

Siblings get kicks from medal haul

Kick boxing twins Freya and Arran Drever have enjoyed double delight at the WAKO World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.



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The 12-year-old sibling sensations, who train at the Wolfpack Martial Arts Club, Granton, struck individual gold and silver respectively for Team GB in girls and boys categories.

Additionally the twins, who attend Broughton HS, won a team silver in the case of Freya while Arran picked up a team bronze.

Mum Hollie says: "My husband, Cameron, and I wanted the twins to do something sporty just before COVID and it turned out the Martial Arts club was virtually on our doorstep.

"They took to kickboxing straightaway but there is still an element of shock for me at the way they have progressed after only competing for a couple of years.

"There were 40 plus countries in Budapest so to perform as they did was quite an achievement."

In some ways the success was predictable as Freya had previously excelled at British and European level while Arran is said to have been inspired by his sister's exploits.

The Wolfpack club are paying tribute to both twins – and their other global representatives.

On Freya the club said: "From battling through injuries and unsure if you would even be able to compete, Freya has shown amazing resilience."

As for Arran, the club say: "To say that your improvement over the last season has been phenomenal would be putting it lightly. What confidence you have built, and it's definitely starting to show on the mats. To medal at such a high level at your first championships is fantastic. "

Next year the prodigies of coach Kevin Baldwin will be aiming to maintain success at European Championships but that doesn't come cheaply and mum Hollie reckons it has cost around £15,000

for the twins to compete so far.

Hollie is a physiotherapy assistant in the NHS while Cameron works in childcare. Sponsorship is more than welcome, she says.

Other Wolfpack members excelled in Budapest.

- Aidan Lennon proved a double world champion as well as winning an individual and team bronze.
- Ciaran Lennon brought back a silver medal.
- Eilidh Moorehead and Maisie Ross also represented the club and Team GB with distinction.