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TAKUMI HAWKING WINS GOLD AT THE 75TH NATIONAL KENDO CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

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This weekend the 75th national kendo championship took place in Areb, the capital of Nucleria. After beating his opponent, Frederick Fraser in a nail-biting match, Takumi Hawking, the 17-year old Nuclerian student has earned the gold medal and the title of Kendo Champion at the Annual Martial Arts Championships.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the national martial arts championships, Nucleria announced it will start to include other countries. This year all other countries of the United Branded Nations were able to watch the championships live online from their homes. In future Maddox plans to allow a few gifted fighters from outside of Nucleria to come to the championship and follow some workshops. In these workshops we hope to learn some new fighting skills or styles from the other countries, share some of our wisdom and give these people an exclusive Nuclerian experience.

The 75th anniversary of the martial arts championships has drawn a lot of attention. The competition was bigger than ever before with contestants originating from all over the country. Thousands of Nuclerians tuned in to watch the games that were broadcasted live on television. Throughout the various rounds Takumi seemed unstoppable and determined to win.



During the finals Hawking won with two points in an impressive 47 seconds, thus beating the former champion Fraser. His opponent was visibly upset over his loss, after being a three time champion, his winning streak has met an end. I didn't perform at my best today, but Takumi was a great opponent. It was a well-deserved win on his part', Fraser said. He explained: 'I look forward to next year's championship, then we will get the chance to rematch.'

'I hope to inspire other youngsters to start martial arts, you never know where it's going to lead you', Hawking said after becoming the youngest champion in the history of Kendo.

With his sense for fair play and likable nature, Takumi Hawking has captured the hearts of the Nuclerian population. He has devoted his life to training the martial arts since he was 5 years old. In his family, it is an age-old tradition for the men to practice Kendo.

It has always been his dream to follow in the footsteps of his ancestors. Hawking is the third in his family to win the championship. During the medal ceremony Hawking thanked his family for inspiring him to work hard and not to give up during tough times.

He now first plans to finish his education while continuing to pursuing his passion for Kendo. 'This is only the beginning, I have a lot of fight left in me', he said.

It is Takumi's dream to begin his own fighting dojo with multiple different fighting styles, where he will give classes and also follow them. He would love to learn the next generation how to fight and share his love for Kendo with likeminded people. Takumi has a very promising future ahead of him, everyone looks forward to see what he will accomplish next.

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