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BRITISH JUNIOR TRIALS 1968

Report and Photographs by ALAN R. MENZIES

The 1968 Junior trials were the most successful yet, probably due to the impending European Championships which are scheduled to be held at the same venue in a fortnight. Perhaps the prestige of being on the "mat" in front of a home crowd was the reason for the sudden increase in players taking part, but it is nice to believe that as the popularity of judo grows, especially among the school and university population more and more young men are reaching the high standard required for this sort of event. Every category in both the "Espoirs" and "Junior" divisions had a good number of players competing for the two places allocated to each country.

Preview for Many Officials

The National Recreation Centre was well filled, not only by players, but by the many officials, including timekeepers, recorders, referees and the members of the National Selection Committee, who met immediately afterwards to decide on the British entry this year, and the European Championship sub-committee, who had a chance to experiment with various arrangements which will be necessary at the European event.

Familiar Faces Missing

Among the players taking part this year there were far fewer internationals than on previous occasions. Old Father Time takes his toll even among these youngsters and many of the familiar faces are now absent from the junior events which they so ably represented a short time ago. It does no harm to remember the superb team that went to Holland in 1965 and brought back three gold medals, Brian Jacks, David Peake and Alan Green, all three still foremost competitors but now ranked among the leading senior players in the country where they once used to be the "young kids". Other missing stars are Hugh McAree, Tony Sefton, Lyn Rees, Alan Hunter, Terry Hewett, Dave Starbrook and Colin McIver, to name just a few of the players who have mostly won one or more medals for us during the time they were in the Junior class. Still in the competition for medals and glory, were Bob Sullivan, Terry Garratt, John Craig, Keith Cannaby, David Lawrence, Bryan Brumfield and Len Hudspith.

Lawrence in Good Form

The only international player to remain in the "Espoir" this year, and favourite for the top place in his weight, was David Lawrence, in the Light Middleweight class. He represented his country for the first time last year in Portugal and this year was able to enter the same category once more. In the "Junior" categories several previous "Espoir" players were now making an appearance. Of special note were Bob Sullivan who moved into the "Junior" Light Middleweight category, John Craig in the Middleweights and Keith Cannaby in the Lightweights. All three were expected to do well, as all of them are previous European Championship medal winners.

The competitions started at ten o'clock, with the "Espoir" Lightweight pool. Last year there was only one entry; this year three players managed to make the class. Outstanding among them was Alexander, and he topped the pool with wins over both Duffy and Owens, thereby securing a place for himself in the team. Duffy joined him and Owens trailed along at the rear. It did not take long to finish and everyone present was very satisfied with the speed with which the group was handled. They might have been less happy if they had realised that the enormous increase of players taking part was going to make it a marathon, in fact from the time of starting the trials continued without interruption for over eight hours on three mat areas.

Although this report deals with each category weight in order through the "Espoir" and "Junior" classification, the actual contests were not necessarily run off in this order due to the large number of contestants in some of the groups.

Seen at the National Trials, Chairman Charles Palmer, National Coach, Geoff Gleeson and Ray Ross, E.J.U. Referee and member of the B.J.A. Refereeing panel.



In the Light Middleweight division of the "Espoir", ten players made up two pools of five, with a final pool of four being drawn from the two top scorers in each of the preliminary pools. In pool 1, Lock scored against everyone with Campbell as runner-up. In pool 2, Lawrence had little difficulty in coming out top except in his contest with Cole, who was the runner-up, and only conceded the one contest by a three point decision. The final pool saw some surprising upsets. Lawrence, as expected, won every contest fairly easily, although again, Cole gave him the hardest fight but lost on a waza-ari. Lock who had topped number 1 pool, lost every contest conceding an ippon in each case. Cole beat both Campbell and Lock, but Campbell gave him a very hard fight losing eventually by a decision. This put Cole in second place with Campbell third and Lock last.

Huge Middleweight Entry

The giant group of the "Espoir" division was the Middleweight one with four pools of five and one pool of four, followed by two semi-final pools of four and a final pool of four. Starting during the morning this class maintained an unbroken series of contests on the middle contest area in the sports hall for nearly four hours. In the four-man pool Mewett swept the board with three decisive wins. The winners of the four five-man pools were, Jolly, four wins, Tucker, four wins, Livingstone, three wins, (he lost to Watt who only narrowly missed being in first place by two points), and in the fourth pool Regan and Lesik tied with twenty-seven points each for top place, when both lost one contest, Regan to Lesik, and Lesik to Ekins.

In the first of the semi-final pools, Mewett nearly had another clean sweep but lost by a decision to Crickmar, the runner-up to Tucker in the preliminary rounds. Next to Mewett came Jolly who scored excellent points during his contests against Crickmar and Regan. In the second semi-final Watts won all four of his contests not really being extended except by Hall runner-up to Jolly in the preliminaries. Tucker came second to him, although not nearly so decisive in his contests.

Problem for Selectors in Middleweight Category

The final pool was therefore composed of some very strong players. They had to be, to be able to get through the sort of opposition that they had been fighting during the day. Tucker, Jolly, Watts and Mewett were the contestants with the edge going to Watts after his results in the semi-finals, but Tucker eventually managed the highest score with a win in twenty-three seconds over Jolly, another ippon just under five minutes against Mewett, and a loss to Watts by waza-ari. The second highest score was by Mewett who managed to defeat Watts with an ippon but conceded his last contest to Tucker, which must have presented the selectors with a bit of a problem.

OPPOSITE :

Above. Terry Garratt holding Eagles in one of the semi-final pools, subsequently Garratt scored to win the contest with Tai-otoshi

Below. David Lawrence attacking one of his opponents in the preliminary rounds of the Espoirs Light Middleweight category.





Three-Man Tie for Second Place

There were only five contestants in the Light Heavyweight division of the "Espoir", all of them new faces. The result of the one and only pool was not so easy to determine, when three of the players tied exactly for second place, causing a fight off, the only one of the day. Cotton was the outright winner of the pool with thirty-five points from his four opponents, two wins by ippon, one walk over, when Carroll retired after one contest, and a decision. Clarke, Naughton, and Rodie, all scored fifteen points, and they had a mini-pool to themselves to decide on the second, third and fourth places. Naughton beat both of the others and came out on top. Clarke lost both contests, and Rodie won one on a decision which solved everybody's problem.

Four players made up the Heavyweight pool. This was much better than last year, although still a small entry for one of the main weight categories. Like boxing, the Heavyweight division seems to attract more attention than any other, and some countries, Holland for instance, produce large numbers of very big players in this division. However, the four-man pool produced one decisive winner, Robinson who scored on the other three to get a maximum. Golding came next with two good wins, followed by Tonkin with one win. After a very good effort, the last man McGee, sustained three losses.

