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OPEN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report & Photographs by

A. R. Menzies

Middlesbrough Judo Club organised the first Open Club Championship seen in this country so far by inviting a number of clubs to compete for a first prize of £75. The prize money to go to the club and not to the team. Ten clubs accepted and travelled to the Northern Area from all over Britain for the Championship held on Sunday, 24th November.

Holding such an event on a Sunday made it pretty difficult for some of the teams, since they had to travel back the same night to be at work the following day. How-

ever, all duly arrived and the eliminations were started on schedule at one of Middlesbrough's fine new schools early Sunday morning.

Including the clubs who had entered more than one team there were 12 competing sides. A simple knock-out system was used to eliminate the teams, leaving the semi-finals for the afternoon show at the Middlesbrough Town Hall, where together with the Northern Area Championship the ultimate winner would be decided.

The match between Huddersfield and Cumko Judo Clubs broke the ice and resulted in a good win for Huddersfield. Croydon versus the Budokwai "B" team was next in line and here the Budokwai won well, but they had a good tussle before taking the winning place. The Renshuden "C" team lost to Leicester after a hard battle, the best contest so far seen. Budokwai "A" over-ran the Kodokai, and the Renshuden "B" did the same to

OPPOSITE:

Above. Tony Sweeney making a supreme effort to score on Tony Macconnell in the final of the Open Club Championship.

Below. Winn, the enormous 1st Kyu in the Budokwai "A" Team trying to get to John Ryan 3rd Dan of the Renshuden, in the final of the Championship at the Middlesbrough Club.



Wilton. The last match in this round was between the Renshuden "A" team, consisting of four 3rd Dans, all British internationals, against the Regency Aikidokai, Senta Yamada's new club in North London. They fought well, but were no match for the favourites, who won without being extended too much.

This completed the first round and the organisers found that they were left with six teams instead of eight, which they should have had if they had run the knock-out from 16 starters, giving byes to make up places. However, they decided to carry on with the knock-out and bring the number down to three.

Budokwai "B" met Huddersfield and gave the crowd four good matches, with the London side having to work very hard to win the contest. Leicester met Budokwai "A" team and were steamrolled into defeat. The last contest in this series was the Renshuden "A" meeting the Renshuden "B". In order to avoid any injuries, presumably, the "B" team conceded the match, letting themselves be thrown with ease by their big brothers. Not interesting from the spectators point of view, and a pity the manager of the Renshuden teams did not withdraw the "B" team altogether.

The Organisers were now left with three teams for the semi-final, and they really had no option but to put the three teams in a hat with a bye and make a draw for the semi-final places. Instead they seeded Huddersfield through, apparently because they had scored more points than any other losing side, hardly a fair way to do it

Above left. Macconnell and Sweeney, both with their jackets awry at the end of their epic contest.

Below left. David Barnard of the Renshuden scoring during the morning eliminations.



Macconnell scoring in the Semi-Finals when the Renshuden met Huddersfield.

since it all depended on who they had met. Other sides could have done equally well, if not better, if they had met the same sides as Huddersfield.

This then completed the morning's programme, and after an excellent lunch the gathering moved into the Town Hall, an impressive building in the centre of the town. Young ladies dressed in judogi sold programmes and ushered people to their seats, but even with this eye-catching arrangement there were probably more participants than spectators when the show started at three o'clock.

By now show organisers should have learnt that staging, unless very extensive, and not more than three feet high, is not the best thing on which to hold competitive events. In this case, although fairly large, the 5 ft. high staging dropped 10 ins. at one end, so putting the whole thing on a slope, and metal-covered scaffold boards protruded from under the dustsheets covering the sides. If a person had gone over this edge he would not only have broken his head but cut his throat at the same time.

Such was the condition of the area that the finalists refused to

hold their match on it, and this was transferred to the Middlesbrough Judo Club immediately after the show.

The scaffolding had been erected while the organising officials had been busy in the morning and no one had been able to supervise the arrangements, otherwise the slope and obvious dangerous protrusions would have been avoided.

The programme progressed much as any programme of this sort does, various eliminating bouts for Area Championship until the semi-finals of the Open Club Championship just before the interval.

The Renshuden "A" team met Huddersfield and the Renshuden members had very little trouble in making the final. The two Budokwai teams met each other and both made every effort to stay in the contest, however, the "A" team were far superior to the "B" side and it was not surprising that they were the victors.

In the Northern Area Kyu grade Championship, E. Swales of the home side won, after a hard fight. Jeff Hawkesby from the Kawamurakwai won the Open Championship and Blyth Judo Club won the team event in an exciting local contest, which left the organisers with the final of the first British Club Championship, the only time I can remember that a final has been held at a different venue because the competing teams have objected to the mat.

However, within half an hour of leaving the Town Hall everyone converged on the Middlesbrough Judo Club and with spectators crowded round the edge of the mat the Budokwai "A" team met the Renshuden "A" team for the remarkably handsome trophy and £75 prize money. A prize worth winning, although it had cost the two clubs taking part more than this to participate, so it was not just for gold that they attended.

The excellent idea of having a club Shiai proved its worth by the number of first class clubs taking part.

With Mr. Yamada (6th Dan) refereeing, the contest started. Abbott of the Budokwai and Barnard for the Renshuden. With Barnard in a contest it is rather doubtful that the contestant will remain in the contest area for more than a few seconds at a time—this occasion was no exception. Both men ploughed into the packed spectators as soon as the start was signalled and then they proceeded to make a swathe through the throng so that at one time the players had almost disappeared amidst the onlookers before Mr. Yamada could call them back. After three collisions of this nature Mr. Yamada stopped the contest and pointed out to the people round the edge of the mat that they stayed at their own risk. No one took any notice until once again the contestants piled into the crowd and a woman rapidly removed herself and her children to a place of greater safety. Abbott scored first with waza-ari and this put Barnard right in top gear. I previously the audience had been in danger, they were now in real peril. Fortunately the couple went to the ground where the onlookers were fairly safe, and Barnard managed to get Tate-shiho-gatame—even this was right on the edge of the mat under the feet of the spectators until referee Yamada pulled the two men into the centre of the area, where Barnard made the Ippon. The thought of those two on the high sloping stage at

OPPOSITE:

Above. An almost impossible position caught by the camera at the eliminations in the morning.

Below. Incident in second contest in the Wilton versus the Renshuden "B" team match.





the Town Hall practically made the blood curdle.

With the Renshuden leading, Winn the enormous 1st Kyu from the Budokwai met John Ryan (3rd Dan) from the Renshuden, and held the contest to a draw, which only helped the Renshuden, although Winn did well to stay with Ryan for five minutes. Sweeney and Macconnell had the best contest of the final, both made constant attacks and kept the excitement at fever pitch as first one and then the other came so very near to scoring. About the half-way mark Sweeney started to draw ahead and put Macconnell over with Seoi-nage on to his side, not enough to score with but it showed that he could get through to the redoubtable Mancunian, who hammered away with some of the best judo seen in this country for a long time. At the end Sweeney got the decision.

The last contest was a slow affair by comparison with Nash virtually walking the time out, while McWade, his opponent, made all the going, although he was not going all out. During the whole of this contest Nash made one real attack and nearly had McWade over, a little more of this could have made all the difference. Time expired and the contest was declared a draw. The referee consulted with the officials and the Renshuden were awarded the trophy and won the first Club Championship held in this country so far. The score was 10 points for the Runshuden, with Barnard's holding, and five points for the Budokwai with Sweeney's decision.

OPPOSITE:

Above. Bishop of the Budokwai "B" Team having just scored on Hubbard of Croydon.

Below. David Barnard attacking Brian Abbott in their hard fought final contest.

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Olympic Spirit and Judo

Senta Yamada

This year Japan will be the host country for the 18th Olympiad. Throughout the world men, women and children will be sharing much of the excitement with the contestants—keying themselves up and feeling they are competing, in spirit at least, with the participants in Tokio.

