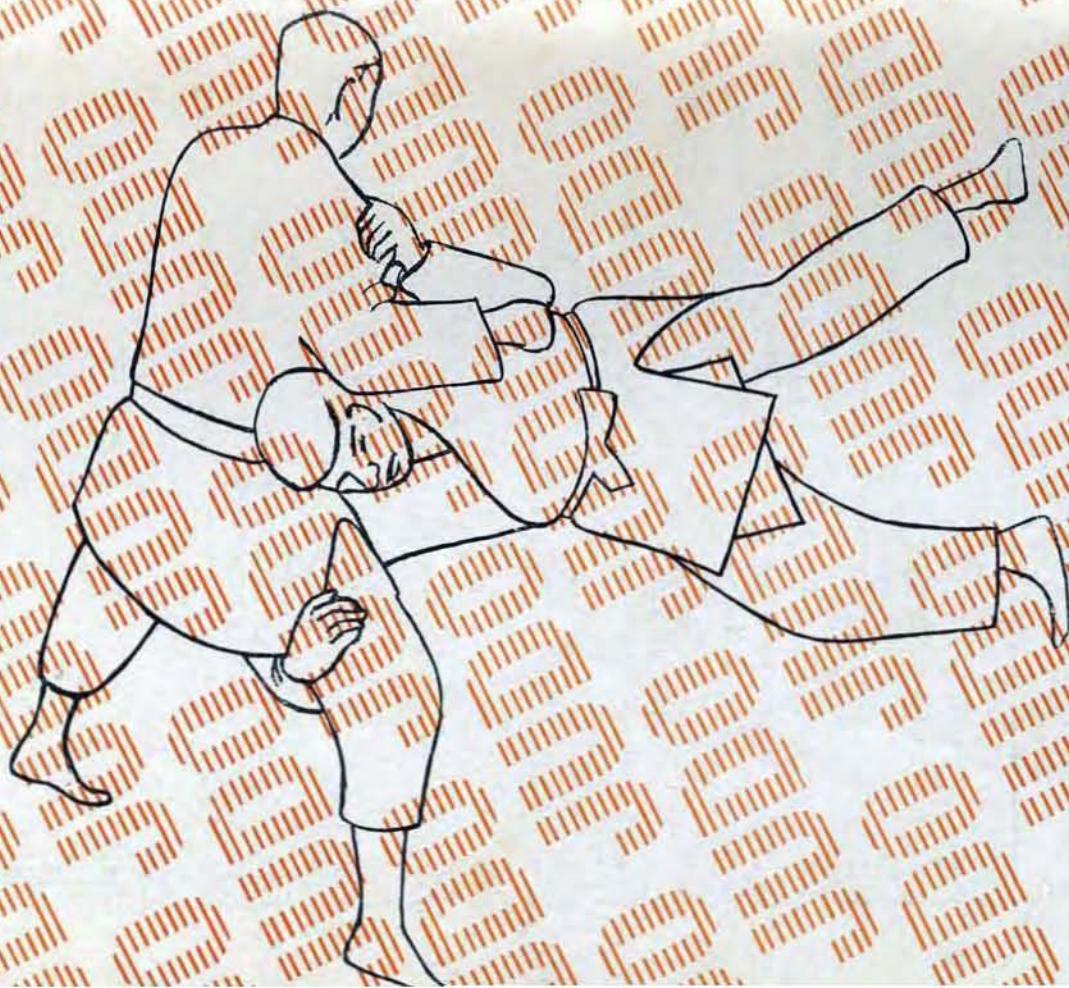


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JUNIOR JUDO

G. Gleeson (4th Dan)



Exercises which are enjoyed by all youngsters.

As in any other worthwhile profession, art, or ambition, it can be said with a fair amount of safety that the earlier the start the better chance there is for reaching a high standard of achievement. Junior Judo is the way of achieving such a standard in our sport. Judo has its own appeal and value to the under sixteen age group. There is no argument against teaching Judo to them, the only grounds for controversy being the method and approach.

Young boys always have (or at least should have) a certain amount

of "animal spirits" to work off. Schools recognise this and provide plenty of opportunity during school hours to expend this energy. Apart from this natural vitality, there is a combative spirit in boys that must be catered for. In the past this has been satisfied by boxing, but due to the recent decline of adult boxing on counts both ethical and physical, it is not looked on with such favour by the educational authorities as a subject to be taught in schools. I believe a substitute is being looked for and I think that Judo would not only serve this purpose, but would be a vast improvement upon its forerunner. Judo has all the aggressive elements desired and also necessitates a more all-round bodily development, with a higher level of muscular co-ordination. In addition to these physical advantages, Judo carries with it a high standard of ethics, and good manners are expected both during practice hours and outside them.

Children around the age of 10 can undoubtedly learn Judo quicker than their elder brothers of over 18. This is due to no esoteric affinity with the game, but to the fact that there are fewer psychological obstacles to overcome. For instance, there is very little fear of falling at this early age; the boy is virtually just out of the crawling stage and has had no time to build up complexes about rolling on the floor. One of the great problems when teaching adults Judo is that of accustoming them to fast changes of eye-level. Whilst the eye-height is kept between 5ft.-6ft. the man feels reasonably secure and strong, but sudden variations ranging from ground level to 7ft. will cause him to "disintegrate" before your eyes. He will then become so concerned about avoiding those unpleasant sensations that ideas of technique and tactics have no place in his head at all.

The other great advantage of the child is his lack of pride or "face." Again, he has not had the time to build up a large ego, and therefore is

not concerned with the "disgrace" of being thrown or losing (although about the age of 12-14 this characteristic begins to "raise its ugly head"). As he is not concerned with this "disgrace" he can get on with trying to throw his opponent, or in other words—to progress.

Here I will make a slight diversion to raise a point regarding the current controversy over the junior syllabus. I feel that many adults are projecting their own ego-sufferings (what I call colour-belt-happy minds) on to the juniors. With the boys in my own section and in two others I know of this "terrible disappointment" has lasted about 10 minutes and then they moved quickly on to the subject of how many rings they would get at the next examination. I am reminded of something said by H. G. Wells, the subject being the ill-treatment of animals. This was justified by the assertion that animals do not feel pain, to which Wells simply said, "Have you asked the animals?"

These two great obstacles: fear of falling and "disgrace" with being thrown, which take so much time and effort to overcome, at the adult stage is virtually non-existent in the under 10, and only to a small degree in the 10-16 year old age group. This makes the teaching so much easier, for now "pure" technique can be concentrated on. Of course they cannot be "crammed" with information; they cannot and should not, be regimented, rather the techniques should be absorbed (which in my opinion is the best way of learning with regards children), by seeing good examples and receiving sound instruction.

Such instructional activity, using Judo here in this wider sense, should be encouraged as much as possible these days. With the increasing menace of artificial, non-participating entertainments that exist at the moment (television, of course, being the worst enemy in the field) any kind of active participation should be encouraged at all costs. In medical circles there is a growing consternation at the increase of muscular diseases in youth. In Canada, for example, there have been statistics compiled showing formidable increases in the number of children suffering from what is being called "T.V. legs," which means lack of flexibility



General Randori by the juniors



Left : Boys practising UCHI-KOMI.



Right : Demonstration of TAI-OTOSHI.

in the lower limbs and back. In Toronto 55% of 300 children between the ages of 6 and 12 failed to pass the minimum test. Dr. MacHaffie, medical officer for Ottawa, claims that television watching is a contributory factor to the lack of physical fitness, as well as to defective eyesight. Judo, along with all other games, can serve by giving the children a healthy active interest.

Finally, there is the advantage that Judo itself gets benefits from this early start. As the numbers of juniors increase and the clubs widen their scope, so will the juniors themselves produce their own "champions". When the base is really wide then 1st Dan at 16 will become common and what is more important as far as national Judo is concerned, that in turn there will be 4th Dans at 20. This is what happens in Japan, and for Britain to really hold a strong position it must happen here too. At the present the juniors are too small, and they have not been going long enough to have had an effect on senior Judo, but if they are taught well, to aim for 4th and 5th Dan, rather than 4th or 5th Mon, we shall be able in the near future to fulfil the ambition of Mr. Leggett: To send a team to Japan with an even chance of winning!

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THE GENTLE ART OF Judo

JOHN G. BARNES

Continuation

"Randori" and "Kata" are the two forms of practising Judo. Randori means "free practice," under conditions of actual contest, using whatever techniques are allowed under the rules of Judo. Dr. Kano said of Randori:—



...The great value of Randori lies in the abundance of movements it affords for physical development. Another value is that every movement is executed with spirit, while in ordinary gymnastic exercises movements lack interest. The object of a systematic physical training is not only to develop the body but to enable a man or a woman to have a perfect control over mind and body and to make him or her ready for any emergency whether that be a pure accident or an

Kata, on the other hand, meaning "form," is a system of pre-arranged movements, each combatant knowing beforehand exactly what his opponent is going to do. These movements include hitting, cutting, kicking and thrusting, which are not incidentally included in Randori because of the possibility of injury.

There are nine forms of Kata, some of which are very spectacular. They are not usually practised by anyone below the grade of Black Belt, because they require a high degree of skill and proficiency to be demonstrated effectively.

After the long trail to obtain a Black Belt, a Judoka is instructed in forms of fatal blows, which together with strangulation can cause unconsciousness and death. This is taught only under supervision.

A person rendered unconscious or killed from any one of a number of causes can very often be brought back to life, little or none the worse for his experience, by means of the Japanese science of resuscitation (katsu). These methods of resuscitation have been effective when Western methods could not be applied, and have been used in the saving of life in cases of accident from drowning and electrocution.

Since Judo as a sport is a gentle art, and its principles do not demand the implicit use of one's own strength, but rather that of the opponent, boys and girls and men and women of all ages who are physically fit are able to take up Judo as a hobby. It is also a mental and physical training which, by co-ordinating the working of the mind and body, can improve one's outlook and way of life. Purely from a physical point of view, there is no finer exercise. In the course of study and practice, every limb and muscle is brought into play without violence and strain, promoting improvement in the circulation. This flowing of fresh blood throughout the whole body produces greater mental alertness, accompanied by an increased feeling of well-being and confidence. An outstanding example of peak fitness through regular Judo is the 72-year-old founder and father of the sport in Europe, Gunji Koizumi (7th Dan). He still teaches Judo every week and indulges in the severest types of breakfall, merely as a matter of practice, without the slightest ill-effect on his energy or stamina!

Judo growth in Europe was slow at first. It grew out of the founding of the famous Budokwai Club in London in 1918, but it was not until after World War II that the tremendous upsurge of interest and participation in Judo began.

In 1948, sixteen countries met in London to form the European Judo Union—the official international amateur body of European Judo. Later, under the chairmanship of the late Dr. Kano's son—Mr. Risei Kano—the International Judo Federation was formed, embodying the Continental Unions of the world, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Australasia, and last summer the first International Congress was called in Tokyo. The meeting was financed by the Japanese newspaper "Asahi Shimbun." As a representative of the European Judo Union Executive Committee, I was privileged

to be among the 40 representatives invited from all parts of the world. The Congress, by its ratification of new statutes, greatly strengthened the bond already linking the followers of Judo in nearly every corner of the globe. The first World Championships confirmed the Japanese as the leading exponents. Their representatives came first and second in the Open Championships, with Europe taking third and fourth place, the Japanese themselves expressing surprise at the high standard attained by European Judoka. The greatest achievement of this meeting in Tokyo was to bring a warmth of friendship and understanding between the participants of all the nations. And that it did so under the banner of a great sport, so happily free from politics, may well make it of lasting benefit.

