

Claude Ravonel - Sportsmanship recognized

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Paris, France. – Swiss Karateka Claude Ravonel won the prestigious international award given annually to the sportsman who displays the best spirit of fairplay. Ravonel shares the 1975 Fair-Play Pierre De Coubertin Award with Rumanian discus thrower Lia Manoliu.

This is the first time a karateka has been honored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Ravelon is a well known international competitor and in 1975 he won the silver medal in the European Team Karate Championships. During the 1974 Swiss Championship finals, Ravonel's opponent hit him with a poorly controlled punch to the face, but Ravonel allowed his opponent to continue even though it was suggested that he be disqualified. Still dazed, Ravonel lost the title and was hospitalized but claimed he did the right thing because he would not want to win simply because his opponent was disqualified.

Anmerkung:

Claude Ravonel errang 1975 die Bronzemedaille im Leichtgewicht an den 2. Internationalen Deutschen Meisterschaften.