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Report and Photographs

By Alan R. Menzies

A full-house, at the 17th Annual Show of the Samurai Judo Club of Swansea, was the culmination of an exciting and hectic day for the officials and organisers.

Early in the afternoon the Marquis of Queensberry performed the opening ceremony of the club's new luxurious headquarters in the heart of Swansea, by cutting a black belt in half with an ancient Japanese sword.

Present at this ritual were practically all the civic heads of Glamorgan county, headed by Councillor F. Shail, the Mayor of Swansea; and including Alderman and Mrs. L. Heycock; Councillor and Mrs. C. Thomas; Colonel K. I. Morgan; Captain G. A. Morgan; and Doctor O'Kaine. The judo world personalities included Chairman of the B.J.A., Charles Palmer (5th Dan); Mr. Senta Yamada (6th Dan); Mr. Kisaburo Watanabe (5th Dan); Miss Margot Sathaye (3rd Dan); Mr. Anthony Sweeney (3rd Dan); General Secretary John Capes; the members of the Army Judo Association and various other prominent judo people. Additional guests represented local and national Welsh newspapers, headed by Pat Searle of the "Western Mail", and both Independent and B.B.C. television covered the event.

Alan Petherbridge, 4th Dan, European Gold Medalist, Principal of the Samurai Judo Club, photographed with the Marquis of Queensberry who performed the opening ceremony.







Sell Out at Swansea

Above. Demonstration of Nageno-kata; Peter Veale being thrown with Ura-nage.

Below, Kisaburo Watanabe 5th Dan, throwing T. O'Brien in their demonstration of Go-no-senno-kata.





Archie Rule, one-time European Bantamweight Champion and trainer of Joe Erskine, Mr. D. D. Williams, the Club's President, and Andre Bavart, well-known French hotelier, are worthy of particular mention.

Preparations for the opening, which had been going on for some time, started in earnest early in the morning with the arrival of a police sergeant and three constables to see that the area was free of parked cars and other traffic obstructions, so that the stream of official cars would have good access to the club's premises.

In the building frantic efforts were being made to finish the decor and make last minute alterations, while questioning newspapermen wandered around mixed up with a dozen or so television men, laying cables, arranging cameras and other gear. Amidst this activity the telephone clamoured incessantly with enquiries for tickets for the evening show, while through the main doors trooped a procession of callers for the same reason.

Amid this milling crowd, Alan Petherbridge gave interviews, sold tickets, talked on the telephone, welcomed visitors, and generally superintended the arrangements. Many club members were also present and bore the brunt of a great many tasks, from painting to carpentry, running last minute errands, moving furniture and arranging accommodation for the afternoon's guests. The ladies were also busy hanging curtains, cleaning and dusting, and getting the cocktail party details organised.

The work of these people was more than rewarded in the smooth running of the opening ceremony, and even the guests helped out by arriving on time.

The actual cutting of the belt and the declaration of the opening of the club was done in traditional manner, with the Mayor of Swansea speaking on behalf of the guests, after Alan Petherbridge had replied to the Marquis of Queensberry's declaration that the club was well and truly opened.

The assembled guests then toured the premises, informally examining the various equipment, which included the completed Sauna with showers, changing rooms, rest cubicles, massage room and Physiotherapy facilities. One item not completed is the ladies hair-dressing salon, which is being installed with all the latest equipment.

One piece of gadgetry which intrigued most of the guests was the latest type of electric vibratory massage couch. This £300 piece of equipment automatically massages any part of the body. Many of the distinguished guests present couldn't resist the urge to try it, and most of the afternoon someone was using it.

The Mayor and the Glamorgan County officials ended up in the weight training room where, surrounded by body building equipment, they spent some time discussing with Alan Petherbridge the club's present and future

OPPOSITE:

Above. The Marquis of Queensberry performing the opening ritual by cutting a black belt with a Japanese katana, Watching from left to right are the Mayor of Swansea, Mr. D. D. Williams, the club's President, and Mrs. Norma Wyn-Edwards.

Below. Applauding the speech given by Mr. Petherbridge are Senta Yamada, Miss Margot Sathaye, and Councillor F. Shail, the Mayor of Swansea.

plans. The Marquis of Queensberry, as soon as he had performed his opening duty, retired to the Sauna wih Charles Palmer and Mr. Waanabe, where they sampled the invigorating Finnish installation.

During this time the Brangwyn Hall staff were busy with preparations for the evening's show, which would be as star-studded as the afternoon since most of the guests present at the opening ceremony were expected.

The programme included the Welsh National Championships for both Kyu and Dan grades, as well as a Welsh National Team versus the British Army. The contests were interspersed with various display items to give a balanced programme.

At 7.30 in the evening the Mayor of Swansea took his place next to the Marquis of Queensberry in the centre of the V.I.Ps., and Pat Searle of the "Western Mail" announced the opening of the seventh annual show by the Samurai Judo Club. Such is the esteem in which the club is held, and so well known is the standard of its shows, that the entire hall including

Left. John Trick throwing Peter Veale with Kata-guruma during their demonstration of Nage-no-kata.

Right. John Trick attacking Jones in the Semi-final of the Welsh Championship for Black Belts.







Richard Morgan receiving the Kyu Grade Trophy from the Samurai Club President, Mr. D. D. Williams.

an extra five rows of seats was full. Not many clubs can guarantee such wonderful support from their local townspeople,

Mr. Searle introduced the Chairman of the British Judo Association, Mr. C. S. Palmer, to the crowded auditorium, and he then in turn introduced the prominent guests concluding with Alan Petherbridge (4th Dan), who received a tremendous welcome from the spectators.

Preceding the first of the Welsh National semi-finals, was a demonstration of the Nage-no-kata and an item by Mr. Palmer, explaining the problem of refereeing, which also showed the people present how the score is kept in a judo contest.

Fifteen Kyu grades entered for the Welsh National Championships Kyu grade section. The eliminations were held at the Samurai Judo Club, and only the semi-finals and the final was held during the show.

The first semi-final was between R. Morgan and J. Ford, both 1st Kyu, and was won by Morgan with a good ippon after about three-quarters of







Alan Petherbridge scoring on MacDonald of the Army in the last contest of the Army versus Wales match.

the contest had expired. The second semi-final went to O. Thomas, who won with a Yusei-gachi over I. Tennant. Not a spectacular contest this, but both men tried as well as they could.

Another kata separated the Dan grades semi-finals from the Kyu grade event, with Kisaburo Watanabe (5th Dan), showing his skill to the enthusiastic Welsh audience, assisted by T. O'Brien of the Samurai.

OPPOSITE:

Above. Russ Lewis demonstrating the cuts used in Kendo.

Below, Trick of Wales attacking Tate of the Army in the Army versus Wales team match.



Peter Veale accepting the Dan Grade Trophy from the Marquis of Queensberry.

The Dan grade semi-finals produced a surprising upset in the forecast. K. Jones managed to defeat J. Trick, the British International, on a Yuseigachi, to reach the final. The other semi-final winner was Peter Veale, who beat John Jenkins to qualify.

The interval followed the Dan grade semi-finals, and as soon as the show continued the ladies, under Miss Margot Sathaye (3rd Dan), gave an exhibition of class teaching methods, which proved very interesting.

Kendo by Russ Lewis and K. Jones was an exciting item, especially the randori which followed the demonstration of cuts. Junior Judo, as always was an exciting spectacle, there cannot be many clubs with so many children doing judo as the Samurai. Alan Petherbridge allowed some of the children to throw him about, which must have made quite a change for him and the children. His daughter, also a keen adherent, took part, and she looks like following in her father's footsteps,

The main item of the evening was the finals of the Welsh Championships. The Kyu grade finalists R. Morgan and O. Thomas, took their places on the mat and their contest got under way. Morgan attacked much more than Thomas, although Thomas who appeared the calmer of the two, seemed the more dangerous, especially when he nearly had Morgan over with a couple of counter-attacks, something after the style of Utsuri-goshi. Morgan, still attacking much more made several good attempts, but kept leaving himself open to counters and the strong attacks of Thomas. In one of the scrambles Thomas went down with Morgan on top, and this was the end for Thomas. Morgan attacked fiercely until he managed to get into a holding position, which he held for the necessary 30 seconds.

A good win for Morgan and bad luck for Thomas, who tried hard to break the final holding. The President of the Samurai Judo Club, Mr. D. D. Williams, presented the triumphant Morgan, who incidentally comes from the Pontypool club, with a magnificent trophy.

Before the Dan grade final, Mr. Senta Yamada (6th Dan Aiki as well as being 6th Dan at judo), demonstrated some of the marvellous moves that the Aiki curriculum offers.

Peter Veale met Ken Jones in the final for the Senior Welsh National Championship award. Veale looked the better of the two men throughout the contest, his attacking was much more positive than Jones, who tended to be very defensive, although he did not get hunched up as so many people do in trying to defend. Both men had very good upright stances even if the contest was slow. At the end Veale won the decision which made him the current Welsh National Dan grade Champion.