It is in this spirit of sportsmanship that one is reminded of the high standard of ethics expected and demanded of a Judoka. Only in exceptional circumstances is he permitted to use his knowledge of Judo outside the mat. A severe view is taken over any abuse of it. No instance, however, has come to my knowledge of any Judo man taking advantage of his ability. Even in the case of a vicious attack, the experienced Judoka has sufficient control under most circumstances to regulate the severity of his counteraction.

The story is recorded of Toku, an expert Judoka who, being attacked in a cafe by a ruffian, threw him to the ground, purposely without serious injury. His assailant picked himself up and left, whereupon the cafe proprietor warned Toku that this man was a member of a gang that would probably beat him up. Sure enough, his assailant returned, followed by twelve men. Toku withdrew to the top of a narrow stairway and as they charged at him, he threw them one by one to the bottom, unfortunately killing one man. The case was heard in great detail, and finally Toku was exonerated from all blame, with a caution for using "excessive force against thirteen men."

JUDO DOWN UNDER

*The following is a report by Mr. R. J. Plaster, a Merchant
Navy man, on a recent visit he made to Australia.*

My first stop in Australia was at Sydney, where I visited the Y.M.C.A., and had several very good practices, being made extremely welcome by the members. They are fortunate in having a new Shodan migrant, a recent graduate from the Kodokan, and from what I saw of his Judo he will be a considerable asset to the club.

On leaving Sydney little did I realise what was in store for me on arrival at Melbourne. Mr. Cox (1st Dan) of the Y.M.C.A. there, invited me to practice at his club, which he runs jointly with Mr. Frank Dando (2nd Dan), whom readers will no doubt remember from D. Bowen's Japan Diary, who has recently returned from Japan.

Mr. Cox greeted me at the club, and sent a boy to show me where to change and to bring me back to the main dojo, where I was introduced to Mr. Dando, who was that evening a very busy man. Later I learned he is always like that.

There are about forty members in the club, and that evening, under Mr. Dando's supervision, I joined them for instruction. We commenced with a few dozen Chugaeri and immediately following this jumped round the dojo frog-fashion for about ten minutes, after which I felt I was due for a rest. There I made my first mistake. There is no such thing as rest while Mr. Dando is about—it is sacrilege to sit on the side and watch, and you don't get a chance to do so, no excuse is permitted. If you are there for Judo practice you are there to work, and work hard. Exercises, Uchi-komi, randori, more exercises, more Uchi-komi, etc.

I was also surprised to see three Japanese from the ship "Melbourne Maru." The bos'n of the ship was a Mr. Karimura (5th Dan) and he was accompanied by two younger men, one a 16-year-old Shodan, and the other wearing a White Belt. Mr. Karimura gave two and a half hours of instruction with the aid of Mr. Dando. He tutored everyone in the club from 5th to 1st Kyu in the arts of Katame-waza and Tachi-waza, and I was completely overwhelmed by it all.

After the instruction, Mr. Karimura organised a contest, sorting us out fairly evenly, and had his first and only rest that evening watching and umpiring with Mr. Dando. Following this four of the highest students in the Kyu grades took all the other members on, which worked out to seven or eight men apiece. It was not easy for them because the standard of Judo amongst the lower grades was high, and they were almost completely exhausted by the time they had finished. Then, while they recovered a little, the lower grades practised Uchi-komi with them.

Mr. Dando runs the club like the Kodokan, he has no time for slackers or anyone content to sit about and watch—I found that out within five minutes of entering the dojo. Mr. Karimura is a frequent visitor to the club, and loves teaching there, which was apparent to any visitor.

At 10 p.m. we had to stop because the caretaker wanted to close up. Crates of milk were brought in and each Judoka slaked his thirst with a pint of the ice-cold liquid. A quick shower and we were ready to go. I had just finished dressing when I was invited to go along and have supper with the instructors and some of the members. Mr. Karimura and his companions were the guests of honour, and we spent an enjoyable time chatting and eating in a most friendly atmosphere, until we dispersed at a fairly late hour.

I am indebted to Mr. Cox and Mr. Dando for their kindness and generosity in making me so welcome at their club, an experience which I shall never forget.

JUST ANNOUNCED that MARGOT SATHAYE has been promoted to 1ST DAN. Margot is *only* 16 years of age and is a member of the Croydon Club. She is the youngest lady black belt in the country.

AREA NEWS

NORTHERN SECTION

T. F. Pettman

The news this month is slightly more hopeful. I hope during the month to get a constitution into being, which will then be sent to the Executive Committee for their approval. Once this has been given an agenda will be drawn up and an inaugural meeting of all the clubs in the area will be called. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers and form a committee, so let's have some real support from the area.

Talking of support, I recently wrote to a secretary three times in a month asking him to fix a date for a club visit. To date I am still awaiting a reply.

My own club, the Kodokwai, **South Shields**, is always ready to welcome visitors, and I would like it known that there is a perfectly good train and bus service to and from South Shields, so any club that gets the wanderlust may work it off in giving us a visit. While we are prepared to visit other clubs as much as possible we do feel that a little interest would go a long way. The club has a flourishing Junior Section and the Ladies' Section is fortunate in having a 2nd Kyu in charge, so everyone can rest assured that whatever section they belong to they will be looked after.

Congratulations to Derek Cadwallender, Crinion J.C., **Bedlington**, Northumberland, who was married on Saturday, 8th March. Derek has done a great deal to get his club going and set on the right path and we wish him every happiness.

A new club is in process of affiliation to the B.J.A. in **North Shields**, Northumberland. This club was founded by Don Gowland (2nd Kyu) of the Kodokwai, and we welcome them to the fold. I understand that they will come to the Kodokwai for Dan grade instruction, so Don should be proud of his club in a year or two.

Harry Marr (1st Dan) is visiting West Hartlepool J.C. during March to officiate at a grading, so we hope to see some new grades when we visit them. **West Hartlepool Club**, started by a small group of enthusiasts, is now quite a flourishing concern and we look to them for support during the formation of our new area.

If any club has news which they would like included in the area report, will they please send it to me at the Kodokwai, Back Hartington Terrace, Westoe, South Shields, arriving no later than 7th of the month.

NORTHERN IRELAND SECTION

Mrs. L. Murray

I was greatly interested in Reg Stanton's comments on the Tora Scotia course, held in November. Two of the lads from the **Belfast Judo Club**, Gerry Nevin (1st Dan) and Bill Parker (1st Kyu) decided to go across and try their luck. We eagerly awaited their return.

On Monday back they came looking fit, their faces wreathed in smiles, enough to convince me one of them had been successful. "How did you get on?" I asked. "Wonderful," was the reply, "we got hammered, of

course, but the Judo was great." They then proceeded to give us a very amusing account of the terrific time they had, and if their opinion is anything to go by the Sassenachs had better look to their laurels!

Three years ago my husband and I spent a holiday in **Bournemouth**. We, naturally, looked in on the local Judo club, and were greatly impressed by a Blue Belt by the name Jim Loney. On looking through February's "Judo," I noticed the Southern Representative of the Provincials team was one J. Loney (1st Dan). Could this be one and the same person? I would be very interested to know as we have often wondered what became of Jim.

Our Area are holding a three-day course this Easter, and we hope to have Doug Young as the instructor. If recent gradings are anything to go by, there should be plenty of applicants for this course. Everyone is looking forward to meeting Mr. Young. We in Ireland are, unfortunately, too far away to see any of the higher grades in action at the big shows. This means that visits from Dan grades are eagerly awaited. Gerry Nevin, however, hopes to see plenty of action at the 1958 Tournament, as he has entered for the elimination contests for the British team. Good luck, Gerry.

Two new clubs are now going strong. One in **Lisburn**, Judoka in charge being Arnold Mateer (3rd Kyu). Already they have twenty members, and have gained quite a few belts from their first grading.

The other is in Queen's University, **Belfast**. Wilson Murray (1st Kyu) and Gerry Nevin have been instructing there, and have been instrumental in the formation of this club. So far they have not entered for any gradings, but hope to do so this month.

The number of clubs in **Ulster** is now nine—three years ago there were only two.

MIDLAND SECTION

E. Price

There has been a lot of discussion recently, both at Area and at National level, about the possibility of supplying a list of Clubs. One difficulty is the fact that secretaries and dojo addresses change so frequently that a printed list would be out of date by the time it came back from the printers, but we in the Midlands have decided to do something about it in our own Area.

Each member of the Area Committee has been allotted a number of Clubs. For example, I have been given the following Clubs to deal with:—

The Birmingham Koizumikwai; Donnington Judo Club; Rover Judo Club; Morris Judo Club.

The Birmingham Koizumikwai is easy enough, because it is my own Club. With regard to the other three, my first job is to contact the Secretaries and obtain up-to-date information about their dojo addresses, practice times, facilities, standard of instruction, etc. I shall then send a copy of all this information to each member of the Area Committee. At the same time, all the other members of the Area Committee will be sending me—and one another—similar information about their own small group of Clubs. In a few weeks time every member of the Area Committee will have a complete and up-to-date list of Midland Clubs.

If there are any changes in practice times in any of "my" Clubs, I hope the Secretary will inform me immediately so that I can pass on the information to all the other Committee members. In this way, given 100% co-operation by all Club Secretaries, each member's list will be kept constantly

up to date, and any judoka will be able to get information about any Club in the Area from any member of the Area Committee.

Of course, it will take a few weeks before this scheme is fully operative. My only reason for announcing it now, before it is ready, is the hope that Club Secretaries will read these notes and will realise the importance of replying promptly when they receive a letter from a member of the Area Committee. The idea was originated by our Chairman, Ken Knott. I think everyone will agree that Ken deserves full marks for such a bright idea, but it cannot possibly work without the co-operation of Club Secretaries. Given that co-operation the spreading of information about Clubs should help to draw Clubs together, which is all to the good.

In future issues I shall probably give details of which Clubs have been allotted to each Committee member, but for the moment I must get on to other matters.

I cannot yet give full details of the Courses at which I hinted last month as they have not yet been fully arranged. The Courses under consideration include: (1) a Course for Blue, Brown, and Black Belts, with a Japan-trained instructor, to include some study of Katas; (2) a Course for the lower Kyu grades, instructed by some of our local 1st Dans; (3) a Course for ladies.

When the last one was first mentioned at a Committee meeting there was no shortage of volunteers to act as instructor. However, it was felt that, in some cases, "act" would be the operative word, so I should like to assure all Midland lady Judoka that our intentions are honourable, and that we intend to get the best instruction for you that we possibly can. We do realise that you ladies pay the same registration fees as the men and that very little has been done for you in the past. Now a request for a ladies' course has come from a lady member of **Birmingham** University Judo Club, and we intend to do something about it.

