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INTERNATIONAL

IN HOLLAND

Report and Photographs by Alan R. Menzies

As part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Dutch Judo Federation, an international match was arranged between Holland and Great Britain.

The venue selected for the match was Leiden, a very old Dutch town south of Rotterdam, although the Stadsgehoorzaal in which the contests were fought was a modern, superbly decorated hall with excellent dressing accommodation and catering facilities.

A six-man team flew from Southend Airport on Saturday, 29th February, in a plane little larger than the average size dining room, much to the disbelief of the passengers. However, the flight was a particularly good one and within two hours everyone was safely and happily esconced in admirable quarters two minutes walk from the hall where the contests were to be held the following day.

Apart from the International which was the main item on the programme the Dutch National Kyu Grade Team Championships were being held, and the British

team members went along to watch the eliminations in the morning. A light lunch and with television cameras, photographers and press men in fair abundance, the first of the International matches got under way.

Holland had fielded a full international side, comparable to any put out in the European Championships over the last few years, whereas the British side included four members who were taking part in their first overseas international and only one, the captain, who was really experienced.

Eighteen-year-old Edward Cassidy (1st Dan), from the Ayr Judo Club, met C. Bonte (3rd Dan), of Holland in the first contest. In this contest Bonte should have easily taken the young Scotsman, but Cassidy, who in the Inter-Area Championships last year in Glasgow got rather too excited, calmly and efficiently contained the Dutchman in such a way that Bonte had the very devil's own job to stay on his feet. The longer the match progressed the more wicked



Edward Cassidy throwing Bonte, but unfortunately out of the area.

became Cassidy's attacks, one particularly good attempt had Bonte taken clean over on Seoi-nage, but they travelled so far that he landed right outside the area. Other attacks also had him down, but never within the prescribed limits. A great morale booster this for the rest of the British side, and the clock was the only thing that saved the Dutchman from certain defeat. The decision was a draw, a little hard on Cassidy but he is a new face and this probably swayed the decision.

Dennis Watson (2nd Dan) currently at the Renshuden, met Kuypers another well-seasoned Dutch player who for some unexplained reason is only a 1st Dan. Watson, more openly aggressive than Cassidy, took the fight to Kuypers all the time. The Dutchman was not slow in retaliating and it was a

pretty ding-dong battle, with the odds about even for both players for the first minute or so. Watson then increased his efforts and hooked his leg into the back of Kuypers for a really big O-uchi which had the Dutchman right off the ground going backwards legs and arms flailing, right off the mat, unfortunately, but it made the Dutchman very careful from then on. Running after his opponent in an effort to keep the pace up, Watson went over to a very clean fast Tsuru-komi-goshi when Kuypers suddenly turned. First blood to the Dutch.

Ivan Silver (3rd Dan), from the Southern counties in his first international met Jan Snidjers (2nd Dan), currently one of the best middleweights in Europe and almost a certainty for the Dutch Olympic side. In the opening



Ivan Silver jumping out of the way as Dennis Watson scatters the British side in an attempt to throw C. Bonte in the second leg of the International match.

seconds he had Silver over with a very fast Tai-otoshi for wazari, there being some discussion as to whether it was an ippon or not, but eventually decided on wazari. Silver attacked constantly and strongly but Snidjers' experience was too great to allow Silver to get through. Several times the Dutchman managed to knock the Englishman down with Tai-otoshi, but with no further score. A second contest to the Dutch.

George Kerr (4th Dan), Captain of the side, met J. Mackaay (3rd Dan), another veteran of the Dutch team. This contest ended in a draw after little action. Kerr had his work cut out to stay in

the area since the whole contest was conducted in walking round the edge, with any attack immediately taking both contestants outside the limit. A dull contest, but one which Mackaay was ordered to draw, and he did just this.

Tony Macconnell (3rd Dan), from the North-West met Anton Geesink (6th Dan), the World Champion. Macconnell attacked well in the first few seconds but Geesink was really not the slightest bit disturbed. Within a minute Geesink scored with Ko-soto-gari for ippon.

The last contest saw John Harker (3rd Dan), current British

Police Champion, meet Gouwelleeuw, a new face in the Dutch side but reputed to be second only to Van Ierland the well-known Dutch team member who has represented Holland for many years. Gouwelleeuw, taller than Harker, looked fairly confident as he came out, but the result was entirely unexpected. Harker caught hold of the Dutchman's jacket and Gouwelleeuw turned round and threw him cleanly with Tsurikomi-goshi for ippon.

A disappointing match for the British side, although the Dutch were very strongly represented. The second leg came at the end of the afternoon's programme with one change in the Dutch side when Peter Snidjers replaced his brother Jan. The British players changed over in each weight category so

that they fought a different opponent.

Dennis Watson met Bonte this time and from the referee's command to start the action was lively and exciting, both managed to knock the other down but never inside the area. Watson looked better and seemed fitter than his opponent, but a draw was the result at the end of the contest.

Cassidy, calm as ever, handled Kuypers very differently to his match with Bonte, hardly any attack was made by either man in the first two minutes then Cassidy attacked and Kuypers countered just as quickly, both going off the area. The action became more exciting but did not reach the standard of their previous contests. Result a draw.

George Kerr, Captain of the British side throwing Peter Snidjers in the second of the two matches held at Leiden.





Above, John Harker going over to the sudden attack of J. Gouweleruw at the very start of their contest in the first match.

OPPOSITE:

Above, The British team with Captain George Kerr being presented with a memento of the occasion by a Dutch official. Below, Konings the Dutch referee raises his hand high as Gresink throws Tony Macconnell and follows him down in case there was the need for any ground work. There wasn't.



Ivan Silver and Jan Snidjers photographed during their contest in the first match.

Peter Snidjers is perhaps a little heavier than his brother but otherwise looks almost the same. Kerr dominated this contest, he threw Snidjers off the mat on each side at least once and sometimes twice, Uchi-mata makikomi being the effective weapon. Once he managed to keep the Dutchman in the area and scored waza-ari. Kerr's attacks started inside the area but the two bodies travelled several feet before touching down and then with the impetus from the makikomi they invariably landed well outside. A good win for Kerr.

