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Great Britain Takes Double Gold at the European Championship

Daniel Stirling (Luton, Bedfordshire) and Leon Roberts (Colchester, Essex) were selected to represent Team GB and to participate in the European Shuai Jiao Championship 2023, from 14 to 16 September, in Montesilvano, Italy, hosted by the European Shuai Jiao Union (ESJU) in association with Associazione di Cultura Sport e Tempo Libero (ACSI). Both athletes met the BSJU criteria for being selected; both placed first, and took gold medals.



Stirling (Red - Centre) with Cadoux (Blue) and Referee Wang

Stirling faced the previous European Champion from Team France in the finals. Stirling took control of the match and gained a lead, which despite an excellent performance by the French champion, he was unable to overtake. Stirling was able to gain a 9-point lead and was awarded the win, and European Champion title, in the Under 100Kg Weight Category.

Stirling put his victory down to the rigorous Team GB preparation led by Master Robert Simpson. Stirling said "Team training was tough, but it prepared me physically and mentally to enter a competition with high-quality Shuai Jiao practitioners and to win."

Leon Roberts also faced the French Champion in the Infinite Weight Category finals. The match went the distance with Roberts being successful by a four-point lead. At the end of the match having won, Roberts said of his opponent "Wow ... he was skilled and super strong!"

Master Simpson said "Danny and Leon did well, because they worked hard and prepared well; Leon is already an accomplished athlete, with medals from previous championships and participation in China. Danny had not competed internationally but had met the criteria to be selected and achieved success. The European title gives them passport to the World Championships – our next goal – but the Team GB selection, next February will be looking for additional talent, nationally."

Recognition for British Officials

The British Officials' contingent (Referees and Official from the UK) comprised of: Master Robert Simpson, Eric Clovis and Tracy Cohen (Luton, Bedfordshire); and Susan Simpson (Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire). Robert Simpson was appointed Referee General, supported by Wang Du Sheng (China) and Lee Yu Hsiang (Chinese Taipei) as Deputy Referee Generals. As International Referees, Eric Clovis was appointed Referee for Area B, Susan Simpson was appointed Referee for Area A. Tracy Cohen was appointed Match Coordinator for Area A.

Grandmaster Chang Da Wei (Chinese Taipei), the Vice President of the WSJF, Honorary President of the ESJU, grandson of the undefeated Chang Dung Sheng, was appointed Arbitrator. Before Team GB, left they had some time to spend with the Masters, who were complementary of the British success. Chang issued a personal invitation to Master Simpson, leading Team GB to attend the World Shuai Jiao Championship 2024.



Team GB with Chinese Officials – GM Chang (Centre)

World Shuai Jiao Championships 2024

At the meeting of the Council of the ESJU, Council members were informed by Grandmaster Chang Dawei that the World Shuai Jiao Federation (WSJF) would be hosting the World Shuai Jiao Championships in Macau (Macao) in the autumn of 2024. Grandmaster Chang confirmed that the date would be set shortly, but that November was the preferred month, currently. Members of the ESJU were advised to consider events to select their teams. Master Simpson said “It would be great to take a larger well-formed team to Macau. We intend to select Team GB in February 2024.”

Master Simpson (ESJU Secretary General), was invited by Grandmaster Chang to coordinate the International Referee/Judges training for all the European nations, in preparation for the event. Master Simpson agreed to host the event in Luton, Bedfordshire, UK, in summer 2024.

Team GB Selections

As the governing body for Shuai Jiao in the United Kingdom, recognised by the ESJU and WSJF, the British Shuai Jiao Union (BSJU) hold the mandate to select Team GB for Shuai Jiao. The Team GB selections for the World Shuai Jiao Championships 2024, will take place in Luton, Bedfordshire, in February 2024.

Master Simpson said “The BSJU welcome martial artists to participate in the Team GB selections, which will be an Open Mat format ... that means martial artists from across the UK

can become full or associate members of the BSJU, and participate. BSJU membership will also open access to Team GB training, with all its proven success.”

BSJU Calendar of Events

For information about the BSJU activities and events, including intake and assessment, then please check our [events](#).

Information

If you would like to follow up on this news story, know more about the BSJU Assessment Day, or the Team GB selections, then please [contact us](#).

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