

Team INOSANTO-Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

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Patrick Becker, Paris Snyder, and Derek Herkes competed at the 2013 IBJJF American National Jiu Jitsu Tournament at California State University Dominguez Hills on Sept. 7-8, 2013. For Paris and Derek, this was their first BJJ tournament.

On Saturday, Paris competed in the blue belt / medium-heavyweight division. He started out with his signature Z half-guard game, threatening sweeps and reversals. His opponent was able to pass his guard with some strong pressure, and ultimately finished with a sneaky Brabo choke. Paris showed great heart competing in his first tournament as a new blue belt.

Next up was Pat in the black belt / light-featherweight division. In the gold medal match, Pat's opponent pulled guard and established strong grips on the collar and sleeve. From the stands, the match appeared uneventful, but down on the mat the positional strategy and subtle grip fighting was intense. Pat's opponent maintained a very difficult spider guard and foiled all passing attempts but at the same time, was unable to sweep or submit Pat. In the end, Pat's opponent won the battle on advantage points, winning the gold while Pat took home the silver.

On Sunday, Derek competed in the white belt / lightweight division. He put on a show of grit and determination as he went through his three matches with a workman-like attitude. Utilizing a powerful single-leg shot, he was able to score takedowns on every one of his opponents. He fought through a deep armbar attempt and survived a dangerous kimura along the way. Ultimately, the grueling nature of his matches took a toll. In the semi-finals match, Derek's well rested opponent won by points. Derek fought hard to bring home the bronze medal in his first tournament.

Congratulations to all the
Inosanto Academy / Jean Jacques Machado competitors!