Silver now met Mackaay. A quiet opening until Mackaay nearly scored with Uchi-mata, then Silver went all out, each time they

parted Silver ran back to the middle of the mat and with arms outstretched literally snarled at his opponent as he launched another violent assault on the Dutchman. Once Silver got under Mackaay with Sode-tsurikomi-goshi and hurled him right out of the area, but a similar attempt a little later saw Mackaay wind his legs round Silver and drop on to his back as Silver collapsed on to the ground. Some groundwork followed and then Mackaay secured a good Shime-waza and won the contest.

Holland now led by the odd ippon to Kerr's waza-ari. Macconnell met the tall blonde-headed Gouwelleuw who had disposed of Harker so suddenly in the first

match. Macconnell was very wary of the Dutchman and took some pains to secure a really strong hold on Gouwelleuw before making any sort of attacking move. He managed to pull the Dutchman's head down and this seemed to immobilise him because although Macconnell was attacking him he made almost no move to retaliate. Macconnell kept up a fairly good attack, not risking any counters by the Dutchman but stumbling him every now and then. In the midst of this sort of tactic Gouwelleuw tried Tsurikomi-goshi once but Macconnell easily blocked the technique. Now Macconnell opened up his attacks a little more and after spilling the Dutchman to the ground several times outside the area, he scored a very fast Ko-soto-gari which sent the Dutchman down as though he had slipped on a patch of ice. Not perhaps good enough for ippon but certainly warranting waza-ari. However, it was on the blind side of the referee, and the judge who could see, waved play on so Macconnell got nothing for his pains. He still continued to press the Dutchman until time expired and was then awarded the decision.

Harker now had the unenviable task of meeting Geesink, and taking the bull by the horns he took the fight to him instead of waiting for the inevitable. This put the Dutch giant at some disadvantage for the first two or three seconds.

He tried a couple of moves and then gave a favourite Te-waza of his a try—surprisingly Harker was not unduly moved. Geesink next decided that Uchi-mata would have to do and again Harker blocked the throw without too much effort, getting his shoulder back so far and fast that Geesink lost his hold on the jacket. However, the end was merely being delayed, Geesink now taking much more time pushed his leg through between Harker's and holding tight to his jacket hopped the Scotsman off the ground and up and over for ippon. Harker has the consolation that he probably stayed with Geesink longer than anyone else has for some time.

This second match was a very close thing for the Dutch side with two contests drawn, two won by Britain and two won by Holland, although the Dutch had 20 points to Britain's 12.

The excellent form showed by Cassidy, Watson and Macconnell indicates an increase in the strength of our light and heavyweight divisions. Most of the Continental federations, especially France, have considerable numbers of players in these categories and we have been hard put to match them for the past year or two. That period seems to be coming to an end with these new young contest men who we hope will bring the team trophy in the forthcoming European Championships back to this country.

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Many are the rewards that the academist can garner during his career, and his achievements can lead to world-wide intellectual recognition. Moreover, the older he gets the more revered he becomes.

With the sportsman, representing club or county are ambitious aims, and being selected to represent his country is the highest honour he is ever likely to achieve. His career is also pitifully short in comparison with his intellectual brother, and unlike the scientist he stays at the top only as long as he is winning—past glory hardly helps him at all.

Consequently, one would imagine that the opportunity of representing his country for which the athlete had been chosen would fire him with such zeal and energy that he would overcome almost any obstacle that might stand in his way. Curiously enough this is not always the case. Recently four international sides had to be fielded and because of this several players were chosen who had as yet never had the honour to represent their country.

The administrative organisation of the Association informed each person concerned that he had been chosen, either as a player or as a reserve. So far all went well until a reserve was asked to take a place in a team because one of the team

members reported he was injured—an injury it turned out he had when he accepted his place in the team. The reserve, it was discovered, was also injured, and he too had not mentioned this fact when selected. This left the H.Q. staff in some difficulty so they asked the reserve from one of the other teams and he informed the office that he did not have a passport. Consequently, a lightweight had to fight in a middleweight contest, which obviously was not to our advantage.

Such indifference on the part of those selected to represent their country can only be construed as indicating that they are not sufficiently interested to warrant being chosen in the future.

A player chosen to wear the international badge of the British Judo Association joins a very exclusive company. Players such as Geoffrey Gleeson, Percy Sekine, Charles Palmer, Charles Grant, Fred Kauert, Douglas Young, Alan Petherbridge, George Kerr, Denis Penfold, John Newman, and many others, have kept Britain in the forefront of the judo world; anyone showing less diligence and determination than them should not apply to join a band which over the past 45 years has not yet reached a hundred names.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Sirs,

I have written this letter to you to congratulate you on your fine magazine "JUDO", which I have been receiving through a Hobart bookstore as a subscriber.

Your wonderful magazine gives the reader all necessary information on English Judo as well as excellent coverage on European, Japanese and American Championships, even including Australia at times.

I have always enjoyed particularly the articles on the Budokwai Annual Show, the action photographs taken at shows, championships, etc. are some of the best I have seen.

The sections of the magazine "Club Forum" and "Area News" are very good as they give information on the "other" clubs we do not hear much about elsewhere.

Please keep up the good work.

P. A. RAFFERTY, (3rd Kyu)

Tasmanian Kodokwan Judo Club

Sir,

Mr. Michael MacUre (February 1964 issue, Correspondence) obviously does not devour the Judo Magazine from cover to cover like the majority of readers, or else he would have come across the heading Northern Home Counties Area under the Area Notes, if not in some other context. Being a rather long name, it is only natural that it should be abbreviated to N.H.C.A.

We find it rather strange that Mr. MacUre has not heard of an Area of the B.J.A. which caters for ten to fifteen million people.

VIVIEN C. FRYER,

N.H.C.A. Public Relations Officer

Sir,

My heartiest congratulations to Michael MacUre for his letter in the February issue of Judo Magazine. I must admit I have been tempted many times myself to seek enlightenment on some of the weird and wonderful collection of letters which are beginning to appear almost every week on the Judo scene.

Another confusing issue is the wide variety of coloured belts now being worn by Judo students, for example the B.J.A. has its own system of one colour belts up to black with the white stripe throughout the length for ladies as well as the red tabs on a white belt for Men grades. This is fine so far, but appearing on the scene now, at least in this area, are men wearing all white belts with various coloured tabs on one end denoting proficiency on the basis that three green tabs makes them a blue, etc. a black belt practising, I think in Luton, who is sporting a yellow up and down zig-zag stripe through his belt and an unconfirmed report that in the same town there is a ladies class which has among its grades grey and mauve belts.