Cannaby Favourite for Top Place

In the "Junior" categories of course much more experienced players were taking part, and in the older, stronger and in some cases, more seasoned players the action developed into some exciting contests. In the Lightweight division, Cannaby, European Bronze Medallist, was expected to take the top position, but he was foiled in this attempt by Mullen, who had a tremendous score of three ippons in the final pool. Ten players made up two pools of five with Cannaby in great form in his pool. He won his first contest with a lightning like Seoi-nage in fifty-three seconds. His next contest lasted just over a minute before another ippon, then a close fight with Jones and Cannaby, just squeezing in with a three point decision, but his last contest produced another ippon from two waza-ari against McDowell, the young Irish player. Second in this preliminary pool was Beauchamp with three wins, losing only to Cannaby. He had a very close fight with McDowell, which decided the second and third place, and won by a three point decision. In the other preliminary pool, Mullen stormed through with three clear wins and a waza-ari to easily lead the other contestants by a long way. His next nearest rival was Holmes, one of the Midland wonder boys in the Peter Sellers competitions some years ago, who had three wins but two of them by very narrow margins. The final pool consisted of Cannaby, Mullen, Holmes and Beauchamp. Mullen won all his contests with ippon and showed very considerable skill and style. Cannaby came second, losing only to

OPPOSITE :

Above. Ippon being scored during the preliminary rounds of the Junior Trials.

Below. Good attempt at Seoi-nage in the trials, watching closely is National Referee, Joe Rowe.



Garratt scoring against Darby in the final pool of the Light Heavyweight category of the Junior event.

Mullen on a Shime-waza. Holmes came third, a very creditable performance from a stylish young player, and Beauchamp went down on every contest to end up at the bottom of the pool, but he proved to be a very good fighter and did extremely well to make the final four considering the strength and experience of some of the other competitors.

Brown Surprises Sullivan

The Light Middleweight group proved another surprise in the number of players who entered. Eighteen players were divided into four pools, two of five and two of four. Among the leading contenders for possible selection were Martin Peake and Bob Sullivan, both former European Championship players. In pool 1 lurked the surprise player, the sort of person who often turns up to upset the form, and he certainly did. His name was Brown and he scored a maximum in his pool of five, three ippons and a five-point win by decision. At this stage he made himself noticed but not too much so. The runner up was Higgins who only trailed by three points, followed by Caldwell with two wins for twenty points. In the second pool Nelson turned out to be the best player with two wins by ippon and one waza-ari. No-one else in this pool got close to Nelson. Hobbs and Hughes both scored ten points each and Leng lost every contest. Pool 3, the second of the five-man pools, saw

Peake in devastating form win all four contests with ippon, with the longest time spent on the mat, two minutes thirty-three seconds, easily the best performance so far. Never close but second in order of score was Sinclair followed by Martin.

In the second of the four-man pools Bob Sullivan, as was expected, had little difficulty in beating all his opponents. Woollard followed with a very respectable score of two wins, one in 35 seconds, and the other a waza-ari in 33 seconds, followed by ippon in one minute fourteen seconds, and only Sullivan beat him. Third in this pool was Whitelaw with one win against Wakefield, who unfortunately lost every contest.

The result of the preliminary pools meant that two semi-final pools contained some very strong players. In pool 1 of the semi-finals Peake out-classed everyone including the formidable Brown. He had three clear wins against Brown, Hughes and Woollard. Brown came second, only two points behind but of course one contest down, followed by Hughes and then Woollard. In the second of the semi-final pools Sullivan had a clear lead with three wins, followed by Nelson with two wins, and then Higgins with Sinclair the loser to the rest. This made the final pool a very interesting affair as it contained two internationals and two newcomers. It was in this final group of six matches that the competition got really fierce, and any one of the players in this pool deserves our congratulations for a very brilliant performance.

Brown now took on the role of the aggressor. He threw Nelson for ippon in 36 seconds, scored ippon on Bob Sullivan in two and a half minutes, but had less luck with Peake who held him to a full-time contest, losing by a five point decision. If Brown shows this sort of ability on the great day we could have a gold medal in this weight. Second to him was Sullivan with a clear win off Peake and a five point decision from Nelson, another chance for that top medal with Sullivan. Should both players get through to the final in the European Championships, I would back Sullivan to take the title, after all, three years in the Junior event must count for something. Nelson came third just pipping Peake to the post with a very close decision for three points.

Craig Fades in Final Pool

In the next category, the Middleweight, there were three pools of four and one of five. Shields led in the first pool with three clear wins, Phillipson came second with two wins, and Lennon tagged along for third place. Pool 2 had Pendleton as top scorer, Littlejohn second and Flanagan third. Not a very interesting event so far. Most of the players were having their first outing in these trials and probably the occasion was a little overawing for some of them. The first international was Len Hudspith in the five-man pool. He did not have too much bother with any of his opponents and scored against them all to lead. The second place was decided after a fight off between Round and Hine and Hine made it, with Round third. The last pool showed one of the best players in the entire group, Carmichael, a superb performance with three ippons in quick time against all his opponents. This group included another international, John Craig of Scotland, just back from six months in Geesink's dojo in Holland. He came second and did not fare very well for all his hard training. Wall brought up the rear in third place.

Carmichael Proves to be First-Class Competitor

The first of the semi-final pools saw Carmichael, again in brilliant form, disposing of Pendleton, Hine and Shields to head the pool and looking like a good prospect for the British side. Second in this pool was Shields, with Pendleton third.

Craig could only make second place in the second of the semi-final pools, losing to Hudspith who came out top, but keeping ahead of Littlejohn, who was third. Now all that remained was the last pool to decide who would be the best Middleweight in the Junior trials. Craig must have been favourite in the morning, but now Carmichael was well ahead in the stakes, with Hudspith running second and Craig down in third place, unless he could produce some really bold strokes in the next series of contests. As it turned out, our second favourite moved into top position with wins over all his three opponents, just getting a three point decision against Carmichael, which proves how near it was for first place. Carmichael came second, but he too only just got there with a three point decision over Shields, who proved to be a very determined and strong competitor. Everyone defeated Craig with ippon, a very surprising result and one that upset the form book very considerably. Best out of all the players, although he came second in the final pool, was Carmichael, a fluent technician with a cool head and quick to seize any opportunity.

Terry Garratt Sure Favourite for Selection

Now we came to the Light Heavyweight pool and Terry Garratt, Bronze and Silver Medallist in previous European Championships. If he did not make the last four, and probably the top place, then we could give up forecasting the results. There were only two preliminary pools one of three and one of four. Garratt shattered all the opposition in his pool, the four-man one, with three wins, including a wonderful Tai-otoshi against Eagles, the useful young player from Newham, who did so well in the Schoolboy Championships. Curry topped the other pool and Darby came second to him with a win over the only other player Murphy.

In the final pool Terry Garratt showed his very best form, with three straight wins well within the time, which hardly seemed to tire him at all. Curry also showed up well in this group with two wins, followed by Darby who came third, and Eagles last.

At Last a Top-Class Heavyweight

The big men came on for the last pool of the day which was the Heavyweight division of the "Junior" class. Absolute favourite was Remfry with everybody else in the melting pot. Seven players made up two preliminary

OPPOSITE :

Above. Tremendous effort to score being made by one of the many young players who took part in the Junior Trials.

Below. A flying leap by one of the contestants during an attack at the Junior Trials.



pools one of three and one of four. Remfry was in the four-man pool and won each of his three contests in the following times—1.09, 1.20, 1.51, which left no doubt at all who was going to come out top in the final pool. In the three-man pool, Concannon, who has done well in the student events lately and was a medallist in the World Universiade in Tokyo last year, beat both the other players, although he had trouble with Brumfield, a Junior European international 1966. The final pool consisted of Remfry, Concannon, Brumfield and Knight. Remfry's times for this event were 1.10, 3.50, against Concannon, and 1.15, pretty conclusive evidence that we have a champion in the making here if he can carry to the international field the confidence he showed in these trials. Concannon who came second is, of course, much more experienced and might well show up better than Remfry in the big match, but my money is on Remfry to bring home a medal for Britain in the Junior Europeans this year.

