



## Scottish Imperial Championship - 15th March 2009

On Sunday 15th March 2009 five students from Hogan's institute of Taekwon-Do made an early start to set out in the hope of striking Gold in Scotland. The highlight of the trip happened hours before the competition had even begun; Tracy made an unforgettable mistake of climbing into the car of a complete stranger after asking for parking information. The event left everyone in stitches including the staff at the customer services point. To all of our amusement they recognised Tracy on our return journey!!

After all of the commotion of the morning we boarded our flight and headed towards our destination of Edinburgh. We arrived slightly tired but nether the less ready to compete and show what we were made of. First up was Arthur in the Adult male Black Belt patterns, he performed amazingly coming away with a bronze. Next was myself and Jess in the junior blue/red belt patterns. My name was first to be called I was faced against a black tag, to my surprise I won and moved into the next round. Unfortunately I was against Jess as she received a bye in the first round, nerves took hold and Jess forgot her pattern *Toi Gye*, she did however make a fantastic recovery. This meant I was through to the Final and Jess had won Bronze. After last minute tips from Master Hogan I managed to win Gold. James also managed to get through to the final winning a well deserved silver medal.

Patterns aside it was now time for sparring. First again was our only Black belt Arthur an easy win in his first round left us all feeling confident that he would be able to get a medal. His second bout was close with Arthur missing out by a few points.

Congratulations to Arthur winning his second bronze medal of the competition. Next it was the turn of me and Jess again placed in the same category, again both fighting in the final. The fight went well each of us demonstrating good Taekwon-do techniques especially jess and her frightful downward kick. I had won leaving Jess to fight for her silver medal position against our only other competitor. Jess really stepped up throwing out brilliant hand and leg combinations she won a well deserved silver medal. Tracy was next to represent Team Hogan, at the start there was confusion over weight categories but after it was all worked out Tracy was paired against a red-tag, she fought brilliantly constantly on top of her opponent who stood no chance against her powerful turning kicks and hand combinations. James was the last to fight. Learning from his mistakes last time James fought tactically well against an aggressive Scot. Although the fight included some rough and tumbles James came away victorious.



The last event to take place was special technique; the only one to hit the pad meant that I had won my third Gold of the competition. Our thanks go to Master Nicholls and his team for a great welcome and fantastic day, and lastly well done to Master Hogan, all the team and their parents and supporters for travelling to the competition.

Leanne Evans

Medals' Table 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 Scotland			
Competitor	Pattern	Sparring	Special Technique
Jessica Ransley	Bronze	Silver	
Leanne Evans	Gold	Gold	Gold
James Davis	Bronze	Gold	
Arthur Semwogerere	Bronze	Bronze	
Tracy Dawson		Gold	