It is at such a time as this that I am reminded of the true spirit of the games, the background, history, and what it can teach us in daily life. I think of the simple story behind the first Olympiad and also the beginnings of sport in Japan, both with a similar underlying principle.

The story of the first Olympiad began in 776 B.C. with King Ephitos who ruled a small kingdom called Elis in Greece. His

people were plagued with disease and illness and were constantly under the scourge of wars. King Ephitos despairing for his people, distraught with sorrow, prayed to God asking how he could save his country and bring happiness to his subjects. God answered his prayer through an oracle saying:—“All Greeks should gather together before the sanctuary of Olympia and offer sacrifice and prayer. Fighting should stop and Kingdoms should unite in a festival. This being done peace will come to you.”

Pleased with his answer, King Ephitos decided that the festival should take the form of a magnificent display of games. And, so it was that in 776 B.C. the first Olympic Games were held.

Harmony between Kingdoms of

Greece prevailed and the contestants enjoyed their accomplishments together, whilst the referees and spectators also enjoyed the spectacle held in the spirit of their God. The sacredness of the occasion was strongly held, and when we compare the modern games with the history of the old Olympics we are reminded that the true spirit of sport is essentially pure in motive. This we must think about often.

From the beginning of Japanese history we had the same type of contest in Japan. The system was called Hono-shiai and was always held in a sanctuary. Translated, Hono means offering our truth for God, and Shiai means contest in Games. The illustration I have included depicts a Sumo bout held in a Sumiyoshi Shrine during the Ashikaga period about 500 years ago. Usually in Japanese shrines there is a house called an Emado in which cultural offerings are kept and before the war there was always a shelf in the dojo for Shinto tablets. This was stopped after the war by the U.S. occupation.

Nevertheless, I have many happy memories of my younger days enjoying this form of Judo, Sumo and Kendo contest. Hono-shiai is held in Japan today but I feel the spirit has long been forgotten and only the shape remains. Unfortunately the contest result seems to be the only important factor.

During the first Olympiad King Ephitos was the sole referee, but

as the contestants increased in number the control had to be enlarged. Regardless of this the rules were still stringently fair and contestants always kept pure in mind and body to the best of their ability, swearing always to contest cleanly before God.

All their training, and the training of the officials was guided by this over-riding ideal, and history shows that everyone admired the fairness of the contests more than just the winning of them.

In more recent times Baron de Coubertin, inspired by the old tradition, revived the Olympics at Athens in 1896, the first to be held since they were stopped in 393 A.D. by the Emperor Theodosius of Rome. His inspiration was that the games were not just world championships, but a festival for all people. His first wish seems to have disappeared in recent times, as contest winning seems to have been the only criteria for success.

This year Judo is included for the first time, as one of the Olympic Games, and this has been a delight to all judoka. Therefore I hope sincerely it will be played in the full, fair spirit, of the old Olympic games and that of Judo Hono-Shiai.

It is always important to remember that before we try to beat other people, we must first of all overcome our own physical and mental shortcomings.

INSURANCE



Will readers please note that the present insurance scheme has been discontinued, and existing policies cannot therefore be renewed. It is proposed to start a new scheme and details will be available shortly.

Area News

NORTH EASTERN AREA *Bob West*

Don Smith (1st Dan) a member of the **Leeds University Club**, sailed for his home in Canada, with a promise to return in two years time. Don Smith has been a prominent member of the B.U.J.A. as well as being a staunch supporter of the Area. Just before leaving he passed the Coaching examination, which makes him the first B.J.A. Coach to become resident in Canada.

Bradford club members have been outstandingly successful at the recent Referees examination held in the Area. Keith Ellingham the Area Coach, Len Smith, Bob Hume, David Johnson and Maurice Whitham all passed with an average of 98%. A fine achievement. The Area also have two more Coaches, Len Smith and David Johnson both passed first time.

A new club in the Area is the **Bramley Judo Club**, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them into the Association and Area.

Area members are requested to make every endeavour to get to the K.N.K. show at **Manchester**. The North East Area team is competing there and needs your support.

Leeds City Police have temporarily lost their premises, the building became unsafe, whether due to judo or not is unknown but nevertheless the Police have had to vacate until further notice.

In order that these notes are made as interesting as possible and to provide details of the most recent events, send your information to me at 49 Acre Lane, Eccleshill, Bradford 2, and if you cannot write 'phone Bob West, Bradford 23422, extension 53.

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES AREA *Vivien C. Fryer*

A pre-Coach Award Examination Course was held at **Reading Judo Club** on 15th December, well-attended in spite of the intense cold. Our apologies for the inconvenience caused to members of another Area who did not know of the change of venue mentioned in our Area Newsletter. A similar course was held on 5th January at **Hoddesdon J.C.**, where the National Coach conducted the examination on 18th/19th January. Results will be given next month.

On 22nd December and 12th January, an Olympic Training Session was held at the South Bucks J.C., **Beaconsfield**. The next session will be on the 9th February, and the March session will be on the 1st, not 8th as previously advertised. Olympic Training also at **Romford**, at 2.30, 23rd February and 22nd March. Due to popular demand, it is hoped to increase the number of these Olympic Training Sessions, in particular at **Beaconsfield**, to have more than one per month. Details will be given out later.

The N.H.C.A. are to hold a film show and talk for Local Education Authorities at **Wadham Lodge J.C.** on 28th February. Mr. Gleeson's film on "Teaching Judo" will be shown.

A very successful Dance was held at **Wadham Lodge J.C.** on 4th January.

In recent weeks several 1st Kyu in the Area have been recommended for 1st Dan. We hope that they will be successful. Will all 1st Kyu and Dan grades please send their names and addresses to the Area Secretary, **V. J. Durrant**, 83 West Grove, **Woodford Green, Essex**. And will Club Secretaries who have not as yet sent me the completed form I have asked for please do so now. I would also like you to send me press-cuttings to do with your clubs, etc., which appear in your local press. This would be a great help in keeping records up to date.

MIDLAND AREA. *Keith Brewster*

The seventh and last of the Junior Team Contests for 1963 was held at the **Nechells Judokwai, Birmingham**, on December 14th, ending a very successful and progressive Junior programme in the Midlands.

It was unfortunate that some clubs in the Area with large Junior sections did not take part, although the contests started last April. At the risk of appearing cynical when everyone knows that all is sweetness and light, is this a case of the instructors preferring to remain large fish in a very small pool?



A recent photograph of a group of Sheffield Judo Club members.

The next Junior event will be at the **Judokwai, Leicester**, on Sunday afternoon, March 1st. For a change it will take the form of team contests in three categories, 13-15 yrs., up to 12 yrs. and Girls under 16 yrs.

To further broaden the experience of the Juniors in the Midlands, Mr. Peter Barnett, Organiser of the Juniors, would like to arrange a team



A few of the guests attending the Midland Area's first Dinner-Dance, reported in our January issue.

Left to Right. Back Row.

K. Nichols 1st Dan (Boldmere J.C.), B. Perriman 1st Dan, Area Chairman, P. Ash 1st Dan (Coventry J.C.).

Front Row.

G. Watts 1st Dan, (B.A.L. J.C.), R. Devine 1st Dan, (Birfield J.C.), G. Gleeson, 5th Dan, B.J.A. National Coach, A. Wilde 2nd Dan, Midland Area Coach.

match against another Area. Twenty under sixteens, or any proposed alternative. The Midland team to travel. Anyone interested please write to 52, *The Headlands, Coventry*.

The Annual Tramps' Dance of the **Handsworth** and **Kidderminster** J.C.s organised by Bill Coffey was literally an uproarious success. They looked so much like tramps that seventeen were arrested for vagrancy on the way there. The most important aspect of this dance was the support from so many different clubs, this sort of social contact will help to dispel some of the parochial attitude of the majority of clubs.

Any clubs interested in visiting fellow concerns, write to The Premier Judo Club, Kettering, Northants., the Secretary's address is *J. Brackwell, 16, Dryden Street, Kettering*.

Due to difficulties encountered with the "Lord's Day Observance Society" the Midland Area Championships will not be held on Sunday, May 10th. They will still be held in May and the date will be announced and circulated.

Congratulations to Colin Hall of the Leicester Judokwai, who has been awarded his 1st Dan.

All 1st Kyu and 1st Dan who wish to take part in the Area Examination on March the 14th please inform me as soon as possible. *Keith Brewster, 38, East Bond Street, Leicester. (23668)*. Anyone wishing to attend the courses at Lilleshall Hall, Shropshire, on March 20-22nd and October 16-18th should also contact me.

NORTH WEST AREA. *Bill Treadwell.*

Although there were only 19 students at the last Area pre-Coach award course, nine of them were Dan grades which is a very good sign.

A dance organised by the Ladies' section of the K.N.K. is being held on February 14th, tickets can be obtained from Miss G. McCutcheon, price 5/-.

A recent celebration was the Deeside Judo Club's Social, held at the Phoenix Hotel, Sandycroft, it turned out to be a great success.

Keep an eye on this column for news of Joe Forster's Training sessions, and other Area information.

WELSH AREA. *G. Thomas.*

The Brangwyn Hall, **Swansea**, was the venue for the Contest between the Samurai J.C. and the United States of America Olympic Judo Team. This is the first time that an Olympic team of any sort has ever visited Wales. Many social functions were arranged and the Mayor of Swansea presided at an official luncheon in honour of the guests.

Recent promotions in the Area include Ken Jones of the Samurai to 2nd Dan, and John Perrins of Bridgend to 1st Dan.



Handsworth and Kidderminster Tramps Dance.

THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st August, 1963

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1962		£	£	1962		£	£
	To EXPENSES OF PREMISES:			998	By Annual Subscriptions	835	
354	Rent and Rates	361		9202	" Licences	7066	
49	Sundries	59		1891	" Record Books	1221	
			420	286	" Profit on Sales	523	
	" ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:			50	" Milan Championship Appeal	—	
1212	Salaries and Secretarial Assistance	1790		1576	" National Coach and Fees	2012	
609	Public Relations Officer; Executive Committee;			39	" Coaching Committee	—	
	Technical Board and Conference; Coaching			—	" Olympic Training Donations	27	
	Committee; Ladies Committee; Zadankai 1963	1666		—	" Interest on Bank Deposit	6	
1059	Licence Scheme—printing	797		—	" Excess of Expenditure over Income	3246	
1038	Printing, Stationery, Postages, Etc.	1007					
56	Film; Publicity Advertising	756					
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			6247				
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BALANCE SHEET, 31st AUGUST, 1963

ACCUMULATED FUND:				FIXED ASSETS:			
1962		£	£	1962		£	£
1048	Balance at 31st August, 1962	2908		226	Office equipment less depreciation	200	
1860	Add Surplus for the year	—		40	Judo equipment less depreciation	26	
—	Less Deficit for the year	3246		1	Sundries	1	
	As per Contra—Accumulated Fund at Debit	339					
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:						
—	Licences paid in advance	2686		631	Stock at Cost	519	
235	Sundries	1673		909	Debtors and Loans	491	
			4359	—	Licence Rebates paid in advance	866	
				1336	Cash and Payments in advance	1767	
							3643
				—	Area Loans	150	
				—	As per Contra—Accumulated Fund at Debit	339	
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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Association so far as appears from our examination of those books. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account. We have been unable to examine any Books, Vouchers or Accounts of any of the Area Associations. Subject to the foregoing in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given us the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31st August, 1963, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

78 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
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(Signed) STANLEY F. SMITH & CO.
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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor invites letters on any topic whatsoever for publication. Anonymous communications cannot be printed but, if requested, names and addresses will not be disclosed.

Sir,

I have read with considerable enthusiasm the report in your Judo magazine of the British Judo Association's last A.G.M., I would be extremely obliged if you would publish my reply to your comments with reference to myself in your latter paragraph concerning Mr. Thomas of Wales and myself.

I would respectfully suggest to the Editor of Judo magazine that he spends more time advising his own followers what to do and how to behave in certain situations, rather than attempt to tell hard working, interested, amateur judo men who with the best intentions in the world are endeavouring to keep the affairs of the Association running smoothly, what to do.

To advise an amateur that if he does not agree with his Committee then he should resign, is absolutely the most stupid statement that I have ever read, more especially so when the amateur judo player concerned is spending a considerable amount of time organising and helping with the organisation of judo events, the person suggesting that the amateur should resign, earns his living, a professional man who is running a business based on what we amateurs do and organise is allowed to publish his undemocratic suggestions under the guise of being an amateur, I think this is absolutely ludicrous.

I have supported Judo as a very good magazine, as I have supported the British Judo Association, the writer of the article would do well to consider that I was the only person on the Elected E.C. who had the courage to write to the General Secretary and the Chairman and demand a meeting of the Elected E.C., because being blunt, I am not satisfied with the finances and the handling of the same of the British Judo Association, I did not bring pressure on the Elected E.C. to alter or amend the constitution, I demanded answers to questions which I had raised, this was the reason for the meeting of the Elected E.C., as far as I was concerned, though I am not prepared to qualify the reason why I was not satis-

fied, it was essential that unless the Elected E.C. could agree amongst themselves then we were wasting our time going along to an A.G.M. to make a mockery of the Management of the Association.

Concerning Mr. Brewster's letter, although I feel, being quite truthful about this, that Mr. Brewster may well be accused of being an hysterical radical, I agree with the contents of his letter, and I have not the slightest intention of resigning from the British Judo Association E.C. until I feel that the several camps that exist are broken, and the political skulduggery that is going on between the two main camps at the moment, is quashed, or until those who feel that Stephenson knows too much, and by fair means or foul have him kicked out.

I would like in this letter to put right one or two mis-nomers about the termination of the post of N.P.R.O., on March 19th, 1963, I wrote to the Chairman of the British Judo Association, Mr. Charles Palmer, telling him that I was not satisfied with the co-operation I was receiving as N.P.R.O., I was deliberately being baulked in my efforts to propagate the Association and advise him that I wanted to resign, the Chairman asked me to think it over and have a talk with him, we never had this talk but I did think it over, despite my efforts, co-operation from H.Q. was non-existent, it was common practise for me to receive information from H.Q., which they had for anything up to a month, the day before the event took place, thereby affording me no time at all to publish the facts, the last straw came when whilst reading out my report for the year in which I was bitterly complaining about the lack of co-operation, an E.C. member, Mr. Thomas, called out, not through the Chair, 'do we need a P.R.O.'

Several hands were raised, much murmuring went on, I asked the Chairman for permission to speak, this was granted, I said, quote, "that irrespective of which way the vote went, if a vote was taken, my resignation was tendered as of now", a vote was taken as to

whether or not a replacement was required for the P.R.O., the E.C. including the Areas decided that the members of the Association did not want a P.R.O., obviously the Committee did not think that the propagation of an Association such as ours at National level is desirable or required, or is it that there are those at the top who are afraid that things will be found out, I ask you to remember that when I was a P.R.O. I agreed to relinquish the job and stand for Treasurer, being nominated by the Northern Area for the post, however, the Chairman had brought along a Mr. Dowler, completely unqualified, completely in the dark about the Association's funds, but despite the fact that I had been the Northern Area Treasurer for two years, the E.C. accepted Mr. Dowler, the Chairman's comments endorsed by the General Secretary, not minuted, "you are doing a grand job Harry, we should hate to lose you".

"The time for reflection gentlemen, is now, ask yourselves what's on, what is the form, resignation from someone you think is wrong is not the answer to the problem, especially if you are interested in the affairs of the Association."

HAROLD STEPHENSON

Sir,

In these days when a new Judo organisation is founded every other week, we are used to hearing of judoka with strange letters after their names.

I have come to know the A.J.A., the B.J.C., and even the B.K.F., but will someone kindly inform me who on earth are the T.A.I.J.A., F.B.J.O., N.J.A.G.B., W.J.F., E.F.K., Y.J.I.B.A., M.O.S.J., G.J.S., I.J.C., W.H.C.J.A., N.H.C.A., M.J.F. and S.J.M.?

A little enlightenment in this connection might enable some of us to know what is going on in the Judo world. I gather that one gentleman suffixes his name with the letters N.T.G.B.; after frequent and protracted research, I can only assume that this stands for "North Thames Gas Board".

MICHAEL MacURE

Sir,

In last month's issue, it was suggested that because of my obvious

criticism of the Elected E.C., in their Olympian heights, that I should no longer serve the Association in my capacity as an Elected E.C. Member. Because I did not agree with Chairman's proposals, then my usefulness to the Association has apparently terminated. Does the Editor consider that the Chairman should surround himself with "yes-men and/or women"; that there is no place within the ranks of the Elected E.C. for an 'opposition'? It would appear that this is so, for the Hard-working, un-wanted, *un-paid Area Reps.* are also criticised for expressing their dissatisfaction.

For the information of the *Area People*, who gaze in rapt admiration at the 'Gods' seated on the rostrum at A.G.M.'s, the Chairman's proposals first saw the light of day at a Meeting of the Elected E.C., previously referred to as the *Gods*. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this fateful gathering, but was assured that the discussions which took place, would be presented to the full E.C. (Elected plus the Area Reps.) on the day before the A.G.M. (Keith Brewster was a month out in his letter). Alas, the discussions were NOT presented to the full E.C., therefore I was obliged to indicate to the A.G.M., that I had no knowledge of the proposals and considered the entire effort to be Un-Constitutional, a view I still hold.

G. THOMAS, 1st Dan,
E.C. Member, Deputy Area Coach,
Area Committee Member.

Sir,

Although I am the local P.R.O. for the Northern Home Counties Area. I was not allowed to watch a grading examination, at the Judokan, in which members from my own Area were taking part—because I am a woman. A recent rule has forbidden the presence of women at examinations.

To ban one or two individuals for their behaviour is one thing but to ban an entire section of Judo enthusiasts is quite out of proportion.

The unfairness of so rigid a rule is evident and renders further comment superfluous.

VIVIEN C. FRYER

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

KENDO forum

by Musashi of the
Shinto Ryu

Hatsu-Geiko—1964. The Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo celebrated the New Year by inviting kendoka from several dojo to take part in the Hatsu-Geiko on Saturday, 4th January, 1964, in London. Several travelled long distances, one all the way from Glasgow, others from the Midlands, East Anglia, and Hampshire.

For the opening *rei* the *gakusei* up to 2nd Kyu sat facing the *sensei* side of the dojo where the *yudansha* were Mr. Roald Knutsen, (3rd dan); Miss Etsuko Horie (2nd dan); Mr. R. A. Lidstone (2nd dan); Mr. Jock Hopson (1st dan); and Mr. Keith Feltham (1st dan). Also given honorary places this side were the two leading members of the Bushi Budokai, Portsmouth—Mr. Victor C. Cook (1st kyu), and Mr. Brian Frearson, (1st kyu)—neither of who were able to practice, unfortunately, due to illness or accident.

The host *sensei*, Mr. Knutsen, gave New Year's Greetings to all Kendoka present and their guests, then briefly reviewed the development of Kendo in the past year and mentioned in order the visits of Taizo Takami *Sensei* (4th dan); Katsuzo Kudo *Sensei* (9th dan) Judo; Yoshihiko Oura, *Sensei* (7th dan); and ending with the arrival of Miss Horie (2nd dan), who will be at the Shinto-Ryu dojo for almost all 1964. He also stressed the keen interest felt in the British Kendo Association and the development of

English Kendo by several leading *sensei* in Japan, particularly by Mr. Toshio Watanabe (8th dan), and Mr. Takizawa (7th dan), of the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei, and called for great efforts to support and strengthen Kendo during the coming year. These efforts would be helped considerably by the return visits of Oura *Sensei* and Mr. Takami in the early summer.

Part of a film received from Takizawa *Sensei* was shown. This was of great interest since it was the whole of the Nihon Kendo-no-kata performed by Seiji Mochida *Hanshi* (10th dan), as *Shidachi*, and Goro Saimura *Hanshi* (10th dan), as *Uchidachi*. Filmed about three years ago it shows the whole of the Tachi-no-kata and the Ko-dachi-no-kata with the full etiquette proper to the occasion.

Mr. Knutsen and Mr. Feltham demonstrated the Shinto-Ryu Tachi-no-kata, the second form of which has now been revised and is an interesting variation of *tsuki*.

The last kata was the eight techniques of the *Oku-Iai*, or "Close Space" *Iai*, by Mr. Knutsen.

The Shinto-Ryu dojo, specially cleared for the evening, was hardly big enough for the twenty-four kendoka who practised simultaneously after the *kata* demonstrations. For the next sixty minutes

opportunities to practice with the *yudansha* were eagerly sought by the *musha-shugyosha* students from outside London but a very hard time was had by everyone. Col. Graham Gauntlet (3rd kyu), gave a very good account of himself surprising many opponents less than a third his age with his fast *kote* and devastating "*nashi wara*" *men* cut—the "pear-splitter".

Mr. Knutsen's opponents came in quick succession as did those of Mr. Feltham and Mr. Hopson. Miss Horie paid particular attention to the two lady members of the Bushi Budokai and the lower kyu. The youngest member present—Master Alexander Knutsen (6th kyu), (aged 6½) felt somewhat overawed and preferred to sit beside his mother, but he did practise with his father during the early part of

the evening to the delight of everyone. He is the first member of the Shinto-Ryu Junior Group.

At the end of the *keiko*, Mr. Knutsen and Miss Horie fenced and everyone closely watched this practice in which many techniques were shown.

The Hatsu Geiko closed with the final *rei*. It had been a great success.

All Japan Kendo Championships. The All Japan Championships held in Tokyo on the 1st December, 1963, was won by Mr. Yano Taro (7th dan) (aged about 40) from the Police Board in Hyogo Prefecture. He defeated Mr. Toda, a graduate of Keio University now with the Toyo Rayon Company, scoring *kote* with his winning point.

OPPOSITE:

Mr. Toshio Watanabe, 8th dan *Kyoshi*, former Secretary of the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei. Mr. Watanabe is now Chairman of the Equipment Research Committee and a Standing Director of the Renmei.



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OPPOSITE:

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Below. From left to right, Miss K. E. Evans, Senior Technical Adviser, Central Council of Physical Recreation, who acted as correlator for the meeting, Miss Keeble also of the C.C.P.R. and Miss P. Wilson one of the demonstrators.



Mr. V. Maynard, 3rd Dan, Area Coach for the Northern Home Counties, with Miss Vivien Fryer the N.H.C. P.R.O.



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The high ideals of the Olympic movement lay dormant for many centuries until revived by Baron Pierre de Coubertin at an International Sports Congress in 1894, attended by fifteen Nations, including the United States and Great Britain.

The Games celebrate an "Olympiad", or period of four years, the Games being celebrated in the first year of the Olympiad. This term is not used in connection with the cycle of Olympic Winter Games.

The Games of the 1st Olympiad — 1896 Athens	2nd — 1900 Paris
" " " " 3rd " — 1904 St. Louis	" " " " 4th " — 1908 London
" " " " 5th " — 1912 Stockholm	" " " " 6th " — 1916 Berlin*
" " " " 7th " — 1920 Antwerp	" " " " 8th " — 1924 Paris
" " " " 9th " — 1928 Amsterdam	" " " " 10th " — 1932 Los Angeles
" " " " 11th " — 1936 Berlin	" " " " 12th " — 1940 Helsinki*
" " " " 13th " — 1944 London*	" " " " 14th " — 1948 London
" " " " 15th " — 1952 Helsinki	" " " " 16th " — 1956 Stockholm }
" " " " 17th " — 1960 Rome	" " " " 18th " — 1964 Tokyo

* Not held.

A special cycle of Winter Olympic Games were started in 1924, which are numbered consecutively as they occur:—

1st Olympic Winter Games — 1924 Chamonix
2nd " " " — 1928 St. Moritz
3rd " " " — 1932 Lake Placid
4th " " " — 1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen
5th " " " — 1948 St. Moritz
6th " " " — 1952 Oslo
7th " " " — 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo
8th " " " — 1960 Squaw Valley
9th " " " — 1964 Innsbruck

The International Olympic Committee motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (swifter, higher, stronger) and the much quoted statement attributed to Baron Pierre de Coubertin is —

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning, but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."

The symbol of the Olympic Games is five interlocking rings, three above from the left (blue, black, red) and two below (yellow green). As a flag they are mounted on a white background with the blue ring high on the left nearest the flag pole. The rings are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee and must not be used by commercial enterprise as trade marks or for similar purposes.

The five rings represent the five Continents—no particular colour being allocated to any one Continent. The colours were chosen because at least one of the colours was in the flag of every nation in membership of the International Olympic Committee when the rings were adopted in 1913. The flag was used at the Olympic Games for the first time in 1920 at Antwerp.

The Olympic Games are open only to amateurs and no discrimination is allowed against any country on grounds of race, religion or politics.

The official programme for the Games shall include at least fifteen and not more than eighteen of the following sports:—

Athletics, Archery, Basket-ball, Boxing, Canoeing, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming and Diving, Volley Ball, Water Polo, Weight-Lifting, Wrestling, Yachting.

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The programme of Winter Games may include:—

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During the Ancient Games a sacred flame burned in Olympia at the altar of Zeus, in whose honour the Games were held. The modern conception of a Torch Relay and the Olympic Flame arose in 1936. The torch is ignited at Olympia in Greece from the sun's rays, and carried by a series of runners, ship or plane to the venue of the Games. The flame (by means of miners lamps) is also carried along the route of the torches.

After the torch is run round the Stadium at the Opening Ceremony a special flame is ignited in the Stadium which burns during the period of the Games, being extinguished at the Closing Ceremony.

The following has been the representation at the Olympic Games:—

Country	Year	Sports	Competitors	Nations
Athens	1896	10	285	13
Paris	1900	13	1,066	20
St. Louis	1904	12	496	11
London	1908	20	2,059	22
Stockholm	1912	14	2,541	28
Antwerp	1920	19	2,606	29
Paris	1924	19	3,092	44
Amsterdam	1928	16	3,015	46
Los Angeles	1932	16	1,408	37
Berlin	1936	21	4,069	49
London	1948	18	4,468	59
Helsinki	1952	17	5,867	69
Stockholm	1956	18	3,183	67
Melbourne				
Rome	1960	18	5,396	84

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LONDON JUDO SOCIETY. *Eric Dominy writes:*—The Judo displays given by our junior members at the Daily Mail Boys and Girls Exhibition at Olympia were a great success. In all forty shows were given, they drew by far the largest crowds of the Exhibition, so big that one end of the hall was completely blocked time and time again. Sincere thanks to all who took part, the juniors and those in charge, especially Joe Rowe, who was the chief organiser, and the Metropolitan Police, who provided the mats.

At last the lower dojo is in use. We were somewhat shaken by the amount of the import duties and so on, but the tatami are down at last.

Ted Mossom is teaching at the club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays and Len Hunt, who will be remembered by old timers in the Judo world, is also teaching regularly.

The L.J.S. met the Metropolitan Police in a match at St. Oswald's Place, and the Police had an overwhelming victory. More matches are being arranged by Byron Harrington.

We have been asked to include second Dan promotions in future examinations. We will be pleased to do this, if there is sufficient demand, in the April and subsequent examinations. A further announcement will be made regarding this in a future report.

REGENCY JUDO-AIKIDOKAI. *D. Burgess writes:*—Many of you may have seen the film "Over my shoulder" in the "Look at life" series, if you did you saw Mr. Yamada demonstrating Aikido. This may have been the reason for our recent influx of new members for Aiki beginners courses.

The last couple of months have been quite busy, with visits from the Renshuden and Budokwai. Our monthly Red & White contests are now firmly established, and attract people from a wide area. During each contest Mr. Yamada makes notes, and afterwards gives advice and instruction.

Dates for you to remember: Promotion examinations, Ladies 11 a.m., 15th March; Gentlemen 11 a.m., 22nd March. Next beginners course: Judo, Monday, 9th March, 7.30 p.m.; Aikido, Thursday, 12th March, 7 p.m. Red and White contests are held on the second Sunday in each month at 11 a.m.

SUNDERLAND

SUNDERLAND JUDO CLUB from *R. Pickering:* The Sunderland Judokwai in moving to new premises have changed their name to the Sunderland Judo Academy. The new headquarters are in the centre of Sunderland and make

the club one of the biggest in the North, which is a giant step forward indeed.

The new mat area covers 1,800 square feet and has windows almost from floor to ceiling all the way round, making it extremely airy and bright. Excellent dressing and shower rooms help to create an atmosphere of efficiency and comfort.

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American Athletic Union Olympic Judo Team visit Great Britain

On January 30th the American Olympic Team flew into the United Kingdom for a very brief visit. During the time they are here the team will meet representative sides from the Budokwai and Renshuden in London and then go down to Wales to tackle the Samurai club at a special show to be held at Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.

The team includes Ben Campbell, the redoubtable U.S.A. Heavyweight who did so well at the recent Sports Week in Tokyo. Other members are George Harris the enormous Negro who was such a hit with the crowd at the World Championships in Paris, he is Campbell's partner in the Heavyweight category. Middleweights include M. Tsuchida and R. Fukuwa, while the Lightweights are T. Seino and H. Nishioka. Coach for the American side is Mr. K. Kuniyuki and the team manager is the very old and good friend of so many members of the British Judo Association, Major Philip Porter of the United States Air Force.

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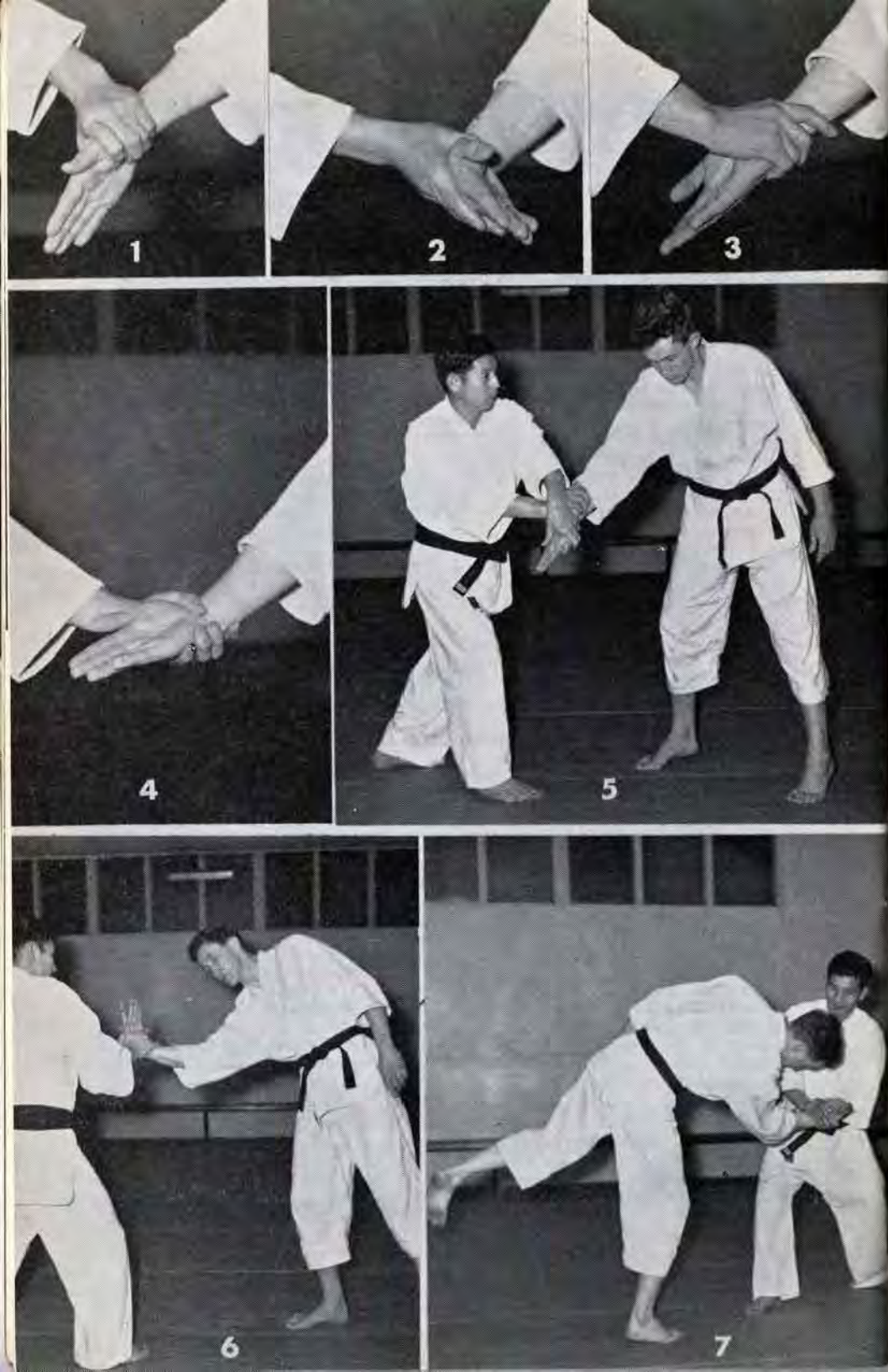
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AIKIDO No. 21

WRIST TECHNIQUES 3

by Senta Yamada, 6th dan Judo, 6th dan Aikido

Wrist turning techniques, which we are going to deal with in this article, differ from the wrist twisting techniques in that when pressure is applied to turn the opponent's wrist his elbow is facing downward with the palm facing upwards as seen in Figure 1. His balance is broken to the rear and he is thrown on to his back.

To apply this technique there are four methods of grasping the opponent's wrist.

1. Your left hand holds the opponent's right hand in the reverse grip. Your fingers grasp the heel of his hand while your thumb runs along the back of his hand. Figure 1.

2. Your right hand holds opponent's right hand in the reverse grip. Your thumb in the heel of his hand while your fingers lay along the back of his hand. Figure 2.

3. Your right hand holds the opponent's right hand in the natural grip. The heel of your hand against the heel of his hand with your fingers and thumb curled round his wrist. Figure 3.

4. Your left hand holds your opponent's right hand in the

natural grip. The heel of your hand against the back of his hand, thumb and fingers round his wrist. Figure 4.

The four methods described above relate to holding the opponent's right hand only, they could of course be applied equally well to his left hand.

The technique will be described in Kata style on the right side only. It is executed by grasping the opponent's right hand with your left hand in the manner described in No. 1 above.

Face each other in the right natural posture. Check his right attacking arm from outside and grasp his wrist with your right hand, and try to break his balance forward. As he tries to escape by pulling his arm back with his elbow downwards, quickly grasp his hand in the reverse position with your left hand as shown in Figure 5, and begin to turn his wrist so that his balance now starts to be broken to his rear. Place your right hand on his right hand also, so that the thumbs of both your hands meet on the back of his hand. Figure 6.



Now pivot on your right foot, swinging your left foot to your own right rear, continue to apply pressure on your opponent's wrist and at the same time pull his wrist towards your body in the direction you are pivoting so that the opponent is thrown to the ground; illustrated in Figures 7 and 8.

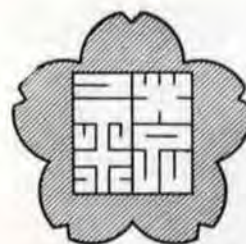
After the opponent is thrown maintain the pressure on his wrist, pivot round and place your right knee against his elbow as shown in Figure 9 and push gently so that you can control the opponent's position all the time.

European Police Wrestling and Judo Championships

Royal Albert Hall — 8th April 1964

Twelve countries are expected to take part, each one being represented by sixteen competitors. There will be five competitors for the Wrestling Free Style, five for the Wrestling Greco-Roman Style, and six for the Judo competition. On the day before the Championships a special Olympic Style Opening ceremony will be attended by the Home Secretary at Hendon, where the preliminaries will be held.

A special hundred page programme is being prepared with a four colour cover showing the flags of all the nations taking part, and the frontispiece will be illustrated with the latest picture of Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of the British Police Athletic Association the organisers.



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

Selection Contests, 1964. National Selection Contests will be held at the Army School of P.T. (by kind permission of the Commanding Officer), Queens Avenue, Aldershot, Hants, on Sunday, the 8th March, 1964, commencing at 9 a.m.

These contests will be in weight categories and all entrants are required to complete the official application form and return it to the General Secretary at Headquarters not later than Monday, the 10th February, 1964. Supplies of these forms have been made available to Area Coaches for distribution to those wishing to enter and further copies may be obtained from Headquarters on request.

It should be noted that at least two National Selection Contests will be held each year, and this year a special one will be held in June for the specific purpose of selecting the B.J.A. entries to take part in the Olympic Games Selection Contests which are scheduled to be held at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre on Saturday, the 25th July, 1964.

Inter-Area Championships, 1964. These are to be held on Saturday, the 29th August, 1964, at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre. Full and complete details of these will be made available to all Areas within the near future.

Home International. It is proposed that, and provisionally agreed, the Association will hold annually a Home International between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and that subject to confirmation each Area will act as host for these in turn. Fuller details will be made available to all Areas when the matters at present under discussion have been finalised.

Teaching Promotions. The following is a very brief outline of a scheme, to be effective immediately, providing for promotion based on teaching ability and judo knowledge and governed by the *Regulations for General Teaching Promotions*. Grades awarded under this scheme will have equal status to those awarded under the normal promotion examination procedure.

In recent years it has become increasingly apparent that contest ability should not be the only criterion in assessing fitness to hold a certain grade and that a system of assessing worth apart from contest ability must be added to the general grading structure of the Association. As will be seen from the following, the factors to be taken into account by the Technical Board when considering a promotion under the Teaching Promotion Scheme, cover the widest possible area of judo activity.

Candidates, who must be nominated either by the National Coach, an Area Coach or a Senior Examiner, will be adjudged by the Technical Board on the basis of the following:—

1. Character.
2. Randori.
3. Teaching activity, status and results.
4. Judo technique and style.
5. Kata knowledge and performance.
6. Contest record and ability.
7. Contributions to the technical advancement and spread of judo.
8. Age.

Candidates must hold the grade of 1st Kyu or above.

A copy of the regulations is available to persons who are qualified to make a nomination.

Club Instructors' Award. The Association, in co-operation with the Technical Board and the Coaching Committee, has recently introduced a "Club Instructor Award" in addition to the already successful Coach Award. Details of this award have been sent to Area Coaches and further copies are available from Headquarters on request.

Promotions

To 1st Dan: C. Hall (Leicester), J. Fennell (L.J.S.), J. Smallcombe (L.J.S.), A. Baumann (L.J.S.), T. B. Jack (Holytown), H. Woodward (Cumko Judokwai), R. Anten (Denton), G. W. Hope (K. & M.), R. Lyons (La Scala), S. White (Scunthorpe), R. Russell (Glacier), T. Butler (Budokwai), J. V. Butler (Hornchurch), L. Jones (Newport), A. Coles (Shrewsbury), B. Evan-son (Shrewsbury), G. Wright (Shrewsbury), B. Ferrant (East Essex), G. Shorter (Budokwai), A. Denny (Renshuden), B. Watson (Renshuden), J. Goodger (Renshuden), P. Keane (Renrukan), D. Warner (Deeside), J. Douglas (Irish Judo Association), F. Fennell (Myodokan), Miss G. McCutcheon (K.N.K.).

To 2nd Dan: T. Goffe (Budokwai), D. Watson (Renshuden), Dr. R. Morris-Owen (Oxford University).

To 3rd Dan: I. Silver (New Forest).

COACHING NOTES

One of the most important conferences held in 1963 by the Association was the conference jointly arranged by the C.C.P.R. and the B.J.A. at Loughborough on the 27th of November. The theme was "The Modern Approach to Judo" and the Senior Physical Education Adviser for Leicester-shire, Mr. F. Johnson, took the chair.

Approximately eighty members attended, and apart from Judo officials there were a considerable number of representatives from Education Authorities, Girl Guide groups, Y.M.C.A.s, R.A.F., Schools, etc.

Practical demonstrations were given by the boys of Garendon School, Loughborough, and girls of the Spondon Park Grammar School, Derbyshire. The demonstrations emphasised that each child was fully occupied all the time, and finished with team contests, and included the usual Judo courtesies.

An admirable demonstration of Ju-no-kata was given by Mrs. M. Johnson and Miss J. Outhouse, followed by the new B.J.A. Film which further pinpointed the basic techniques demonstrated in the practical exhibitions.

The National Coach, Mr. G. Gleeson (5th Dan), then gave a further demonstration showing how the basic techniques shown in the film could be developed.

During a discussion the following points were considered. Children and adults up to 60 years of age really do not benefit from long breakfall practice, in fact this practice tends to make otherwise quite interested members lose interest. Mr. Wilde pointed out that Judo was not a social activity. That women would feel embarrassed in front of men and be conscious that they had not the same ability. It was agreed and accepted that the present state of development in women's Judo meant that instruction would have to be carried out by men for the time being, but as more and more women became qualified to teach, women's Judo would develop along lines suitable for them.

Kokusai Karate Remmei

*The following is an extract from a report circulated by
Chojiro Tani, President of the Kokusai Karate Remmei,
the International Karate Federation.*

An account of the general situation in each country affiliated to the Kokusai Karate Remmei.

France. About 5,000 members, 72 Dojos (11 are in Paris). The "French Karate Federation" is a section of the Federation of Martial Arts which includes Aikido, 400 members, 30 clubs, and Judo 55,000 members, 1,350 clubs.

Belgium. Second country of importance overseas. 500 members, 11 Dojos. Situation is rather uncertain because of two languages and two mentalities. There are three Federations who will unite when there is a satisfactory recognition of grades.

Germany. 200 members, three clubs, one Federation, there is one American army club.

Austria. Two clubs, one Federation, about 100 members.

Great Britain. 300 members, four clubs, one Federation. Not yet very serious, they are at the stage of breaking planks, and never want to take part in Shiai. They will perhaps improve when someone can help them.

Switzerland. 500 members, seven clubs, three Federations. The same problems as in Belgium. Three languages and three mentalities. But their technique is fairly good.

Italy. The third country to take an active interest in Karate, after France and Belgium, but without being legally forbidden, Karate is very much

controlled by the police, which hinders development. Three clubs, one Federation.

Luxembourg Small country, French influence. Two clubs, one Federation, under 100 members. Main interest is that it has a vote in the U.N.O. and K.K.R.

Sweden. Greatly interested in Karate. Two clubs, very active. The Judo Federation has opened a section for Karate.

Holland. Four clubs, 200 members, could become very important for the Dutch are very tall and strong. But the success of Geesink in the World Judo Championships has made them take more interest in judo. Nevertheless I often receive letters about Karate which indicates that there is considerable interest.

Portugal. Three clubs, two Federations, few members. As in all the countries under dictators. But the technical level is improving and several pupils will in due course be able to open their own clubs.

Spain. Four clubs, one Federation. As in all the latin countries (Italy, Portugal, Spain) the Spanish are not very active and do not like perspiring. Nevertheless there are some good ones.

Yugoslavia, Hungary, Russia. There are some members but we have little contact. Several letters asking for information, nothing more.

Morocco. Very active, three clubs, one Federation, about 400 members.

Algeria. Has just become independent. A few months ago there were eight clubs with 700 members. We must wait for a while to see what will happen, and whether an Algerian Federation will be founded.

Tunisia. Three active clubs, 200 members, one Federation.

Cameroons. Three clubs all directed by negroes. All the judo clubs are run by whites. Physically gifted the negro is to be watched in Karate, as they will certainly obtain better results than either the European or Japanese, as in the case of boxing. Many make the effort to go to France for instruction.

Ivory Coast. Two clubs, 50 members, one Federation. One negro is studying in France.

Madagascar. Six clubs, about 200 members. More independent spirit than the rest of Africa. No Federation yet.

South Africa. Three clubs, 400 members, very commercial. According to what I have been told the sport is forbidden to coloured people.

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AUGUST

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24th—25th	QUARTERLY GRADING EXAMINATION	Midlands

Japan in the Age of War



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The next day the four samurai set off down to the Fuji river, left the Tokaido, and followed the right bank of the stream towards the north. They went slowly since they only had to cover 20 miles in two days to be at Nambu the next night. This was an especially lovely country though it was difficult to imagine the fierce war that had raged over it 10 years before during a rebellion put down by Imagawa Yoshimoto.

Through the heat of the day they walked beside the rippling waters which flowed down from Kai province past the perfect flanks of Fujisan to meet the sea in the Suruga wan. They passed through thick woods of oak and pine, and the occasional cane brake where the hot summer sun scarcely penetrated. There was no road here since the last surge of fighting, everything was deserted by man, the tracks overgrown.

The river had many rapids and because of this was famous for its fine fishing. In former days warriors came to this area to spend time catching fish. Here and there along the banks were the ruins of small huts used by these fishermen, now long disused.

Near the deserted village of Ochai some 10 miles above the ferry, the four warriors prepared to spend the night. As they were eating their second and last meal of the day, the young Hanzo Gembei drew Yukihiro's attention to the behaviour of two herons on the far side of the river where a spit of shingle caused an eddy. Carrying on eating as though nothing had happened, all four concentrated their gaze on the birds who were obviously aware of something or someone in the bushes above them. They strutted to the end of the shingle then finally flew off upstream. So far nothing had moved beyond the curtaining leaves. Yukihiro stood up and yawned,

PART NINE

By

Roald M. Knutsen

before walking slowly into the trees. They gathered up their belongings and rose as if to follow the samurai. Still no movement. The three went into the trees and a few yards through the woods until they could no longer see the river. Instantly they crept back from tree to tree until they could observe the bank from cover some 30 yards above their previous position.

Two minutes passed. Then the bushes were parted and a rough face carefully protruded and looked up and down stream. Seeing no one, the face produced a body dressed in rags with a bow and well-filled sheath of arrows; the man waded across the river.

When he reached the other side and saw no sign of the four samurai he turned and gave a signal. Twelve more roughly clad men came out and waded the shallow river to join their comrade. They were a motley array clad in ragged garments sacking and pieces of tattered armour. But at the same time they were very well armed. Not a man was without a katana and dirk. Some had bows but two possessed matchlocks. Their unkempt hair mostly tied up with hachimaki, two men wore straw hats.

All this the samurai noted before the gang vanished into the trees. Now the positions were reversed and the brigands, for such they must be, became the quarry and the samurai the hunters. The

13 men moved through the woods up towards the village taking great care not to be seen but not realising that the four samurai were in fact behind them. When they reached the first overgrown ruin the scout went forward to see where the four were located. With elaborate precautions he flitted from house to house, crawling sometimes. In the village compound he stopped realising that no one had come there and called the rest of his confederates. They trooped in as though they had won a victory and had chased the samurai away.

Watching these antics Masayemon had an idea. He whispered instructions to Hanzo and Yukihiro who vanished through the undergrowth to the far side of the ruins. Goro Hachinosuke and Masayemon sat quietly waiting. The bandits were laughing and talking round their leader when out of the still evening air came the most blood-curdling scream followed by a crash. Silence! The bandits stood stock still.

The scarred samurai grinned at Masayemon. He bent right down to the floor then in a deep vibrant voice shouted some orders to mythical troops. The pair left the hut and slipped across the west side of the village. The bandits were now a bit jumpy and were putting arrows to bows or standing with drawn swords.

Hanzo gave another terrible yell which ended in a choking sob. It came out of the silence in a most eerie way. Instantly Masayemon and Hachinosuke imitated the sounds of the legendary tengu with sharp cries and clashing swords. From the opposite direction came more of these weird sounds. The second they had made their call the men shifted their location sometimes into the woods and sometimes creeping forward to almost the last effective cover.

The bandits were cowed now in superstitious fear of the unknown. With the coming night and these dreadful spirits in the surrounding forests, they were frightened to leave the open compound. Silence for minutes. As the time passed this silence became oppressive. Masayemon had found an old drum which seemed to be intact. He held it in one hand and prepared to beat on it with a billet of wood at the psychological moment when the brigands started to get over their fright.

Tok . . . Tok . . . Tok, Tok, Tok, Tok! He rattled out the beat. At the same moment the other two samurai appeared on the far side of the square behind the backs of the brigands. With drawn swords the pair crept up fast to stand immediately behind the group. One last tap, and Masayemon dropped the drum and drew his sword with a single sweep from behind his shoulder. He and Hachinosuke crept forward under cover.

Yukihiro shouted: "YEI!"

The bandits spun round to be confronted with two ferocious armed samurai with raised swords.

Masayemon and his friend raced up from the other side and shouted a gai "HO!"

This was too much and the thoroughly demoralised men flung down their weapons before these materialised spirits and prayed for mercy. They were convinced that the four had appeared out of thin air and that they must be foxes or tengu in human shape.

In a chant Masayemon called the leader out and told him that his fellows were all around and above and below, they must certainly do as they were told or be dreadfully ill-treated. The man was white with fright and agreed with chattering teeth. They were told

to remain where they were until morning, but were to stack their weapons on the south side of the village. The two men who did this fell over one bundle when Yukihiro made a grimace!

The four samurai melted away into the gloom leaving a huddle of terrified men to pass a poor night.

During the night each took it in turn to stand guard and from time to time to make weird noises from points in the village to remind the brigands that the tengu were still around.

At dawn Masayemon stalked into the compound and bellowed orders left and right at the surprised gang.

"You pack of mangy curs! You scum! Call yourselves men? I am no more fox than you, swine!" The shock was almost as great as the relief at being released from the thrall of spirits! They fell down and thanked him for saving them still convinced that they had been disarmed by demons.

"Will you join me and my comrades?" demanded Masayemon.

"Anything to get away from this dreadful village."

"Where are your weapons?"

"Over there, sir." Three men ran over to the huts where they had been ordered to place the arms. There was nothing there!

In terror they called out that the weapons had gone.

Masayemon ordered them to start marching north and not to bother about the weapons. But as they passed the last hut he told two men to look inside.

There were the lost swords and other arms!

In amazement the brigands sorted out their own belongings and continued to march.

Masayemon walking behind with Yukihiro said: "I hope this fright and cure doesn't pass off before we reach Nambu and join up with Gengoyemon's men. We'll have our hands full if it does!"

"I think sir, that they will not wish to fight for some time. Their nerves are so shaken. Just watch them start at every common forest sound." He bent down and picked up a rock and shied it into the trees. Four men drew their swords at the sound. They could hardly hold their blades their hands were shaking so.

"Get going" shouted Hachinosuke, kicking the last man, "We haven't got all day to waste!"

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REPORT FROM AUSTRALIA

By DENIS HOLLAND

Change and adaptation would seem to be necessary concomitants in one's search for a full and interesting life, and certainly these two factors need to be immediately accepted by the sport of judo if it is not to lose its prime place to lesser, but possibly more cogent forms of grappling.

Perhaps the first admission that we in judo should make is that our sport does not in itself constitute the Ultimate in Grappling Techniques.

I speculate thus because of a thoughtful article which recently appeared in a Canadian judo magazine. The author takes a deep look into contemporary judo and arrives at conclusions that will tend to make even the most determined judo partisan revise his thinking.

The author suggests that any strong wrestling nation need only put its wrestlers into judogi, teach them some contest rules and a few judo techniques—and there ready-made will be a powerful and effective judo team.

He further states that a great many wrestling techniques (especially those applied on the ground

where it appears certain that wrestling is stronger than judo) would be admissible in judo contests. Powerful wrestling nations such as Turkey and Russia are no doubt aware of this; and it is very likely that Turkey will enter a judo team in the Olympics.

Heavyweight wrestler Kaplan, from Turkey, has decisively beaten Geesink when the latter was a wrestler. Now we all know that in Paris, the big Dutchman won his judo world title on the ground—yet it was in ground work where Kaplan was the victor!

No doubt the dusty judo traditionalists will cry Anathema; but perhaps the time has come for judo to incorporate some of the power possessed by Sambo and Wrestling. If it does this, and manages to ally such power with its superior facets of speed and technique, judo could well emerge refreshed and strengthened.

Judoka in Australia generally have not been slow to face up to the challenge of Power. Training with weights has been fairly common during the past two years, and it is easy to forecast that the time is not far off when very few

dojos here will be without a weight training section.

It is surely obvious that if we match, say, two lightweights of approximately equal skill and speed, then the advantage will lie with the judoka who has trained with weights and is able to manage a Bench-Press of 200 lbs.

Things are very quiet here in Sydney at the moment. But as the team to represent Australia at the Olympics must be chosen within the next few months, I have no doubt that there is much activity behind the scenes.

The N.S.W. State Championships will be held sometime in February. I shall fully report on these in a later issue because it seems probable the results will play a significant part in the Australian team selection for Japan. I would like to contest the lightweight division of these Championships; but this will depend on whether or not a few awkward formalities can be smoothed out in time.

The N.S.W. South Coast Championships will also be held in February. I was fortunate enough to take the lightweight title last year, and as I am free of injuries for the first time in some months, I shall probably defend it.

Social occasions in the judo world of Sydney have been abundant lately. The International Club gave a splendid party recently in their spacious dojo. Hosted by Nidan Mike Butt, with help from Shodans Dennis and Peter Burns, the affair was very successful.

Secretary of the N.S.W. Black Belt register, John Peters, gathered his flock around him a couple of weeks ago when he held a barbecue at his home. Some excellent judo films were screened during the evening in his garden dojo. I express my thanks to John together with my admiration for his consistently cheerful helpmate (a judo widow if ever there was one) Mrs. Peters. I sincerely believe that these social occasions perform a valuable service in cementing friendship off the mat.

How is the weather at home? The Christmas Day temperature in Sydney was close to a hundred in the shade. I would think that almost the entire population of Sydney spent Christmas Day on the beaches.

Traditional English concepts of Christmas have to be put aside in such heat. Yours truly celebrated with a bottle of iced champagne and a cold chicken.

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