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North Shore rules at karate nationals

Members of the Northfield-based North Shore Martial Arts Academy scored big at the USA National Karate Championships in Houston recently. Under the direction of national coach Jeff Kohn, 23 athletes competed and brought home a total of 33 medals, the best performance in the 25-year history of the dojo.

National champions included Clay Morton of Northfield for mandatory kata; Adam Brozer of Northfield for under 60 kilogram kumite; Rasko Krajisnik of Northfield for 16-year-old advanced kumite; Ashley Linker of Vernon Hills for 15-year advanced kata; Jamie Siegel of Glencoe for 15-year intermediate kumite; Emily Richmond of Wilmette for 14-year advanced kata; and Angela Rowland of Northbrook for 8-year advanced kumite.

National medalists included Rich Schwinn of Northfield (adult advanced kata and kumite), Melanie Willimann of Wilmette (17 year advanced kata and weapons), Andrew Delneky of Northfield (15 year advanced kumite), Jamie Siegel of Glencoe (15 year intermediate kata), Max Barack of Glenview (13 year advanced kumite), J.D. Rowland of Northbrook (13 year novice kata), and Elena Stratigakes of Riverwoods (12 year advanced kata).

Also Mike Barack of Glenview (11 year advanced ku-

mite), Joe Eichner of Highland Park (8 year advanced kata), Angela Rowland of Northbrook (8 year advanced kata and weapons), Jacob Barack of Glenview (8 year intermediate kumite), Harrison Siegel of Glencoe (8 year intermediate kumite and weapons) and Katy Barack of Glenview (5 year novice kata and kumite).

In the Team Weapons category (ages 9-15), Steffi Delneky of Northfield, Angela Rowland of Northbrook and Elena Stratigakes of Riverwoods combined for a second place finish.

Adam Brozer earned the Athlete of the Year award at the competition. Teammate Rasko Krajisnik qualified for the Junior World Championships set for October in Greece, while Ashley Linker and Emily Richmond both qualified for the Junior Pan American Championships in Trinidad in November.

Brozer will be one of four athletes representing the United States at the World Games in Japan Aug. 18-19. He'll be part of a 20-athlete field competing in the kumite (or sparring) division.

Brozer, an eight-time national champion, qualified for the Games when he won a silver medal in kumite at the Pan American Championships in May. He also won the gold medal in kumite at the Curacao Cup early last month.

Former Trevians set for big season at Illinois

Three former New Trier High School players — **Emily Brown** and **Kelly Walker** of Wilmette, and **Susan Hodson** of Winnetka — will return this fall to help the University of Illinois women's soccer team try to improve on last year's 14-8 overall record, the best in school history.

NOTES

Brown, a senior forward, has already recorded 46 career goals and only needs 12 more goals to tie the Big Ten Conference career record. Walker, a sophomore, and Hodson, a junior, are counted on to bolster the Illini defense.

Illinois opens its season Aug. 31 at Iowa State.

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Jake Toohey's all-star squad, which featured many of the best incoming senior baseball players from the city and a few select suburbs, pulled away from **Stefano Foggi's** exclusively suburban team at Comiskey Park Saturday.

Toohey, a pitcher who starred for Loyola last spring and pitched for the Northbrook Braves this summer, and Foggi, who has been a big contributor for the last two Evanston squads, competed at the Jack Kaiser All-Star game.

The game, which was canceled last summer due to inclement weather, returned this time around with two 21-player teams facing off in a nine inning game. Toohey's team came out on top 10-2.