Gold Medal Opportunity for Great Britain

This report will be old news by the time it gets to the reader, since the European Championships will be over and done with before we go to press, but nevertheless, I should like to mention some of the young players whom I think might bring home the bacon, as it were, for Great Britain this time. Terry Garratt must be our best hope. With two medals already in hand this is his last chance to get a gold medal to make up a complete set. Next to him Keith Remfry looks like a world beater. For a big man he is quick and powerful, with a strong tokui-waza, and I wonder how many of the continentals will be able to withstand the Remfry big gun. At the other end of the scale, young Alexander in the "Espoir" Lightweight, will prove a really tough customer for anybody, and so far apart from Le Bihan and Biscaras of France, no-one has yet put up a really good "Espoir" Lightweight. Cannaby in his first European Championship took a bronze medal and showed how good style and plenty of attack could upset the strong Russian players. This time he should do as well, if not better. In the Junior Light Middleweight we could well have two players in the final, Sullivan and Brown, who both show great promise. Sullivan has lots of experience and Brown has bags of confidence as well as tremendous power in tachi-waza.

All round this year we look like having one of our strongest teams in this event and with the advantage of being at home, this combination of circumstances might put us in a position similar to that in Holland in 1965 when we took home three Gold Medals.



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

1968 Junior European Championships

Very sincere congratulations to C. Alexander and J. Golding in gaining a silver and bronze medal respectively in the Espoirs, and to R. Sullivan and K. Remfry on winning a silver medal each in the Junior category and E. Mullen on winning a bronze medal, also in the Junior category.

On the whole a successful event, although the lack of spectators was disappointing as it will probably be quite some time before such a major international event again is staged in this country.

We would take this opportunity to thank those B.J.A. officials who assisted tirelessly throughout the event and particularly the Royal Marine cadets who performed their duties with enthusiasm and with a spirit of friendly co-operation.

1968 Senior European Championships

Confirmation has now been officially received that the 1968 Senior European Championships will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from the 16th-19th May. The exact venue has not yet been advised.

Gt. Britain will be sending a team of 11 competitors, plus a Team Manager.

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Whilst on the subject of referees, congratulations must certainly go to Messrs. A. J. Sweeney and R. F. Ross, official E.J.U. referees at the 1968 Junior European Championships.



BRITISH AIKIDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES — JIM ELKIN

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Courses for Beginners

Prospective Aikido players may be interested to know that a number of clubs run continuous beginner courses. LONDON JUDO SOCIETY: Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7.30 p.m. THE CLAPHAM AIKIDOKAN: Friday evenings from 8 p.m. THE OATLANDS AIKIDO CLUB, Surrey: Mondays from 7.30 p.m. EPSOM AIKIDO CLUB, Cheam Road: Fridays from 8 p.m. THE MYO-DO-KAN, Brighton: Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. THE LINDEN SPORTING CLUB, Bournemouth: Mondays from 9.30 p.m. (or by private arrangement). For further information, either contact the Clubs concerned or the B.A.A. Secretary.

Croydon & District Judo Society will run a 10 week course for beginners commencing Monday, 22nd April, at 7.15 p.m. The O-Do-Ryu will hold a beginners course for 10 weeks commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th April.

Anyone interested, is welcome to visit any of these clubs to watch Aikido, without obligation.

Aikido Championships

This event which is to take place in November is almost certain to be held at Walworth College. The Coaching and Technical Committee will be visiting this venue to see exactly what the facilities are, and it is hoped to have details available in time for the next issue. A scoring system, similar to that used in gymnastics is being worked out, and members will have ample opportunity of studying this method before the Championships take place.

I have two apologies to make this time. Firstly, I still have not received the complete calendar of events for 1968, so am unable to include as promised. The second apology is for not having included the Aikido news from Japan. It is a question of getting the news translated in time for inclusion in the notes, and I do hope to be able to give you a full account of the Japanese Aikido activities for 1967 in the next issue.

Affiliated Clubs are reminded that their annual subscription is due, and I would be most grateful if those that have not re-subscribed, would do so as soon as possible.

I would like to remind members that there are Cloth Badges on sale for 3/- each, which are suitable to wear on either Judogi or track suits, obtainable either through me or Mr. J. Waite.

Folders containing details of Coaching, Syllabus, and Kata sequences are now available from your Instructors.

Anyone in Co. Durham, who is interested in Aikido, can get information concerning this sport by writing to either: P. J. Gillespie, Esq., *Organiser of Physical Education, Education Offices, 15 John Street, Sunderland* or to Mr. Crowe at the same address. Aikido is progressing very rapidly in this area, and your enquiries will be most welcome.

DUTCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. McIver

The Dutch Open Championships were held in a large Sports Centre just outside Breda, a small town in the south of Holland, on Sunday, the 3rd March, using two mat areas. This is one of the main events of the Dutch judo year, and with the absence of Anton Geesink the winner was anyone's guess. There were some thirty-two players from all over Holland, and the knock-out system was used with the usual repechage.

The favourites were, in my opinion, Wilhelm Ruska, Peter Snijders and Ernst Eugster. The contests started at 1.30 p.m., after a very poor demonstration of Nage-no-kata. The first round was over very quickly as quite a number of players did not put in an appearance. All the favourites passed the first round except Peter Snijders who retired with an injured hip which he had received a few days before in training. It is apparent that Holland can now produce a number of really big men.

The next few rounds produced very little exciting judo until Eugster met Ruska. Eugster had a hard time getting through, while Ruska had found it easy so far. The contest started immediately with Eugster pulling Ruska into ne-waza, and for the next few minutes some very exciting groundwork took place. Then, in a scuffle, Eugster went down, and it was not apparent to me, exactly what happened but there was no score. The contest ran a full six minutes with Eugster gaining the upper hand very easily in ne-waza, and nearly scoring with hidari Uchi-mata just on time. The judges gave Ruska the decision, although it looked as if Eugster would come through the repechage and take the title if the final went fifteen minutes.

The finalist from the other pool was St. Nicholas, a giant some six foot six, who had beaten all his opponents easily.

The repechage started immediately with Marchant, a young player from Anton Geesink's dojo, and, as expected, Eugster.

The first semi-final was over in under one minute when Ruska threw Marchant with O-soto-gari. The second semi-final with St. Nicholas and Eugster started immediately with both players going into ne-waza where, after some exciting groundwork, Eugster lost to a very neat shime-waza.

The final lasted two minutes, when Ruska threw his opponent with hidari O-soto-gari. A very poor final with St. Nicholas showing no fight and less technique.

Ruska also did not show world championship form and seemed unfit. He does not seem to be very popular as there were numerous catcalls and booing when he received the magnificent trophy.

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KENDŌ forum

by MUSASHI

Japanese Sensei visit Europe

Otaki Goro *Hanshi*, 9th *dan*, returned to England on the 28th February after visiting Brussels and Stockholm for Kendo while away. Back in this country this unusual master spent his usual long hours teaching at the London Nenriki Dojo and made a special visit to Mr. Knutsen's Butokukan Dojo in Brighton.

