

UK National Traditional Karate Championship – Blackpool 2016

☒ During this year's Championship of United Kingdom, which ended in Blackpool on Saturday, 19th March, the athletes from TKFGB won 4 medals in senior categories. That was only a confirmation of excellent karate skills the traditional karateka's presented. Exquisite performance in individual women kumite was delivered by *Kristine Rubina*, who only gave in to the later winner of the entire competition, while trying to enter the finals of the Championships in a very even fight. In contrast, fighting for the third place, *Kristina* left her opponent helpless and without a shadow of chance; she won before time, eventually scoring the bronze. In team kata competition, our team: *Kristine Rubina*, *Andrew Skarzinski* and *Tadeusz Lejman*, also won bronze medals. In the lower grades individual kata category, competitors from Boston Academy dominated the podium. *Richard Toynton* won, gaining the title of the champion of Great Britain, while *Algimantas Baltrusaitis* took the third place. It is also worth highlighting that *Rafal Labuda* showed a great style securing his presence in individual kumite quarterfinals, having won a number of fights. "We constantly implement the assumptions of our training system. We continue growing, precisely realizing our goals, and this brings resulting success. Once again, we proved to be among the leading clubs in the UK "- summed up the competition sensei *Zbigniew Godzisz*, 4rd dan, chairman of the Traditional Karate-Do Federation of Great Britain.

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