Isn't there somewhere in our game, someone with guts to take this whole system apart and lay down some firm national ruling, before we see British Judoka stepping onto the mat with the palest shade of blue Judogi with the very latest pink belt covered in absolutely devine sequins.

C. H. GIBBS, Chairman
North Herts. Judo Society

(The Editor does not accept responsibility for views expressed by correspondents, and does not necessarily agree with statements.)

Area News

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES AREA *Vivien C. Fryer*

Oxford City J.C. took part in the annual Oxford v. Cambridge University Match at Oxford Town Hall on 17th February, giving demonstrations and taking part in a contest against a combined University side (winning by four ippon and two draws in six contests) and in a one-against-ten by Mr. Watanabe.

The following weekend Alan Roberts (2nd Dan), of the Romford-Hornchurch J.C. was runner-up in the lightweight category at the five-nation match in East Germany, and E. Brockbank (1st Dan), of Slough and the Renrukan was among the Under-21 team sent to Paris. He did very well, although he was eliminated early on. Brian Goodger (1st Kyu), of Oxford was the reserve.

Delegates from local Education Authorities in Essex attended a film show at Wadham Lodge J.C. on 28th February. They were shown a sample lesson given to six boys from the Grammar School, and also a demonstration of normal judo. The idea was to show L.E.As. the benefits of teaching judo in schools.

The Area Coach is now visiting Reading Judo Club every fortnight on Mondays, and R.A.F. Halton, near Aylesbury once a month, next visit on 7th April.

At Wadham Lodge J.C. there was a Junior Grading on 17th March and a Senior one on 20th March. East Area J.C. at Ilford also held one on 23rd March and Meadhurst J.C. on the 24th. We hope that this means that the standard of judo is improving. We seem to be doing well, but the Area Secretary is not getting the details of 1st Kyu and 1st Dan grades which have been asked for, although I have been receiving quite a bit of information from various clubs—although most of it has come too late to be published in local newspapers. The Western part of the Area is very busy, but I hear nothing from the 17 clubs in Essex. Have you all given it up?

Olympic Training is still very popular; there are now more than one session per month. In March there were two, on 1st and 22nd. The next will be 19th April, and the next planned at present are 10th and 31st May.

Please note that the date for the Area Show has had to be altered. It will now be on 9th May, at Enfield College of Technology.

About 25 judoka from this Area entered for the British Team Selection Contests at Aldershot on 8th March. At the time of writing I have no results, but a full report will appear in the next issue.

A young lady 1st Kyu from High Wycombe, who is unable to get to London in time to practise there would like to know where she can find lady judoka of the same grade and above within a reasonable distance of her home. Any information will be passed on to her.

The Area Coach, Mr. V. H. Maynard, has changed his address, correspondents please note. The new address (as from now) is 16 *Onslow Gardens, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.*

NORTH EAST AREA *Bob West*

The Area A.G.M. will take place on 25th April, 1964. The venue will be announced later. A film show is being arranged for the 19th April by Keith Ellingham, more details later. Only the date of the Club Instructors examination can be announced at the moment, this will be Sunday, 7th June.

Anyone wishing to take the Coach Award should contact Keith Ellingham as soon as possible. All the Dan grades in the Area should make an attempt to take the examination this year in order to standardise the teaching system in the Area.

The Area show will take place on 19th September, 1964, at **Leeds** followed by an Area course the next day. Celebrities expected include Mr. Watanabe (5th Dan) and Mr. Newman (4th Dan). Contests are being arranged with teams from the British Army Judo Association, British Police and B.U.J.A.

Dennis Watson (2nd Dan) training in London at the moment is expecting to go to Japan this year. Members of the Area who would like to assist Dennis in his efforts to reach the Mecca of judo write to me at 49 *Acre Avenue, Ecclehill, Bradford, 2.*

Dr. Phyllis Elliott has now returned to the Area and taken up committee work again. Leeds Athletic Club Judo Section is progressing very well under Mr. Eric Roebuck, anyone passing through or visiting the town remember to look in on the section at the Athletic Institute.

All Dan grades are requested to send their names and addresses to the Area Secretary so that a list can be compiled, it is also hoped to arrange a meeting of the Area's Black belts.

NORTH WEST AREA *Bill Treadwell*

A film and course was recently arranged for the holders of the Coach Award in the Area. Whitfield Judo Club was the venue and those who attended were unanimous in their appreciation of the arrangements.

Congratulations are due to Miss G. Macutcheon on her promotion to 1st Dan and also on attaining her Coach Award. Other members due for congratulations are Roy Antor and David Warner who also received confirmation of their promotion to Dan grade.

The Deeside Judo Club are one match down in a series with the Boys Training Regiment. The second leg is being played on 5th March.

News from the clubs in the Area is always needed, send details of your club's news items to Bill Treadwell, 5 *Rowden Crescent, Shotton, near Chester.*

LONDON AREA *D. F. Burgess*

London is back on the map again. At a meeting held at the Budokwai on 15th February, a committee was elected under the Chairmanship of Gunji Koizumi (8th Dan). The committee has already held three meetings and is working on ideas for putting life back into the London Area.

It was not until the second meeting that we realised that due to an administrative oversight, the Chairman had not been formally elected. G.K. protested that he was getting on, and would we not like a younger man, but this was quickly over-ruled and he was formally and firmly elected to the chair. Sixty years of judo experience is too valuable to lose.

One of the first ideas to be put into operation is a Study Group under G.K. The group will be held on Saturdays at 3 p.m. at the Budokwai. The intention is that by discussion and practise to foster a better understanding of judo and to try and follow its original principles.

Officials elected are: Dennis Bloss (5th Dan), **Area Coach**. Mr. T. Murphy, 29 *Chalcot Square, Chalk Farm, N.W.1*, **Area Secretary**. Mr. K. Hopkins, 108 *Chapel Way, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Surrey*, **Area Licensing Officer**, all application and enquiries about licences should be addressed to him. Mr. C. Grant, 4 *Ascot House, Redhill Street, N.W.1*, is the **Area Coaching Secretary, P.R.O.** to whom all matters of interest in the Area should be sent is Mr. D. F. Burgess, 1 *Japan Crescent, Crouch Hill, N.4*.

