

## 23rd International Tournament Yamashita Giano dell'Umbria

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The second leg of the Grand Prix, held in Umbria, on Saturday, March 14th, gave a smile to the giant of Spello: Filippo Battistoni got on the lowest step of the podium, a result which has projected him on the top of the national ranking. The bronze medal of Filippo, coached by brothers Famà, is the only that has been won by the Umbrian athletes in the male category of the 23rd International Tournament Yamashita Giano dell' Umbria, in the over 100 kg category. In this difficult and prestigious competition, there were two medalists of the Italian Championship. Battistoni passed the first round without fighting and in the second round he imposed with a spectacular technique, evaluated ippon. In the semifinals he faced the athlete Menale of Rome, vice Italian champion, in an open meeting full of surprises: the Umbrian, leading the meeting by waza-ari until 10 seconds before the end, got caught by a technique evaluated waza-ari and lost the match by a trivial passivity. A missed opportunity, but in the end part of the small final he didn't let go and, with conviction and determination, he ended the meeting with a projection of applause. Finally, after so many disappointments, a performance that highlights the physical and technical skills of an athlete constantly on the top of the national ranking. Excellent performance of Alessandro Binucci in the category 81 kg, who gained a fifth place, with four matches won and two lost: a result that does not reward, as it should, the effort and performance of the athlete, but Judo unfortunately is unpredictable and

full of surprises. In total, the team of Spello has performed well, and Luca Giulietti, Michael Balzana, Michele Damiani, Patryk Stojekki, Lenin and Jorge Mosquera showed a great growth and improvement that bode well for the future. Even the youth, stands out with the superb bronze medal of Charles Kallcishta, that in the 50 kg category Cadets, obtains an important result: red light, instead, for Gloria Giacomucci and Fabio Napolitano. Important, finally, the great performance of Massimo Mancini in the team competition held in Siena Sunday, March 15. The athlete of Spello, deployed among the ranks of the Italian national junior, put in serious difficulty the athlete of the Hungarian national, former European silver. In total, a positive weekend for the association of Spello.