

LONE WOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT REVIEW

Grandchampions



Jason Albini

10-13yr. Boys Sparring
of Grands in 2004: 2



Jasmine Naraja (left)

14-17yr. Girls Sparring
of Grands in 2004: 2

D.M.A. YOUTH KEEPS WINNING AT GOLDCUP SEASON OPENER

Three tournaments in the past six weeks. That's one tournament event every two weeks. Several D.M.A. competitors completed an exhausting six week period, battling in sparring divisions at the Lone Wolf Classic at DeAnza High School this past Saturday.

In the 6-7yr. Old beginner sparring division, **Gabriel Rojas** placed in 1st place for the first time this year! He received a bye in the first round and got a free pass into the championship divisional round. In that fight, he scuffled with his opponent to a 3-to-3 tie. After a quick time out, he came out the gate with two consecutive "BP punches" to the upper chest and clinched a 5-to-3 first place victory. Gabriel's execution was superb on both punches as he tilted over and got his lead hand on his opponents' lead leg, prohibiting his opponent from getting a kick up. A little quick stabbing punch with his right arm, and Gabriel was able to punch his way to a first place win.

The threesome of **Mario Schuchart**, **Jason Albini**, and **Jamal Albini** were able to dominate the boys sparring 10-13yr. Old age group. Mario won three



Youth male fighters **Jamal Albini** (left), **Mario Schuchart** (center), **Jason Albini** (right) pose before each of them placed first in their respective divisions.

consecutive fights and won the 10-11yr. Old intermediate division. He connected on several blitzes and a solid sidekick to the face in his championship fight.

In his first round fight, Jason easily defeated an intermediate fighter 5-to-2. In his championship fight versus **Chris Pittman** from Frohm's, Jason received a little bit of luck as Chris seemed to have caught Jason with a fallaway side kick as Jason blitzed on two occasions. Neither of the sidekicks were scored by the judges. Jason was able to land his other blitzes

though and won the fight and the first place victory in the 12-13yr. Old advanced sparring short division.

In the 12-13yr. Old advanced sparring tall division, Jamal capped off his semi-final fight with an axe kick to the head. He later met up with **Michael Jefferson** from Frohm's and connected on two stiff sidekicks to the kidneys. The kicks were enough to seal the match for Jamal as he won the fight 5-to-3.

In the 10-13yr. Old grandchampion runoffs, it was all Dumlao's as Mario, Jason, and Jamal

GOLDEN GATE NATIONALS

RESULTS

Tournament Results
Mario Schuchart (10-11yr. Intermediate) - 1st place
Ariel Jacob (Men's Middleweight BB)- DNP
Leanne Dumlao (14-15yr. Black Belt)- 1st place
Jasmine Naraja (14-15yr. Advanced)- 1st place
Jason Albino (12-13yr. Advanced)- 1st place
Marissa Rojas (8-9yr. Intermediate)-2nd place
Jamal Albino (12-13yr. Advanced)-1st place
Delfjohn Plamenco (Men's LW BB Sparring)- DNP
Tamara Torres (15-17yr. BB Forms)- DNP
Samantha Padua (10-13yr. Intermediate Forms)- 2nd place
Gabriel Rojas (6-7yr. Beginner Sparring)-
Charles Lopez (8-9yr. Intermediate Sparring)-DNP



Gabe Rojas (left) and **Charles Lopez** (right) hang out in the bleachers before they fight.

wiped out the entire field of fighters and they would later meet each other in the semi-finals. Jason defeated **Silas Haegwe** of Team Kattengall's with an overtime victory. Jason won the fight by lifting his leg up to kick and then proceeded to throw a quick lead hand backhand to the head. In his first fight, Mario won an easy 5-to-0 matchup as he connected with several backhand blitzes. Jamal's first fight was stirred with controversy as the scorekeeper had the score 3-to-4 in favor of Jamal's opponent by the end of regulation. But the score had actually been tied at 3-to-3. After a few minutes of getting things sorted out, the match restarted and went into sudden death. Jamal scored on a punch-backfist blitz attack and he moved on to the second round.

In round two, Jason defeated a taller fighter from Gonzalez Renshinkan. He scored on several off-the-line reverse punches and won 5-to-1. Jamal moved on to the finals with a solid win versus a fighter from Kattengall's. He scored with an axe kick for the second time that evening and also connected on a reverse punch to the chest.

Mario would lose to Jason in the semi-finals, setting up a brother versus brother grand champion finals fight. In that fight, it was close battle with Jason ahead 3-to-2 near the end of the fight. Jamal

through a lunging side kick to the head that shifted Jason's head gear a few inches to the left. At that moment regulation time ended, and only one of the three judges scored Jamal's kick (you need two for majority vote), enabling Jason to take the grand champion victory. The grand win is Jason's second in 2004. He took home a grand prize of \$50 and a plaque.

In girls fighting, **Marissa Rojas** was victimized by a number of cup checks thrown by **Brittne Hillesheim** and lost a 5-to-1 fight. She did end up in second place.

Leanne Dumlao and **Jasmine Naraja** won first in both the 14-15yr. Old black belt & advanced girls sparring divisions. Both of them trekked their way through the grand champion runoffs, winning two fights each. They met in the grand champion finals, but bowed out to each other since they were each on the same team. Jasmine officially took the win, but both split the grand champion prize money.

Tamara Torres placed third in the black belt traditional forms division. In a more impressive display, **Samantha Padua** placed second in the 10-13y. Old intermediate forms division. The division featured eleven other competitors, and with her use of Mano 3, Samantha was able to place in the top half of the division.

Charles Lopez fought valiantly for the first time in the intermediate division. He connected on a number of reverse punches, but lost out his first round fight.

In his first time competing in the black belt men's division, long time veteran **Ariel Jacob** lost a close 5-to-3 fight versus **Jose Gonzalez**. Ariel maneuvered well in the fight, connected on several reverse punches. It was Jose's spinning back kick near the end of the fight that led to Ariel's loss. Ariel wound

up in 4th place.

It was nearly a decade since **Delfjohn Plamenco** last competed. He took part in the Men's 30+over lightweight division. In his first fight Delfjohn came out of the gate slow and fell behind 3-to-0. He fought through the slow start and came back nicely, landing a number of backhands before losing the fight eventually 5-to-2. In the third place fight, Delfjohn fought **Steve** from Kattengall's. It was a close back-and-forth fight that went to a 4-to-4 tie. After a close clash Steve received the last deciding point, and Delfjohn settled for fourth place.

It was a great tournament for the pre-teen and youth sparring group of Dumlao's competition Team. Each of the teens were able to place first (Leanne, Jasmine, Jason, Jamal) and Gabriel and Mario were able to represent the youth sparring group admirably. It was also a momentous occasion for two competitors who made their comeback, as Samantha and Delfjohn look to better their results and become more regular tournament participants. Additionally, Dumlao's gained a new black belt competitor as Ariel steps up a division and looks to add to Dumlao's black belt sparring lineup.