MIDLAND AREA. Keith Brewster

The date of the course organised by **Dudley J.C.** under Mr. Watanabe has been changed from 4th-5th April to 11th-12th April. There will be a course for women at the **Judokwai-Leicester** over the Whitsuntide Holidays, May 16th-19th, applications to *Miss S. Park, 33 Hinckley Road, Leicester*. The examination for the Women's Instruction Certificate will take place on 2nd-3rd May at the **Derby Olympus**.

The date and venue of the Midland Area Championships has not yet been fixed. The Area Quarterly Examinations will be held on April 25th-26th. Details of venues will be circulated. Please note that the monthly examinations which are held for 4th Kyu and below at Derby will not be held on Saturday, 2nd May.

The one day courses organised throughout the Area and instructed by the Coach Award holders were not a success. Once again through the general apathy of the members people have cause to doubt whether it is worth it. I could have told them, it isn't.

The Annual General Meeting of the Midland Area of the British Judo Association will take place in **Derby** on the 27th September. Being incurable optimists the Area Committee will book a hall holding a minimum of 100. After a fit of laughter (hysterical radical type) at the best joke in years I suggested a telephone booth might be more appropriate. I was chided for my lack of faith, but I know you won't let me down.

The weekend course at the Judokwai-Leicester on March 7th-8th was very successful, nearly 40 people applied too late to take part. A similar course is being held at the **Y.M.C.A. Skegness**, on April 18-19th. Applications to *C.C.P.R. Bank Chambers, 125 St. Ann's Well Road, Nottingham*. Further courses for women at Kesteven Training College, Lincs., on May 23rd-24th and June 6th-7th and at the **Birmingham Athletic Institute** on May 16th-17th. S. Yamada is taking a Kata course at the Shin-Wa-Kwai, **Grimby** on May 30th-31st.

Mr. Rogers, co-founder, chief instructor and committee member of the Birfield J.C. has resigned, and is now instructing at the Nechell J.C. In

appreciation of his work the club presented him with a suitably engraved cigarette casket.

Good deed for the year needed by Mr. C. Smith, The Royal School for the Deaf, 88 Friar Gate, Derby. The deaf and dumb pupils of the school are starting a Judo club and Judogi are urgently needed, if you have an old Judo suit which is perhaps too small, send it to Mr. Smith. The importance of an effort on your part cannot be too highly stressed.

The next Area Junior team contests will be at **Solihull** on Sunday, April 19th. Further enquires to *Mr. P. Barnett, 52 The Headlands, Coventry*.

Budokwai Policy and the B.J.A. Special General Meeting

APRIL 5th 1964

The Budokwai, having received notice of the Agenda of the Special General Meeting of the British Judo Association, has considered the implications of the proposed changes to the constitution and feels it is necessary to oppose the proposals in their present form, and in fact, to ask other clubs to do the same.

There are many objections in detail but some fundamental objections in principal, particularly in view of the nature of the proposed changes in the Executive Committee. Member clubs have received only the bare minimum notice constitutionally required for such a meeting. A reasonable expectation in such a case would have been a draft notice well in advance.

The proposals aim a blow at the structure of the B.J.A. which would put it completely out of the control of the A.G.M. The Chairman in his election speech at the last A.G.M. said: "The Executive Committee as it stands is far too large and unwieldy to be workable

... Although on the surface it is desirable to give area representatives a voice, it is neither practical nor democratic ... That the existing Executive Committee be disbanded and that the constitution be changed to give

the Association an Executive Committee as follows: three officers—Chairman, Treasurer and General Secretary plus six other members who would be elected to specific jobs, not to a roving portfolio."

It is difficult to reconcile this with what is now proposed. The Budokwai feels that the Committee should consist of named individuals—not "Chairman or duly authorised representative of each area and national association". Such representatives could change at each Executive meeting leaving no continuity or responsibility.

A committee thus formed would be little different in numbers to the present one which is suggested is "too large and unwieldy". Further, the Committee would continue to increase in size should it form new areas, which is within its power.

Finally, it is the Budokwai's considered opinion that before any major structural alterations to the B.J.A. constitution are carried into effect, a searching enquiry by qualified men would be advisable. The Budokwai considers that this meeting should be postponed until this is done.

14th March, 1964

Oxford & Cambridge

Judo Match

For the second year running the Light Blues defeated their rival Dark Blues in the Annual Judo Match, held this year at Oxford.

Apart from the match which was the main item of the evening's show, a supporting cast included Kisaburo Watanabe 5th Dan, and Senta Yamada 6th Dan.

The result of the actual contests were as follows, Ebert of St. Johns Cambridge ended up the winner with waza-ari over Wilcox of Oxford. Perry of Cambridge drew with Merry of Oxford. Yetton of Cambridge managed to score an ippon on Blundell of Oxford. Moss of Cambridge scored waza-ari on Ratcliffe. Davies of Cam-

bridge lost to Ware on a decision. Werham held Boyle of Oxford for ippon. And Hay the Captain of Cambridge won his contest against Glassborow of Oxford on a decision. Goldreich of Cambridge also held his opponent Moggridge for ippon. The reserve in each team also fought and Payne of Cambridge lost to Vaughan-Lee on a decision. Cambridge scored 49 points to their opponents 10.

As last year, the event was sponsored by Japan Air Lines, and Miss Kazuko Taira, daughter of a member of their staff in London, presented the winning team with an enormous red lacquerware cup and small replicas as personal mementos for each member of the team.



KENDO forum

by Musashi of the
to Ryu

11th National Kendo Championships. The Championships were held at the Metropolitan Gymnasium, Tokyo, on 1st December 1963, fifty-six of the leading kendoka in Japan taking part. "Nihon Budo", reporting on the tournament, says that all matches were marked by great spirit and freshness. It is remarkable that for the first time ever, seven of the eight quarter-finalists were below twenty-six years of age.

In the quarter-finals a surprise result came in the match between Mr. Kiyama Yoshiaki, 5th dan, and Mr. Kuwabara Tetsuaki, 6th dan, a former champion. The latter was defeated by Mr. Kiyama who is only 21 years old.

The Final was between Mr. Yano Taro, 7th dan, aged 40, from Hyogo Prefecture, and Mr. Toda Tadao, 5th dan, from Shiga Prefecture.

