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Gabriella misses out on bronze at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026

Cascade, Trinidad – August 2, 2026 – Former QPJC member Gabriella Wood fell just short of a medal at the 23rd Commonwealth Games (CG) in Glasgow, Scotland, in the Women's over 78kg category today.

Gabby lost her opening match against the eventual silver medalist, Soppi MBELLA of Cameroon. As a losing quarter-finalist, she was able to go to the repechage round where she defeated E.N. KORO of Togo. That put her in contention for a bronze medal, but she was ultimately defeated by Gnacadja AVARO of Gabon. The final results of the Women's over 78kg category are:

Sydnee ANDREWS (New Zealand) - Gold
Soppi MBELLA (Cameroon) - Silver
Karra HANNA (Bahamas) - Bronze
Gnacadja AVARO (Gabon) - Bronze
Marie-Loanne DURHONE (Mauritius) - Fifth Place
Gabriella WOOD (Trinidad & Tobago) - Fifth Place

There were nine competitors in this category.

Although disappointed, Gabby said she felt she did her best. This will encourage her to improve her game in the future, and hopefully a place on the podium next time. Her win today was TTO's first judo match win in CG history, which she intends to build on moving forward.

TTO's other entrant, Jelanie BOYCE, who is also at his second CG, lost his first and only match in the preliminary rounds of the Men's up to 73kg category on Day 2 of judo contests. Today was the third and final day of the judo competition, and the final day of the CG 2026.

We at the QPJC understand the hardships of international judo competition, and salute Gabby on her performance. We know that with her grit and determination she will continue to improve.

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