



# Snyman returning with bronze

Pretoria's Unelle Snyman won a bronze medal in the women's under-78kg category at the African Judo Championships in Tunisia.

She is of the opinion that with a little bit of luck, she could have contested for the silver or gold medal.

Snyman's second fight at the tournament was against Kaouther Ouallal from Algeria. It was a no-holds-barred encounter in which both tried to outsmart the other, but to no avail.

After the official time for the fight ran out, the scores were still level. So, it boiled down to the so-called "Golden Score", which meant an extra three minutes of fighting on the mat. Unfortunately, Snyman lost out by being penalised.

"Naturally I would have loved to win, but I gave it my all.

"On the day it was not good enough,

but I have learned a lot that will stand me in good stead in the future," said Snyman after the tournament.

"I can take a little bit of satisfaction from the fact that Ouallal went on to win the gold medal."

The Tuks judoka won her first fight against Egypt's Alaa Hamed with an ippon and also was victorious against Morocco's Fatima Chakir.

Snyman is starting to make a habit of winning medals at international tournaments. At last year's African Tournament she won a silver medal.

Snyman's judo CV is indeed impressive. As a youngster, she won gold and silver medals at the African Championships.

In 2014, she represented South Africa at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, where she just missed out winning a bronze medal.



Unelle Snyman in action on the judo mat. Photo: Reg Caldecott.

