

## THE VETERANS

There was a lot to say about the new blood, but there is also plenty of praise for the veterans of this sport who still compete at the highest level (adult) even though they could easily transition to the Masters Division. The first one on the list is Paulo Miyao, the legendary guard player who struggled to amass a winning streak since his 2019 ADCC performance came back strong for the Pans, taking home gold without conceding a single point. Miyao was calm, strategic, and showed tons of flair.

Equally noteworthy was his former Miyao teammate 36YO Thiago Abud. The Murilo Santana black belt came out very strong and strategic, losing by 4 points to Josh Cisneros for a bronze medal performance. New Jersey's Michael Trasso also had a fantastic bronze medal outcome, showing his wrestling skills are still very much up to par in the middleweight division.

Last but not least, in the Veterans Outperforming Their Younger Rivals category was Eliot Kelly. Another athlete with a wrestling background who did very well at the event. A real show of character for their students.

### **Below are the final standings of the No-Gi Pan American Championships.**

#### **ADULT MALE MIDDLEWEIGHT**

- #1 [Matheus Gabriel](#)
- #2 [Hugo Marques](#)
- #3 [Michael Trasso](#)
- #3 [Joshua Bacallao](#)

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