Mr. Yano and Mr. Toda attacked right from the start in the posture of *hidari-morote-jodan*. Mr. Toda saw an opportunity and cut *men* but his opponent avoided this attack and cut *nuki-men* to take first point. For the second point both assumed *Jodan-kamae* and watched for a good opportunity. Mr. Toda cut and scored with a fine *hidari-kote*, bringing the score to one each. After this they both fought hard but were unable to take a winning point and the match went over time and into the first extension (*encho-sen*). Mr. Yano now fought from *chudan-kamae* and seeing that Mr. Toda's move-

...very slightly with *hidari-kote* championship in ... 40 years old part in this ... previous years. ... he has been successful. He fought younger men very well, drawing on his great experience of police Kendo. Mr. Toda regrettably lost after his series of victories but his fighting from *jodan* was excellent and his spirit and attitude very correct.

(Report from Nihon Budo,
December, 1963.)

Kendo Film by Takizawa Sensei. When Mr. Takizawa Kozo, 7th dan *Kyoshi*, visited the Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo he promised to send a training film and this offer was most generously fulfilled when a very fine 16mm. documentary entitled simply "KENDO" arrived in Christmas week last year. It is a study of Kendo taking up 1800 feet, (five reels), with sound track, and has already proved extremely valuable in all aspects of this art. It deals in turn with basic movement and techniques, *nidan* and *sandan waza*, *kirikaeshi*, *oji waza*, *kakari-geiko*, *keiko* and *shiai*, correct judging and rules of contest, and finally two of the leading *sensei* in Japan demonstrate the *Nihon Kendo Kata*.

There is one remarkable sequence early in the film in which Mr.

Mochida Seiji *Hanshi*, 10th dan, gives *mohan-keiko*. Mochida Sensei moves in this *keiko* with such speed and agility that one finds it difficult to credit his age. His demonstration of technique, of tactics, and awareness (*Zanshin*) leave one awed. At the end of the film Mochida Sensei performs the *kata* as *Shidachi* and Mr. Saimura Goro *Hanshi* 10th dan, as *Uchidachi*.

Training at the Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo becomes more intense as the return visits of Mr. Oura Yoshihiko, 7th dan *Kyoshi*, and Mr. Takami Taizo, 4th dan, come near. Readers will be interested to know that recent sculptures inspired by Mr. Takami's impressions of Europe have been very well received in Japanese art circles. He has, in recent months, held exhibitions of granite sculptures in

Aomori and Morioka in Northern Japan, and in Tokyo, besides carrying out various commissions. In January, Mr. Takami took the *Kan-geiko* training for one week for his Kendo students in Morioka, and in addition to Kendo he is teaching *Iai*. He is a pupil of Hashimoto Toyo Sensei.

Recent activities of kendoka in this country have included public displays in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, for the Samurai Judo Club; at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, for the K.N.K. "Judo Show of the Year"; a private demonstration for the City of London Police at the end of February; and, most important, the First Anniversary *Shiai* of the Bushi Budokai, at Portsmouth.

The whole of this year will be one of intense activity with the object of improving and establishing Kendo here in line with the



Shomen-uchi demonstrated by Roald Knutsen, 3rd Dan, and Keith Feltham, 1st Dan, at the Brangwyn Hall Swansea.

formation of the World Kendo Renmei. All kendoka are asked to pay attention to correct Kendo *seishin* (spirit) and to follow the guidance of the *sensei* of the All Japan Kendo Federation in order that European Kendo can, without difficulty, join the World Kendo Renmei when this comes into being.

Kendo *seishin* is correct thought and action. It is also correct discipline of the mind especially with regard to one's opponents and to everyone outside one's own dojo in everyday affairs. To harbour resentment and enmity, and to disregard the teachings of *budo* outside the dojo is to be a very poor student and to have poor self-control and spirit.

CLUB

FORUM

LONDON

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY from *Eric Dominy*. The Festival of Judo will take place at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace. The date will be published in the next issue of "JUDO" and all clubs will be notified. The programme will consist mainly of Black Belt individual contests with a few supporting items intended to add interest and to give the competitors and officials a rest. This will be the first judo event at this fine new stadium and it is well worth a visit.

The 1964 Judo Tournaments for the Goldberg-Vass Trophies. These will take place at the Festival of Judo and be organised as follows: (a) National Judo Tournament for the Goldberg-Vass Trophy. Open to any holder of Dan Grade, irrespective of weight or grade. Winner Gold Medal, runner-up Silver Medal. (b) Dan Grade Heavyweight Tournament. (c) Dan Grade Middleweight Tournament. (d) Dan Grade Lightweight Tournament. The three winners will receive Gold Medals and the three runners-up will receive Silver Medals. Note all competitors must enter in the correct weight categories, there will be a weigh-in before the first round, a competitor not making the weight for the category for which he has entered will not be able to change to any other category.

(e) 1st and 2nd Kyu Tournament for the Goldberg-Vass Shield. There are no weight categories. The winner will receive a Silver Medal and the runner-up a Bronze.

(f) Peter Sellers Junior Inter-Club Team Trophy. Five a side. Each club must be a member of the B.J.A. and each member of the team must

be a current licence holder. Team members must be under 16 on the day of the contest. Winning team members receive Silver Medals, runners-up Bronze Medals. All competitors must be holders of a current B.J.A. licence. Full details will be circulated to all B.J.A. clubs.

Grading examinations will take place at the L.J.S. as follows: Sunday, 3rd May, 10.30 a.m., up to 5th Kyu inclusive; 2 p.m., 4th Kyu to 2nd Kyu inclusive. Sunday, 10th May, 2.30 p.m., 1st Kyu only. L.J.S. members up to 3rd Kyu inclusive will be examined on Monday, 4th May. 1st Kyu and Dan grades should attend on 3rd and 4th May for practice in referees' duties.

Weight training sessions have commenced with very limited equipment, but more is promised with the chance to have a special room set aside for the members.

REGENCY AIKIDOKWAI. *D. F. Burgess writes:*—After experimenting with a fairly loose practice and instruction routine, we have now drawn up a new practice schedule. On Mondays there will be a judo beginners' course followed by general practice. Tuesdays the same routine only Aikido will be taught. Wednesdays Mr. Yamada (6th Dan) will take a beginners' course in judo followed by an advanced judo course. Thursdays a repeat of Wednesdays' programme with Mr. Yamada taking Aikido instead of judo. Fridays Mr. Nishimura (7th Dan) instructs the whole evening. Saturday mornings Mr. Yamada takes a Junior class, and on the second Sunday in each month there will be a Ko-haku-shiai in the morning.