In teaching his nonconformist style, Otaki *Sensei*, continually presents the student with all four poisons of Kendo: doubt, confusion, surprise, and fear; and once the Kendoka thinks he has control of the first he finds a fresh set of permutations facing him! Otaki *Sensei's* style is one of combat technique.

On the 23rd February, Izawa Zensaku *Kyoshi*, 8th *dan* Kendo and 8th *dan* *Iai*, came to the Nenriki Dojo for a short visit while in London on business. He brought messages from his friend, Ozawa *Hanshi*, 9th *dan*, who was here in November last year. Izawa *Sensei* was in Paris for two days prior to coming here.

And in addition, a further interesting visitor to our dojo was Dr. Claude Durix, 3rd *dan* Judo, President of the Moroccan Budo Federation, from Casablanca, here to have special training in Kendo and discussions with the British Kendo Renmei. Kendo is just starting effectively in Morocco and Dr. Durix precedes M. Stobbaerts, the well known Judoka, who will

be here at the end of April to study Kendo.

Team Match and Yudansha Tournament

A last reminder of this important event scheduled for the 11th May at the Portsmouth Dojo. Dojo may enter 5-man teams of any ranks; all *yudansha* should enter the other tournament ladder. Entries to the Secretary of the British Kendo Association, *Shiai* under the rules of the All Japan Kendo Renmei.

French Kendo

The promise of increased Kendo activity for 1968 has so far held true. Winter Training schedules now seem almost commonplace as the training becomes more intense. Roald Knutsen, 4th *dan*, flew over to Paris over the weekend 24th/26th February, for a full schedule of training in the various Parisian dojo. Met at Orly Airport by Mr. Alain Floquet and Mr. Marc Bigoureux from the France Kendo Renmei, he almost immediately went to the Police Dojo right next to Notre Dame, meeting once again Mr. Shiga Tadakatsu, 5th *dan*.

Later in the afternoon more training at the "Plage 50" dojo of the "Amicale Mochizuki" with some of the more advanced French Kendoka.

After dinner at Mr. Bigoureux's apartment, the executive of the France Kendo Renmei discussed many Kendo problems with Mr. Knutsen as Secretary of the Oshu Kendo Renmei. There was com-

plete accord on all points touched on in this meeting.

The following morning, Sunday, the Kendoka met at the Maison des Jeunes Dojo in the 13th Arrondissement where more than twenty-five members of all ages, girls and men, trained under Shiga-san and Knutsen.

French Kendo is now effectively some eighteen months old, although several members such as Mr. Hamot, the Secretary of the Renmei, have practiced Kendo since 1956 with breaks. Roald Knutsen at the request of the Renmei and in consultation with Mr. Shiga was able to officially confirm three members in their *shodan* promotions and to advance three more to *shodan*, much to the surprise of

the Renmei. But for European Kendo it is a sign of maturity, a re-dress of balance, when we consider that up to the time of writing we have thirty-five Kendo *yudansha* of whom no less than nine come from countries outside England. And it must be emphasised clearly that all these ranks conform to international Kendo standards including Japan.

Kendo is centred in the Paris region with five *dojo* at present. There are some more further south but as yet these are not affiliated. Under the Presidency of Mr. Lassein and the firm hand of Mr. Hamot, Kendoka now number around two hundred including many children. Credit is due to Mr. Shiga's untiring efforts and great patience.

Izawa Zensaku *Kyoshi*, 8th *dan* Kendo and *Iai*, with Roald Knutsen, 4th *dan*, and Fujii Okimitsu, 5th *dan*, at the Nenriki Dojo, London.



The chief critique of French Kendo is that at present most of these dojo are for Judo and in consequence the Kendoka have to train on *tatami*. While Kendo can be practiced anywhere, basic training for beginners on *tatami* presents serious drawbacks in later years, chiefly in inadequate use of the feet and inattention to good compound attacks. Perhaps, also, there is too much attention to technique and not enough to mental and intellectual levels in the Kendo? On the credit side, practice is hard

and keen. All the students work very hard without flagging and there is little sitting out for rests, something always to be avoided in Kendo dojo.

Kendoka wishing to visit the French Kendo Renmei should get in touch with Mr. Claude Hamot, Secretary-General France Kendo Renmei, 143 Rue du Docteur Bauer, 93 Saint Ouen, France; or with Mr. Bernard Durand, 86 Rue Claude Bernard, 75 Paris 5e.

BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION

Official Announcements

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in London on Friday, 1st March, 1968. The following were re-elected to serve as officers for the coming year:

CHAIRMAN: R. A. Lidstone.
SECRETARY: R. M. Knutsen.
TREASURER: S. Divers.
COMMITTEE: V. C. Cook (Llangollen), J. Clarke (Bristol), B. Muter (Blyth), C. Chadwick (Portsmouth).

Finance

A special sub-committee was set up to examine methods to expand the finances and will report to a general meeting of the Association to be held in Portsmouth at the time of the tournaments on 11th May.

Promotions into the Dan degree

On behalf of the European Kendo Renmei the following is advanced to *Shodan* degree, the promotion dated from 3rd February, 1968:
W. Prytherch (Coalville, Leicester).

Enquiries about Kendo

Information about all the Kendo clubs in this country is readily available from the Secretary of the British Kendo Association, 29 Egremont Place, Brighton BN2 2GA, but please send a stamped addressed envelope with your enquiry. Remember, there are dojo in London, Brighton, Portsmouth, Bristol, Swindon, Norwich, Leicester, Coalville, Burton-upon-Trent, Llangollen, Fleetwood, Lancaster, Middlesbrough, Blyth and Sudbury (Suffolk).



NEWHAM

NEWHAM JUDO CLUB. *John Ryan writes:*—Newham Judo Club, which has been in existence for only just over two years, had no less than three people selected to represent Great Britain in the Junior European Championships. It also had five others named as reserves. We believe this to be a much better result than was achieved by any other club in the country.

Particular mention must be made of Stephen Tucker, who topped the twenty-four people entered in the Espoir Middleweights, scoring a total of 87 points. Bob Jolly also did very well in this category, being placed as reserve.

Martin Cotton beat all opposition to be selected No. 1 in the Espoir Light Heavyweight and Bob Clarke was placed as reserve. John Golding was placed No. 2 in the Espoir Heavyweight Category and Tony McGee as reserve.

Other places:—Tony Locke, Reserve Espoir Light Middleweight; Frank Eagles, Reserve Junior Light Heavyweight.

We are obviously very proud of the boys and we know you will be hearing more of them in the future.

Our open championships are to be held on Saturday, 25th May. Categories are as follows:—under 14, under 16, under 18, under 20, and an open category. Prizes and medals will again be presented. Entry Forms can be obtained from: J. Ryan, 516 Green Lane, Ilford.

READING

READING JUDO CLUB *from David Croton:*—A Junior contest took place between the boys and girls of Reading Judo Club and L.E.C.O. Electronics of Welwyn Garden City, on February 25th at Reading. Both teams had a very good day out. There was a team contest which was won by L.E.C.O. by a very narrow margin of 60—67, the Reading girls beating L.E.C.O. 35 to 5. During the latter part of the afternoon, Individual competitions were held and the results calculated on the winners of six pools, who later fought in two pools of six, the biggest group one and smallest in group two. The results were, group 1 — Steven Foyle of L.E.C.O. with John Martin of Reading second, group 2 — Peter Lowden, and Kevin Hood second—both of Reading.