Full details of all these courses will be circulated to Clubs as soon as possible.

By the time you read these words we shall be very close to April 12th, the date of the Midland Championships at the Wulfrun Hall, **Wolverhampton**. There are five trophies to be fought for, the most coveted one being the Team Championship. The teams consist of 3 judoka of any grade, and any Club may enter one or two teams. The other four are all individual events and consist of (1) Open Championship, i.e., open to judoka of any grade; (2) 1st and 2nd Kyu Championship; (3) 3rd Kyu and below; (4) Junior Championship, which is open to boys who are below the age of 16, whether they hold Senior grades or Mon grades.

Here is an analysis of the entries that have been received:—

Event	Entries	1st Dan	1st Kyu	2nd Kyu	3rd Kyu	4th Kyu	5th Kyu	6th Kyu	Un-graded	2nd Mon
OPEN	27	5	10	4	2	2	4	—	—	—
1ST & 2ND KYU	31	—	15	16	—	—	—	—	—	—
3RD KYU & BELOW	46	—	—	—	17	10	12	3	4	—
JUNIOR	12	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	6	3
TEAMS	21	4	21	17	15	7	10	2	—	—

I should like to wish the best of luck to the four ungraded men who have entered for the 3rd Kyu event, also to the four 5th Kyus who have entered for the Open Championship. I hope they know what they are doing.

It may add to the interest of the occasion if we glance back to last year's results.

In 1957 the final of the Team Championship was fought out between the two teams from the B.A.I. Judo Club. This was a remarkable achievement, and there is little doubt that the B.A.I. would like to repeat it in 1958. There is equally little doubt that there are several Clubs who are anxious to dethrone the B.A.I.

Last year very few Clubs entered more than one team. This year no less than eight Clubs have entered two teams each. The B.A.I.'s old rivals, Dudley Judo Club, are included in this number, but this year's unknown quantity is Northampton Judo Club.

Northampton is on the fringe of the Midland Area and is probably within easier reach of London than of Birmingham. I understand that there is a very strong Judo Club there, but it has never yet taken part in any Midland event, so we have no means of knowing just how strong.

So I wish a hearty welcome to Northampton Judo Club. We all look forward to seeing their two teams on the mat, and we hope that this will prove to be only the first of many occasions when we shall have the pleasure of seeing them participating in Area events.

Last year the Open Championship and the 1st and 2nd Kyu Championship were both won by Harry Hobbs, of Dudley Judo Club, who was then 1st Kyu. Since then he has added the Metropolitan Shield for 1957 and a 1st Dan to his list of successes, as well as playing a great part in helping the Area team to reach the final of the Inter-Area tournament at **Brighton**. Now that he is a 1st Dan the only individual event he can enter is the Open. He has entered; will he win it again?

We shall know the answer on April 12th. There are four other 1st Dans to challenge him, and all we can say for certain is that there will be some exciting contests.

Best of luck, Harry! You put up a grand show last year; the opposition is stronger this year but, win or lose, we know you will make them fight, and we shall always remember the trophies you have helped to bring into the Area during 1957.

The winner of last year's 3rd Kyu event, J. Martin, of Derby Judo Club, has not entered for anything this year, so that leaves us only the Junior event to consider.

Most people seem to take very little interest in this event, but these lads are the Black Belts of the future and deserve every encouragement. Your columnist is specially interested in the Juniors. Of the 12 lads who have entered, no less than eight are from my own Club and have been taught and trained entirely by me. Some people are referring to the **Birmingham** Koizumikwai as "Little Croydon," as we seem to be the only Club in the Midlands with a large and flourishing Junior section.

One of our entrants is last year's winner, Ron Hanson, making his last appearance as a Junior, as he will be over age by next year. He holds a Senior 4th Kyu grade, though he is only 15 years old, and is a match for any adult 4th Kyu. In our own Club we cannot imagine him failing to

repeat his success of last year, though there is another 4th Kyu to challenge him. If he manages to keep in regular practice over the next 12 months he should be making his mark in the Senior events in 1959.

Most of the other seven entrants from the Birmingham Koizumikwai are too small to have much hope of winning, but watch them closely for they will treat you to a display of tenacity and fighting spirit which will be difficult to surpass. They will not win, but they will be very gallant losers!

Finally, if you enjoy the show, as I feel sure you will, what about going up to Stan Turbin afterwards and saying: "Congratulations, Stan! Thanks very much for such a wonderful evening." For Stan has given so freely and generously of his time and energy during the last two or three months to arrange these Championships for us. Tom Davies made such a splendid job of organising the event in 1956 and 1957; now Stan Turbin has proved a worthy successor to Tom. No praise could be higher than that.

WESTERN SECTION

Peter J. Murphy

I would like to draw the attention of W.J.A. clubs to the possible introduction of local news in this report. It is becoming increasingly difficult to provide suitable material, and any news items, photographs, or funny stories would be most welcome. This is a useful medium for publicising your club's activities, and it is up to every Judoka to contribute. I have mentioned this before, but with a lamentable lack of success.

Our first gradings for 1958 took place the other week at Bristol, Gloucester, Taunton and Plymouth. Approximately 230 Judoka participated throughout the West. Pete Kellaway (1st Dan) supervised the grading at Taunton and Plymouth, Gerry Hicks (1st Dan), Bristol, and Ivor Thomas (1st Dan), Gloucester. This is, as you will agree, a most welcome innovation, instead of Mohammed going to the mountain, vice versa will be the case. The proof of the success of this venture is indicated by the number of Judoka taking part.

Judo again will be a prominent feature of Exeter's Festival of Sport, and arrangements are well in hand for a show at the Civic Hall, Exeter, on April 12th. Team contests have been organised between Henleys-Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Torquay-Apollo, and Exeter. Den Bloss (4th Dan) and Don Burr (2nd Dan) will be in attendance to demonstrate their undoubted superiority.

Also in Exeter that weekend, April 12/13th, Messrs. Bloss and Burr are taking an Instruction-only Course for Blues, Browns and Blacks, at the Exeter Judokwai's Dojo.

On Sunday, March 9th, Bristol University brought a team of six to St. Luke's College, Exeter, to participate in a friendly match. Exeter Judokwai were invited at short notice to provide the third leg of a three-legged contest, and incidentally won the race by a short head. Many thanks to the St. Luke's College authority for their splendid hospitality.

Memo to Reg Stanton: "Sincerely trust that Edinburgh has been relieved, and that your back copies of Judo have now arrived."



SCOTTISH SECTION

R. E. Stanton

Tam McDermott (3rd Dan) left Gateshead recently to pay a visit to his former club, the Koizumikwai in Glasgow. He was taking a week's course in Judo in his home town and thoroughly enjoying himself.

With no fewer than 37 lads on the course it proved most successful indeed, and Johnny Fraser, Walter Caddow, Tam Murdoch and Peter Reid, the secretary, were there to back him up.

Finalised in a grading, this course saw two Koizumikwai members recommended for promotion to 1st Kyu.

Tam announced that shortly he is going to London for a couple of months or so in order to get into a high standard of technical efficiency once more. He will not necessarily stick to one club, but will move around a bit. He intimates also that he intends to study with Dennis Bloss (4th Dan), who recently has returned from Japan. In particular he wishes to brush up the Gokyo. In all probability he will be found on occasions at Percy Sekine's club at Latymer Court. Following this spell in London he will return to settle in Glasgow to take up the cudgels for his own club once again.

Now the West as well as the East of Scotland will have a 3rd Dan to look after their technical interests. It should be appreciated that this information has been received with great acclaim at the Koizumikwai and clubs in the West of Scotland.

Tam McDermott is the senior 3rd Dan in Scotland and it is thought in some quarters that he might now be invited by the Technical Board to become a member. Apart from the authority it carries and recognition of years of the enthusiastic and conscientious study of Judo, it would be of great assistance to Scotland. In all events it would save the expenses of having to send for a second man to examine at 1st Dan examinations.

The youth organisation run by the headmaster of Bryan School, Mayfield by Dalkeith is now to have Judo on its curriculum along with the usual indoor sports and pastimes.

The headmaster has already interviewed Robert Purves (1st Dan) of the Yoshin Judokwai, Gorebridge, and a display was held at the school.

Now every Tuesday Robert Purves will be teaching there using the display mat this club keeps for such occasions.

Enrolled for their Beginners' Course, the Yoshin Judokwai had the astonishing figures of 37 seniors, 57 juniors and 12 ladies, making a total of 106 in all. The seniors are recruited mainly from mine-workers from the surrounding district.

Their mat, until recently constructed of ordinary mattresses, has now been replaced with one of a sawdust foundation, measuring 27 feet square.

Gorebridge, a small place in itself, recruits its members from the outlying small towns and villages further to the south. The Purves brothers, two 1st Dans and 1st Kyu amongst them, teach Judo as it was intended to be taught. Discipline and decorum is an accepted thing and the Judo practised among the finest in the country. A visit to this club is certainly time profitably spent.

There is a future for the Yoshin Judokwai in the annals of Scottish Judo, and of whom we shall be hearing greater things.

"Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here"—Hardly the correct words to start this month's article you might say, but those were the words I found written in large letters on the door of the **Newport Judo Club Dojo** when I visited there recently with a party from the **Bonymaen** and **Port Talbot Judo Clubs**, but what a welcome we received.

After having read the above advance warning, I entered the Dojo to find that I was confronted with three 1st Dans and four 1st Kyus, in addition to Judoka wearing blue and green belts. Terry Edmunds (1st Dan), British Police Champion, of Newport Club; George Craggs (1st Dan) of **Abercarn**; Russ Lewis (1st Dan), **Bonymaen**, **Swansea**, were the people concerned.

The Newport Club Secretary, Don Tomlin (1st Kyu) and likeable Ken Tufts (1st Kyu), a first-class Judoka who has a wit to match his skill, formed the reception committee with our friend Len Dyer, the congenial host.

After some good practice and instruction we were entertained to a lavish repast at the expense of the Newport Club, and we left at 10 p.m. to tackle the sixty-mile journey back home refreshed and talking about the wonderful evening we had had.

This club was formed about five years ago and now boasts at least forty members. The Dojo is housed in a pigeon loft at the rear of a licensed public house.

The Area General Meeting was held at **Cardiff** on February 24th, and proposals were made for an Annual Dinner, organised trip for the area, and the Area Show. More details will be circulated as soon as we have gone into the pros and cons. A successful meeting, with about forty member clubs being represented and only one or two absentees.

A collective grading will have taken place by the time this is in print, and I hope to include a report on same for next month's issue. This is the first of four to be organised by the area this year.

Alan Petherbridge (2nd Dan) informs me that Geoff Gleeson will be in charge of a course he has arranged to take place at the Samurai Dojo, **Swansea**, on July 14th, 1958. This course will last a week, and will cost five guineas. Accommodation can be arranged if required, and all who wish to take advantage of this opportunity of spending a week under the careful eyes of the National Coach, and the Welsh National Coach, should communicate with Alan Petherbridge at 97 Mayals Avenue, Mayals, **Swansea**, or with me, stating if accommodation will be required. Please book up as soon as possible as last minute requests might have to be turned down if the number is in excess of that set by the coaches.