We hope that this programme will cater for all tastes, from hard practising types to those who only want a little exercise. The Junior section is progressing very well and the first grades were awarded in February. We can count on at least an 80% attendance each week from the members, but so far the boys outnumber the girls about three to one. The next beginners' course for judo starts on 13th April and for Aikido on 16th April.

SUNDERLAND

SUNDERLAND JUDO ACADEMY. *R. Canter writes:*—The official opening of the Academy was performed by Dame Enid Russell-Smith (3rd Dan), Principal of St. Aidan's College, Durham, on Friday, 21st February. After the ceremonial cutting of a black belt the guests were entertained by various demonstrations, and watched the club championships. The evening's programme was concluded by Alderman R. Wilkinson, the Deputy Mayor of Sunderland, who made the closing address and presented the trophies.

On the 15th and 16th of February nearly 40 members took part on a course directed by Mr. Mutsusuke Harada, 5th Dan Karate. Although most of the members had no previous experience of Karate everyone was infected by Mr. Harada's enthusiasm, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The continued progress of the Academy is shown by the appointment of the club as one of the four centres chosen to undertake Olympic training and trials. Latest project is the installation of a new mat area of about 600 square feet for the Aikido and Karate sections. Both Harry and Alan Marr the founders and directors of the club are very pleased with the support they are receiving and the progress the club is making.

The BRITISH UNIVERSITY JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Story A. R. MENZIES

Photographs

Maurice Killen, Alan Menzies



Gerald Blanc after receiving the University Area Shield which was presented at this time, as Captain of the winning South Eastern Area.

The British University Championships of 1964 were held at the London University Union Building on Saturday, 15th February. This year a much reduced field robbed the proceedings of some of the excitement that the previous year's match had held. London were the favourites, with Leeds in hot pursuit, and only two other Universities taking part, Glasgow the reigning champions, and Keele University from the Midlands, so battle commenced straight away at the semi-final level.

Keele, with two Dan grades, but only supported by a 2nd, 4th, and 5th Kyu, had the dubious privilege of meeting London, who sported two Dan grades, two 1st Kyu and a 2nd Kyu in the first match. In matches where there is a great deal of grade disparity between the members of the team as well as between the positions in the respective teams of the weaker or stronger men, it sometimes plays as much part in winning the match as does the actual scoring by the contestants.

The first score went to Keele when Marshall, 1st Dan, scored a very neat and fast Tai-otoshi on Bedding, 1st Kyu of London. Holmes, 1st Dan, soon put matters on an even footing when he quickly beat Newton, 5th Kyu, with Seoi-nage. The 2nd Kyu in each team now met for the third contest and this was a hard fight, Newby of Keele probably making heavier weather of it than Dugdale, London, but putting in some useful attacks. However, the slight edge that Dugdale had became apparent when after one or two close misses he caught the Keele man with Uchi-mata for waza-ari, then clinched the matter by getting a good Kami-shiho-gatame for ippon.

Blanc of London, their second Dan grade, scored with Yoke-gake on Cuttance of Keele after some rather good attacks by the Keele man. In view of the difference in grade and experience Cuttance put up a good performance. Keele won the last match with Jackson, 1st Dan, scoring Tsurikomi-goshi on Potts, 1st Kyu, of London. Jackson was quite superior in this match and never had any real difficulty. It was a pity that Keele could not put more strength into their team, their two Dan grades, Marshall and Jackson, both won their contests and seemed to be very sure of themselves, but although the lower Kyu grades worked hard they were the weak link in their side.

The second semi-final was between Leeds and Glasgow, Leeds having the strongest side in the competition with two 2nd Dans and two 1st Kyu, supported by a third Kyu. Glasgow on the other hand had only Kyu grades, three 1st, one 2nd and a 4th.

The first match went to Leeds, although Lindsay, 1st Kyu, of Glasgow, scored first with Ushiro-goshi for a waza-ari, but then succumbed to the same technique by Seager, 1st Kyu, a few moments later for ippon. A fast contest, it lasted less than a minute and a half, with both men attacking each other at every opportunity.

Harpell, the very large Canadian 2nd Dan from Leeds, crushed Brown, 2nd Kyu of Glasgow, in Kuzure kami-shiho-gatame within a minute, which got Leeds off to a really good start. Holling, the second of the 2nd Dans, met and fairly quickly beat, Melville, 4th Kyu, of Glasgow with Tsurikomi-goshi for waza-ari, followed up with Kesa-gatame for ippon.



The Captain of the winning side receiving the magnificent Championship Vase from the President of the British Universities Judo Association, John Barnes.

Holling appeared a little too sure of himself in the opening moments and Melville was not loth to have a go at his far more experienced opponent. Like most sports there is always the possibility of a dramatic upset and no-one can afford to take it easy even with a less experienced opponent.

Robertson, 1st Kyu, the fourth Glasgow player, had a very useful Ashi-waza and quickly had the Leeds man, Rhoda, 3rd Kyu, in trouble. A couple of times he skidded his feet away from under him, then scored waza-ari with De-ashi-barai. Rhoda kept out of the way after that, but before the third minute of the contest, Robertson scored ippon with Okuri-ashi-harai. The last contest was the shortest when Murray, 1st Kyu, from Glasgow, scored with Tsurikomi-goshi in thirty seconds on Marsden, 1st Kyu, of Leeds. Really, it was quite a near thing for the Leeds side, if Lindsay had managed to hold onto his lead in the first contest, Glasgow would have put out the strongest side in the competition.

The final between Leeds and London continued almost immediately, the order of the teams the same as in the previous rounds. Bedding and Seager, both 1st Kyu, had a very even battle for most of the time with Seager more forceful anytime the contest went to the mat, and eventually, after nearly three minutes, he did manage to get a tight hold on Bedding with Kami-shiho-gatame for ippon.

Holling of Leeds holding Melville of Glasgow, in Kesa-gatame.





Leeds University team, 1964 champions of Great Britain.

Holmes of London had a hard task meeting Harpell of Leeds. With so many contests these days in weight categories it is not often that we see a small fighter on with a very big opponent, but in this case we did. Holmes tore into Harpell from the word go, and gave his much bigger opponent a troubled time. Harpell himself tried to take the contest steadily, relying probably on being able to knock Holmes down and then finishing him in groundwork, but he did not have much luck in this, Holmes being very agile on the ground himself and not leaving many openings whilst on his two feet. However, the bigger man's long legs and considerable strength told at last when he scored with Harai-goshi, a good technique, and he was unfortunate not to have got more for it than waza-ari. No further score was made and the contest ended with Harpell getting the decision. This was the only contest which went to time during the whole of the afternoon's matches.

