

Tseitlin takes national title

Martial Arts

JOON No's Taekwondo team brought back a swag of medals from the recent 2010 Taekwondo National Championships at the AIS in Canberra.

The championships attracted 1,700 athletes from the country, as well as international competitors. Competition was fierce and tough with many athletes in each weight category, but Joon No's Taekwondo team, led by Grandmaster Joon No, collected 21 medals.

One of those winning gold was Brighton star Jerome Tseitlin.

Tseitlin, 18, moved a step closer to his dream of competing at the 2012 Olympics in London by also winning a gold medal at the Olympics Qualification and World Championships Selections.

The selections, held at the AIS, are one of five to be used to choose athletes for the 2012 Olympics in London and 2011 World Championships in Korea.

Tseitlin a student at Monash University, trains six times a week at Joon No Taekwondo's Burwood and Brighton branches.

Tseitlin says his success is a result of hard work, dedication, focus and good guidance from his master,

Grandmaster Joon No, who has taught him since he was six.

2010 Taekwondo National Championship medal winners:

Gold:

Jerome Tseitlin (black belt male, Over 15s, 63-68 kg); Kanica May (black belt female, 14-15 years, 44-46 kg); Michael Metaxotos (black belt male, 14-15, 48-51 kg); Benecia Cheong (black belt female, 12-13, 35-40 kg); Daryl May (black belt male, 12-13, 27-31 kg); Nathan Mealor (yellow belt, male 14-15, 45 kg); Clinton Kew (yellow belt, male 8-9, 18-21 kg).

Silver:

Kostan Ioannou (black belt male, 16-17, 78-200 kg); Geunhan Park (black belt male, 10-11, 35-40 kg); Laura Haetzel (blue belt female, 12-13, 45-50 kg); Shaun Taggart (blue belt male, 16-17, 63-68 kg); Nikki Stockdale (red belt female, 10-11, 50-55 kg); Perry Stoeghofer (red belt male, 8-9, 45-50 kg).

Bronze:

Bryanna Cheong (black belt female, 14-15, 46-49 kg); Zumre Akalan (black belt female, 14-15, 52-55 kg); Arthan Ioannou (black belt male, 14-15, 59-63 kg); Samantha Smith (red belt female, Over 15s, 53-57 kg); Katharina Alf (red belt female, 12-13, 40-45 kg); Katelyn Gale (red belt female, 12-13, 35-40 kg); Tony Lee (red belt male, 8-9, 31-35 kg); Dylan Mariotti (blue belt male, 12-13, 31-35 kg).



From left: Grandmaster Joon No, Jerome Tseitlin, Katharina Alf, Laura Haetzel, Nathan Mealor and Master Lim.

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