LONDON

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY. *Eric Dominy writes:*—**Festival of Judo 1968.** This will take place at the National Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace, on Saturday, 1st June. Full details will be sent to all clubs on our lists as soon as possible, but meanwhile here is advance information regarding this year's tournaments:—

The National Judo Tournaments for the Goldberg-Vass Memorial Trophy and Shield are held in seven classes. In addition there are two junior competitions.

1. OPEN. Open to all holders of Dan grade, any weight.
2. LIGHTWEIGHT. Dan grade. Below 9st. 12lbs.
3. LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT. Dan grade. Below 11st.
4. MIDDLEWEIGHT. Dan grade. Below 12st. 8lbs.
5. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT. Dan grade. Below 14st. 9lbs.
6. HEAVYWEIGHT. Dan grade. Over 14st. 9lbs.
Competitors may compete in both their weight category and the Open Tournament.
7. GOLDBERG-VASS MEMORIAL SHIELD. Open to holders of 1st and 2nd Kyu grade.
8. PETER SELLERS JUNIOR INTER-CLUB TEAM TROPHY. Open to club teams of five boys under the age of 16 on the day of the final.
9. C. W. BREWSTER JUNIOR INTER-CLUB TEAM TROPHY. Open to club teams of five boys under the age of 14 on the day of the Festival.

The National Karate Tournament is open to members of any Karate organisation holding the grade of 3rd Kyu to 1st Dan inclusive. A team competition has also been suggested. At the time of writing the Karate arrangements are only provisional. As our list of Karate clubs is very sketchy, I will be pleased to hear from clubs and individuals interested. This, of course, also applies to the Judo tournaments.

With the Juniors

A junior team from L.J.S. visited the King's School, Canterbury, recently, where they were narrowly defeated in a very good match. Our boys were impressed by the skill of the home team and their improvement since the clubs first met each other.

SIDCUP

RENZU-KWAI JUDO CLUB from A. L. Claughton:—The Renzu-kwai Judo Club have moved into new premises at the old club house of the Sidcup Sports Club, near the Fire Station at Main Road, Sidcup. There is now a permanent mat area of 30ft. x 23ft. There are three evenings and Saturday mornings for judo, and separate evenings for aikido and karate are planned in the near future.

Having just moved into the premises, the timetable is not yet settled and if judo practice is required, it is best to telephone either Mr. L. Sheppard at 01-300 8451 or Mr. L. Claughton at 01-302 1068 to see which evenings are currently most convenient.

BEDFORD

BEDFORD JUDO CLUB. *M. J. Darlow writes:*—The recent article which appeared in the Magazine entitled "The Bedford Experiment", created considerable interest and we strongly recommend the essential idea, i.e. a properly planned training programme under competent coaches, will produce better results than a "social club" approach.

The Club has attempted for some time to persuade another local club, the Bedfordshire Judo Society, to meet us in an annual men's team match. But despite trying very hard, even to the extent of having the support of the Mayor, we were recently informed by the Society's Chairman, Mr. V. L. James, that they "no longer wish to take part in a match".

Bedford Ladies Judo Club

The next combined grading/coaching session under Mrs. I. Armitage, 2nd Dan, will take place on Saturday, 27th April, at 2 p.m. and is as usual open to non-members.

JUDO in YUGOSLAVIA

ZARKO MODRIC

An experiment in contest rules caused many comments in Judo circles in this country. A very unusual Judo tournament was organised by a Belgrade club in February. They believed they must please the spectators. The matches were set to run 15 minutes, no matter how many ippons were scored, and the winner to be the man with the most points: 10 points given for ippon, 7 for waza-ari, 5 for chikai-waza and 3 for kinsa.

Five Yugoslav champions were invited to defend their titles against 5 challengers, provided by the Belgrade and Novi Sad clubs. They all accepted the challenge, and the tournament was advertised as a spectacular event, with 5 sensational fights of 15 minutes each.

The crowd filled the Belgrade Youth Hall, to watch the exhibition, and frankly, they were delighted by the tournament. Judo experts, on the contrary, were not so happy to see the challenger thrown for 9 ippons, 2 waza-ari, and innumerable chikai-waza and kinsa, in one contest.

Lightweight champion, Stanko Topolcnik, made a real massacre of his fight. He scored 134 points, while his opponent made one chikai-waza. Light Heavyweight champion Radovan Krajnovic, was not in such an expressive mood, and his opponent Nikolic was a member of the national team, so he made "only" 62 points. The mat was very small, and he scored nearly the same amount of points outside the area. Heavyweight, Bora Cveic, had the

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INTER-UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

17th FEBRUARY 1968

The Inter-University Championships were once again held at the University of London Union in Malet Street, and this year they attracted entries from nine universities from all parts of the British Isles. Only the South-West and Welsh regions were not represented, but it was good once again to see that Queen's University, Belfast, were prepared to make the journey to London in order to compete, and although they were beaten in both their contests, the experience should certainly have added to the enthusiasm that they have shown.

The nine teams were drawn in four pools, one of three, and three with two teams in. To give all teams at least two contests, the teams that did not reach the semi-finals fought a further series of matches to produce the occupants of fifth and sixth places. This was a definite improvement on other years, when some teams travelled quite long distances with only one contest as their reward.

In the preliminary rounds, the first match was won by London, who although they beat Queen's, Belfast, by five contests to nil, did not, on paper look to be as strong as their team that in the previous year had won the Championship. Leeds, which is always a hard team to beat, fought a very close match with Oxford, and after the five contests the two teams were level all along the line. As this was one of the two-team pools, a winner had to be found, and Leeds put up their veteran player, Holling, who as expected, managed to score waza-ari with a rather indeterminable technique, which nevertheless was enough to put Leeds through to the semi-final.

After Edinburgh had beaten the Irish team, Birmingham beat Manchester, with their heavy 4th kyu throwing his 2nd kyu opponent with a spectacular Koshi waza, and London continued their defence of the title with a win over Edinburgh which put them through into the semi-final, where they were joined by Glasgow who were given a hard time by a strong Cambridge University side.

With Cambridge now out of the running for the main honours, they fought Manchester and Edinburgh in successive contests, and convincingly took fifth place overall in the competition with two good wins. For the semi-finals, Leeds were drawn against their old enemies London, leaving the Glasgow team to fight Birmingham. Owen, 1st kyu, was the first man out for London, and straight away was in trouble against Green, his 3rd kyu opponent, losing a waza-ari when his slow osoto-gari was countered by the Leeds man. Owen tried then to hot the pace up, and even rolled Green

over with a tai otoshi, but from this position, he did not seem to be able to use his weight advantage to hold Green down. Then he repeated his rather ponderous osoto-gari, and was immediately countered again by Green, who gratefully accepted the chance of getting the complete point. The next contest was not very lively, until Marks of Leeds made only the second real attack, close on time, and followed it up with a strong kesa gatame, to take the point. At this stage, with Holling to come next, London desperately needed a win, and Brown came out quickly, hustling his Leeds opponent, but he could not penetrate Newbold's defence, and the contest ended rather drably, with Leeds getting the tactical draw they were after.

Holling, 2nd Dan, now met Ben Brown, 1st Dan, of London, who opened strongly with a continuous series of attacks, but Holling's experience rode them out, and from the general melee, he produced a seoi nage that took Brown off the mat. The pace slowed after that, but the attacks on both sides became more determined, with Holling getting very close again with his seoi on occasions. At last, Brown made his mistake, stretching too far for a harai technique, and Holling was very quick to scoop him up with a spectacular sukui nage, to give Leeds the match. The final contest, although ending in a draw, was very lively with good attack and counter attack, especially on the ground.

