championships. His new role will include delivering training across the UK to the top young judo athletes.

Commenting on his MBE Graeme said: "It was a great honour to receive the MBE and to be recognised for services to Judo. I hope to continue working within the sport for many years to come and help develop future Champions".

"I would like to thank Judo Scotland, British Judo and my family for their past and continued support."

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