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## HOME INTERNATIONAL

*Report & Photographs by Alan R. Menzies*

The third, Home International, was held at the Crystal Palace National Recreation, on Saturday, 11th November. This match was



organised by the English Liaison Committee, which leaves Scotland to be the hosts next year and then each country in the British Isles will have presented the event on their home ground. That should be enough for this particular championship. After next year the Home International should be either drastically altered in concept or allowed to lapse.

Only four teams participated, which means a pools system which can be completed in a couple of hours. Even this would be reasonable if all the teams were of equal strength, or nearly so, but they are not. England and Scotland field practically full international sides, which swamp Wales and Northern Ireland. So it boils down to a straight competition between England and Scotland. This hardly merits a full day's organisation under the title of Home Inter-

Douglas Young, Britain's most celebrated contest player for nearly a decade, takes on a new role as referee.



The victorious English Team from left to right: Ken Maynard *Manager*, Paul Eales, Ray Ross *Captain*, Brian Jacks, Alan Green, and Danny DaCosta.

national. A further aspect of this match is the strong partisan feeling which is engendered, not always with the best results.

The event could be organised on a home and away basis between each country. This means that each country travels to every other country once during the year, and receives each of the other three countries once during the year. The result is taken on the aggregate number of wins over the whole period. Of course this will not alter the position of the two weaker sides, but at least they will have more opportunity for inter-country competition and this may eventually lead to their teams becoming stronger.

This year the Scottish side started favourites, especially with the inclusion of Colin McIver in the team. McIver is one of the most outstanding players in Great

Britain and his inclusion in any team gives them an edge that is hard to match. McAree in the lightweight position also added to their strength, and, of course, there was Scottish captain, George Kerr, the real backbone to so many British and Scottish sides during the past 10 years. Young William Wood, out in Lisbon earlier last year in the 1967 Junior Championships, filled the light middleweight position and, last but not least, Bob Thomas, with a fierce moustach, was anchor man.

The only possible team to upset the Scots was the English one, which included Danny DaCosta, Alan Green, Brian Jacks, Ray Ross and Paul Eales. A full international side. Every player a much experienced man with many international matches under his belt. A truly formidable side.

The first match of the day was at two o'clock in the afternoon





Ray Ross, Captain of England scoring on Brady of Northern Ireland.

between Scotland and Wales. This proved to be a warming contest for the Scots. McAree had a tussle with Alan Jones, but eventually won after three and a half minutes with ippon from Uchimata. Bob Sullivan, the most experienced of the Welsh side, had a full-time battle with William Woods, but in the end conceded the decision. From this point Scotland raced ahead. Kerr won against John Perrins with Uchi-mata in 10 seconds. McIver took one minute to defeat John Williams. The last

contest was a full-length one with R. Williams taking Bob Thomas to time, but Thomas got the decision.

The second match, Northern Ireland versus England, was a terrible pounding for the Irish team. Not one contest reached the two-minute stage. DaCosta took 50 seconds, Green 64 seconds, Jacks, a bit slower, was on the mat for 96 seconds. Ross scored in just under the minute, after 58 seconds, and last man for England, Paul Eales, took his time to score in 117 seconds. It is doubtful if any team has managed that sort of score in a similar period of time in this class of competition.

England again, this time versus Wales. A much harder fight than their previous one. Jones took DaCosta to nearly four minutes before conceding defeat. In the Green versus Sullivan contest no decision was reached after six

*Above:*

Watt of Northern Ireland scoring on Perrins of Wales

*Below:*

Alan Jones of Wales attacking McDowell of Northern Ireland. Jones won with a waza-ari.





Danny DaCosta scoring on McDowell of the Northern Ireland team.

minutes and a draw was announced. Jacks, not surprisingly, beat Perrins quite quickly. Ross did the same to John Williams. The last of the Welsh side, heavyweight, R. Williams held Paul Eales off for over two minutes before Eales managed to get his leg over and knock him down. Not a clean sweep for the English side, four wins and a draw.

Scotland had a much harder task against the Irish than England. McDowell, the young Irish lightweight, gave McAree a tough battle before the Scot won after nearly two and a half minutes. Smeltzer, of Ireland, had no answer to Woods and lost very quickly in under a minute. Kerr, of course,

won easily and quickly against Watt. So did McIver against Brady, but Thomas had a stiff fight with Agnew, eventually losing to the Irish player in the last seconds of the contest for ippon.