Birmingham now met Glasgow in the second semi-final, the first contest ending in a draw. Parsons, for Birmingham, put in most of the attacks, but they were really too slow to stand a good chance of catching his opponent. The next contest produced the surprise of the day, when Blackburn, the big Birmingham 4th kyu, picked up Glasgow's McKean, 1st dan, with what might loosely be termed ushiro goshi, and crashed him down for an effective, but by no means pretty, ippon. This put Birmingham in the lead, but Glasgow came back quickly, as Lindsay beat Allerton in the first thirty seconds of the next contest, with a very fast, neat seoi nage. Glasgow won their next contest almost as quickly with kesa gatame, which left Birmingham having to get a full point in the last contest to force a fight off.

Murray, for Birmingham, made most of the running against the more experienced Brown, but the end result was a draw, and Glasgow went through into the final with Leeds.

London then fought, and beat Birmingham to put themselves into third place, and the scene was then set for the final. In the first contest, Green, of Leeds met Newlands. Both contestants opened cautiously, and the initial attack came from Green, a strong uchimata. Much to his, and the audience's surprise, Newlands turned very quickly, and scored with an excellent uranage to give Glasgow an early lead. Marks, the next man on for Leeds, had obviously been told to go for a draw against his 1st Dan opponent, McKean, and succeeded in defending for some time against McKean's right and left uchimata attacks. A good sode tsurikomigoshi raised Glasgow's hopes, but it was not until McKean put in a series of similar attacks, in quick succession, that he at last managed to score a waza-ari, which resulted in his winning the contest.

The second of Glasgow's Dan grades then came out, and once again it seemed that Leeds were hoping for a draw. Lindsay, for Glasgow, had his Leeds opponent teetering with two uchimatas, then, after trying a harai-goshi right on the edge of the mat, he switched very quickly, taking Newbold by surprise, and won with o-soto-gari. This won the match for Glasgow, but Holling was in no mood for giving away any more than was necessary. He

scored waza-ari with a makikomi in the first ten seconds, and then Simpson of Glasgow, sailed over on the end of Holling's morote seoi nage. Finally, Leeds took the last contest also, when Bjornsson caught Brown with a very good harai goshi after two and a half minutes.

Nothing then remained, except for the presentation of the cups by Miss Setsuko of JAL and the Championship vase by John Barnes. Glasgow ran out worthy winners in a competition that, if it was possibly not quite as good technically, as previous years, was certainly not the one horse race that it has been on occasions in the past, with some of the Universities that have not, previously been too strong, showing that they are now able to compete with the more established Universities on even terms.

JUDO with ANTON GEESINK

Maurice Allan & Colin McIver

This article is being written after two tiring weeks training at Mr. Geesink's Dojo in Utrecht, Holland.

We arrived, only to find that a fellow Scot, John Craig, had been training there for six months. In fact, there seem to be more foreign players than Dutch men and we were told that a party of 12 Russian players had just left, so as you can see the Dojo is surely becoming the Mecca of Judo in Europe.

The week started with Mr. Geesink taking us to a sports school, where we practised Randori, Newaza, Tachiwaza and Uchi Komi for two hours and what they stressed very much was the warming up before, and loosening off after practise. Also at every session everybody does breakfalls. In the evening we did one hour's newaza and so ended our first day.

On Tuesday, we were up at 7 a.m., running with Mr. Geesink in the forest and doing exercises with logs. Then at night, the practise began at 7 o'clock, with all the big names there, including the Snijder brothers who are truly great Judo players. This session lasted one and a half hours non-stop,

which is very tiring when also practising with Mr. Geesink. So there ends Tuesday. (Thank goodness).

Wednesday morning Mr. Geesink took us running again, a shorter distance this time but at a faster pace. Night practise was mainly taken up with coaching and going over techniques.

Thursday begin with two hours exercises and Kata. In this session, breakfall training proved very useful. No practise at night.

On Friday we did Sumo wrestling. (Jackets off). For a while it was great fun as well as good training. This was followed by one hour and a half of Randori. Thus ended the week's training which was hard but very rewarding and informative.

So if anybody is wondering what to do about their holiday this year, we would suggest you come here, because apart from the weather being good in the summer, the people are very hospitable. Also, for those who want the bright lights, Amsterdam is only 20 minutes away in the tram.

Area || News

NORTH EASTERN AREA Mrs. B. Burkinshaw

Attention is drawn to the following—the A.G.M. to be held at Bradford Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, 20th April, 1968, starting at 2 p.m. Two Dan Grade Promotion Examinations for men have been arranged for 1968, the first on May 26th at Sheffield Judo Club and the second on November 17th, the venue to be arranged.

Due to the Easter Holidays, the April promotion examinations for men and women have been changed to—Men, April 21st, at Yorkshire Sports Club, Leeds, starting at 10.30 a.m. for 4th, 3rd and 2nd Kyu, Women at the Georgian Judo Club, Sheffield, for all Grades. The May Area Examinations for Women has been brought forward to May 5th because it would have clashed with the National Womens competition on the 12th May. The examination will be held at Wakefield at 2.30 p.m. Team training sessions for the National Womens' competition in May are proceeding well under the Womens' Area Coach, Miss Eileen Hughes, assisted by Miss K. Booth.

By the time these notes are read the first area course taken by Mick Miller, 4th Dan (recently returned from Japan) will have been held in Sheffield. The second one will be on 27th April, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We now have a new Womens' Area Representative, Miss Hazel Ord, 10 Stonecliffe Close, Barnley, Leeds, 12.

Try to reserve the weekend 18th/19th May for the Womens' Area Course, more information in next months notes.

I shall be glad to hear from any club Secretary with interesting news items. My address is 10 Don Avenue, Sheffield, 6.

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES

At the Women's Zadankai held March 1st—3rd, the N.H.C. was well represented, not only by the regulars but by two new faces as well. Our own men's Area Coach, Ken Maynard, in his capacity as Chairman of the Technical Board gave a talk on the Technical Board and its attitude towards the National Women's Council.

The Spring Contest Training sessions are being held at the South Buckinghamshire Judo Society, The Old School, Beaconsfield. A special method of randori training, used by the top Russian players, is being used by the Area Coach. There are 8 Sunday sessions for those of 3rd Kyu and above, who are reasonably fit. The objects of the course are to improve personal contest performance and to show how to train for competition Judo. Application forms from the Area Coach, 25 Richmond Close, Ware, Herts.

Area Gradings. The Beaconsfield grading, previously advertised as 5th April, is in fact on the 5th May at 10.30 a.m. VERY IMPORTANT—for Dan gradings only, it is necessary to notify one week in advance, otherwise a place cannot be guaranteed.

Reading—S. Radburn, 57 Ashampstead Road, Southcote, Reading.

Bedford—R. Gell, 14 Beauchamp Road, Wooton, Bedford.

There will be a club Coaches' Award course for women at Kyu Shin Kan. (Nr. Van Gogh Public House), Paycocke Road, No. 1 Industrial Site, Basildon, Essex, on Sunday, 20th April, 2-6 p.m.—fee 5/-. It is hoped to have two concurrent sessions (one County Coach Award, the other, Club Coach Award) under Mrs. Armitage, 2nd Dan, C.A.H. and Mrs. Evans, 1st Kyu, C.A.H. Applications to Mrs. Armitage, 21 Orde House, Burma Court, Burma Road, London, N.16.