OPPOSITE:

Above left. Holmes of London throwing Newton of Keele University in the first semi-final. *Above right.* Holling scoring on Dugdale in the third contest of the final match. *Below.* Jackson of Keele University scoring on Potts of London, seen from two different camera angles.

Dugdale of London only lasted just over a minute with Holling, 2nd Dan of Leeds, before sailing over to a good Tsurikomi-goshi. Leeds were now in an unassailable position, having won three out of five contests, which was just as well since they lost the last two. Blanc beat Rhoda with Kesa-gatame, a fairly easy contest for the London man. The last contest ended in the favour of Potts of London, when Marsden of Leeds injured his leg and was unable to continue threequarters of the way through the contest. So the victory vase went to the North yet again, albeit not so far as last year, but far enough to keep out of the hands of the chief challenger, London.

During the morning at the same venue the first inter-college championships were held. The brain-child of Anthony Sweeney, 3rd Dan, the University Coach, and well-known British International, the college championships were very successful. Any college in Britain could enter, whether a University College or local Technical College, and there were a surprising number of entries. This time not many of the colleges could sport Dan Grades, but no doubt as time goes by this could become one of the testing grounds for our future internationals. In Japan similar establishments produce 90% of the country's best young fighters, something perhaps that we can look forward to here.

Moscow International Judo Tournament

LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION

The first international judo tournament, with entries from seven countries opened in the Palace of Sports in Moscow on 2nd March.

Fourteen athletes competed in the lightweight division contested on the opening day.

In the first round Oleg Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) won a clear victory over Andre Bourreau (France) in 6 min. 15 secs.

Zvonko Znidarsic (Yugoslavia) defeated Bruno Carmeni (Italy) with an armlock.

Valeri Natalenko (U.S.S.R.) won a decision over Luigi Flocchi.

Yuei Nakatani (Japan) defeated Burkhardt (German Democratic Republic) in 2 min. 59 secs.

Stanislav Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) beat Armand Desmet (France).

Pal Olah (Hungary) and Tengiz Magaladze (U.S.S.R.) had a bye in the first round.

In the second round Andre Bourreau (France) beat Pal Olah (Hungary); Zvonko Znidarsic (Yugoslavia) beat Tibor Bodor (Hungary); Aaron Bogolyubov (U.S.S.R.) beat Bruno Carmeni (Italy).

Y. Nakatani (Japan) had a clear victory over Stanislav Stepanov in 2 min. 44 secs., Tengiz Magaladze (U.S.S.R.) beat Valeri Natalenko (U.S.S.R.), Armand Desmet (France) beat T. Burkhardt (G.D.R.) and won in 4 min. 25 secs.

In the third round Oleg Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) defeated Pal Olah (Hungary) on points; Aaron Bogolyubov (U.S.S.R.) defeated Zvonko Znidarsic (Yugoslavia) in 4 min. 14 secs. Tibor Bodor (Hungary) beat Bruno Carmeni (Italy); Tengiz Magaladze (U.S.S.R.) defeated Luigi Flocchi (Italy) by a throw in 1 min. 40 secs. Nakatani (Japan) defeated Armand Desmet (France) on points; and T. Burkhardt (G.D.R.) beat Stanislav Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) Andre Bourreau (France) and Valeri Natalenko (U.S.S.R.) had a bye.

This ended the preliminary bouts in the lightweight category. Top favourite for the gold medal was the Japanese Nakatani. Demonstrating excellent technique he easily defeated all his rivals.

In the quarter finals Oleg Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) defeated Zvonko Znidarsic in 3 min. 1 sec. by a stranglehold. Andre Bourreau (France) outpointed Aaron Bogolyubov (U.S.S.R.). Tengiz Magaladze (U.S.S.R.) defeated T. Burkhardt (G.D.R.) by a verdict of the referees and Y. Nakatani threw Valeri Natalenko (U.S.S.R.) in 3 min. 38 secs.

In the semi-finals Nakatani threw Andre Bourreau and Oleg Stepanov threw Tengiz Magaladze (both of the U.S.S.R.).

In the finals Yuei Nakatani outpointed Stepanov.

About 2,000 spectators packed the sports palace and the final contest was televised by Eurovision and Intervision. The final bout between Nakatani and Stepanov continued for 15 minutes. The Japanese amazed the spectators by his aggressiveness, staunchness, agility and tenacity.

The big memorial cup was presented to Nakatani and the smaller trophies went to Bourreau (France), Stepanov (U.S.S.R.) and Magaladze (U.S.S.R.).

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MAY

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SEPTEMBER

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Japan in the Age of War

PART TEN

by Roald Knutsen

Throughout the periods of military government in Japan, territorial power rested in the hands of various powerful clans and the only real control lay in having numerous retainers. To a certain extent hunting expeditions took the place of military manoeuvres and drill of present day armies. Modern tactics were little understood in those days and the usual method of warfare was for each warrior to advance on the enemy and to effect all he could by personal prowess. Hence the display of courage and skill that these hunting expeditions involved proved excellent training for the battlefield. Great *bushi* frequently took more than a thousand men to hunt in wild terrain on exercises that lasted several days. Minamoto Yoritomo hunted over the flanks of Mt. Fuji and several well-known tales are told of this particular expedition in the late 12th century. The samurai who took part in these hunts attended as though for war. They came in full armour, with all their equipment, flags, banners, retainers, spare horses, camp followers, *maku*, and so on; and, as in the account of Hojo Soun's hunting over the Sagami border in 1494, a hunt could turn into something very serious with ease. A boar hunt in the mid-16th century occurs in the history of Torii Masayemon. Only some twenty men were involved; at the time of this extract they were struggling through the difficult mountain roads in eastern Mino province in the depths of a severe winter.

The sky remained clear all night, there was no wind. In the frosty dawn one of the samurai came up and said to Masayemon:

"Lord, there are some tracks in the snow by the river."

"What do they look like?"

"They seem to be those of an *inoshishi* (wild boar), Sir, but an enormous one at that." He was plainly excited.

