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VACAVILLE PAL MAKIMOTO JUDO CLUB HEADING TO STATE TOURNEY

On May 23-24, 2009, four members of the Vacaville Police Activities League Makimoto Judo Club will compete in the California State Judo Championships in San Diego.

About 400 competitors from all over California are expected to compete at the tournament. The format for the tournament is double elimination, meaning that if a competitor loses two matches, he or she is eliminated from the tournament. Competitors are grouped by age and weight with no consideration for rank.

The four members from Vacaville are Michael Fife, 14; Cody Costello, 13; Ronnie Wise, 12; and Hunter Costello, 9.

Michael has been with the Vacaville PAL Makimoto Judo Club for about four years and is a purple belt. He has placed in the USJF Nationals, and the Junior Olympics.

Ronnie Wise has been with the judo club for about three years and is an orange belt. He has done well in local tournaments and placed in the state championships last year.

Cody and Hunter Costello have been with the club for about a year and a half. They are both yellow belts and have done well in local tournaments. This is their first appearance at the state championships.

The Vacaville Police Activities League Judo Club is coached by Officers Gordon and Lucy Makimoto of the Vacaville Police Department. For questions about the Vacaville PAL program, please contact Officer Gordon Makimoto at 449-5200 or Amanda Slade at 449-6288.

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The Police Activities League program is one of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the nation. It builds friendships between law enforcement and children within the community. By helping our youth we help the future of our community.

The Vacaville Police Activities League is a non-profit organization. For more information on Vacaville PAL, please visit www.vacavillepal.com.

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