Final event was Wales versus the British Army side, this turned out to be an exciting match with Wales winning handsomely over the Army. although British Army Champion C.S.M.I. Ray Mitchell defeated Peter Veale, who had only just won the Welsh National title. Alan Petherbridge made his appearance as last man in the Welsh side, and scored with a strong O-soto-gari, on Lieutenant MacDonald of the Army to finish the match, much to the gratification of the home crowd.

At the reception afterwards the performers, organisers and principal guests finished off the evening discussing the show at a very friendly gettogether.

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The British Judo Association

16th Annual General Meeting

This meeting was, in some ways, the most critical moment in the Association's 16 years of existence. For some time past there has been a growing calm and united front presented to the world of the Association's affairs. volcano of unrest, dissatisfaction, criticism, and undermining of the usual

attended this meeting. The largest number of members ever to attend an A.G.M. even though they constituted less than a third of the clubs entitled Four hundred people, which included representatives of 154 clubs, to send someone to the A.G.M.

It may well have been a gathering to see heads roll and fur fly, or it could have been a genuine interest in the running of the B.J.A. which brought so many out on such a foul, wet, miserable day. Most likely the answer lies between the two, in any event the volcano failed to go off, or at any rate it failed to explode with anything like the vehemence expected. A damp squib on bonfire night has the same effect.

actually mentioned his name. His position was decidedly precarious if the John Capes also takes responsibility for most of the administrative ills that beset the Main target was Charles Palmer, who as head of the Association bears the brunt of the criticisms and is responsible to the members for the running of their Association. Also severely criticised was John Capes, although none Financial Sub-Committee report was anything to go on. Association since he is their employee.

John Capes, the General Secretary, and one presumed the elected members The establishment in this instance was Charles Palmer, the Chairman; of the Executive Committee, who had been put in their office by a majority of the members voting at an A.G.M.

Chief critic was Mr. Peter Murphy, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, Chairman of the Western Area, and delegate of the Western Area to the Executive, therefore a voting member, under the Constitution. of the Executive. Supporting and assisting were Mr. A. Tomkinson, the Secretary of the North West Area, also an Area delegate and member of the Executive; and Mr. Perriman, the Chairman of the Midland Area, another member of the Executive via the Area.

Sitting on the raised dias of the conference hall, Charles Palmer looked out on some 400 human beings who, like so many friendly wolves were waiting to see if the machiavellian-like machinations of Mr. Murphy would succeed in toppling his, what many consider, easy-going, figure, in the Mr. Murphy contested the chair when Stan Woollam relinquished the reins two years ago, and had only narrowly been defeated, and nothing gives the opposition more confidence than a narrow defeat.

Before the meeting stirred itself to activity one hour of the meagre four allocated had already passed. The step of old Father Time was to march unerringly behind both the Chairman and his opponent throughout the afternoon, although most of the members present did not realise how short he time was in which to decide the important and far-reaching issues that were to come before them.

Charles Palmer opened the 16th meeting by introducing three major weapons which would, if necessary be fired on his behalf, although many Chief, and most important from the judo point of view was Andre Ertel. Chairman of the European Judo Union, equally important but in a different of the members failed to realise their value in the event of them being used. sphere were the representatives from the British Olympic Committee and he Ministry of Education.

cisely, but whether or not he would be able to put them into practice was The Chairman's opening speech indicated his intentions clearly and predebatable, and whether or not they strengthened his own case for his con-tinued occupation of the Chairman's seat was also open to argument.

elected members had to bear the onus for the running of the Association. The Area representatives who sit and vote on the Executive are not held responsible for their actions even though they are in the majority on the Committee, indeed they sit in the hall at an A.G.M. and actively criticise their unfortunate comrades exposed to view on the rostrum, for actions that they themselves are partly responsible for. Further, in some cases several different people represent an Area during the course of any one year. Each time a new boy pops up a great deal of time is wasted in acquainting him with facts and details, so that he can understand matters Broadly speaking, his main points were, the dissolution of the existing composition of the Executive Committee on the grounds that only the which he is empowered to vote upon.

Mr. Palmer's second point was that since the Licence holders were in effect shareholders of the Association, they should be given the vote, and that this vote could be used by post or by proxy.

since there was not even a murmur from the assembled members, unless These were radical changes and seemed to take everyone by surprise they were so taken aback that they were unable to think of any reply.

an Executive Committee Meeting resolution that he would not read the Sub-Committee's report on the basis that since part of it had been published he was entitled to read the rest, a matter of 21 paragraphs. The meeting the situation became more electric, especially when the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, Mr. Peter Murphy, pointed out that "JUDO" had published part of a confidential report summarising the findings of the Finance Sub-Committee, Mr. Albert Wilde of the Midlands also objected and went on to say that he considered the magazine anti-Association, a remarkable statement to make in view of this magazine's support of the B.J.A. The upshot of this was that Mr. Murphy was able to circumvent Matters progressed quietly up to the General report. From this point on voted that he should, and he did.

Mr. Murphy or Mr. Palmer. It turned out that a number of the suggestions in the report were made by a gentleman whom the Association apparently thought was qualified in accountancy, and who charged the Association a considerable fee, but who subsequently turned out to be unqualified. Mr. The conclusions drawn from this were not particularly helpful for either

Murphy himself admitted that he was not particularly conversant with financial matters. He also later said that the Area of which he is Chairman is in his own words nearly bankrupt, so it is surprising that Mr. Murphy was chosen for the position of Chairman of a Sub-Committee investigating the precarious financial situation in which the Association finds itself. Further attention was brought to the sad state of the financial side of the Association when Mr. Dowler, the Treasurer, pointed out that he too was not in any way qualified from a finance point of view, being in fact a solicitor.

Time pressed as the meeting dragged its heels over innumerable points of procedure, interpretation and sometimes it seemed almost deliberate fillibustering. At one time it looked as though the meeting would never reach the main event of the day, one which would send Charles Palmer back into the sidelines of the judo world and raise Peter Murphy to the highest office in the Association, or firmly establish Palmer as the man for the job and finally reject Murphy who was challenging for the position a second time.

Before the election there was another delay while the Chairman proposed amendments to the constitution, moved by himself and proposed by the Executive Committee. Some members maintained that this was unconstitutional since the members had not been circulated, however, the meeting agreed by vote to accept the admission of the recommendations and subsequently all of them were agreed by the meeting. There was some feeling that this procedure was still nevertheless unconstitutional. This is not so, all the recommendations were agreed by a full Executive Meeting and since the existing constitution has no provision for amending the constitution, the Executive followed the only course of action open to it, and this was to ask the duly constituted Annual General Meeting for permission to admit the resolution, which was given to them by a substantial majority.

With the caretaker of the building knocking at the doors, so to speak, the election of the Chairman of the Association for the next two years got under way. In its opening stages there was a most unusual procedure. Captain Lilley of the British Army Judo Association, on behalf of the Executive, asked the meeting if they were prepared to accept Mr. Murphy as a candidate for the office of Chairman since his nomination was not in order. This sudden announcement produced a very surprised response from the members present, especially since Captain Lilley would not elucidate. Everyone was intrigued, but questions to the chair elicited no reply, and subsequent investigation has not provided an answer yet. The result was that the meeting were asked to vote whether or not Mr. Murphy could stand for the position of Chairman, and almost unanimously agreed to let him do so.

At the opening of the meeting Mr. Palmer had clearly pointed out his plans for the further advancement of the Association, and on these points he was prepared to back his re-election, and although he had a spokesman ready to speak on his behalf, this never became necessary. Mr. Murphy was given the option of speaking for himself and of having his proposer speak for him.

Mr. Murphy took up the cudgels first, and told the meeting the plans he had for the future running of the Association. Mr. Murphy proposed that the licencing system should revert to all licences being issued on one day in the year, with the previous three months being free for applications within that time. Mr. Murphy also called the present licencing scheme a

swindle since presumably the insurance cover has been withdrawn, although he did not elaborate on how he was going to revive it.

Mr. Hicks of the Bristol Judokwai then spoke on his behalf. Without going into all the points raised by Mr. Hicks, he did indicate that the present regime had, through their own inefficiency lost the support of the British Olympic Committee. It was unfortunate that a representative of the British Olympic Committee was present, who completely denied the statement made by Mr. Hicks on behalf of Mr. Murphy, and it was probably this that saw the end of the hopes of Mr. Murphy to succeed to the Chair. In the vote that followed Mr. Palmer was returned by 86 votes to 66, a handsome majority and one which reflects the Association's confidence in him.

Mr. Stan Woollam, past Chairman of the Association, took the chair for the election, and Captain Lilley of the B.A.J.A. and Mr. Young of the British Police Association acted as tellers. While the ballot papers were being counted the election of the other officers was held. Three vacancies were to be filled. Two members of the Executive, Mr. G. Thomas of Wales was standing for re-election; Mr. Dempsey of Scotland was standing for election—he had been co-opted during the year—and Mr. John Ryan was offering himself for election for the first time. All were returned unamimously. It is a great pity that more nominations are not received for positions on the Executive, a great many of the clubs represented at the meeting were opposed to the present regime, but they never gave it a thought to put some of their own men in, to put right the matters they so obviously thought were wrong.

One final word. Mr. Thomas from the Welsh Area and Mr. Stephenson of the Northern Area, both elected members of the Executive, were open in their criticisms of their fellow Executive Committee members. They could at least have supported their own Committee and should they feel the policy is insupportable they should tender their resignations rather than continue to serve with a body whose principles they disagree with so strongly.

The action of some of the 15 Area representatives who sat in the hall and also actively criticised their own committee is downright disgraceful. They want the power without the responsibility, the acclaim without the risk, but they seem eager to seek anonymity rather than stand on the stage of public examination.

The British Kendo Association

Official Notes

Half-Yearly Promotional Examination. Members of the Association are reminded that the next half-yearly Promotional Examination and Tournament will take place on Sunday, 22nd March, 1964, in the Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo. This time candidates will not be divided into two groups but must attend at 1.30 p.m. Late arrivals may not take part.

Yudansha will be present at the Dojo in the morning to give instruction to out-of-town students.

The attention of all grades is drawn to the use of Kiai in Kendo.



LONDON

I am often amazed and horrified to find how the intended meaning of scribbled notes differs from the final article when it appears in print. My notes in the December issue indicated that I was preparing to re-organise the club as I thought best without reference to anyone else. Unfortunately I missed out the words "on Wednesday evening". The intention was to experiment with weight training and a revised division of club on Wednesday evenings at the time when Joe Rowe and I are dojo stewards. If the idea is a failure only Joe and I are involved and the system can be dropped without any disorganisation. I sincerely apologise to anyone whose feelings may have been hurt.

Grading Examinations. As announced last month the January examinations will be held under the rules of the British Judo Association as follows:

Sunday, 26th January, 10.30 a.m. Up to 5th Kyu inclusive. 2 p.m. 4th to 2nd Kyu inclusive. Open to all Licence holders.

Sunday, 2nd February, 3 p.m. 1st Kyu (Promotion to 1st Dan). Open to all Licence holders.

Monday, 27th January, 7 p.m. L.J.S. MEMBERS ONLY. Up to 3rd Kyu inclusive.

Inter-Club Matches On 19th November we sent a team to the Renshuden for a match confined to 1st Kyu's. In a very exciting contest L.J.S. emerged the winners by 3 contests to 2. The L.J.S. team was as follows: HARRINGTON, Win by Hane-goshi; SMALLCOMBE, Win by De-ashi-harai; SPAUL, Lost by decision after extension; BAUMAN, Win by Kami-shihogatame; JULIAN, Lost by Uchi-mata. The referee was George Kerr.

Further matches have been or are being arranged with Croydon & District and a return with the Renshuden is planned. Any other clubs interested in Home and Away matches with us should contact our team secretary, B. Harrington, at London Judo Society.

The New Senior Dojo. This is now just about complete. The tatami are down and with a few small exceptions the remainder of the work on the dojo showers and dressing room is finished. Now work has commenced on the entrance hall. This is being completely re-designed on Japanese lines. The design is by Roald Knutsen and the work carried out by another L.J.S. member who is also a joiner. He is Mick Brock, one of our most enthusiastic judomen. It appears likely that the entrance hallway will become a part of the club well worth a visit to inspect.

Beginners Classes. John Waite has given up our Monday-Wednesday beginners classes. His place has been taken by Geoff Fennell, and from my observations when I took over from Fennell for an evening the new

instructor will live up to the very high standard set by John Waite in the past. We also welcome Laurie Watson to our family of teachers. He now takes a Saturday morning junior class.

Olympia. We have again been asked to demonstrate judo at the Boys & Girls Exhibition which takes place at Olympia from 28th December to 11th January inclusive. Three shows a day will be given by teams from our junior club—both boys and girls—under senior teachers. Last year a poll taken at the Exhibition each day put judo well at the top. These displays are being organised by Joe Rowe.

Junior Open Day. Joe Rowe's junior class organised a very successful open day for parents and friends on Sunday, 15th December. As usual a very good display of judo was given, whilst welcome refreshments were provided by Mrs. Rowe,

AIKIDOKAI JUDO CLUB—Hon. Secretary writes:— A large gathering of members took part in the recent Kohaku-Shiai held at the club. These monthly examination and team contests are becoming very popular, and representatives from ten other clubs were also present.

During the contests Mr. Yamada made notes on each contestant's techniques, and afterwards discussed the various faults with the individual concerned. Theory was not overlooked and questions were asked of all entrants.

These monthly Kohaku-Shiai are an excellent opportunity to practice with Judoka of vastly different styles and meet people from many other clubs.

The dojo fee is 5/-, and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Mr. Yamada is there to give instruction and advice, and you never know you might get that promotion.

Make a note in your diary now, the second Sunday in every month at 11 a.m. at the Regency Judo-Aikidokai.

Soviet Judo Team needs hard training to reach Olympic standard

A two-day tournament of leading Soviet judoka has been held at the Moscow Sports Club.

Twelve players appeared in the weight group up to 68 kilograms. First place went to Oleg Stepanov of Moscow, a participant in the 1963 European Championships, who won on points the concluding bout from Valery Natalenko from Leningrad.

The best results among the eight participants in the weight group up to 80 kilograms was achieved by Anatoly Bondarenko from Kiev, another participant in the 1963 European Championships. In the finals he defeated Leningrader Solomon Chitashvil by a throw in the 55th second.

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Shropshire breaks new Ground

with Britain's First County League and Championship

Friday the 22nd of November was a red letter day for Judo in Shropshire for it was the first time that a Championship had been staged at County level. It was the culminating point of a league that had been run over the previous five months.

With the guests of Mr. A. Hosaka, Mr. H. Welsh (N.W. coach), Mr. G. Wright (Wrexham club instructor) and before an enthusiastic crowd of five hundred, the show got under way.

Figh spots of the evening was

beating G. Ashton (1st Kyu) for the Open Individual Cup. Coles clinched the championship with his a near point with Osoto-gari, Coles Mr. Hosaka presented the cup to Coles as Britain's first County After being dumped by Ashton for Ashton after him across the mat in to scoop up his opponent and crash favourite technique, Harai-Goshi. Drawing him to the canvas for the decider. Alan Coles (1st Dan) narrowly Coles suddenly whipped bitterly. fought back Champion.



Member of the WEM team throwing opponent from the Shrewsbury team.

The team trophy (The County Cup) was fought out between two strong Clubs, Wellington and Shrewsbury. Wellington (three 1st Kyus and a 3rd Kyu) took a narrow decision over Shrewsbury (one 1st Dan, one 1st Kyu, two 2nd Kyu).

One of the best items of the contests was the green belt championship. The standard of Judo between the two finalists (Whittington and Lee) was exceptionally high, fast and flexible with plenty of good attacks. Lee emerging the eventual winner.

New to such championships was the inclusion of a contest between the League champions. The winners of the "A" Division, Wem and "B" Division, Shrewsbury, fought a contest for the overall League Champions. Tough, aggressive Wem "A" team took top

Show stoppers proved to be children's Judo and also Judo performed by two blind contestHarry Welsh and Graham Wright gave some superb demonstrations of various Katas. Mr. Hosaka gave an electrifying display of Police Arresting tactics. The most appreciated demonstration, however, was when he lined up eleven opponents, adding another one to the classic one against ten. The audience erupted as he gaily romped through the opposition technique.

How has Shropshire managed to do what some whole areas have struggled to do? By getting down and forming their own County Committee and giving it all the support it could. They have formed two leagues, "A" and "B", both

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A. Coles being presented with the Open Individual Trophy (County Champion) by Mr. A. Hosaka.



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

Headquarters Office. Members are asked to note that as from 1st January, 1964 the offices at Chandos House will be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Although the office will be staffed on Mondays, members are asked not to call or telephone on that day so that the staff may have the opportunity of at least one day per week without interruption in order that any outstanding work may be cleared up.

It would seem that the onus and responsibility shouldered by Headquarters in relation to the administrative dealings of the Association increases from day to day and the staff are called upon to work long and arduous hours. Already since the beginning of September some 4000 items of correspondence have been despatched by us, to say nothing of the many other tasks which have to be undertaken on behalf of the Association and its members, and in this respect we would say that it would greatly assist us if members wishing to call at the office would be kind enough to telephone beforehand for an appointment.