This result showed that the English side were really slightly better than the Scottish players over the team as a whole. In both the match against Wales and Ireland the English team produced a better result than the Scots, although they did not look as formidable on the mat, which proves that appearances can be deceiving.

At this stage in the proceedings a long break was announced until seven o'clock in the evening when

the two remaining contests would be fought to decide the champions for 1967. The actual time taken to get through the afternoon matches was one hour, which meant a long time for many people to hang around while waiting for the evening show to commence.

Seven o'clock and on marched the contestants to one of the famous American marches that the N.R.C. like to play on these occasions. First match of the evening was Northern Ireland versus Wales. The lightweight contest lasted the full time of six minutes, with Alan Jones trying his hardest to beat McDowell, but not achieving much success, eventually he scored a waza-ari and kept this lead until the end. Bob Sullivan against

Smeltzer, and Smeltzer had little chance to shine here. Sullivan kept up the attack most of the time until he scored with a holding. Watt, the Irish middleweight, surprised everyone, perhaps himself, when he rushed out at John Perrins and scooped his legs up and dumped him on his back and scored ippon. Brady and Williams drew the light heavyweight contest, so that Agnew and R. Williams held the final result in their hands with the Welsh a shade ahead by that first waza-ari. Both of them went at it with might and main, but neither managed a score. When it ended the judges gave the contest to Ireland, which meant that both sides had won two contests, however the Welsh just scraped home by a 17 to 15 point win and that gave them the victory.

Mrs. Tina Penfold and Miss Marie Fourt, two charming young ladies who have captured the hearts of audiences at two national events by their superb performance of Ju-no-kata.





An interval was included in the programme and following this the first of two demonstrations was presented. The British Aikido Association demonstrated some of their kata and introduced their Japanese coach, Mr. Naito, who showed some new techniques and expertly illustrated the effectiveness of the sport when employed against a determined attacker. The most interesting part of the demonstration was the new style method of randori which means that actual contests can be held in Aikido. This new development has brought the activity more in line with Judo as a combat sport and not as a purely self-defence art.

The second demonstration was another chance to see Mrs. Tina Penfold and Miss Marie Fourn in their exquisite performance of the Ju-no-kata. Miss Fourn and Mrs. Penfold are the British Kata Champions and will be defending their title next year at the Ladies' National Championships. Women bring a great deal of grace and beauty to a kata which cannot be duplicated by men. Their interpretation is so light and dance-like that it could easily be incorporated into a ballet.

The final match, England versus Scotland, with England coming into

Danny DaCosta attacking Hugh McAree in the final match between Scotland and England.



Alan Green and Willie Woods in the Light Middleweight contest of the final match of the Home International.

the lead as favourites as the teams marched out for the final event of the day.

Hugh McAree was expected to hold, if not beat, Danny DaCosta. In fact DaCosta eliminated the young Scot so overwhelmingly that we wondered if a stranger had got on to the mat in error. In the first minute DaCosta had a terribly tight neck lock on, but they went outside the area and this broke it up. Otherwise McAree could have

retired from the contest there and then. We never expected DaCosta to get that near again, but a minute later the Englishman was on McAree's back and this time the Scot had to submit. First blood to the English side, and a very good win for DaCosta.

William Woods against Alan Green. In this case the odds were on Green winning, but it was just possible that Woods would take him over with one of his excellent



throwing techniques. For four minutes neither player could have had much advantage. Then Green, in a scramble, got a holding on and Woods was trapped, struggle as he might he could not break out of it and Green, now that victory was to hand, took no chances of letting the Scot have his freedom until the referee called the point.

To be two contests down in a final of this magnitude was not a happy position for the Scottish side. However, their next man was George Kerr, never a moment of worry while George is on the mat. Among all of the current European players George Kerr is the most consistent and courageous against any opposition. Brian Jacks, the

World Bronze Medallist, once more stepped out to meet his most difficult opponent. In their last two meetings Kerr had won. This time we all thought that Brian Jacks must have a chance, the wheel of fortune must turn his way for a change, but it never quite did. Both of them fought hard and furiously. Once Jacks managed to take Kerr right over his head but not for a score. First advantage went to Jacks when Kerr was penalised with a "chui", but later Jacks got the same penalty for stepping out of the area, and this evened the match up again. For Scotland Kerr had to win, while, of course, Jacks, although personally wanting to win very much, was dictated to by the circumstances, if he could stop Kerr from winning it meant a step further

Colin McIver, underneath, with Ray Ross in the Light Heavyweight contest of the final match.