Their curiosity piqued, Masayemon and Yukihiro went with the retainer to view these remarkable tracks.

"They certainly are large," commented the leader.

"Why don't we give chase, Sir? It would be good training for the men," Yukihiro said. "We have all become stale after these last few days of forced idleness."

"Well I must admit that a boar hunt would be most welcome to me, too. Doubtless we could all do with the training as you say. Order the men to be ready for action in half an hour, Sir Jiroemon."

The tracks followed the river for a couple of hundred yards then led up to the north-west into a narrow ravine. The hunters in their black laced armour, had already caught the thrill of the chase but made no noise since the wild boar was a most dangerous beast to face on unfavourable ground. Leading their horses the small band filed between the boulders wading waist deep in snow towards the top of

the defile. The boar was evidently hungry and had rooted about in the lee of rocks and tree stumps in his search for food. At last they came out onto the wind swept ridge where the traces in the thin snow showed the animal to have gone northwards over the barren slabs before plunging once again into the interior.

The wild boar is a cunning animal that will ambush his hunters when once it gets wind of a pursuit. It will double on its tracks and resort to all manner of tricks to shake off the approaching doom. Furthermore it is equipped by the gods with sharp up-curling tusks specially suited for disembowelling man and horse. It has keen-edged horny feet which it uses as a formidable addition to its armoury. On top of all this the animal is agile beyond belief. In a tangled thicket amid the snow and rocks the angry beast waited, its red eyes glinting, head lowered to glare through the branches of the bush at the oncoming hunters.

Yukihiro and a retainer were in the lead as they followed the tracks through the snow. They led past the thicket, missing it by some

fifteen feet. Without warning the old boar shot squealing through the brush and flung its enormous bulk across the white ground at the nearest samurai. It slashed up at the horse which threw its rider before crashing over onto its side, the snow splashed crimson. The threshing animal prevented the attacking boar reaching Yukihiro so it spun round and hurtled at

Illustration opposite

The traditional hunting attire of a *bushi* was known as *yabusame*. This was composed of a light hat of distinctive shape; a specially made left sleeve of a heavy thick material made to protect the bow arm; and a pair of long deer-skin breeches or chaps. The hunter was armed with *tachi* and *tanto*, a bow and a supply of arrows. He also carried a riding cane. To the warrior, hunting developed skill in riding, in accurate archery, in tracking down game. A secondary benefit was the increased knowledge of tracks and ways through wild mountainous terrain so useful in time of war.



the next hunter, again bringing down horse and rider. This time the man was caught by those terrible tusks and fearfully wounded in the neck. Yukihiro scrambled behind a tree clear of the arrows as Masayemon and his comrades loosed at the raging boar.

The fourth samurai drew his sword and bravely stood his ground. He swung a mighty blow at the animal's head then leapt aside, but he was too late and was flung over the powerful back—straight into the path of an arrow. The corpse lay with a feathered shaft protruding from his stomach.

The boar broke off the attack and made off up the hillside but plunged into a deep drift which slowed him for a few moments. Time enough for Masayemon and Yukihiro to reach him from either side. The former lunged with a long yari driving the keen blade behind the muscular right shoulder deep into the great chest. Yukihiro

stabbed with all his strength at the exposed neck as the animal spun round to rip his tormentor. At the same moment two of the samurai with yari speared the beast and the battle was ended. The boar sank back onto its haunches and with one foot tried to dislodge a yari but the effort was too much and with a last coughing grunt it keeled slowly over to one side in the trampled snow. It was an hour to noon. The head and skin of the boar were tied to a retainer's horse to be cured in Ena, the body measured fully nine *shaku* (feet) from snout to tail, truly an enormous beast. In its flesh they found several old arrowheads and the flanks were scarred from many fights.

At the loss of two men, the samurai rid the district of a savage predator. In the afternoon they retraced their difficult path to the Nakasendo bearing with them their dead comrades and the trophy.



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

Extraordinary General Meeting. All members are asked to note that there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association on Sunday, 5th April, 1964, at the Regimental H.Q. of the London Scottish (Gordon Highlanders) Territorial Army, 59 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, commencing at 11 a.m.

The main objects of this meeting are to regularise certain aspects of the Constitution with a view to the future progress of the Association, and to institute the principle agreed at the last Annual General Meeting that for the future the financial year of the Association would be from 1st January until 31st December, the A.G.M. for that year being held in the month of April of the ensuing year.

Calling notices, agenda and details of the proposals have been sent to all Member Clubs.

Selection Contests. The first of a series of Selection Contests was held at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot, on Sunday, 8th March. These contests attracted a record number of entries and appear to have been by far the most successful held to date. The success is in no small way due to the great amount of help and co-operation received from the numerous people who willingly gave of their time to assist, to say nothing of the enthusiasm of the players, and Headquarters would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those who helped to make this event such a success.

Olympic Games. In order that the British Judo Association may select its players to take part in the main Selection Contests at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre in July, a further series of contests in weight categories will be held during the weekend 13th/14th June, 1964. Time and venue will be announced and full and complete details will be sent to all Area Committees and Area Coaches within the very near future.

Promotions. The following recommendations to and within the Dan degree were confirmed by the Technical Board.

To 1st Dan: H. Winn (Budokwai), P. Ferris (Budokwai), E. Brockbank (Budokwai), H. Green (Budokwai), E. Forehead (Portsmouth), D. Vaines (Matsumachi), M. Burr (Matsumachi), A. Hart (Wisbech), A. Reading (B.A.I.), J. Perris (Samurai), J. Griffin (Hertford).

To 2nd Dan: D. Watson (Renshuden), G. Judd (Wisbech), G. Guest (Wisbech), K. Jones (Samurai).

National Teams. During the past month or so, the B.J.A. has taken part in international contests in France, Holland and East Germany. Teams were selected to represent Great Britain in these matches, in addition to which reserves were also chosen and asked to stand by in case they were

required to travel. On more than one occasion it has been necessary to call upon the services of these reserves in the past to take the place of a team member who at the last minute has been unable to go, and it is distressing to note that in some cases the reserve has been unable to travel either due to the fact that he has no passport or is injured or for some other reason, despite the fact that he has already indicated to the Association that he is willing to take part if required.

Therefore members selected, whether it be as a team member or a reserve, should ensure that they have the necessary documentation required for travelling abroad and that they train in such a manner as to minimise the risk of injury occurring immediately prior to the contests.

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