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Upland resident recruited by Cumberland



Nathan Goltz

by Elaine Lehman, Staff Writer

Nathan Goltz, 19, of Upland graduated high school via the Options for Youth Program earlier this year and went to Japan to study judo at the International Budo University outside of Tokyo for six months.

Upon his return he was recruited by University of the Cumberlands, a private school in Williamsburg, KY, as part of their nationally No. 1-ranked judo team.

Nathan was given an academic and judo scholarship by the school and will start attending this month. He has been participating in judo since he was 4 as part of Goltz Judo Club, which is part of Claremont Human Services.

Nathan won several national titles growing up including the Junior Olympics and is currently one of the youngest to hold a third-degree black belt in judo in the US.

His goal is to get his bachelor's degree and strive to make the US Olympic Judo Team in 2008.

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Nathan Goltz Joins Judo Team



Eddie Linuma, Daisuke Hirata, Nathan Goltz, Padraic Finnegan, Steve Combs, and Everett Pavo

by Jessica Huff, Sport Information Student Assistant

After winning two gold, three silver and at least three bronze junior national medals Nathan Goltz (Upland, CA) is taking his Judo career to the next level at the University of the Cumberland.

“I think that I’ll bring enthusiasm and an open mind to the team...hopefully I can go out and win for Cumberland,” Goltz recently stated.

Goltz, who joined the reigning national collegiate Patriots team in January, placed first at the Yellow Hill Judo Tournament in the men’s light heavy weight division. This was his first tournament competing as a part of the Cumberland team.

Sensei Doug Fortune, head coach for the Patriot team, commented about Goltz, “I’m looking for him to bring in some experience. He’s won several junior national titles, but he’s just learning the ropes of our system right now, eventually I hope he’ll bring strong leadership.”

Before making the move to Cumberland, Goltz trained at the International Budo University in Japan for six months. There he participated in intense training and studied Japanese culture and traditions.

Goltz has participated in Judo since the age of four through the Goltz Judo Club (CA) and is one of the youngest people in the USA to hold a third-degree black belt.

“I chose Cumberland because it was a small private school with the best judo team in the nation. I pretty much jumped at the opportunity,” Goltz stated.

According to Sensei Fortune the telling time for Goltz will be when the Patriot team returns to the national championship in March, “As we go back into the National tournament defending our national championship, he’ll have that added pressure too along with the rest of the team.”



Nathan Goltz with Sensei Doug Fortune at the University of the Cumberland's Judo Dojo

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Judo Team Competes In Americas Cup Judo Championship

The University of the Cumberland's (formerly Cumberland College) Judo team traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana and competed in the America's Cup Judo Championships on Saturday, September 17th. As it was their first competition of the season, the Patriots did well for being a very small team.

The two members of the team, freshmen Nathan Goltz of California and Brandon Ferguson of North Carolina, were quite successful. Goltz took a first place finish in the 220 lbs. division, while Ferguson ran into some trouble against a former Patriot Tulio Perrone and placed third.

Judo Sensei Doug Fortune also brought along one of his community program members, high school freshman Justin Ball, who competed in two weight classes, winning first in Boys Youth Heavy Weight division, and third in Senior Novice division.

The Judokas will host the 7th Annual University of the Cumberland's Classic Judo tournament on October 15th at home. Competition starts at 1:00pm in the O. Wayne Rollins Center.