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Zabiollah Poorshab and Gogita Arkania cheer “Germany”

Jonathan Horne

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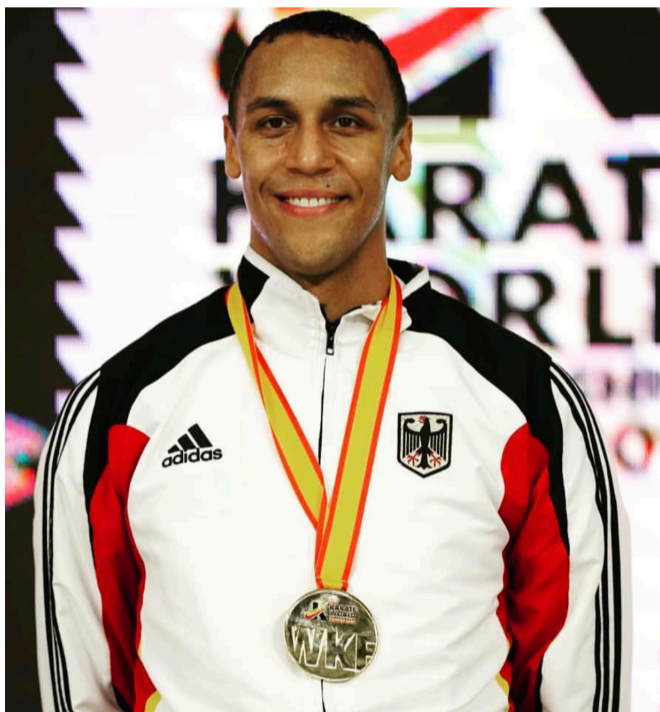


Interview
by Rossella Zoccali

Jonathan Horne will determine, with the results he will get at the next Premier League in Rabat and at the European Championships in Sweden, the final classification “Rankings” in the weight category +75 kg. valid for qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics. At the moment only Ugur Aktas (Turkey) with 10,372.5 points is definitely qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. The upheavals in this category could be manifold. The German Jonathan Horne (+84 kg) with 8,062.5 points, participating in the “Premier League” of Rabat and the Europeans of Gothenburg (Sweden) could acquire many points and overtake the Iranian Sajad Ganjzadeh (+84 kg) currently first in ranking,

with 8,617.5 points and that, unlike the German, can only participate in the “Premier League”.

The relegation of Sajad Ganjzadeh to second place in the standings would determine the qualification of his compatriot Zabiollah Poorshab (-84 kg), with 9,225 points. story condition would also exclude the Croatian Ivan Kvesic (-84 kg) with 7,087.5 points from the qualification, making the Georgian Gogita Arkania (+84 kg) take over with 7,080 points. Keep in mind that, unlike Ganjzadeh and Poorshab, Horne, Kvesic and Arkania will be able to participate in the “Premier League” of Rabat, also in the European Championships in Sweden. The Japanese Ryutaro Araga (-84 kg) with 5,490 points cannot be reached by his compatriot Hideoshi Kagawa (+84 kg) with 2,842.5



Jonathan Horne - Germany

points. The forecasts, based on technical and statistical data, would see qualified in the “Tokyo Standings” ranking, as well as the Turkish Aktas and the Japanese Araga, the German Horne, the Iranian Poorshab and the Georgian Arkania.

INTERVIEW

R: You are one of the strongest athletes in the world, currently third in the “Standings” category +75 kg. Do you think that until August 2021 something could change on the world

R: Do you think the Olympic qualification rules need to be changed?

J: Yes, I think some changes should be made. If weight classes are combined, qualifying races must also be. We also had to face many qualifying races. It was difficult to do so many races around the world. After qualifying, WKF should close qualifying 3 months before the Olympics so that athletes can relax and be prepared for the Olympics. Each race should have the same rules (such as video review).

R: Were you able to live a normal life while practicing karate at the highest levels? How do you spend your standard week?

J: Yes, it is easy for me to live a normal life because karate is an important part of my life and my family and friends support me. They are my best support.

I train by relaxing with my dog and enjoying every minute of life with the dearest loved ones.

R: What studies have you undertaken? What are your hobbies? Do you like cooking? Do you like animals?

J: I'm a karate coach. After my competitive career I want to use my degree in motor science and sports. I love to cook and I have a dog. I grew up with animals and I love them. I love going to the movies and hanging out with friends and going to the forest.

R: Do you like Italy?

J: I like Italy. It is a beautiful country and I want to visit more places.

The Editorial Staff of the column “KarateNow” thanks Jonathan Horne for his availability. Sure to meet him in Tokyo he wishes him to realize his Olympic “dream”.