Charles Palmer, Chairman of the B.J.A. talking to the referees at the Home International.

along the victory road for the English team.

For the Scots the contest was unfortunate, when at the end of six minutes the judges and referee decided on a draw.

The Light heavyweight contest was looked forward to by everyone as it meant a meeting between Colin McIver and Ray Ross. McIver is one of the most successful of our young Judo players. As a Scot he represented Scotland and met in this instance his mentor Ray Ross. The contest started off with McIver nearly skittling Ross over with an ashi-waza. A difficult second for Ross there. Apart from this McIver did not have too much success, but neither did Ross. Both of roughly equal build, McIver a shade taller and slimmer, and both very nearly at a parity as regards skill, although Ross is far the more

experienced. With the England team leading two contests to one draw, it behove them to heed their team manager's words not to take risks and this resulted in McIver having to work hard to try to make an opening while Ross avoided most attacks and only attacked himself to keep in the contest. Nevertheless, he had a handful of McIver and another draw was the result, which put the English team in an unassailable position. The last contest, Paul Eales versus Bob Thomas, was a win for the English Heavyweight by waza-ari after Eales had to go the full distance before he could claim the victory. Not a very exciting match, although several of the individual contests provided a lot of fireworks. The most outstanding player was DaCosta. His success against McAree put the English team in a very favourable position.





# THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

## OFFICIAL NOTES

### Open Individual Championships 1967

Our congratulations to George Glass and Ray Ross on retaining their titles for the second year running.

A total of 143 competitors entered this event but only 113 participated, 30 failing to report on the day. Out of the 113 present there were 18 members from abroad, 10 from France, 6 from Germany and 2 from Holland.

We would take this opportunity to express very sincere thanks to all those who assisted with the refereeing, timekeeping and recording at this event, which commenced at 10 a.m. and finished at 10 p.m. with only a short break in the afternoon.

### Junior National Trials

The 1968 Junior National Trials will be held at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre, London, S.E.19, on Saturday, the 24th February, 1968. Entry forms are being circulated to all Member Clubs but further supplies are available from B.J.A. Headquarters, 26/29 Park Crescent, London, W.1, if required.

The age requirements for those eligible to take part, together with weight categories, are detailed below and we would point out that only those of 1st Kyu grade and above are eligible to participate.

**Juniors:** Born between the 1st January, 1947 and the 31st December, 1949.

**Espoirs:** Born between the 1st January, 1950 and the 31st December, 1952.

The weight categories for the two classifications are:—

<b>Juniors:</b>	<b>LIGHTWEIGHT:</b>	Under 9 st. 12 lbs.
	<b>WELTERWEIGHT:</b>	Between 9 st. 12 lbs. and 11 st.
	<b>MIDDLEWEIGHT:</b>	Between 11 st. and 12 st. 8 lbs.
	<b>L/HEAVYWEIGHT:</b>	Between 12 st. 8 lbs. and 14 st. 9 lbs.
	<b>HEAVYWEIGHT:</b>	Over 14 st. 9 lbs.
<b>Espoirs:</b>	<b>LIGHTWEIGHT:</b>	Under 9 st. 1½ lbs.
	<b>WELTERWEIGHT:</b>	Between 9 st. 1½ lbs. and 10 st. 3 lbs.
	<b>MIDDLEWEIGHT:</b>	Between 10 st. 3 lbs. and 11 st. 11 lbs.
	<b>L/HEAVYWEIGHT:</b>	Between 11 st. 11 lbs. and 13 st. 5 lbs.
	<b>HEAVYWEIGHT:</b>	Over 13 st. 5 lbs.

It should be particularly noted that due to the recently introduced international rule competitors must weigh within the minimum and maximum limits of their weight category and heavyweights are required to weigh over the weight allowance quoted for their category.

### International Judo Federation Contest Rules

Copies of the official contest rules as produced by the International Judo Federation and which the British Judo Association has adopted are now available from Headquarters, price 2/6d. including postage and packing.

The B.J.A. will be circulating a commentary adapting these rules for club use where necessary in the future but the I.J.F. rules, as printed, are suitable for all those considering participating in international competition in 1968.

## DUTCH JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Dutch Judo Championships were held on the 7th October, 1967, at the "Energiehal" in Rotterdam. Very conspicuous by their absence, were the Judo medal winners from the World Championships in Salt Lake City.