Founder Members of Newport Judo Club

The **Bonymaen** (**Swansea**) and **Port Talbot Judo Clubs** are to stage their first annual joint show on April 2nd, 1958, at the New Hall, Talbot Square, **Aberavon**, at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that amongst the guests will be G.K. and several local civic and business dignitaries, in addition to Alan Petherbridge and Russ Lewis.

I wish to draw the attention of all Welsh clubs to the fact that, according to information received from the B.J.A., only four clubs have so far paid up their fees for this year. Please do try to remember that they cannot run at a loss, and your co-operation in this matter is urgently requested. If you cannot meet these demands please do get in touch with me straight away and I might be able to help you in some way or another. This also applies to area fees. Don't just ignore them—if you can't meet them let me know of your financial plight, and we can get together on ways and means of helping you.

Talking of ways of improving one's financial position, I have just received a book of raffle tickets, run on the correct legal procedure under the Small Lotteries Act, 1956. The tickets run into four figures and the local licensed victuallers have donated seventeen prizes. Surely this must raise substantial funds for the **Portlucaw Judo Club**. Congratulations and best wishes for the success of the raffle to Club Secretary Hugh Hughes.

On March 1st I accompanied a party to the Mountain Ash Judo Club on a social visit. We were entertained by the club to some first-class practice in a very homely Dojo, coal fire included, and as in Newport, at the rear of a licensed public house. After practice, and a drink provided by our hosts, we were taken to a nearby restaurant, where in a room apart from the main cafe, a substantial meal had been provided for us by the club.

On behalf of all visitors to both clubs, I would like to express our appreciation both for the hospitality and the Judo. We will be reciprocating the gesture in the near future.

What about other clubs getting together on these lines? Surely this would add extra pleasure to our Judo, and we will get to know each other better, and at little cost, if all members dip into their pockets occasionally. We would then have a change from our usual faces, dojo, and hours, and a pleasurable evening either visiting or entertaining another club. I would ask each secretary, or a group of any club, to get together and drop a line to a neighbouring secretary, giving him warning of your intentions, and at the same time offering open dates for a return visit. I am sure it would work.

Welcome to the following new clubs, old-established with the B.J.A., but new to the area: Usk Borstal Officers Club; Cardiff Training College; Semtex Judokwai; and Kawishi Judokan, Newport. We look forward to your active support in the coming year, and hope that you too will provide us with some Judoka for area representation in the near future.

Congratulations to Alan Petherbridge on his club's recent I.T.V. display. It was enjoyed by thousands of viewers, and has swollen our membership by at least a dozen in the two weeks following the show. Port Talbot Judo Club have benefitted by this, and I am sure that Judo everywhere will have done so because of the stimulated interest.

A young Judoka I must mention in these columns is Alec Stewart (3rd Kyu) of the Port Talbot Judo Club, both for his zest and other qualities. Alec is just twenty years of age, a rigger employed at the big Steel Company of Wales, **Port Talbot**. He is affectionately becoming known throughout Wales as the "Strangler," that being his quickest way of disposing of unsuspecting Judoka.

My reason for mentioning him is because of the seriousness with which he takes his Judo. Apart from spending his fortnight's holiday each year at Bisham Abbey, or another popular course, Alec visits a different club almost every evening. A glance at his book for last week shows such clubs as Samurai, his own club twice, Bonymaen, Newport, Mountain Ash, and Steel Company of Wales. Alec loves the sport and all who are connected with it, and I offer him best wishes for his continued success.

On Sunday, March 9th, the eliminations for the Welsh team, who are to compete in the show staged in aid of the Empire Games on March 31st, took place at Messrs. Guest Keen Sports Club, **Cardiff**, through the kindness of the Sekurykwai Club, **Cardiff**, the Judokwai being flooded out at the last moment.

We were disappointed with the response to the notice of the eliminations. Only six participating members took up the challenge, Alan Petherbridge (2nd Dan), Russ Lewis (1st Dan), George Craggs (1st Dan), Leonard Jones (1st Kyu), John Trick (1st Kyu), and Terry Bowen (2nd Kyu).

I would like to mention that apart from George Craggs (Abercarn) and Terry Bowen (Llanelly) the other four came from Swansea. Not one of the 1st Kyus from Newport, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Bridgend or Mountain Ash took part, besides other clubs in the vicinity who have 1st Kyus in their club. Considering the Swansea men travelled sixty miles to take part in the eliminations, I do think that near-by clubs might have supported this venture.

Terry Edmunds (1st Dan) arrived from Newport, but to our disappointment, Terry was suffering from an injury to his hands, which was too serious to risk further trouble. We all wish Terry a speedy recovery, and better luck next time.

Special mention must be made of Terry Bowen (2nd Kyu). This young Judoka, who has only been doing Judo for about nine months, travelled all the way from **Llanelly** to see the eliminations, bringing his Judogi in the hope of some practice. It had been originally planned that the eliminations would be restricted to 1st Dans and 1st Kyus, but Terry very kindly entered to make up an even number.

He had travelled eighty miles to see the eliminations, and went on to put up a really first-class show against a 2nd Dan, two 1st Dans and two 1st Kyus, being beaten by them all in turn, but by no means disgraced, and what experience for him. Alan Petherbridge very kindly went out of his way to make special mention of this to all present; such enthusiasm must be encouraged.

One correction to last month's news. I have been reminded on a visit to Alan Petherbridge's club, the Samurai Club, Swansea, that this is indeed, numerically the biggest club in Wales, 243 members being entered on the books. Last month I inadvertently stated Bonymaen was the biggest. My sincere apologies to both clubs concerned.

I was very pleased to see that well known and liked 1st Kyu, Len Jones, back in harness at the Samurai Club the other evening. He is deputy chief instructor to Alan Petherbridge, and he most certainly put a class of about thirty beginners through their paces that evening. Len is quickly finding that old form he used to have, and imparting it to his pupils.

FIRST STEPS IN JUDO

T. P. Leggett (6th Dan)

(Photographs by kind permission of Hammond)

One way to score a point is to press the sharp bones just above the wrist joint into the side of the opponent's neck. After a steady pressure of a few seconds he has to surrender by tapping the mats. Failure to surrender would mean loss of consciousness, but the Judo rule is to concede the point and then rise without pain or ill-effect to continue the practice.

X, the expert who is teaching you, says there are many ways of securing a neck-lock (or Shime-waza as it is called in Japanese), but recommends practising two basic attacks before trying complicated variations.

The lock cannot be secured unless the other man is substantially controlled. X kneels at your right side. His left hand holds the back of your collar in the middle, thumb inside. This stops you turning to the right. His right knee presses close into your right hip, keeping your legs out. Now X slides his right hand, fingers out and palm up, down the centre line of your chest towards the neck. X makes a great point of keeping this hand exactly in the middle (Fig. 1). In actual practice X would have his chest against yours to prevent your arms from coming in; he would leave only enough space for his own hand to come up. In the picture X is keeping away to show the hand action, which normally could not be seen.

The first attack: X slips the fingers of his right hand down the left side of your neck and grasps the collar just beside his other hand. He points out that whereas his *left* hand has the thumb inside the collar, his *right* hand has the fingers in (Fig. 2). Having secured the hold, X pulls you sharply so that you roll towards him on to your right side (Fig. 3).



This means that he has rolled your neck on to his left wrist; now he pulls up with the left hand and presses down with his right, driving the sharp edges of the wrists into the sides of your neck so that you have to tap. X emphasizes that the final rolling action is important; without it he would have little power.

The second attack: Now X shows you an alternative attack. Beginning in the same position (Fig. 4), this time X slides his right hand down the right side of your neck, again holding the collar with the fingers inside (Fig. 5: you can just see X's right thumb beside his left fist in the picture). The hands must be side by side; in Fig. 6 X sits you up to show how the hands grip. From the position in Fig. 5, X suddenly jerks your head up, and using the space slips his left arm over your head, but



keeping his grip on the collar (Fig. 7). He has to make his left wrist very soft and flexible to execute this movement. X now has your neck scissored between his wrists just as in the first attack, but this time his left wrist is the upper one (Fig. 8). X rolls you to him in the same manner and applies the lock by pulling up with his right hand and pressing down with the left (Fig. 9).

After a dozen attempts you get a little facility in these locks, and X tells you to alternate them. "If a man defends against one, he generally lays himself open to the other," he explains. This seems to be all he has to tell you for the moment, and you can ask the question that has been nagging at the back of your brain from the beginning: "Why is it so important to have the right hand in the exact centre in the starting position?" "Only you would ask that question," says X heavily. "So that he doesn't know which one you are going to try, of course."

AMERICAN NEWS

Recently arrived from the Kodokan to assume the post of Chief Instructor at the Obukan Judo Dojo, Portland, Oregon, is Mr. Tsuyoshi Miyazaki, Godan. Mr. Miyazaki is a graduate of Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. While he attended the aforementioned institution, Mr. Miyazaki was captain of the Judo team and very active in the All Japan University Judo Association. He brings a wealth of knowledge to a fine establishment, the Obukan Dojo.

Results of Portland Invitational Judo Tournament, Portland, Oregon, December 8th, 1957, were:—

Senior Team Competition (5 members)

Vancouver, B.C., Kent-Meridan Senior High School.

Black Belt Team (5 members)

Seattle Dojo, Vancouver, B.C.

Black Belt Individual

Charles Mack, Vancouver, B.C.; Hideo Kato, Seattle Dojo; Jim Mizuta, Oregon-Idaho Judo Club.

Results of Vancouver, B.C., Invitational Judo Tournament, Saturday, January 18th, 1958, Georgian Auditorium.

Black Belt Individual

Kato, Seattle; Mack, Vancouver; Matt, Vancouver.

Black Belt Team

Seattle, Vancouver.

Participating Clubs

Ore-Idaho, Gresham, Portland, Kent-Meridan, Seattle, Vernon, Ashcroft, Victoria, Staveston, Vancouver.

Charles Mack, well-known 3rd Dan, former member of the Budokwai, who has been staying in Canada, is expected in Japan shortly, where he will join the rest of the "exiles" at the Kodokan.

Whispers in the Wind

Quite a galaxy of Judo stars television is collecting these days. We already know of Gunji Koizumi, Trevor Leggett, Geoff. Gleeson, Chas. Palmer and John Barnes, but now the ladies have started. Gret Stott, of the Penge and Anerley Club, recently had a rough and tumble with Hughie Green, and then followed it up by appearing in "What's My Line." There is certainly no doubt of Judo popularity on TV, and I hear it mentioned time and time again on my travels.

In a recent issue of "Health and Strength" I was somewhat surprised to note that the A.J.A. appear to blatantly imitate in substance the grading syllabus of the B.J.A. This—coupled with the Kyu and Dan notation they have already "borrowed"—is rather amusing coming, as it does, from a body who do not agree with or support the B.J.A.

A Grand Old Man of Judo was honoured a few weeks ago when the Cambridge University Judo Club held a memorial match, at the Perse School, in affectionate memory of J. J. KNONSHEIL—the man who taught Judo in Cambridge for thirty years. Mr. Knonsheil died in November last, after a long illness.

