

Start with the Boom

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Great start for the samurais of the brothers Giulio and Giuseppe Famà: a heavy bronze for the young Massimo Mancini (1997) at the Italian Cadets Championships held Saturday, February 9 at Ostia. A bronze that gives him the coveted black belt after just fifteen years. Before him, only Leonardo Pascucci had succeeded in this enterprise with a third place in a hard category: "We hope that it is a good sign and that Massimo can match and exceed the results obtained by Pascucci." - tells the leader Giulio Famà - "Certainly he has achieved an unexpected and striking result, given that its participation was questioned, because of a knee surgery that kept him still for more than a month. A success that he strongly desired and for which Massimo has done and is doing tremendous sacrifices every day to come to train in Spello: Massimo lives and studies in Terni, but the distance does not stop him. A strong will, only few athletes would sacrifice themselves like he does." In the competition held on Saturday afternoon (race began at 9:30 and ended at 22.15) the 90 kg athlete of the Judo Kodokan Spello won 5 matches and only lost against Pozzi, the champion of Italy. Three matches won by ippon standing, one on the ground and one by Waza-ari in the match for third place, that shows the determination and the potential of the young Mancini. A ride to the lowest step of the podium made under the eyes of his father (former athlete of national interest) visibly excited and proud of his son. Massimo exalted his teammates who supported him through to the final, which was held at about 22. "I can't believe what I did" - said the young champion of the Kodokan Spello - "I can't realize that I was able to win a medal, a medal that I dreamed for a long time after the injury but that seemed unattainable." Massimo is not new to exploits of this type: he won a bronze medal in 2011 at the

National Championships, and after he won the Trophy of Italy. He also participated with the National Team in various tournaments in Italy and abroad. Now he enjoys this well-deserved success with his parents and friends of the Kodokan Spello, after receiving the compliments of master Nicola Moraci, technical of Judo Frascati, where Massimo has trained often, and from the President of Fijlkam Umbria master Giuseppe Famà. The headlines are also deserved by Jordy Suarez, that lost with honor in the second round and Lenin Fernando Mosquera, that is still unable to give his best.