Willem Ruska and Martin Pogljajen had failed to make their application in time, and Ernst Eugster was defeated by Peter Snidjers in the Middle-Netherlands eliminations. The winner of the Lightweight title was Karel Gietelink; Light-Middleweight Eddy van der Pol. Jan Snidjers took the Middleweight title; Peter Snidjers became Light-Heavyweight Champion and Chris Dolman Heavyweight Champion. The actual contestants in these Championships are selected from area trials and unless the contestant has taken part in an area trial and been selected by his area he cannot take part.

At the recent International Tournament for teams in Lugano the Dutch team took first place, defeating European champions W. Germany in the final. The Dutch team consisted of Karel Gietelink, Eddy van der Pol, Martin Pogljajen, Ernst Eugster and Willem Ruska, with trainer and coach Anton Geesink.

In the final match Gietelink lost to a waza-ari by Utzat; Van der Pol lost to Gert Egger by awasete ippon; Pogljajen beat Hofman by a waza-ari; and Eugster secured a victory over Lichtenhofer. This left Ruska to beat Alfred Meier which he did by scoring a waza-ari, giving Holland a 3—2 victory.





## BRITISH AIKIDO ASSOCIATION

### OFFICIAL NOTES — JIM ELKIN

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 14th January, 1968, commencing at 2 p.m. The venue will be St. Mary's Teachers Training College, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex. Frequent trains run from Waterloo to Strawberry Hill and the College is only a few minutes walk from the station. The 27 bus route passes the main gate.

All members have received details of the meeting, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Whilst on the subject of St. Mary's College it is worthwhile mentioning other events which will be taking place there.

In the morning of the 14th January there will be a promotion examination for Dan grades commencing at 10 a.m. sharp. There will be an examination fee of 10/-, and all candidates must be holders of the Assistant Coach Award and paid up members of the Association.

There will be a Weekend Course held at the same venue the 6th/7th January. The Saturday session will commence at 2 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. The Sunday session will commence at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. A full itinerary will be distributed to all clubs, giving exact details of the various aspects being taught. All Aikido players are welcome, from beginners upwards. The following instructors will be in attendance. Mr. H. Kogure, 4th Dan; Mr. T. Naito, 4th Dan; Mr. J. Waite, 3rd Dan; Mr. J. Wilkinson, 2nd Dan. Instructional films will be shown. Also there will be opportunity for discussion. Fee for whole course 30/-, for each day £1.

At the end of November last the Association held its first Coaching Course and Examination. It was very well attended, and all those who took part said that they really enjoyed every minute of it and considered it very worthwhile. Congratulations to all those who passed. It is intended to make these courses a regular feature of our calendar and details of them will be published well in advance, to enable those wishing to take part, to apply.

Thanks must go to Mr. Waite for organising this successful adventure, also to the London Judo Society for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities.

At the recent Home International held at the Crystal Palace, the British Aikido Association was asked to give a demonstration of Aikido. The audience, although unusually small for such an event, greatly enjoyed the small part our players offered. The General Secretary of the B.J.A. has asked that her thanks be given to those of our members who gave their time in putting on this excellent display.

## THE MIDLAND AREA TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

A. T. LLOYD      Midland Area P.R.O.

The Midland Area Technical Conference 1967 was held at the Stonehill High School, Birstall, Leicester, on Saturday and Sunday, the 23rd and 24th September.

The theme presented was "Coaching" and it proved to be a most interesting and informative Conference, with many useful theories put forward.

The specialist speakers were Mr. J. L. Crooke, Professional Lawn Tennis Champion, L.T.A. Panel Coach and Coach to the Welsh L.T.A., Miss Barbara Knapp, Senior Lecturer and Assistant Director of Physical Education, University of Birmingham, and Mr. G. Gleeson, National Coach to the British Judo Association, practically assisted by Mr. A. P. Wilde, the Midlands Area Coach. Mr. F. Johnson, who is the Senior Physical Advisor for Leicestershire and P.E. Examiner for numerous colleges of education, was in the chair.

The Conference opened with some very interesting and most entertaining remarks from the Chairman, followed by Mr. Crooke, who gave a most enlightened talk on Coaching relative to Lawn Tennis, particularly suggesting that from his own experience he found group coaching had a distinct advantage over individual work. The three main qualities of a coach, he said, are knowledge of his subject, the ability to put the subject over, and finally—enthusiasm. A good coach must have an ideal blend of all three. He further stated that present-day trends in most sports is towards the simple approach as against the old method of tedious coaching, which always tended to be too technical and difficult.

