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BRITISH JUDO ANNOUNCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

British Judo has today announced its squad for the 2005 World Judo Championships taking place in Cairo, Egypt from 8-11 September.

The players will travel to Cairo trying to match the three medals won at the 2003 World Championships. In Japan, Craig Fallon took the silver medal in the Men's -60kg weight category, and Karina Bryant won two medals, a bronze in the Women's +78kg weight category and silver in the Open weight category.

The selected team includes Athens Olympians Craig Fallon, Winston Gordon, Sophie Cox, Sarah Clark, Rachel Wilding and Karina Bryant.

This will be the fourth Senior World Championships for 26-year old Bryant, who has won at least one medal at each appearance. In May she became European Champion for the fourth time and will no doubt be looking to clinch her fifth World medal in Egypt.

Seven members of the team are making their Senior World Championship debut. They include Commonwealth Champion Samantha Lowe and Junior World medallist Peter Cousins who, after close competition for the -90kg, has been selected in -100kg spot for this event.

Commenting Colin McIver, Performance Director of British Judo said, "We hope to continue the momentum of a successful European Championships onto the World stage. We have a team combining established names with newer talent. For those younger members of the team this will be excellent experience for the forthcoming Olympic cycle."

McIver is hoping that the British team will match the success of the 2003 World Championships.

"We have a strong team who have proven experience at a World level and who are capable of achieving results in Egypt," he said.

The full team line up with weight category is as follows:

Men

Category	Name	Club	Coach	Home Town	D.O.B
-60kg	Craig Fallon	Hardy Spicer	Fitzroy Davies	Wolverhampton	18/12/82
-66kg	Colin Oates	Kumo	Howard Oates	North Lopham, Norfolk	7/6/83
-73kg	Craig Ewers	Welsh Judo	Valeri Vostrikov	Newport	4/10/80
-81kg	Euan Burton	Edinburgh	Billy Cusack	Edinburgh	31/3/79
-90kg	Winston Gordon	Budokwai	Darcel Yandzi	London	9/11/76
-100kg	Peter Cousins	JSC	John Cottis	Harlow	3/3/81

Women

Category	Name	Club	Coach	Home Town	D.O.B
-48kg	Donna Robertson	SJC Alba	Nigel Donohue	Glasgow	24/4/69

-52kg	Sophie Johnstone	Bridgeview	Mark Earle	Brighton	23/8/84
-57kg	Sophie Cox	Bacup	Brian Moore	Rochdale	23/12/81
-63kg	Sarah Clark	Edinburgh	Billy Cusack	Edinburgh	31/1/78
-70kg	Samantha Lowe	Camberley	Mark Earle	Ovington	20/1/82
-78kg	Rachel Wilding	Camberley	Mark Earle	Woodham (nr Woking)	8/7/76
+78kg	Karina Bryant	Camberley	Mark Earle	Aldershot	27/1/79
Open	Karina Bryant	Camberley	Mark Earle	Aldershot	27/1/79

The team will depart for Egypt on the 5th September.

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