He was not able to practice for some time, of course, but those who remember him could not fail to be struck by the grace and ease of movement with which he moved his weight and the gentle way in which he achieved his results exactly according to the Judo doctrine.

His record was most impressive; and it is said that in 1912, before the Tsar of Russia, he defeated twenty wrestlers in twenty-five minutes. In Germany he was supposed to have defeated forty-seven. His life, before joining Cambridge is somewhat legendary. He was an agent to the French Field Security Police during and after the first World War. He lived behind German lines and was captured, but made a miraculous escape on the eve of his execution.

These exploits gave him a character and breadth of vision which will not be forgotten. He was a friendly and extremely likeable man and not afraid to speak his mind and act in accordance with his own opinions.

I ran into G.K. the other day, and was delighted to see how well he looked after his all-to-short stay in the South of France. To me he seemed to radiate his personality even on television when he was a contestant in the "Truth Game." I was not fooled!

Veritas

Professor Chikashi Nakanishi (4th Dan)

Warwick Stepto (3rd Dan)

MANY Judoka all over the country will still remember Professor Nakanishi, who visited England from March, 1954, to September, 1956. His object was to study at London University, but he found time to practise regularly at the Budokwai and to make nearly 200 visits to other clubs. I have no doubt some of you who have thought about him from time to time would be interested in a glimpse of his life in Japan.

He was born in Fukuoka, Kyushu, the southernmost island of Japan, in 1927. At 15 he became a cadet at the famous Etajima Naval Academy. Three years later, a naval officer and trained fighter pilot at only 18, he was informed that he was now to be a "kami-kaze" or suicide pilot; fortunately the war came to an abrupt halt. His interest in shipping firmly established, and wishing to continue his studies in this field, he like many of his navy colleagues entered college, and gained his Bachelor of Commerce and later his Master of Commerce Degree, specialising in marine transportation. Later he gained his London University Diploma of Master of Commerce, quite a feat in view of the language difficulty.

At present in Tokyo, he is a lecturer at Waseda University. Waseda is a private university with about 20,000 students and ranks among the top four both in academic and sporting achievements. Twice a week he lectures in his subject—Marine Law and Transportation; a lot of time is spent in preparation as much of the research is done in English text books. The rest of his time is spent in his research rooms translating; he has two books on commercial shipping ready for publication early this year. Sometimes he studies at home, and those who remember his capacity for hard work will not be surprised to hear that he starts at 8 a.m. or before, frequently continuing through until 2 a.m. the next morning. Due to his unique qualifications in his subject, it is generally accepted that he will become a senior lecturer at Waseda in two years time, at the exceptionally young age of 33.



C. Nakanishi demonstrating Ko-Uchi-Gake

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- Name :* JOHN EDWARD BRIAN NEWMAN.
- Born :* 1935.
- Occupation :* Sales Representative.
- Age when started Judo :* 17; at the Central Y.M.C.A., London.
Judo career interrupted by two years
National Service in Royal Marines, 1954/
1956.
1st Dan, September, 1956. 2nd Dan, Dec-
ember, 1957.
Member of the Budokwai team at the Inter-
national Judo Festival, April, 1957.
Member of the London team which won the
Area Championships, September, 1957.
Member of the British team which won the
European Team Championship, Novem-
ber, 1957.
Individual 1st Dan Champion of Europe.
- Hobbies :* Music, Philosophy.

Meanwhile it is not all work and no play; he can usually fit in three Judo practices a week. These of course he takes at Waseda dojo, quite close to his research rooms. Occasionally a visit to the Kodokan is arranged. Waseda was in the finals of the Universities championships two years ago, but now it ranks only about fifth in Tokyo; still by European standards it would be considered a very strong club indeed. Every afternoon the 200-mat dojo is filled with very tough young 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dans who train under the famous Mr. Tomiki (7th Dan Judo, 8th Dan Aikido) and Mr. Osawa (6th Dan), who though one of the topmost contest men in Japan weighs only 150 pounds. Mr. Nakanishi is made very welcome by these young students, all under 23 years old, and ever eager to try their skill at toppling a good heavy senior 4th Dan.



A picture of the family: father, mother, and son Hideo—in the black clothes on the left—and a friend of Hideo's.

Mr. Nakanishi's Tokyo home is a 20-minute subway ride from the city centre. He has a large Japanese-style house which used to belong to a general in the war years. As in every large city, Tokyo has a housing shortage and this house is shared with a widow—an excellent player of the samisen—and two students. In this city where land is so expensive, he is lucky enough to have a garden both at the front and back of the house, the whole surrounded by a brick wall which gives it that air of privacy so difficult to obtain in Tokyo, which now boasts the highest population in the world.

Mrs. Nakanishi is a charming lady who always dresses in the traditional kimono; there is a pretty daughter, aged five, called Chikako, and a

mischievous son of three named Hidéo. The children are already familiar with Western style wood and etiquette, which will stand them in good stead when plans materialise to enable them to visit England.

Although Judo is no longer compulsory in schools, I expect when Hidéo is 12 years old he will be encouraged to begin to practise. At the end of this year the Nakanishi family will move into a new building containing shops, offices and living accommodation, and they will have an attractive Western-style apartment on the 8th floor. The boy, Hidéo, was born soon after Mr. Nakanishi had left for England, and as a pleasant reminder of the European trip the name Hidéo was chosen; it is a normal man's name, but has also a special meaning, because "Hidé" means "England," and "O" can mean "Europe."

When Mr. Nakanishi wishes to relax from his study and Judo, he might go to one of the entertainment centres for some traditional Japanese food and wine, or take his wife to one of the parks or to a cinema, where one is always sure of finding an exciting film about the old-time "samurai." Occasionally, too, the family goes on a day trip to some place famous for temples and beautiful scenery.

About twice a year he visits his parents in Kyushu, roughly 22 hours by train. His family's business interests are in domestic shipping and coal mining, and the family has trading companies dealing in coal, iron and cement, with branches in the principal cities throughout Japan. His father has now retired and as is customary the eldest son is in charge of the businesses. While Professor Nakanishi is first and foremost a scholar, his knowledge of transportation is of great use in the family business. His father, now approaching 70, was forty years ago a 2nd Dan at Judo, which was then accounted a fairly high rank. His eldest brother was also a 4th Dan when a student, and weighed about 280 lbs. One day he concluded that he did not have the technique to become a Judo champion, so changed over to sumo wrestling (where weight is a decisive factor) and became the All-Japan Students' Sumo champion.

This year Professor Nakanishi is going to America with a team of transportation experts for three months. After that, he is very keen to arrange another trip to England for two years, when he hopes to bring his family with him. Nothing definite has been arranged yet, but all his old Budokwai and British Judo Association friends sincerely hope he will get here again.

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Club Forum

EXETER

ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE JUDO CLUB. This club is at present trying to make a name for itself in the area. It was started in September, 1957, by R. M. Smith, the P.E. Lecturer here, and C. S. Smith, a 2nd Kyu. We now number twelve in full strength, ranging in grade from 2nd Kyu to our two keen novices.

So far we have attended two W.J.A. Gradings, and have been reasonably successful at both. We would like to record our gratitude to Mr. P. J. Murphy, the well-known local Judoka, for his help, and to Mr. J. Munro for his interest.

BRADFORD

BRADFORD Y.M.C.A. JUDO CLUB. *A. Fisher, Secretary, writes:*—The North Eastern Area Knock-out Competition was recently held at the club's premises through the kind auspices of the Y.M.C.A., Bradford.

The Lions Fireworks Trophy was the prize and by the process of elimination in contests, which were all well fought, the Harrogate and Knaresborough Judo Club won the cup, which is to be held by them for one year.

The President of the Y.M.C.A., Bradford, Mr. D. Helliwell, presented the trophy after having made a speedy dash by car only half an hour before the time for the presentation, as the contest finished thirty minutes earlier than expected.



For the sake of variety, the Huddersfield Judo Club put their juniors on show with break-falls and throws done en-masse, completing their performance with randori. Mr. T. Downs, who was the time-keeper during the competition, is also the instructor of these able junior, and the public showed their great appreciation in the very warmest style.

Whilst awaiting the arrival of the President, Messrs. D. Logan and G. Dyke (1st Dans) kindly consented to go through a line-up of twelve Judoka—and a very formidable lot they were, but the two stalwarts had little difficulty in overcoming the opposing dozen.

Incidentally all clubs were sorry to hear of the indisposition of Mr. J. Piggott (1st Dan) who I understand is suffering with his appendix. However, we wish him a speedy recovery, and hope that he will soon be well and fit again.

We have now started a Women's Section, and the Men's Beginners Class will be well on its way by the time this goes to print. We have just finished one course under the able instruction of Messrs. P. Paul (2nd Kyu) and M. Buckley (4th Kyu) and the accompanying photograph is of a few of the class who finished the course. Mr. Paul is on the left back row, and Mr. Buckley right back row.

The Committee have decided to ask Mr. Buckley, who is also our Treasurer, to take charge of the next Beginners' Course. Our numbers are rising very quickly, and I think we will top the hundred mark before this year is out. Our grading cards went astray after the December 14th grading, but I am glad to report that they have now been retrieved and all Judoka are settling down again.

It is with regret that I report Leeds University team beat us 8-0 in a friendly match. I am afraid our boys were a little too friendly for these pugnacious intellectuals.

TAUNTON

TAUNTON JUDO CLUB. On Thursday, 20th February, the President of the club gave a very fine dinner in the old 17th century New Inn, Halse, to some of the members of the Judo Club and special friends. The principal guests were His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R. F. Winkworth, J.P., Mr. K. W. L. Steele, Wing Commander Winn of the Air Training Corp., Mr. E. R. Tyzack, Borough Surveyor, and Mr. C. J. Whitfield (Bristol).

After the meal the President read apologies from absent friends, which included Mr. Edward du Cann, M.P., Mr. K. Horne, Town Clerk, Mr. R. D. Rowlands, Mr. W. H. Barratt, Mr. Paul Catcher, Major Rawlings and R. M. Barnes.

The President gave a tribute to the guests and this was replied to by Mr. C. J. Whitfield in humorous tones to the great delight of those present. In the course of his speech Mr. Whitfield did say that the club had made remarkable success and paid a personal tribute to their President.

In the course of the evening the President paid a personal tribute to the Mayor, and mentioned that they owed a great deal to the splendid work he had done for the Judo Club, also as this was a privileged occasion they were going to request the Mayor to pass the very best wishes to the Mayoress as she also had always been a staunch supporter of the good work the Judo Club carried out. The President did say that the Mayor was a "jolly good sport" and "one of the members," and mentioned that last winter Councillor

Winkworth came along and was not afraid to put on a Judo coat and have a go on the mat.

Later in the evening Mr. S. C. Chipchase, the Chairman, gave a brief resume of how the club commenced from absolutely nothing and had now made quite a name for itself not only in Taunton but in the South West of England. Taunton was the first club to take the initiative in sending a team abroad with their great success on the Continent last summer, and had a return match with the French team in Taunton last October during the championships.

During the evening the Mayor said a few words thanking the President for his hospitality and mentioned that great work was being done in the inter-town link between Lisieux and Taunton, and remarked how the different members of the club were corresponding and making lasting friendships.

In the course of the evening the President thanked Major and Mrs. Guy for being such wonderful hosts.

LONDON

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY from "Kyu." When you read these notes the Festival of Judo will be over and our Black Belts will be once more concentrating on teaching and enjoying their Judo, instead of contest practice and organisation. Naturally, as I write, I have no idea whether the Festival was a financial success or not, but we were all very disappointed that A. Geesink was unable to take his place in the Dutch team. Similarly I do not know whether the British Judo Association accepted George Chew's offer to allow a collection, in aid of the expenses of Britain's team for the 1958 European Championship, to be taken at the Royal Albert Hall. If they did accept, and of course they would have done, at least £100 should have been collected and a full strength team will be able to represent our country.

The junior club is rapidly approaching its target, a membership of 360. This is the maximum permitted by the space and time available. Instructors Mike Leigh and John Waite have now been joined by Ted Cribben who teaches on Saturday afternoon. The ages vary from nine to fifteen years but exceptionally small or big boys at the respective age limits are not accepted, the young giants having to take adult beginners' courses.

Clubs visited include the new Boston Judo Club, R.C.A.F. in Germany and Welbeck College. Eric Dominy, who visited Boston and Welbeck College, told me that the Boston club is taught by Brown Belt instructors and has a good dojo in the local drill hall. The mats are very good and can be left down—always an advantage. Welbeck College is run by the army and takes boys of sixth form status only. They are selected as a result of examination results, headmasters' reports, personal interview, sports record and medical examination. They do normal sixth form work but include advanced maths and science. As a result these young Judoka combine great physical fitness, intelligence and enthusiasm. The Judo club has a membership of 24, the maximum allowed, and a long waiting list. Unfortunately no high standard is possible as, after two years, they leave and go to Sandhurst—a fine recruiting ground for Reilly's R.M.A. Sandhurst Judo Club. Welbeck College is housed in Welbeck Abbey, the home of the Duke of Portland, and lies in an estate of 56,000 acres.

George Chew visited Germany again where he was snowbound. I understand he will be writing a report which should appear in this issue.

The next grading will be held at L.J.S. on Sunday, May 11th. It will, as usual, include grading to 1st Dan and if any member of a B.J.A. club wishes to attend he will be welcome. He must, of course, apply in plenty of time and have the approval of his club secretary.

Spalding Judo Club opened their new premises on March 11th after an attempt which was "snowed-off" the previous week. Eric Dominy, the president of the club, narrowly escaped being trapped in the snow at the first attempt to stage the opening and was unable to attend the second, successful ceremony.

Owing to a combination of short notice and overtime, no L.J.S. members entered the eliminations for the British team for the 1958 European Championships. This was a great pity, as the contest experience would have been invaluable. Anyway, it's good to see Mike Leigh back on the mat after a long lay-off resulting from a damaged shoulder.

Finally, my apologies to the Bedfordshire College of Physical Culture, who organise a successful Judo section. This was the club visited by Brian Abbott, not Bedford Judo Club. Sorry, I did not know that Bedford was the home of two clubs.

PENGE & ANERLEY ACADEMY OF JUDO. On Tuesday, March 4th, the Penge & Anerley Academy of Judo visited the Beckenham Judo Club for an inter-club contest which consisted of two teams of eight Judoka. The teams were as follows: P.A.A.J.—Judge (Red Belt), Osborne (6th Kyu), Powell (5th Kyu), Page (5th Kyu), Good (5th Kyu), Smith (4th Kyu), Stott (4th Kyu), Ford (3rd Kyu); Beckenham J.C.—Richard (Red Belt), Sutton (6th Kyu), Gray (5th Kyu), Davey (5th Kyu), Whitfield (5th Kyu), Osbourne (3rd Kyu), Dean (2nd Kyu), Gould (3rd Kyu).

The contest was to have been on a grade-for-grade system but unfortunately the Beckenham J.C. Orange Belts were absent and had to be replaced by higher grades. In spite of this the P.A.A.J. won the contest by seven points to four and a half. The Beckenham J.C. had hoped to follow this with a 64-bout cross-club contest, but time did not permit.

Four days later the P.A.A.J. were invited to enter a team of three for a contest held during a Judo display at Ladywell. Teams competing were from Lewisham J.C., Woolwich J.C. and Ede House Associate Members J.C.

Lewisham beat Woolwich, P.A.A.J. beat Ede House by three points to nil, making the final between P.A.A.J. and Lewisham, which P.A.A.J. won by two points to one. The winning team were presented with a pair of Judo slippers each.

As a point of interest the P.A.A.J. are instructed by a lady Judoka, Gret Stott. As the P.A.A.J. has only been opened for nine months and all but one of the team started at the Academy as beginners, what comment have we from Judoka who are of the opinion that lady Judoka should only practise katas.

SCARBOROUGH

SCARBOROUGH JUDO CLUB. From A. S. Cunningham, Secretary:—So far there seems to have been a deathly silence from this neck o' the woods. Unfortunately, we are one of the many clubs struggling for survival and with only a handful of keen members to keep the spirit alive. However, we do occasionally have a visit from Jim Piggott of York, our nearest

neighbour, and we are soon going to organise a few trips to his club for a change of atmosphere. We have found, as so many before us, that one gets tired of practising with the same Judoka all the time.

If any Judoka find themselves in Scarborough this season, or care to visit us, we shall be more than pleased to have them use our dojo. The address is 4C Aberdeen Walk, and the times for practice are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30-10 p.m., and Sunday, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Our ranks are thin, but the spirit is strong.

SOUTH SHIELDS

KODOKWAI JUDO SOCIETY. *From T. F. Pettman, Secretary:*—The club has been gaining members rapidly during the last few months. This is due to a series of beginners' courses run by our overworked Dan grades, which has resulted in a high standard of Judo in the new members; also to the displays which the club has put on to publicise Judo in the town. The last, far exceeded our expectations as a draw, on a Friday night, and several spectators removed their shoes and sat on the mat in approved Japanese fashion.

Our Junior Section has grown out of all recognition. From two or three steadies it has swollen to thirty members who are so enthusiastic that at times they have to be almost literally thrown off the mat by the Junior Dojo Stewards and their instructor, W. G. Peacock (1st Dan).

We had a visit from a 1st Kyu from York Judo Club recently, but I did not get his name as his time was taken up practising with our members who all wanted to try their luck. Whoever he was, "Thank you" for the visit, and the practice.

We have lost two of our own 1st Kyus; one is working away from the district and one has got himself engaged. Two of our members paid him a special visit to talk him out of it but he was too far gone.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

British Universities Judo Association

THE INTER-UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

As requested in the last circular to the Universities, the following results have been kindly submitted.

South and South West. On February 1st, at Bristol, Southampton University defeated the former with a clear half-point over an equal number of wins; Bristol (who got into the finals of the West of England Championships this year) are eager to congratulate them on this victory.

Midlands and Mid-West. The finals of this regional championship were won by Birmingham, who beat Loughborough in a very close match which was a draw until the final contest.

North and North West. With a deciding contest Leeds just beat Liverpool University, and then went on to defeat Manchester 3-2; so may we wish last year's champions the best of luck in the two final rounds.

Scotland and Queen's, Belfast. As they did last year, Glasgow University has succeeded in being Scottish champions, and has good prospects for the semi-finals and finals.

One of the Easter courses in the first week of the vacation, either at Manchester or Birmingham, will be the venue for the last two deciding rounds of the championships. Details of these courses will be circularised shortly, and it is hoped that the organisers will receive the utmost support.

I would like to thank the ladies responsible for the following article, and hope that it will be furthered by some correspondence and activity between all the ladies' clubs shortly.

Women's Section

From the University of Bristol Women's Judo Club

Judo is called the "gentle art" and as such there is no reason why women should be barred from the practice of it. However, only those who are really sincere in their desire to practise Judo should take it up. If Judo is to be practised at all then it must be whole-heartedly with no half measures. It is then that it becomes of great value to both men and women.

The aims of Judo are to further the development of the body, and to train the character. To women Judo can offer poise and balance, greater bodily and emotional control, and to some degree a sense of security; though this last is a somewhat debatable point. Through balance the Judoka learns to relax. Balance cannot be had without relaxation. Relaxation of the body cannot be had without relaxation of the mind, a thing much lacking in this present age of atom bombs and sputniks. The many exercises used for fitness, making the body more supple, and warming up, enable smooth controlled movement and are, as well, very good slimming exercises for the figure conscious. How much better to do a few simple exercises to strengthen the stomach muscles than to spend pounds on unhealthy contraptions of bone and lace.

No great strength is required, but rather an accuracy in speed of movement, and ability to think and act quickly, and anticipate the movements of the opponent. Injuries occur less frequently among women Judoka than men, mainly because less brute force and misused strength appear during the first months of learning.

Judo is essentially a sport for the more active of the female population. The weaker members and the glamour-pussies are weeded out after the first few lessons in break-fall, either from fear of a few bumps, or because they do not hurl their opponents across the mat on the first nor even the second evening.

The women of Japan have practised Judo for many years with great success and have still remained feminine; and indeed excel above all others at the feminine art of needlework. If this is so, then what is wrong with British women taking up Judo? Argue if you will that Japanese women do only kata. Well, what is wrong with that? Why cannot British women do kata too? It is an excellent means of raising the standard of Judo, and it is a pity it is so neglected.

Mr. G. Gleeson has said that he cannot teach the same type of Judo to women as he does to men, and it should be obvious that women are not fitted to the contest kind of Judo. Once this fundamental difference between men's and women's Judo is recognised, surely it would be more sensible to adopt the Japanese system for women? Here, besides learning the movements of kata, women are graded on groundwork, breakfalls and kata, and are not upgraded unless their style is good. This system seems far more constructive than grading women on contest Judo, where the only idea is to floor one's opponent. As the fighting instinct is not inborn this idea does not come naturally to women; and besides, nothing can look worse than two women scrapping like fighting cats in a tough contest, as so often happens with the grading system as it now stands.

If women were to concentrate more on kata and loose randori they would be an asset to any club. Acting as instructors, they could help to develop a good style in beginners before allowing a contest spirit to take over. This would result in a higher general standard as it would enable the higher graded men to concentrate on improving their own Judo, instead of wasting time on instructing newcomers. This latter benefit would surely prevent even the toughest contest-minded man resenting the spread of Judo amongst women.

University students have the best opportunity of learning the art of Judo, as instruction for the most part is given free, and all that is required is a little patience and initiative. It is in the Universities, if anywhere, that the right material is found; people with a certain amount of intellectual power and of a good age to learn Judo.

If men are afraid of becoming inferior and being overpowered by women then perhaps they will apply themselves with renewed vigour, and strive towards a higher standard thereby, of course, raising the whole standard of British Judo, and so ensure its future in years to come.

MOMENTS IN JUDO

Iris Dehnel (2nd Dan)

I joined the Budokwai in the January of 1948. The first Tuesday I pushed open the door, I wondered what I was letting myself in for. Reassured by the soft voice of a lady 3rd Dan, I started that evening and have been practising ever since.

About six months later I attended my first Summer School where I remember it was very hot and the Instruction and Randori was extensive. During one Randori with a 3rd Dan, he asked me how long I had been practising Judo, and to my cost, I told him. At the end of that practice I knew how to do Ukemi (break-falls), and at the end of that two weeks came the Grading, when I received my first grade. Needless to say I was very pleased with myself.

A great deal of practising and grading was crowded into the years 1948 to 1951 and at last in September, 1951, I got that ever elusive Black Belt. At that time Mr. Matsumoto and Mr. Daigo came to visit the Budokwai. Mr. Matsumoto favoured our Ladies Section, which at that time was quite a large one, with a special practice session when we

all sat around and waited; eventually I was the first to go on the mat with him and I ached for days afterwards.

Skipping one or two years brings me to the time when Mr. Kawamura was over here and lots of good practice and instruction was had by all, and it always amazed me the amount of patience he had with us.

Many things, by necessity have to be left out, for example the visits to other clubs, where I always received a warm welcome, and the Albert Hall shows in which I took part.

In conclusion I would mention that had it not been for the help and encouragement afforded me by that same quiet-voiced lady 3rd Dan and G.K. I am quite sure that I should never have come this far.

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The Trials and Tribulations of a Teacher

G. Chew (3rd Dan)

From each visit to clubs by instructors emerges fresh experiences and trials.

Accepting yet a further invitation to visit the R.C.A.F. Kubukwai Judo Club at Baden-Baden, Germany, I was airborne from London Airport in heavy rain and cloud on Friday, 21st February, 1958. A most pleasant lunch aboard the aircraft compensated the thought of such weather haunting my visit as the previous one.

Landing at Frankfurt-on-Main, I ran through the heavy downpour to the customs, who I thought were more than hospitable. In broken English an official offered me a glass of whisky, which I declined. It was then explained to me by a fellow passenger that the official was enquiring if I was carrying any of this commodity which I wished to declare. Having established by innocence of such an act, I was welcomed by Corporal "Tug" Wilson, and within a few minutes we were on our way along the autobahn to Baden-Baden.

Nearing our destination, we passed through part of the Black Forest, and I was surprised to see the large number of pine trees broken off half-way up the trunks. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the heavy snow of the last few days had weighed down the branches which had eventually broken. That famous story explaining the principle of Judo, in which the supple willow tree bent its boughs under the weight of snow to rid itself and to survive another season, came to me.

The following morning at 10 a.m. we assembled at the Station Gymnasium, and instruction began. Adjourning at 12 noon for lunch we resumed at 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Everyone worked hard in order that as much benefit as possible should be derived during my stay.

That evening I wished to visit Baden-Baden to look at the town, and Mr. Speedie kindly offered to drive me there whilst making two calls on

the way. The first one found us at the Station Hospital with flowers for a lady patient!

I enjoyed the sights of Baden-Baden, and then I was ushered into the home of a dentist friend of Speedie's. Whilst drinking coffee the dentist asked to be excused. Some minutes later I heard what appeared to be a hen squawking in the adjoining room. This puzzled me until the dentist, on his return, mentioned that the particular room was his surgery, and that he had just extracted five teeth from a female patient.

The following morning (Sunday) instruction continued, and in the afternoon we sat in the Educational Branch Cinema and saw the various Judo films I had taken with me. Apparently it was the first experience the members had had of seeing top-grade Japanese teachers perform, and the films were more than appreciated.

Monday morning instruction, revision and contest experience was the order of the day, and two hours passed rapidly. All assembled at 6.30 p.m. for grading, which lasted nearly three hours. I had been more than surprised at the general progress of the students and was pleased to see that many techniques taught during my stay were applied during the contests as if of long and persistent practice, and I was happy in the thought that the knowledge had been absorbed.

I found it most unusual to promote several of the Judoka two grades above their present grade, but their performance was an example to all. I must confess that I was more than exacting in their theory examination, and each member had at least eight contests. They assumed by this experience that a Black Belt examination took all day!

After the grading we went to a restaurant at Rastatt for a meal, during which an inquest was held on the week-end's instruction and performance of the various individual members.

The next day I said farewell and left with Corporal Wilson for Frankfurt, arriving there at 3.30 p.m. I was informed by the B.E.A. receptionist that, due to heavy snow conditions in London, aircraft departure was delayed. After five hours and a half in the Airport Restaurant, during which time I enjoyed B.E.A. hospitality for tea and dinner, and writing most of this article on a serviette, the plane took off at 9.30 p.m.

I felt rather apprehensive as we approached London Airport and saw the heavy snow. However, the aircraft made a really smooth landing and my stomach resumed its normal position. The coach to London crawled along the icy roads to Kensington at about ten miles per hour, reaching the Terminal after midnight. It was a wonderful surprise to have my wife waiting for me in company with Stan Fisackerly of the London Taxi Cab Drivers Section, who had gallantly forsaken his work and turned a blind eye to the meter on his cab, saying that he wanted to show some appreciation for the efforts in assisting his club. Such a gesture of the spirit of Judo swept away all sense of fatigue and depression, and I was happy in the knowledge that one can be so rich in such friends.

British Team Eliminations

PRELIMINARY ROUND

On Saturday, March 1st, the preliminary rounds for selection of the British Team were held at the Budokwai. This year the entrants were restricted to 1st Dan and above. The members of last year's team were seeded, and did not take part in these eliminations.

The eliminations commenced with the competitors being divided into three groups of four, there being twelve competitors in all. Each individual fought all other members of his group.

Seven Judoka were selected from these group contests as having either won two contests, or won one and drawn one. R. Smith (3rd Dan), Tora Scotia, was seeded into the next set of contests with these seven, and once again each Judoka contested against all the others, six of these being selected to take part in the final elimination contests to be held at the Budokwai on April 5th.

The three group contests included many Judoka who were making their



Above left: Following up an attempted UCHI-MATA.

Above Right: H. Hobbs scoring with SEONI-NAGE.

Left: A shot of two of the contestants in action.

	SMITH	WEBB	HOBBS	APPLEBY	WALKER	LOGAN	MAYNARD	RYAN	W	D	L	ORDER OF SELECTION
SMITH		● Tsuru-Komi-Goshi	↑ Ko-Soto-Gari	● Ko-Soto-Gari	● Ko-Soto-Gari	● Tate-Shiho-Gatame	Y	↑ Ko-Soto-Gari	7	0	0	1
WEBB	0		● O-Soto-Goshi	=	0	↑ O-Soto-Gari	=	0	2	2	3	5
HOBBS	0	0		0	=	0	● Seoi-Nage	0	1	1	5	
APPLEBY	0	=	Y		=	↑ O-Soto-Gari	=	0	2	3	2	4
WALKER	0	Y	=	=		↑ O-Uchi-Gari	0	0	1	2	4	
LOGAN	0	0	Y	0	↑ O-Uchi-Gari		0	0	2	0	5	6
MAYNARD	0	=	0	=	↑ Uchi-Mata-Kata-Ha-Jime	↑ Ko-Soto-Gari	Y	Y	3	2	2	3
RYAN	0	Y	Y	● Ko-Soto-Gari	● Ju-Ji-Gatame	● Harai-Goshi	0		5	0	2	2

KEY. Read across for result. = Drawn Contest; 0 = Lost Contest; Y = Win by Decision; M = Right; H = Left; ● = Point; † = Waza-Ari.

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J. Ryan applying JUJI-GATAME during the elimination contests



Point scored with KO-SOTO-GARI

first attempt to gain a place in the British Team, although most of them had had considerable contest experience in various area events, and the British Judo Association Area Championships. Several of them had travelled a considerable distance to take part, G. Nevin, for instance, having come all the way from Northern Ireland.

Out of the thirty-six initial contests there were four draws, three superiority decisions, eight clear wins by a single technique, three wins by obtaining two waza-ari, and two wins with a waza-ari scored first followed by a full point. Maynard was the only contestant who gained three wins in these contests.

The second set of contests, as can be seen by the diagram, shows the justification of seeding R. Smith, who had seven wins, the maximum number that could be scored. J. Ryan also did exceptionally well to get the next highest score with five wins.

The final selections were:—

R. Smith (3rd Dan)	J. Appleby (2nd Dan)
J. Ryan (1st Dan)	G. Webb (1st Dan)
V. Maynard (1st Dan)	D. Logan (1st Dan)

THE BUDOKWAI now have supplies of the ILLUSTRATED KODOKAN. Please apply direct to them at 4, Gilston Road, South Kensington, S.W.10. (Ken. 1540.)

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EXCHANGE VISIT TO GERMANY. A 14-year-old girl Judoka wishes to visit this country during the coming summer on an exchange basis. If any similar girl in this country is interested please contact this magazine, and we will forward name and address.

THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION



OFFICIAL NOTES

The Selection Contests of the B.J.A. were held at the Budokwai on Saturday, 1st March. There were 13 entries comprising one 3rd Dan and three 2nd Dans, the remainder being 1st Dan. The Technical Board seeded the 3rd Dan and divided the remaining 12 into three pools, in which each man would fight the other three.

After the first series of contests, those who had lost two contests were eliminated, while the remaining seven plus the 3rd Dan fought off another series of contests. At the conclusion of these, the Technical Board named six men who were to hold themselves in readiness to fight the "Probables" at a later date. The six were: Smith (3rd Dan), Appleby (2nd Dan), Ryan (1st Dan), Maynard (1st Dan), Webb (1st Dan), and Logan (1st Dan).

The Technical Board has decided that the final eliminating contests will be held on Easter Saturday, 5th April, at 3.0 p.m., at the Budokwai (with their kind permission). Full travelling and accommodation expenses for these contests will be paid by the B.J.A. From these contests the Technical Board will select the team to represent Great Britain at the European Judo Championships being held in Barcelona, Spain, on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th May, 1958.

A General Meeting of the British Register of Black Belts was held at the Budokwai on Saturday, 1st March. The President is Mr. G. Koizumi, while the Council now comprises Messrs. T. P. Leggett, C. Palmer, C. Grant, R. Smith, D. Mann and A. P. Harrington. The last named is Secretary/Registrar and his address is 142 Newington Butts, London, S.E.11.

Again we would reiterate that the Register is completely independent of the British Judo Association and all correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Harrington.

It is hoped soon to start the formation of the Northern Home Counties Area Association. Mr. C. Moore of the Abingdon Judo Club has very kindly agreed to arrange an inaugural meeting in a central and easily accessible place. Full details will be sent in due course to all clubs concerned, but in the meantime any queries or suggestions will be very welcome. They should be sent direct to Mr. C. Moore at 16 Finmore Close, Abingdon, Berkshire.

The Executive Committee would like to point out that the Area Associations are vital to the development of Judo and hope that all clubs concerned will co-operate fully with Mr. Moore in this area.

The B.J.A. now has on sale an improved Blazer Badge made with gold wire. The price is 35s. each and they are obtainable through the Area Association or direct from the B.J.A. Headquarters.

Rating of Premises of Amateur Sports Clubs

A questionnaire is being circulated to all member clubs asking for details of the rating of premises used by sports clubs. The information obtained will be used before a Committee of Inquiry in respect of the Rating and Valuation Act. Would all clubs concerned please ensure that the answers to the following questions are in the hands of the Association Secretary by 30th April, 1958.

- Has the Local Rating Authority refused to recognise your club as an Amateur Sports Club under Section 8 of the above Act?
- Has the Local Rating Authority informed you that concessions previously made are no longer applicable?
- What is the difference in the amount of Rates payable as the result of termination of the concessions?
- What Rates were payable under the old legislation and what Rates are payable under the new Act?
- Has the Local Rating Authority agreed to reduce or remit the payment of rates under Sub-section 4 of the Act?
- What is the actual amount of relief afforded by the Local Rating Authority to you as an Amateur Sports Club?
- Are you in possession of any facts concerning rating which have not been given above, if so please state them?

EUROPEAN JUDO UNION Umpire Meeting in Saarbrücken

E. Schäfer

For the first time since its inception the E.J.U. arranged a Judo congress as a result of which a meeting took place on 17th-28th February, 1958, in Saarbrücken. The Saarland Judo Federation, under its President, Ertel, provided excellent accommodation for the participants in the Saarlandisch Sportschule, Saarbrücken Wood, which was very well suited for the purpose.

Every Member-country could send two representatives. The D.J.B. nominated their umpire and his assistant, i.e., Edgar Schäfer and Otto Brief. Unfortunately, however, Otto Brief had to go to hospital shortly before beginning the course and, in view of the short notice, the vacancy could not be filled.

All Member-countries of the E.J.U. had sent their representatives, with exception of England, Switzerland, Denmark and Yugoslavia. The aim

of the course was not clear to the participants, but explanatory information was quite soon forthcoming. On Monday at 9.00 (it was Rose Monday) we were given the international Judo regulations (edition based on decisions arising from the last world championship contest in Tokio), though I know that another new one has appeared. As it was in French some difficulties arose which took time to overcome. In such matters, it was said, there should be versions in the three E.J.U. official languages, i.e., German, English and French.

Ichiro Abè-, Brussels, superintended the course, whilst Nauwelarts de Agè attended as Vice-President of E.J.U. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were reserved for the regulations, practice and vocabulary. The participants made full use of the facilities for intervening in the decisions. It appeared that Abè had to alter next morning a decision reached on the previous day, after he had formed a different conclusion during the night as a result of reflection and consideration.

Wednesday afternoon was to be allocated to preliminary preparation work for the exam, but it had to be devoted to general elucidation because the participants' thirst for knowledge had not abated.

The second part of the week was reserved for the examination. It is possible to call this an examination because all the requisite conditions were fulfilled. It comprised: written and oral examinations for which test papers were prepared. The participants were subjected to oral test for a quarter of an hour. On Friday there was the practice exam. For this examination each participant had to act as umpire, exterior judge and exponent in turn. The commando language was Japanese so that we had to get our international exponents acquainted with it. In the course of the match I met one of the French team, a 4th Dan, to whom I awarded an "undecided" which gave me great pleasure. The matches were strenuously contested, but this was not surprising with the practised exponents who took part. There were certainly some injuries so that in the afternoon Ertel, Saarbrücken, placed his services at the disposal of the organizers and made a good impression.

On Friday evening some results were forthcoming. In view of the strict standard which the E.J.U. had to impose on their officials, it was not surprising that only 12 men withstood the test, whilst 8 men did not reach the goal.

The following withstood the test for the German-speaking territories:

Wolf—Leipzig, Nimfuhr—Vienna, Schäfer—Frankfurt

The competitors who withstood the tests received a licence empowering them to superintend matches organized by the E.J.U.

In the intervals between the work the Mifune film was shown; where forbidden technique was depicted, protests were immediately heard from the umpires.

Saarbrücken town gave a reception, in which I was able to make reference to the duty of the Saarland Judo Federation to act as sport intermediaries between neighbouring countries.

This was a definitely successful course, and the E.J.U. should consider repeating it from time to time.

D.J.B. Umpire training course

The D.J.B. is now preparing an umpire course which will be held in Hanover or Frankfurt. The course will be similar to the one held in Saarbrücken and it will deal with the new technical interpretation of the rules. Invitations will be sent out through the Boards of Control in the various countries.

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Sir,
Having heard from an American friend that "Judo" reaches New York, I am prompted to seek space in your excellent journal to see if I can trace both individuals who introduced and re-introduced me to the Gentle Art—one in the United States, the other, perhaps, in Japan.

When I founded the "Cumann Idir-naisanta" (International Club in Gaelic) in Dublin before the war, I was at the Japanese Embassy seeking material to decorate the club, and I made friends with a Mr. Oshoto, who was on the Cultural Relations side of the Embassy. He introduced me to Judo, and I went to Randori once a week at the Japanese Embassy and after some months of concentrated effort, I was graded by Mr. Oshoto to Blue Belt.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, I travelled to Rosneath, Helensburgh, Scotland, to work with the U.S. Navy on a contract which lasted three years. I was in the Medical Service, and the idea was put to me by one Lieut. John Stackwell (I believe he originally came from Memphis) that, with my anatomical knowledge and my slight knowledge of Judo, I should persist with the latter.

It took me some months to decide on taking up Judo again, and I trained with Lieut. Stackwell, being graded by him to Brown Belt. At the end of the contract I left Rosneath to work in Glasgow, and there I trained in a home dojo with a pal who later passed away. At the present time, owing to a bronchitic condition, I am unable to follow the sport as I should wish, though I haven't lost touch completely. If this letter is seen by either or both persons mentioned, I should very much like to hear from them.

PAT GRACE,
5 Marshall House,
Mintern Street, London, N.1.

Sir,
Last month a member of the A.J.A. suggested that the standards set by the B.J.A. for promotion into the Dan

Grades were becoming harder and harder. This is perfectly true as any healthy association which awards degrees or titles through an examination must improve its standards, otherwise it would rapidly decline and become obsolescent. At the present time promotions into the Dan Grades are on the increase, and the higher standards set are amply justified by our recent victories in the European Championships. There is no doubt that the younger and more youthful element are on the ascendancy in exactly the same way as they are in Japan.

Also mentioned was the professional or amateur status of B.J.A. members. The regulations which govern these distinctions are laid down by the association concerned, and in the British Judo Association the definition of a professional is one who displays his skill for monetary gain, and unless this rule can be applied, B.J.A. Judoka are amateurs.

It was also mentioned that the gap between the two associations should be narrowed—may I ask for what purpose? The A.J.A. was partially formulated by Mr. Pat Butler, who was then a 4th Kyu in the B.J.A. Mr. Butler is now described as a Dan grade and presumably grades members of the A.J.A., likewise does Sgt. Berridge, who reached a 5th Kyu in the B.J.A. Does Mr. Hamilton seriously think that we would allow these people to grade B.J.A. members? So often in the past, criticism has been levelled at the B.J.A. by members of the opposite body, yet these people are on the whole inexperienced children in the art of Judo. Nearly all of their executive held only Kyu grades in the B.J.A. and yet they felt they were sufficiently experienced to form an association of their own, and then criticise the people who had originally taught them. Judo is a Japanese sport and in it Japanese terms are used. If the A.J.A. so deplores the use of these terms why don't they think of some new name for Dan and Kyu, which they are so fond of using. Perhaps those members of the A.J.A. who

read this letter would enquire of the status of their executive and similarly investigate the teachers and instructors in the B.J.A. They will, I am sure, find a vast difference between saying you are a Dan grade, and proving it. I might also mention that the A.J.A. never seem to publish their grading results, and perhaps Mr. Butler would like to tell us where he obtained his Dan grade, and the same with Sgt. Berridge, etc., etc.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Abbe's grades were never recognised by the B.J.A.

A. MENZIES,
Thornton Heath.

Sir,

A friend handed me "Judo," Dec./Jan. issue, which I missed owing to my absence from this country.

Congratulations to the British team winning the Judo European Championship Trophy. On page 7 a photograph represents the victorious team. They all appear fairly tall, well built, and strong men. One can conclude that strength plays a big part in winning promotion and championships.

In "Judo," September 1957 issue, "Editor's Office," page 2, is a paragraph worthy of mention and reads as follows: "Once again may we stress the fact that 'Judo' is an independent magazine for Judoka run by Judoka, and aims to give the greatest possible service to the finest sport in the world."

If your magazine stands for what it claims, then the A.J.A. Secretary, Mr. Pat Butler, should be allowed to publish views of his members, not from time to time as he kindly asks the editorial, but in every issue without reserve of space. "Judo" should also accept material from independent schools of Judo and Ju-jitsu.

Congratulations to Mr. D. Mann for his sound article about Judo in March issue. Judokas should re-read it a few times and digest mentally some of the advice on the art of Judo in "Judo Machine."

Mr. D. Mann, in the correspondence column of the same issue, states certain facts which are ridiculous. He, as the registrar of the council of Black Belts, compares Judo instructors to other pro-

fessional bodies. Do other professional bodies gain their diplomas through physical competition with an opponent as in the case in Judo? Is the qualified instructor (as he calls them) comparable in knowledge, both theory and practical, to a qualified man who studies at a school, college or university for years and has to pass exams in various subjects?

Isn't it a fact that the acquisition of coloured Belts is made competitively on points decision? It is known that some high grade Black Belts have won their gradings with from one to five techniques. They go on winning their championships with the same techniques. Some of the Black Belts are even known by the techniques with which they can win a contest.

Moreover, if the instructors are so fully qualified why do they go to Japan for further instruction? What do they bring back from Japan that can be of use to Judokas? If they do bring some outstanding knowledge, why can't they teach other Black Belts instead of sending them to Japan and helping them with expenses.

What is there in Judo to learn apart from breakfalls, throws, various locks, strangleholds, immobilisations, gentleness (seldom used) and perfection of moves (competitive work causes muscular tension and makes coordinated movements almost impossible)?

If there was unity amongst the associations and independent schools, British Judokas could originate the finest techniques in the world. The Japanese people must think of the British Judokas as brainless and the reputation of the British as intelligent people and pioneers may well degenerate if such practice continues.

To give information to prospective Judokas about the qualification of a Black Belt not belonging to the Black Belt Register or to the B.J.A. is amounting to slander. Furthermore, there are as many good and bad instructors in other associations and private schools as there are amongst your "qualified instructors."

During the Brighton Championships, 1957, we saw a good example of how well qualified one must be to prepare for the job of instructor. The contestants were not novices but men with

grades ranging from Blue Belts to Black Belts. These Judokas came from different parts of Britain and most had tuition from the "qualified instructors," as Mr. D. Mann points out. There is more gentleness and bodily coordination in an arena between the matador and the bull in a bullfight.

When Professor Jigoro Kano originated Judo he gave a definition to that word which is as follows: "Gentle way, gentle art, supple and giving way to win." If Coloured Belts, irrespective of standard, have been won by the use

of force, which is usually the case, the qualifications cannot be considered as those acquired by the practise of the true art of Judo.

However strong the register of Black Belts and the B.J.A. may be, don't be tempted to pull a dog's tail, you will not hear a growl, see menacing angry teeth, risk to be bitten, lose blood and become anaemic. Practice what you preach (the gentle art) before praising the "qualifications of your instructors."

J.M., Sussex.

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