Club Applications. Would clubs kindly note that for the future all applications for Club Membership and renewals should be sent direct to the B.J.A. Headquarters and not the Areas as has been the practice in the past. It should be noted that this refers only to Club membership and that applications for individual licences should still be routed via the Area Licensing Officer as before.

Although we have mentioned in these notes on previous occasions how necessary it is for Club Secretaries to advise us of any change of address so as to ensure that our mailing list is correct, we regret to note that this is not always done, the result being that quite often important items of correspondence do not reach the official concerned which causes quite a lot of additional work for the Headquarters, to say nothing of the inconvenience to club members who through this may be unaware of certain happenings or events within the Association in which they may have wished to take part.

Promotions. The following promotion within the Dan degree was confirmed. Capt. G. Macdonald, British Army Judo Association, 2nd Dan.

COACHING NOTES

From 1st January, 1964, a new Coaching Award will be available—the Club Instructor's Award. This is to cater for the small club whose Instructor has not yet reached 1st Kyu and for the large club which allows Green and Blue belt judoka to assist in coaching.

The candidates must be of 3rd Kyu, or above, and Licenced members of the British Judo Association, be male and have reached their 18th birthday, and have attended a recognised pre-examination Coaching Course. A fee of 10/- must accompany all applications. There will be no limit to the number of attempts made by any one candidate for the award.

A candidate will be asked, after ten minutes preparation, to take a class of 8-12 male adults of grades up to and including 5th Kyu for fifteen minutes in one of the following items as selected by the examiners:— Any technique chosen by the candidate from the attacks and defences of one of the three groups of beginners introductory techniques, the group to be selected by the examiners. 3 linked Ne-waza techniques consisting of any combination of Katame-waza; the three techniques

should be taught so as to constitute logical movement from one technique to another. A linked sequence of at least three techniques one of which must be Tachi-waza and another Ne-waza. The Tachi-waza must come from the beginners introductory techniques and the Ne-waza must be techniques which can be taught simply and quickly. The examiners may ask a candidate verbal questions on the lesson given.

Application forms shall be available from the National Coaching Award Officer and Area Secretaries and be addressed to the National Coaching Award Officer, accompanied by the fee of 10/-.

Whenever sufficient applications are to hand to warrant an examination in any single area, the National Coaching Award Officer shall forward the necessary forms to the relevant Area Coach. The Area Coach in conjunction with the Area Secretary shall arrange an examination (Venue and examiners) whenever sufficient applications are to hand. The venue for an examination shall consist of:— A dojo, plus a second from where candidates await their examination (this could be the changing room). The venue shall have a table, two chairs, blackboard and chalk. At the venue should be a class consisting of 8-12 males over the age of 16, none of whom should be of a higher grade than 5th Kyu.

When an examination has been arranged the Area Secretary must inform all candidates and the National Coaching Award Officer, of the date, time and place of the examination.

The examiners fees shall be the responsibility of the British Judo Association and the examination fee of 10/- is payable to the British Judo Association in order to assist in payment of expenses.

There shall be two examiners, one of whom must be the Area Coach, the other being either a second Area Coach or a deputy Area Coach. The Area Coach at the conclusion of the examination shall forward the forms with the results to the National Coaching Awards Officer and the examiners shall at the conclusion of the examination inform the candidates of the results.

The Area Coach shall, from time to time, organise a pre-Coaching Course to cover the syllabus of the "Club Instructors Award". Such a course could be so arranged as to part of a pre-Coaching Course for the Coach Award.

Successful candidates will receive from the National Coaching Award Officer a certificate and printed cloth badge indicating the qualification held. All successful candidates will be registered at H.Q. as "Club Instructors". Club Instructors will be exempt from that section of the Coach Award examination which requires practical teaching of a class at elementary level.

SOVIET JUDO TEAM

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Anzor Kiknadze, the 1962 European Champion, who weighs 105 kilograms, proved to be the best of the eight participants in the heavyweight group. He completed his final bout with Muscovite Kirill Romanovsky with a throw in the eighth minute.

The tournament has shown that the Soviet judo athletes must still work very hard to raise their technical skill to the Olympic standard, a *Tass* correspondent was told by Vladlen Andreyev, senior coach of the national judo team of the U.S.S.R.

The programme of preparation for the Olympic Games includes contests with the strongest foreign players. The first international judo tournament will be held in Moscow in March and world champion Anton Geesink has been invited. The Soviet judo men will also take part in the European championships, and will contest in Poland. Czechoslovakia, France and the Netherlands.









AIKIDO

No. 20

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

WRIST TECHNIQUES 2

There are two ways to perform wrist twisting techniques when holding the opponents hand in the reverse position.

The first when you grasp his right hand with your right hand as in figure 2, and the second when you grasp his right hand with your left hand as shown in figure 6.

A variation which can be used when your opponent is held in the first position, occurs when he grasps your left wrist with his right hand. Your palm is facing upwards (see Figure 1).

Try breaking his balance forward by executing an Inside Turn enabling you to twist his arm as you can see in Figure 2. If your opponent releases his hold and attempts to escape, you can apply the Reverse Attack technique,

number two of the basic techniques, and throw him to his rear.

But if you can take hold of his right hand with your right hand in the reverse position, before he can release his hold (this is clearly shown in Figure 2 also), the back of his hand with the thumb downwards will be facing you. The thumb of your right hand is placed on the joint between his thumb and index finger, and your fingers curl round the cutting edge of his hand.

Now twist his wrist and draw it to the left side of your chest, place your left hand on his forearm or elbow and press downwards at the same time lever his hand towards his own wrist. In this position you can effect complete control of him, which is shown in Figure 3.





Continue to twist his wrist with your right hand, and now push his elbow towards his face with your left hand as shown in Figure 4. Keep up the pressure on his elbow and at the same time step in with your left foot and push your opponent down on to the mat following the fourth movement of the fifteen basic techniques. You must make sure that you control him all the time by continuing to press

on his elbow and twisting his wrist in a clockwise direction.

The second method of performing the wrist twisting techniques when holding the opponent's hand in the reverse position is as follows. This method can be best explained by using the Kata style, and the following description is the eleventh movement in the fifteen basic techniques. One side only will be shown.



Face your opponent in the right natural posture. As his advancing right hand nears you, check it with your right hand from outside as shown in Figure 5. Then performing an Outside Sweep take his wrist and draw it to the centre of your body, at the same time stepping diagonally backwards to your rear left corner using Tsugi-ashi. His balance is broken forward and his arm is twisted with the palm of his hand facing upwards.

Now grasp and twist his hand with your left hand, placing your thumb along his wrist and your fingers across the back of his hand as shown in Figure 6.

Continue to fwist his arm with your left hand and place your right hand on his right elbow, press down on this joint, at the same time drawing your opponent down to the mat by stepping backwards with your left foot, all the time remember to control him by twisting his wrist and pressing downwards on his elbow as shown in Figure 7.

Area

NORTH EASTERN AREA. Bob West.

Area Show, 1963. The sixth annual Area Show and Championships were held at St. Georges Hall, Bradford. This was the best show the area has staged so far. Mr. Akinora Hosaka (5th Dan) and Mr. George Kerr (4th Dan) were the stars.

Mr. Osaka and George Kerr opened the proceedings with Randori, followed by the Bradford Police Boys. The 6th Kyu to 4th Kyu championship saw Mr. Batty defeat Mr. Joyce for the title. Then an excellent demonstration of Nage-No-Kata by Hosaka and Kerr and the final of the 3rd to 1st Kyu championship, won by Mr. Nevis, who defeated Mr. Fieldhouse of the Leeds Police, after extra time.

During the interval a draw for a large basket of fruit presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith was made.

The Final of the Dan grade championship was between Ellingham and Peake. This was a good, fast judo contest, both attacking all the time. Extra time was needed to decide the winner, during this Peake managed to score with an Osae-komi to win the championship.

Special mention must be made of the team match between **Huddersfield** and **Bradford** Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. fought very well against a strong Huddersfield side to win the championship trophy for Bradford.

Apart from Nage-No-Kata, Renrakuwaza, and Go-No-Sen-No-Kata, Mr. Osaka and Kerr took on twelve members each, Mr. Osaka the Dan grades of the Area, and Mr. Kerr the 1st Kyu, this made a very exciting conclusion to the show.

Only one other item remained. The North Eastern Area, who won the Inter Area championship in Scotland earlier this year, were presented with track suits and Japanese Judogi. Thanks go to the many members who assisted and the kind ladies of the Y.M.C.A. who saw that all members got some refreshments after the hard work they put in. The very fine mat used at the show was loaned by the International Harvesters.

News regarding your club to Bob West, 49 Acre Avenue, Eccleshill, Bradford, 2.

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES AREA. Miss V. C. Fryer.

A pre-Coaching Award Course was held at Reading Judo Club's dojo on 15th December, and the next will be held at Hoddesdon on 5th January. The Examination itself will also be held at Hoddesdon on 18th/19th January, during the visit of the National Coach.

Olympic Training sessions will be held at the South Bucks Judo Society's dojo in **Beaconsfield** on 12th January, 9th February and 8th March. On March 7th there will be an Area Grading at **Bedford** Judo Club. There was a good attendance at the grading held for Ladies and Juniors on 1st December, and a number of players were promoted.

I have had good response to my appeal for information; would those who have not returned the forms please do so as soon as possible? The Area Secretary would be pleased to have names, addresses and grades of all Dan-grades in the Area, if they would kindly send him this information for records.

WELSH AREA. G. Thomas.

Since the last news from Wales appeared several important events have taken place. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Area has been held and it was disclosed that Welsh Area clubs had been invited to join the Welsh Judo Association, which is composed mainly of West Wales clubs.

This newly formed Association has intimated that membership of the B.J.A. will be sought and if obtained individuals will be required to purchase Licences as at present. We have also been told that benefits of membership of the W.J.A. will include those already enjoyed by Welsh Area members, together with additional attractions not yet elaborated upon.

These facts have been presented to the Executive Committee of the B.J.A. who are taking steps to hold a joint meeting in the area to try and reach a workable solution.

The Area Coach, Mr. T. Edmunds (3rd Dan), has resigned from this office due to increased business duties, and for the time being I, as Deputy Area Coach, am carrying out his duties. Member clubs wishing to obtain the services of the Area Coach in relation to Coach Award should contact me at 64 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff.

The Committee have again been given financial assistance from the Executive for the forthcoming year.

The support of the Area members is appreciated and the wheels are in motion to provide all possible facilities for the promotion of Judo in the Area.

At the Annual General Meeting of the British Judo Association in November, there was a gratifying number of Midland Area Clubs represented. May we hope that this is a sign of better things to come. That, and the statement by the Chairman of the British Olympic Committee that the B.J.A. was the official representative Association for Judo in Great Britain made the meeting pleasingly memorable.

The visit of the National Coach in November was put to the fullest possible use. Particularly useful was the conference of P.E. Instructors and Administrators on November 27th at Loughborough University. Over 80 people attended and the value of this meeting cannot be overstressed. Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Wilde, the Area Coach and the C.C.P.R. are to be congratulated on the excellent presentation.

The congratulations of the Area go to Messrs. Ken Nichol, Boldmere J.C., John Holland, B.A.I., and Peter Duggan of Stafford on obtaining their Coaching certificates on November 2nd. There is to be a conterence of Midland Coach Award Holders on January 4th at Derby Olympus. All coaches will be informed personally.

Congratulations also go to Mr. A. R. Coles of Shrewsbury and Mr. C. Bennett of Stafford on obtaining their 1st Dan. The Midland Area will hold a Dan Grading (open to 1st Kyu and 1st Dan) at the Judokwai, Leicester on March 14th.

The quarterly Area Gradings will take place on January 25th, Men (Open) Nottingham, Northampton, Leicester, Birmingham: Women (Open) B.A.I. Ladies Club: Juniors (Open) Boldmere J.C., Sutton Coldfield. January 26th, Men (Open) Derby Olympus.

A reminder to the ladies. The Lilleshall Course on January 10-12th is not going too well at the time of writing. You have grumbled in the past that nothing is done for you, and if this is the result when one tries then I am not surprised that you get little assistance. Any last minute applicants may contact me up to January 9th—K. Brewster, 38 East Bond Street, Leicester. Phone Leicester 23668. The fee for the course is £3 5s. 0d., which includes accommodation and meals over the weekend as well as instruction. The Instructor is Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Midland Area Coach for Women. The course will include coaching preparation, instruction in Ju-no-kata, Randori and contest.

The Midland Area has for the first time had a Dinner-Dance, organised and sponsored by the Birfield Judo Club, who combined it with their own Presentation Dinner on November 29th. It was extremely successful and it is hoped that different clubs will organise it annually. Guests at the dinner included Mr. G. Gleeson, National Coach, and most of the area officials, plus the President and officials of Birfield.

The Dudley Judo Club held its Annual Championship on December 7th. It was very successful both financially and otherwise. Teams were entered from Northampton J.C., Jukuren J.C., Birfield J.C., Wulfruna J.C., Handsworth J.C., Birmingham Koizumikwai, Dudley J.C., Halesowen J.C., and Judokwai, Leicester, for the Nakanishi Team Trophy. There were also the Junior Championships for boys and for girls, the 3rd Kyu and under

Championship and the 2nd and 1st Kyu Championship, which were open to all clubs. The winners were:

Junior Trophy (Girls)

Junior Trophy (Boys)

J. Griffiths, Dudley J.C.

Up to 3rd Kyu

Mr. Underwood, Nechells Jk.

And and 1st Kyu

Mr. G. Willets, Dudley J.C.

Nakanishi Team Trophy

Judokwai, Leicester.

There were also demonstrations of Kaeshi-waza by Mr. Kisaburo Watanabe (5th Dan), (Vice-President of Dudley) and Mr. S. Kendrick (1st Dan), and Judo defenses against attack with a sword—Mr. Kendrick and Mr. G. Vaughan (2nd Dan). The show concluded with 1 v. 10, Mr. Watanabe demonstrating his ability and varied techniques against the Dan grades and 1st Kyu's who were finalists of the team and individual events.

In the New Year Dudley have organised weekend courses under Mr. Watanabe which will take place on the following dates—February 15-16, April 4-5, May 2-3, June 6-7. They have very kindly opened the course to all Area clubs. Applications should be sent to Mr. M. Worthington, 76 Castle Road, Tipton, Staffs.

The area extends a warm welcome to the Whitnash J.C., Leamington Spa, who have recently joined the B.J.A. Will all clubs in Lincolnshire who are in, or intend to become members of the B.J.A. please contact Mr. Taylor, Midland Area Recorder, 88 Chellaston Road, Derby, Phone Chellaston 3289, in order that examinations may be arranged in your vicinity, and you may be integrated into the Midland Area structure.

The Midland Area Championships 1964 will be held at the Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham, on Sunday, May 10th.

The Area Committee promised the Midland A.G.M. the method and date of the eliminations for the Area Team, who will represent us in the National Championships, by January. As promised—date, June 14th (Sunday). Method, Seeded pools system to select 10 possibles. Final selection from these ten by the Area Coach. Persons not participating in eliminations will be out.

To the few club committees who have not yet informed me of the names and addresses of the club P.R.O's, do buck your ideas up.

The Annual Dnner-Dance of the Halesowen Judokwai on December 5th was an unqualified success. With a club like this which can rely on the support of its members this was a foregone conclusion. Mr. S. Turbin, club Instructor, had some choice remarks in his speech to make about the administration of the Association, and the fact that all clubs must find out about and assist to the best of their ability in its organisation.

The Halesowen Championship Shield was presented to Malcolm Shilvock; a replica to last year's winner, Colin Kennett, and the President's Cup for the best clubman of the year to Frank Webb. Stan Turbin was presented with a cartridge belt (full) in recognition of his services to the club.

NORTH WEST AREA. W. Treadwell.

The K.N.K. at Manchester held a Dan grading and weekend course on the 23rd and 24th of November, about forty 1st Kyu entered and seven were recommended. About five Dan grades entered and none were recommended. The attendance at the course was very poor to say the least.

Harry Welsh, the Area Coach, held a Pre-Coaching Course at Wrexham. Intuition made him go over the night before and lay down another mat, which proved very useful because we were stuck for space. There were about thirty people at every session. One man travelled from Barrow, and a girl cycled from Liverpool, and the attendance was a great encouragement. Incidentally nearly all the N.W. Area Committee were present. Our thanks are due to Adrienne and Muriel for looking after the inner man.

Congratulations to Dave Warner from Deeside on his recommendation to 1st Dan.

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.

Sirs.

I write with some horror regarding what was purported to be, or should one say perpetrated at, the Annual General Meeting. Each member of the B.J.A. should lower a flag to half mast on each anniversary of 17th November which should be remembered as the coup d'état if not the coup-de-graçe of the Association.

In a mixture of downright arrogance, an admirable trait if combined with ability (and one can get away with it), and abysmal stupidity (which seems not so much a trait as our Judo way of life) the Chairman, Mr. Charles Palmer, on behalf of the Executive (elected or otherwise) metaphorically tore the Constitution to pieces and threw it in our faces.

This letter is not intended to be constructive (only fools consider the existence of constructive criticism). Criticism is intended to detroy and create change, and by God we could do with some. Anything is better than the present cross-section of apathy, megalomania, avarice and general political skullduggery (technical and administrative) both within and without the Association. One generally gets the sort of leadership and control which is deserved. About this I make no further comment.

At this so called A.G.M. was presented a set of accounts which, with the best will in the world, could not be called other than ludicrous, due to the sheer inability of anyone to answer the relevant pertinent questions. One gentleman in defence of the accounts stood up saying he was a business man? He stated: (1) That an Association should be run like a business.

(2) That the purpose of the B.J.A. was not to accumulate a surplus but to spend the money correctly for the benefit of the members, the propogation of Judo, and to have as many inter-national matches as possible. This I do not dispute save to ask how these laudable sentiments have anything in common with the facts and those damning accounts. Any business run on our lines would be bankrupt in less than twelve months, and for their own sakes the management would be stood up against a wall and shot, it being the only friendly thing to do in the circumstances. Business! On present appearances it would be doubtful that we could spell the word never mind participate in such activities. Who is kidding whom?

As an example we seem even unable to arrange a venue and time correctly for a meeting. Due to start at 1.0 p.m. the A.G.M. started at 2.15 p.m. No-one was prepared for the influx of 160 members although they had been begged to attend. I must confess surprise at the attendance myself, It was something like watching innocent lambs wander into a slaughter-house. The meeting due to end at 5.0

p.m. actually ended at 5.45 p.m. with a good 50% of the business still not discussed. The meeting had to end then as there was an important BINGO SESSION to be held afterwards.

There is one meeting per year and the affairs of the Association could not be even adequately covered in less than 12 hours if one wishes those member clubs interested to have a knowledge of all aspects and progress. There is a saying that ignorance is bliss and in this case it would appear that our controllers are deliberately doing their best to keep us happy. Further, at least one person was voting for a club which was not eligible to vote. Why was this not known?

Apparently there was a committee meeting of what was termed the 'elected' Executive of the Association twentyfour hours before the A.G.M. The point was not clarified as to whether it was merely this body who made a certain group of possibly good proposals to amend the Constitution. If this is so, how and why? The Constitution (assuming no further secret mutilation) states categorically, whether we like it or not, that the Executive includes the Area representatives. Anyway, by what right does anyone presume to make alterations without giving adequate notice to the members. When this was queried as unconstitutional it was stated that notice and details of changes were required from member clubs but not by the Executive (or part of it?). Now I agree that the Executive (All!) have the final right to interpret the Constitution and Bye-Laws, but how the hell one interprets a statement which isn't there in the first place is not made clear. If anyone, including our 'lords and masters' can say in advance that changes are to be made but be unable to specify them also, then they are either incompetent nincompoops, or worse, are deliberately witholding the information for some diverse purpose. Possibly they consider we are incapable idiots. I agree with them, the majority of us are, based on past experiences and things we seem able to swallow without retching (ergo: A.G.M.'s). However, stupid or not, we are entitled to a little less of these Machiavellian machinations. The final straw was when the Chairman apparently arbitrarily (or possibly drunk with power) decided that he would ask only for votes 'for' the amendments tabled but not 'against'. This provoked a justifiable comment of "Fair play" from Mr. P. Sekine of the Judokan, which was however ignored. Should anyone be coming to the conclusion that I am biased against the present administration (or lack of it) they are dead right. However, until the A.G.M. had progressed to this point I was going to vote for them.

Enough has been heard of what everyone intends to do. What is required is a little more action and a few less promises of same. At a time when Judo is progressing rapidly the official Association is stagnant (albeit still superior to other alternatives). Briefly and bluntly what is and was required is co-operation, coordination and good communications, but none of these are the slightest use without competence. Two years ago at least was the time to show that, not promise to us in the future what was impossible through inability in the past. However, should late and latent ability now manifest itself in the administration then it should be supported by everyone in spite of differences. That is if it is intended to push Judo forward and not merely to benefit, financially and otherwise, individuals at the expense of the group. The fault up to the present lies with us all in allowing matters to continue in this manner - the elected Executive and Officers, the non-elected Executive, the Areas, the clubs and the individuals we are all the British Judo Association and would do well to remember the fact.

Nevertheless, someone should answer for the A.G.M. Eighteen clubs, in accordance with the Constitution, may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any club who would like to be one of the eighteen please contact me immediately, K. Brewster, 38 East Bond Street, Leicester, with a view to declaring the A.G.M. void and getting results instead of promises from our Executive, elected and otherwise.

To whom I am neither particularly, faithfully, sincerely and most certainly not an obedient servant.

KEITH BREWSTER

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

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by Musashi of the Shinto Ryu

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The first is a group taken during the 1962 Special Summer Training in Ibaraki Prefecture. This camp lasted five days. Miss Horie is standing in the back row.

The second photograph, taken during the 8-day Summer Training in August, 1963, shows some of the 130 students starting the half-hour march to the dojo in the large gymnasium of a primary school at Isobe Spa, Gumma Prefecture. Most of the students attending this Summer Training hold the rank of 3rd or 4th dan. They practised in the Dojo morning and afternoon each day.

The large photograph shows part of the Dojo in the Hosei University, Tokyo. Mr. Giichi Maruyama, 7th dan, is instructing Miss Horie, 2nd dan, and Miss Mieko Sakamoto, 3rd dan, (watching). Hosei can field a very strong Kendo team captained at present by Mr. Hidekiyo Matsumoto, 5th dan.

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British Judo Association Annual Report

For the Year 1962-63

This is a precis of the full report circulated at the A.G.M. on 17th November, 1963.

Membership. The number of clubs registered at Headquarters as being members of the Association on the 31st August, 1963, was 417, certain Areas have been unable to forward complete list of clubs. Had this been done it is felt that the total would have been considerably in excess of that shown.

The reduced subscription for member clubs which came into force on the 1st September, 1961, has resulted in the continuance of large membership figures.

It is very heartening to note that there has been a very definite increase in the number of Local Education Authorities, Schools, Colleges and Youth Groups taking out membership of the British Judo Association and a great number of these, especially in relation to the schools, are practising judo not simply as an after-school activity but as a curriculum subject.

Headquarters. The administrative situation at Headquarters continues to run efficiently. This is due to the employment of an Assistant Secretary, thus allowing the General Secretary to devote more of his time to the highly important National level administration and welfare.

The Association has been offered the opportunity to move its Headquarters office in April to the new Central Council of Physical Recreation Headquarters near Regents Park. This is a scheme brought about by the C.C.P.R. and Ministry of Education, by which as many as possible National Governing Bodies of all sports will be housed under the same roof. The additional facilities that will be provided will it is hoped lead to a greater liaison efficiency.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, comprising eight elected members plus 15 Area Representatives, have met regularly each month to deal with the business and affairs of the Association.

At all the Executive Committee meetings there has been good representations from the Areas. However, such a large meeting on a regular basis does not necessarily lend itself to a very high degree of efficiency.

Mr. Hislop resigned as a member of the elected Executive Committee, and Mr. J. Dempsey was co-opted. In addition to this, Mr. R. Dowler was co-opted to the position of Hon. Treasurer.

Promotions. The technical ability of members continues to increase, a total of 157 individuals have been promoted to and within the Dan degree, seven of these being women. In addition to which we were delighted to hear of the promotion of our President, Mr. G. Koizumi, to 8th Dan, a fitting tribute to this great man's lifetime of service to this Association and judo generally.

Other activities included the formulation of the Women's Coach Award and the completion of the Association's first judo teaching film.

The Coaching Committee is in collaboration with the Technical Board in the preparations for the Olympic Games and comprehensive training sessions are already under way in England and Scotland.

Two important new schemes which it is hoped to introduce in the coming year: The Senior Coach Award and the Club Instructor's Award, will give the Association a system of coaching awards from club to national level.

Ladies Committee. This year has seen the first Ladies Zadankai, the commencement of a Coach Award and the planning of the first Ladies' Technical Conference.

Area and National Associations. This year the most significant growth has been amongst the three National Associations, namely the Universities, the Police and the British Army. Both the Police and Universities have competed in International matches this year and the Army, since the first appearance of an Army team at their Championships at Aldershot in August have been having competitions regularly.

The work of Areas has been hampered by endeavours to conform with the C.C.P.R. boundaries.

Olympic Games. Members may have seen the press release from the offices of the British Olympic Association and we are pleased to report that through the process of negotiation a provisional basis has been laid down for selections which will give all British judoka a fair chance of representing Great Britain in the forthcoming Olympic Games. These selections will be held at the new C.C.P.R. centre at Crystal Palace.

In July of this year Messrs. Travelwise of Sloane Street were appointed official travel agents to the Association and members are no doubt aware of the special facilities being made available to licence holders in relation to the forthcoming Olympic Games, and which are being handled on our behalf by this Company. The response in respect of the proposed flight has been tremendous.

Conclusions. The year has been a reasonably satisfactory one although it has not been without some difficulties,

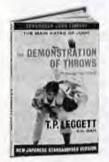
National Coach's Report 1962/3

This is a precis of the full report circulated at the A.G.M. on 17th November, 1963.

Area Visits. The overall distance covered this year was just under 20,000 miles. Visits to Areas are now arranged in a more efficient manner. Centres are selected at which I coach so that more constructive instruction can be covered. In general the arrangements are improving and L.E.A. activities play a greater part in my tours. Because of the ruling from the Executive Committee, L.E.A. bookings take priority.

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Book review



"The Demonstration of Throws" (Nage-no-kata)

and

"The Demonstration of Holds" (Katame-no-kata)

BOTH BY T. P. LEGGETT (6 DAN)



Published by W. Foulsham & Co. Ltd.

Price 18/- each

These two books are the first of a projected series under the general heading of "The Renshuden Judo Library". They will be followed later by a book on Ju-no-kata and one titled "Championship Judo," This latter is jointly by T. P. Leggett and K. Watanabe.

The Nage-no-kata consists of an article from the Budokwai "Bulletin" with added notes on each technique as well as a vast amount of further background material.

The Katame-no-kata comprises the articles that have recently been appearing in the "Bulletin". In this case, the text appears to be little changed, but the illustrations are slightly larger and more numerous. There is less background information than with Nage-no-kata.

The description of each technique is the standard formulated by the Japanese Convention on Kata held in 1960. This text is accompanied by clear line drawings by T. Broadbent. Thus the standard performance as recommended by Kodokan can be easily followed. The books are further illustrated by many strip photographs taken with a new type of Japanese camera, developed for the analysis of movement.

Nage-no-kata is made even clearer by the inclusion of flickers, taken from a cine-film, showing right uki-otoshi, left seoinage and the continuation from the finish of uki-otoshi until tori reaches a standing position facing uke. Thus a clear idea is given of the rythm of the kata, which can then be applied to the other throws.

Nage-no-kata is demonstrated by K. Watanabe (5th Dan), with J. Newman (4th Dan), as uke. Katame-no-kata is performed in part by K. Watanabe and in part by D. Bloss (4th Dan), with J. Newman as uke in each case.

As might be expected from Mr. Leggett, the text is clear and well written. There are many notes explaining historical points and the changes that have been made in the katas. One chapter in Nage-no-kata, on the sequence of throws, is particularly interesting. In this the author provides a theory as to the reasons for the order and for the particular methods of execution. He emphasises that this is not official but it is nevertheless clear and logical. This chapter brings to life the principles and meaning underlying kata practice and will help to make performances more interesting, live and meaningful for the participants.

In Nage-no-kata the author states: "The pictures are not poses but taken at full speed; the occasional loss of clarity is more than compensated by having pictures of what actually happens in real kata performance." This may be so, but greater clarity would make the book more useful and in any case, in a book of this kind, the performances of each technique should be basically correct. It would surely

not have been too difficult for the performers to repeat particular techniques until correct performance had been clearly photographed. The particular points to which I take exception are:—

- The flicker of left seonage: In this tori has not turned his hips enough. In consequence uke's legs do not go high enough and he lands across the line of kata instead of along it. A more correct performance is shown elsewhere but still, a better performance should have been included.
- 2. Left kata-guruma: Uke is not quite straight enough at the top of the lift and is tending to sag.
- 3. Uki-goshi: There are insufficient pictures and even these are not clear enough to show how this rather tricky technique is performed.
- 4. Yoko-gake: As the author himself states "Uke's left foot remains on the ground after the right one has gone. This is as much as is achieved in most performances." I challenge this last sentence for this has not been my own experience. Also, even if it were true, that is still no reason for including a poor performance in a book of this nature.

If this was merely a performance of the kata then one might be satisfied. But it is not. It is an illustration for an instructional text book and many future kata performances are likely to be modelled upon this example. It is therefore essential that the model should be as correct as is humanly possible.

Still, these points are very minor criticisms of an otherwise excellent pair of books. Both are far superior to any previous descriptions of these kata. They will therefore be a valuable addition to any club library or the bookshelf of any keen judoman and can be considered as essential readers for all kata performers.

F. W. PEARSON

Japan in the Age of War

PART EIGHT

by Roald M. Knutsen

From time to time in this series I have used the history of the samurai Torii Masayemon to illustrate life and conditions in the sengoku jidai period. We return to him at the point immediately following his escape from the castle town of Komoro in Shinano province somewhere about 1560, (see this journal, July, 1963).

They decided that they must leave Komoro as soon as possible. An hour later they took leave of Norishige and his pupils and quietly left the town leading the three horses that the good fencing master had managed to supply.

Travelling rapidly they soon reached the burned out village of Iwamurata. Pausing there to decide the best route they saw three horsemen galloping rapidly along the route they had just traversed. These men were all armed. As they came closer they recognised Kimura Norishige.

"We have come to warn you of a dastardly plan to murder you," the fencer exclaimed when they were within earshot. "Yasuyuki is an evil man to cross and now he intends revenge; he is sending a company to arrest all three of you and bring you back to him alive if possible."

"This is news indeed! Who are your companions?" asked Yukihiro.

"This is Arai Sukesada," indicating the bearded man on his right, "and this is Miyamoto Nagamasa, both ronin employed by that devil Matsuda Yasuyuki."

"Formerly employed, please Sir Norishige," corrected the fierce man with the beard. "I do not do assassin's work for any man." He turned to Masayemon and Yukihiro and said: "Please accept my companion and I to your group. We wish to serve you through this trouble, not for any reward but simply out of respect for your quality."

Far back towards Komoro a dark mass became apparent moving slowly along the track. There was now no time to lose if they were to make good their escape. There was a choice of three routes but Masayemon judged that the one leading due south would be the best and accordingly they urged their horses in that direction. Their pursuers were about a mile and a half behind them as they thundered across the bridge outside the ruined village.

Going strongly they crossed two more bridges when they came to the Nogawa guardpost. Since it was an unusual sight to see six men galloping south, the guard turned out. When they saw that the men were followed by another and larger group the commander attempted to stop the fugitives. Leaning far out of his saddle across his horse's neck, Arai Sukesada whirled his yari and speared the presumptuous ashigaru who stood in his path. Nagamasa had nocked an arrow and sent it

humming at another man as he raised his matchlock. The threat of Yukihiro's raised sword was enough for a third. They were through and flying down the track.

Slowing down a little to conserve their horses they saw that the pursuit had now strung out somewhat. The leaders were now about a mile behind while the last men were half a mile beyond that.

The track climbed rapidly along the deeply scored valley towards the high plain below Mount Aka. This was a desolate region laid waste some 50 years before this time. A low line of cliffs hid the high mountain ranges beyond: here and there were patches of forest growing out of the volcanic soil. Their pace had sunk to a trot, their pursuers were within a quarter of a mile, this would alter as they came out on top of this steep climb. The river was roaring and plunging below on their left as it cascaded over an outcrop of hard stone from the softer lava fields above. It was swollen by the recent heavy rains to a raging torrent.

They came closer to the gorge as the track clung precariously to the rock, in places the path was washed by eddies of water.

Coming to the top of the rapids after a short stiff climb, they were about to gallop off when Masayemon was struck with the idea of an ambush. It was an ideal place: just the spot for a skirmish against superior odds. Quickly he explained his plan to the others.

Yoshida rode quickly to the top of the low scarp to observe the enemy and soon came trotting back with the news that they were more compact now, though still strung out to the rear; there were 10 or 11 men leading in a bunch some 500 yards from the corner.



The plan was to cut down the first six with spear and sword, and for Nagamasa to pick off several horses among the survivors. This would cut the odds considerably, and, it was hoped, give more time for a further spurt towards the safety of Mount Aka.

Miyamoto Nagamasa had thrown off his right sleeve and stood with bow raised high, arrow ready to draw. Even with the roar of the torrent they could hear the hoofs on the rocky path below. The swordsmen crouched amid the rocks on the cliff side of the road with drawn weapons.

The first two men topped the rise and were allowed to come abreast of the ambush. They saw Nagamasa and were about to shout when the five men threw themselves into action. Norishige killed the leading warrior with one powerful stomach cut which flooded the saddle with blood as the man rolled over and fell. Masayemon and Yoshida cut down the second then wheeled round to face four more who came on the fight together. These just had time to draw before being engaged. Sukesada speared a horse which fell struggling in the middle

of the path making it very difficult for the mounted men to wield their weapons. Taking advantage of this Sukesada and Yoshida ran yelling at a warrior whose horse, frightened by the sudden noise, snorted and backed away . . . over the edge of the chasm, Horse and rider vanished in the turbulent river.

Yukihiro cut and wounded severely another man but was attacked by a fourth warrior until a timely arrow from Nagamasa pierced his assailant's throat,

The road was a shambles now. Two more men, realising that something must be seriously wrong, came charging up with matchlocks but met with a swift shaft which took the leader's horse in the chest. The horse stumbled as the arrow pierced a great artery, throwing the rider beneath the hoofs of the following beast. Men and horses came down on the steep track blocking any further attacks.

The six warriors ran to their waiting mounts and without any loss of time galloped off across the stony plateau towards a thick stretch of pine woods.

To be Continued

Judo in Ireland

Edward M. Veale

The Judo Association of Ireland was formed about one year ago by representatives of the majority of judo clubs in Ireland along the same lines and for the same purpose as the British Judo Association, who incidentally were most helpful in the initial stages.

Until this time no such organisation existed in Ireland, which was considered an area of the B.J.A., and judo was really only established in Dublin, Cork, Belfast and Derry. There were no organised competitions at any level. There was not even a first Dan living in Ireland until about two years ago when one of our pioneers went to London and succeeded in a Black Belt grading there. It was due to this man's progressive thinking and drive that The Judo Association of Ireland came into existence. He is now Chairman and National Coach of the Association and is known to his friends as "Shea" Kavanagh.

Before the establishment of the Association, judo in Ireland was by no means stagnant, many shows and courses were run, and experts like Yamada, Hosaka, Kerr, Gleeson and Ryan were invited over from time to time for coaching and judo shows. Irish judoka made regular trips to London, Manchester and South Wales for examinations and I think have established a favourable reputation across the water especially since winning the Milom Trophy last year in Manchester.

During the past year the Association has achieved a great deal in the formation of new clubs and the organisation of competitions. New clubs have been set up in Drogheda, Dundalk, Letterkenny, Strabane, Dunlaoire, two in Dublin, Carlow, and two are to be set up in Kilkenny and Athlone respectively. Along with existing clubs, this covers the whole country and we are receiving more inquiries every week. This interest is helped by a national evening paper that carries a judo column every week.

On the question of the provision of competition, just one month ago, the First All-Ireland Championships were held in Dublin. These Championships were open to all grades with trophies for the winners in each category. There was a large turnout and some interesting judo, with trophies going mainly to the Dublin, Belfast and Cork Clubs. For these Championships, it should be mentioned, each club held its own eliminations and entered only their best contest men in each grade. It is hoped also that an All-Ireland Judo League can be arranged soon.

Judo in Ireland is now firmly established as a sport and courses for instructors and P.T. officers of some 25 companies of the Boys' Brigade and some 20 of the army are beginning shortly. The Dublin Barmans and Apprentices Trade Union have financed a club for its members and a large number of our police are practising the sport in the Drogheda Club. It is also heartening to hear that there are a large number of London Irish practising at the Renshuden.

The Association's future plans, other than those already covered, are to send a full team to the European Championships wherever they are being held next year, and to have representation in the Tokyo Olympics if possible. We will also continue promoting new clubs and work towards more competition for Irish Judoka.

If there are any readers coming to Ireland either for a holiday or on business or maybe to watch a rugby match, and who would like some practice with Irish Judoka we would be only too delighted to arrange it.

The Vintage Performance

William Edward Bradbury

The commentator suddenly announced that there was to be an addition to the programme. Surprised organisers muttered protests, put hands to fevered brows, it seemed that all their efforts to squeeze 15 events in two hours had been thwarted.

The arena was illuminated, from it an air of expectancy emanated Silence shrouded the audience. Check capped—sports car types, fiddled with their cravats. Family saloon groups, cocked an eager ear, while they hushed boisterous children into silent waiting statues. Ostentatious limousine customed gents, clenched cigars a little tighter as they eased their posteriors forward to the edge of the seat.

With its engine purring the vintage model made its entrance, an entrance that made all others seem dull by comparison. The body work still in wonderful condition reflected the bright harsh lights. There was no faltering in the smooth unhurried movement of this model with an uncountable number of performances already to its credit.

Now for the incredibly intricate series of movements which began to unfold, as with motor running sweetly the model went through its paces. Now was the moment of truth indeed, both for the driver and the engine. Would the fatigue on components be just that little too much.

With exquisite precision the delicate threads of this tapestry of movement were cast. The halts were arresting. The acceleration invigorating. The changes of gears enviable. The pattern of movement continued with the audience entranced by the ballet-like spectacle by such a vintage performer.

The exhibition ended as smoothly as begun, and the spectators erupted into a cacaphony of applause. In the theatre there would have been bouquets of flowers and cries of encore. But here a more restrained atmosphere prevailed. The vintage model was satisfied with a job well done. But all who saw it will carry the memory for ever of that superb performance by this vintage model with the world-famous registration G.K. 78.

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Centralising and more L.E.A. activity has meant that less clubs see me, but more benefit is derived from each visit. Northern Ireland is a good example; I visit them once a year, but because of the enthusiasm and attendance at such courses, plus the interim hard work, the general standards have risen sharply.

Coaching. There are 74 registered Coaches in the B.J.A. This represents a lot of hard work, but is not sufficient. There seems to be a paradox in judo; many want to teach, but very few wait to teach. I have had many instances where Coach Award candidates (of black belt standard) have been unable to answer all the questions on the Promotion Syllabus.

Progress has been definite and apparent, but much is still to be done. Many have snown intelligence, perseverance and magnanimity in their approach to the learning and spreading of good progressive coaching methods. But there are still many corners in which antiquated inefficient coaching methods are used.

A Club Instructor's Award has been instigated, and it is hoped that it gets fully under way this year. It is for 3rd Kyus and above, and is to deal with teaching technique mainly.

Zadankai. As usual the conference threw up many good ideas. Among them was the inclusion of the Area Coaches into the Constitutional structure of the Association, and the revision of Booklet No. 3.

The contents of the Teachers' Course has been brought up to date and printed in a new form.

Judo Fi.m. The Association film was shown publicly for the first time at the National Technical Conference. From its first inception it has taken over two years to produce, but I hope the judo fraternity will think the delay justified.

Women. Women's judo activity, at a coaching level, has been growing steadily. I have been in charge of two women's courses. The second was a preparation for the first of the Coach Award examinations for women. All participants worked extremely hard, and seven out of nine candidates passed, two with distinction.

In October there was a Conference organised by the women dealing with coaching subjects as related specifically to women.

I have written Booklet No. 4, which deals with women's examinations, both promotion and coaching, and in addition contains notes for examiners on how to apply the syllabus, etc., as well as the actual requirement for the Coach Award.

L.E.A. L.E.A. activity has been growing over the past year. Half my coaching time is spent with schools, teacher trainer colleges, youth groups, etc. The Association must do all in its power to tell L.E.A.'s that judo is an active sport, which can be approached and taught in the same way as any other. The Association must make an effort to produce a suitable mat for schools, youth groups and clubs. The mat difficulty is a terrible obstacle to judo progress in this country and until such time as we can offer a suitable mat we shall remain "limited-use" sport.

C.C.P.R. Much of the increase in L.E.A. work has been due to the Central Council of Physical Recreation. Where the liaison between C.C.P.R.

and judo Area is good, the results are good, where such liaison is poor, then results are also poor,

Referees. The Referee's Certificate is not going very well. Players should have a pride in their sport, which means that the sport is worthy of good refereeing in order to maintain a fine competitive standard and set a good example. All senior players should be encouraged to take the Referee's Certificate. Any Coach, Area Coach, Senior Coach can act as the examiner, and the general administration is purposely very simple.

General Standards. Standards throughout the country are going up and I have complete confidence that it is almost entirely due to the Coach Award Scheme. One particular aspect of this progress was shown by the Area Championships. All of the "strong" Areas were beaten by the sothought "weaker" ones. It was the day of the fast active player, rather than the heavy, strong player.

Clubs and players are now in the position where they are realising the great range of judo training; no one has a monopoly of it. With thought and a will to learn and develop a club can be made very good, with little or no help from outside.

Olympics. I have been invited to sit on the Technical Board Sub-Committee dealing with Olympic Training. Effort here is restricted in proportion to money available and as there is very little, training must be of a limited kind. Meetings are visualised as taking place every two or three months, with additional monthly or more frequent meetings organised by each Area, under their Area Coach. It must be made clear that any young man has a chance to participate in the selection for the Games.

General. Courses. I did four main ones during the year. In addition to these courses, there was the Chard long weekend course for teenagers and the annual L.C.C. course for evening institute instructors.

I have attended several conferences related to sport and indeed have talked at two of them.

I have also given many lecture/demonstrations of judo teaching methods to various L.E.A. groups (P.E. organisers, teachers, lecturers, etc.).

A part of a National Coach's duty is to act as an inspiration, but he cannot reach everywhere and see everyone. In addition to this the continual increase of activity and spread of development needs more than one man's time and energy, and therefore I strongly recommend an assistant National Coach be mooted and a suitable candidate appointed.

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with five teams in each and at present without promotion and relegation.

The local papers are keen to print the results of the matches and about six papers turned up at the Championships. We, in Shropshire, have put Judo on the same level as cricket or tennis or boxing. It's a recognised sport.

Incidentally, we are thinking of forming a County side, nine contestants, three weight categories. Anyone interested in the West Midlands in putting a side against us?



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