At the same venue on 13th-14th July, there will be a weekend course, (cost 25/-) again by Mrs. Armitage assisted by Mrs. Evans. Further details from Mrs. Armitage, address above, or from Mrs. Evans, 9 Axholme Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex. Telephone 01-952 5191.

Finally, congratulations to Dave Cox, the Area Secretary, on being awarded 1st Dan.

ROYAL AIR FORCE JUDO ASSOCIATION *F. B. Sansom*

A weekend training and selection course was held at R.A.F. Leconfield on March 1st-3rd, to assess the Judo potential existing in the R.A.F. The weekend was a resounding success and the enthusiasm and spirit displayed by those attending, was a very encouraging sign for the future. Congratulations to the following for being selected to fight the Royal Navy and Royal Marines at Plymouth on 16th March: Evans, Hanley, Sansom, Taylor, Houghton, Bealer, Davies, Freeman and Donaghy.

Contest Results:

March 1st — RAF (North) v RAF (South)—2 contests to 5; 3 drawn.

March 2nd — East Yorkshire Select v RAF (Casuals)—10 contests to 7.

March 2nd — York Railway Institute v RAF (Casuals)—8 contests to 3, 1 drawn.

To gain more contest experience the R.A.F. (Casuals) Judo Team would like to challenge any Club or Area team—anywhere considered. Any Club interested, please contact *Hon. R.A.F. Match Secretary, Flt. Lt. F. B. Sansom, R.A.F. Leconfield, Beverley, Yorkshire.*

NORTH-WEST AREA *J. Bailey, P.R.O.*

The area A.G.M. was held at Thames Board Social Club, Warrington, on Sunday, 11th February. The attendance was down a little on last year, but it was quite a lively meeting.

Mr. A. B. Tomkinson resigned his position as Area Secretary, due to business commitments. Mr. Tomkinson has held this position for ten years, and the Area owes a great debt to him for his unstinting time and effort. He will not be wholly lost to the Committee as he will be the Area Executive Committee representative.

Mr. A. Blackburn, Frazerkwai Judo Club, was appointed to the vacant position of Secretary. It is up to Club Secretaries to give him as much assistance as possible in this, his first term of office.

The Chairman pointed out that from July, all Promotion Examinations will be held under the new International Judo Federation rules, and he will be organising referees courses to put the new rules over to prospective referees.

Mr. J. Forster, the Area Coach, held a North-West Area team selection contest on 25th February. Over 120 contestants took part in three weight categories, and five men were selected in each weight. Mr. Forster is to hold regular training sessions through Spring and Summer with a view to making a final team selection. The standard of Judo was high and the refereeing of an equally high standard. Mr. T. McConell held a weekend course at Lancaster University on Sunday, 3rd March, which was well attended and proved to be most enjoyable to all concerned.

Norman Bennett from the Warrington Judo Club tells me that ten members of his club visited the Budokwai on 17th February, travelling by minibus. They joined in the normal training session, which was followed by an inter-club team contest, the Budokwai being the winners. They would like to arrange a return visit to the Warrington club in the near future, and to see more clubs from the North-West for inter-club visits. How about it? Does anyone fancy taking on this club?

WESTERN AREA *Dave Roberts*

Who's heard of N.A.J. events?

Several N.A.J. events have been staged in the West for at least two years now. You don't know what an N.A.J. event is? It stands for non-association judo. Yes. Non-association. That's what the initials mean. But what lies behind it? A very simple assumption that is often overlooked, that judo players like playing judo, and that they are more concerned with that than with the politics that often bedevil the national organisations.

You have probably heard this sort of comment very often in the past.

Well in the West we have been doing something about it.

We do not claim to be the first area to organise such events, although the West has had many "firsts" in the past. But we do claim to be interested in promoting judo which is open to judo players of any association. It has another important advantage for judo players in the West. We live in an area which is 280 miles long from the North of Gloucestershire to the tip of Cornwall. It makes sense to play judo on a county basis. To have inter-club matches with the nearest judo club regardless of its association is obviously a good thing.

Two years ago the Wiltshire County Judo League was formed. It has been successful right from the start because the clubs in the county are

only interested in scoring points on the mat, and not by criticising each other's national affiliation.

The 1968 West of England Judo Championships will be open to players from any association, and will be held under I.J.F. Rules. They will be held at Wills Recreation Hall, Bedminster, Bristol, 3 on Saturday, June 8th at 7 p.m. There will be an entry fee of 2/6d. per person per event. Tickets are available from Mr. Reg Lomax, 8 Maynards Road, Bristol, 3. Briefly, the events are as follows:

- BOB TAYLOR TROPHY — open to teams of five in weight categories.
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Very important—the eliminations will be held in SWINDON, on Saturday, 25th May starting at 10 a.m., at Pinehurst Secondary Modern School, Beech Avenue. Entry forms with 2/6 per event fee and any other enquiries to: Mr. P. J. Murphy, 18 Barrack Road, EXETER, DEVON, NOT LATER THAN 22nd MAY, 1968.

SCOTLAND *David A. Jarvis*

A Dan Grade Examination was held in the Osaka Judo Club on Sunday, 11th February. The examiners were Messrs. Bull, Hoare, Kerr and Young and three entrants were promoted to 1st Dan. Congratulations to J. Barclay, B. McCluskey and M. Strachan on their promotion. Messrs. Barclay and Strachan are both police officers, while Brian McCluskey is a member of the Azami Judo Club. In addition to his promotion, Melvin Strachan has now also been appointed Secretary of the Scottish Judo Union Coaching Committee and is the representative on the Executive Committee.

Congratulations also to Glasgow University Judo Club, who have just won the British Universities Judo Championships in Leeds. Edinburgh University were unfortunately unable to maintain the standard which they reached in the Scottish University Championships and finished sixth. In the Scottish Universities Ladies Judo Championships the team event was also won by Glasgow with Aberdeen second and Strathclyde third. In the individual class, Miss Ailsa Kerr of Glasgow was first, with Miss Cathleen Brown of Aberdeen coming second. Glasgow University have now won every team and individual event which they have entered for this season. It will be extremely interesting to see if the match between Scottish Universities and English Universities turns out to be a Glasgow versus England battle and what the final result will be. The match is on Friday, 15th March in Glasgow University and the result should be known by the time these notes reach print.

The Kawamura trophy is now definitely arranged for Friday, 27th April at Hamilton Town Hall. The Elimination rounds will be held in the afternoon, with the Finals in the evening. Tickets are now available from the General Secretary at 18 Woodside Place, Glasgow, C.3, price 6/- (Juniors

3/-). National Coach, Andrew Bull, is to run a special referees course at Largs for the referees in this series of matches, so that they are fully conversant with International Judo Federation terminology. Any team member who misbehaves on the mat will be dealt with under the appropriate article of the I.J.F. rules, while any team member who misbehaves off the mat may find his entire team disqualified. Team Captains will therefore be required to ensure that their teams are well disciplined. Any complaints which a team may have must be relayed to the Arbitrator, Mr. A. Bull, by the Team Manager. Judo matches are normally very civilised affairs and the Executive is determined that the level of discipline is not going to decline, as it has recently in some other sports.

World Champion, Anton Geesink, paid a "flying" visit to Scotland for three days as guest of the Scottish Judo Union, while he was en route for the Junior European Judo Championships in London. He ran three very well attended and enthusiastic coaching sessions in Kilmarnock Judo Club, Falkirk Technical College, and Rolls Royce Judo Club, East Kilbride.

Dan Grades, who hold promotion examinations in their own areas are asked to write to the General Secretary, so that he may send them a copy of a set of proposals entitled "Guidance for Grading Examiners". This sets out what is expected from candidates at a promotion examination and is an essential reference for all Examiners.

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same difficulty in his match against young Bajcetic, and he won 51 to 9. Middleweight champion, Kraljevic, had a much better challenger, Konstantinidis, and he won with a waza-ari. Light Middleweight, Savic, was not in top form, he scored with 3 waza-ari against 2 for his challenger Obadov.

As a result, Topolcnik, was awarded a Gold Belt Trophy and an enormous cup from Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Akira Sono. Krajnovic was awarded a Silver Belt, and Cveic, a Bronze Belt—something invented to match the Golden Gloves in boxing.

The Yugoslav Junior Championships in Novi Sad were again a disappointment. Only a few of the Junior and Espoir players showed promise. Young Stanko Topolcnik, Golden Belt winner and senior and junior champion in 1967 and silver medal winner at the Sambo tournament in the Soviet Union, was the best man. He was first in the Lightweight Junior Division, defeating Mijalkovic twice. These two are about the only good judomen Yugoslavia can offer for the London Junior European Championships, with maybe two other young boys: Zuvella, winner of the Light Heavyweight Junior Division, and Franjic, winner of the Lightweight Espoir Division. The last one will, perhaps, become a very good fighter, since he won his division easily, in spite of being well under 100 pounds.

A week after the championships, these young players went to compete against the best Hungarian and Polish fighters at an International Junior Tournament in Budapest, Hungary. Mijalkovic took a gold medal, and Topolcnik had to be satisfied with a bronze, after a defeat by Hungary's Szabo, a very strong player. Others, who also did well, were Zuvella, Obadov and Pantic, winning silver medals, and Ristis winning a bronze.

Japan in the Age of War

by Roald Knutsen

In the Sengoku Jidai, or the so-called Age of War, and for that matter throughout Japanese mediaeval military history, the majority of large scale encounters between opposing factions took place on the main roads or trackways. Tactically, large groups of men, and I am talking about armies numbering more than 10,000 up to 100,000, could be better handled on the highways than in the forested mountains. Here we have an interesting comparison with European conditions of perhaps the same period where the military activities also followed the main routes. Strategically speaking, control of the roads meant indirect if not exactly complete control of the country in between. But in Japan, as elsewhere, the large areas of broken terrain permitted violent men to gather about them their own followers from the many thousands of rōnin and to become ruthless marauding wolves preying on the almost defenceless villages and unwary travellers. In the sixteenth century it was a dangerous matter to travel; even such great lords as Tokugawa Ieyasu suffered from these ugly brigands.

We pick up the threads of our history of Torii Masayemon as a boy where he and his companions are leaving Kai province on the

last leg of their journey to the Heisenji Monastery in Echizen province. It is at the Heisenji that young Kinjiro's education is to be completed.

On the morning of the fourth day they once more set out on horseback driving a string of seven horses suitable for resale to the samurai in Shinano province.

Kinjiro was enthralled by the beauty of the country through which their road took them. They left behind the mighty volcano of Aino and the distant perfection of snowy Fuji, and rode north-west up the Akagawa hugging the foot of the western mountains. High, mighty bluffs or rock crowned with fir and pine contrasted singularly well with the flat ribbon of the valley and the quieter forested slopes on the opposite side. The higher they rode, the wilder the scenery, the lower the mountains, until at last they were rugged ridges to the west rising out of the dark forest. But now the great mass of Aka stood out at the centre piece, behind which were ranged Kimpoyama and Atsusayama, the peaks blue in the afternoon haze. They at last crossed the Shimotsutoge pass and could see the waters of Lake Suwa glinting faintly in the distance. The sun dipped behind the Kiso range and Jiroyemon ordered a camp to be made for the night.



"How still and wonderful it is up here, Tameyemon", Kinjiro said. "It is so grand, so different to the Kotsuke mountains." He gazed at the majesty of the sunset. Tameyemon scratched the top of his head and muttered:

"I don't see its all that different from round the castle, less forest, I suppose, more cliffs . . ."

Jiroyemon called across from the small fire he was lighting to say: "Kinjiro is young, he sees

all things with a fresh eye. We only see subjectively, Sir Tameyemon. That tree, this rock, in terms of military necessity. It is my hope that he will keep this artistic perception as he grows older, for his days will be the richer for it."

At this point Tojiro Hachirobei joined them, he had been attending to the horses for the night. As he came to the fire side he paused and looked at the sky. "See, Kinjiro—dragons in the west. It is the lords of the heavens riding home. It will

be a glorious day tomorrow, gentlemen."

The two looked at each other at these unexpected remarks, but Kinjiro smiled, and the man and boy went and sat together on a boulder to gaze at the gorgeous panorama.

They passed Matsumoto on the 7th August, 1545 and there sold horses for a good price, then struck west for the massive Hida mountain chain reaching Najawado village the next morning. Ahead lay a very stiff climb up to the Hirayutoge (pass) and the long stage to Takayama. Kinjiro, born in mountains, soon lost his heart to these fierce wilds full of jumbled peaks and virgin forest. Here he would like to spend all his days, and he resolved to live here when he was a man.

The party reached the Heisenji Monastery in Echizen seven days later. The sprawling buildings lay on a little branch of the Kazuryin-gawa about eight ri (20 miles) from Fukin, the capital of Echizen. It is close to Kataichi, and not far from Katsuyama in the Ono district.

They arrived in torrential rains almost unprecedented according to peasants sheltering in an inn, and this in an area facing the winds from North Asia and the Sea of Japan, famed for its broiling hot wet summers and bitterly cold winters. At the first sign of a break they rode fast over the muddy track to get to the Omote-mon (Outer gate) before the storm resumed. When they eventually presented

themselves at the quarters of the sô-jô, the disciple outside told them that Tamba-no-kami Shôshun was at table and would on no account receive them that day. Then he slammed shut the door wicket.

"You will eat little else but shôjin-ryôri, my lad", said Jiroyemon. "A vegetable diet will stand you in bad stead in later years so see that you get other food as often as you can".

Tameyemon remarked: "We will get no food this evening. It is a rule of these priests not to serve anyone who does not present himself in time for the meal. Have a rice ball . . ." He thrust his hand into his wallet and distributed the food and all four sat down under the sheltering roofs and munched away watching the downpour.

We know no more about Torii Masayemon's history until just before 1560 when Kinjiro had grown to become a stalwart man with some skill at kenjutsu. However, we can surmise that at the Heisenji he would receive excellent military training besides learning calligraphy and other matters, for these great fanes were immensely powerful and at this period no feudal lord dared to seriously challenge them in open conflict. The Heisenji could field many thousands of warriors if the need arose. It was not until the time of Lord Oda Nobunaga that the power of these religious establishments was curbed, and when it was, it was done in a completely ruthless manner so characteristic of Nobunaga.

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