On the following day Miss Knapp gave an interesting talk on "The Acquisition of Skill in Sport." Physiological age and stage of maturation are factors that cannot be changed; physique changes to a minor degree; strength and endurance can be built up by training. The factor of skill involves learning how to apply all the other factors. She suggested that a skilled performer reacts quicker to an opponent and that skill is, therefore, the learned ability to bring about predetermined results with maximum certainty, often with the minimum outlay of time or energy or both.

At the beginners stage, demonstrations should be as near the ideal in timing and positioning as is possible; later on exaggerated gesticulation rather than demonstration is required in an effort to understand by action rather than words. If speed is vital to the skill, an early emphasis on speed during coaching must be aimed at.



The first time a task is performed is of crucial importance for the subsequent performance of it, as this tends to persist subsequently even though containing a number of errors. New skills however, she added, should not be tried when an individual is tired or after long periods of exhausting strengthening and endurance exercises. Neither should verbal instruction be overdone, as it is essential to maintain interest, and interest is the most potent factor in improvement.

She also went on to suggest that often Coaches who are good performers tend to believe that what was beneficial to them would automatically prove of value to others. Often, however, other ideas or suggestions would prove more valuable. A Coach should always be helpful with praise which quickly makes a learner realise he has made a skilful movement. The old maxim "practice makes perfect" is not strictly true, it is the quality of the practice which is important.

Miss Knapp particularly pointed out that everyone is likely to have periods sometimes of long duration, when no progress appears to be made. These plateaux or periods when there is, in fact, no progress are experienced by most people when learning complex skills.

It would appear that most enter a sport merely for fun, generally with no idea of becoming a top performer, and Coaches must understand the motives of each individual in order to get the best out of them without driving them away from their sport. Competition, she pointed out, is important, and aids performance, but should be used with care. Competition can cause too much effort to be put into winning, rather than into developing the technique which may enable one to compete at higher level.

To sum up, Miss Knapp concluded that a Coach must be sensitive to the interests and needs of each individual, as they are dealing with human beings, who have the habit of being exceptions to the rules. A Coach must always be ready to adjust his methods to the peculiarities of a particular learner in such a way as to get the best out of him. A Coach should have as much theoretical knowledge about a subject as he can. He should apply those methods provided he does not lose the co-operation and interest of the pupil. He should always be in touch with his pupil so that he can adapt his methods to their individual needs. He must remember that "learning is done by the learner and not by some kind of transmission process of the teacher." The Coach should have as much scientific knowledge as he can, **BUT THE WAY HE APPLIES IT WILL REMAIN AN ART.**

Mr. G. Gleeson, the National Coach, then put his point of view when he said that a good coach must know everything about everything. He must be educating himself continually on as wide a range of subjects as possible. This makes for a liberal man, and Education helps the Coach to do a better job and keep his sport in perspective—the perspective of life. Education will help the Coach avoid falling into the trap of illusion, just because a certain thing is best today, doesn't necessarily mean it is best tomorrow.

All in all, to sum up this Midland Technical Conference, perhaps the words of our own National Coach afterwards, adequately covers this when he said:

"Because of the way sport has developed in this country—through a part-time amateur organisation—the importance and position of coaching within such an organisation has taken long to be recognised. Progress is slow, but is being made, and this Midland Technical Conference is just one of the more obvious examples of how the status of coaching has been increasing of late. The Midlands are to be congratulated on their foresight and ambition in this direction, for not many Areas of the B.J.A. tackle such an event. Just as I consider the Midlands Area Committee should be congratulated upon its enthusiasm in this direction, so I feel the individuals—who did the actual work—should be congratulated. Thanks should undoubtedly go to Messrs. Ekins and Beck and then to the Midlands Coaching Committee. As National Coach, I am always pleased to see practical manifestations of ways and methods to improve coaching standards throughout the country—this Conference I am sure, has done just that. Congratulations to you all."

## Area || News

### **SOUTHERN AREA** *Mrs. Ruth Alcock*

#### **NATIONAL COACH'S VISIT TO THE SOUTH**

**January 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. Southampton Judo Club.** Rear Basement, Mount Pleasant School, Mount Pleasant Road, Southampton, Hants. Hours 7 to 10 p.m.

**January 13th and 14th. Crawley Judo Club.** Hut R.11, Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate, Crawley, Sussex.

#### **Course Content**

Practical and theoretical work (films, etc.). Coaching and personal performance at intermediate level—3rd Kyu and above.

Questions and answer sessions.

Both these courses are FREE. