

**Judo Saskatchewan Media Release: 2009 Ontario International Results
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Ontario International Open, Kingston, ONT

Poliakiwski Lead the way for Saskatchewan

Alex Poliakiwski won her first major Canadian domestic event in very dominating fashion. Alex had an outstanding day winning her three matches in easy fashion with dominant throws. Jordan Poliakiwski post a 4 win and 1 loss record winning a silver medal in this national point competition; Jordan had an excellent day losing the final to five time national champion Laurie Witshire from Alberta. Emily Schaan, Joey Schatz and Chellys Vallejo won bronze medals in their weight division.

The Ontario International Open is an important national team ranking competition for senior, U20 and U 17 athletes. Saskatchewan brought a team that had a mixture of established national level athletes and developing provincial team members. The goal for the competition was to scout and test our athletes against the best in the country and see what will need to be worked on in the next seven months before nationals. Winning medals at this level is not as important as the athlete performances and their improvements in the technical and tactical areas that will ensure long term success.

1st 48kg U17 Alexandra Poliakiwski, Lloydminster
2nd 48kg SR Jordan Poliakiwski, Lloydminster
3rd 63kg U17 Emily Schaan, Watrous
3rd 81kg U17 Joey Schatz, Saskatoon
3rd 78kg SR Chellys Vallejo, Prince Albert
5th 55kg U20 Warren Seib, Watrous

Other athletes representing Saskatchewan at this event who did not place:

Galen Morrison, Saskatoon
Haley Walz, Moose Jaw
Masian Mitchell, Prince Albert
Deborah McKay, Prince Albert
Haley Walz, Moose Jaw
Kendee Thompson, Regina YMCA
Keegan Lund, Lloydminster
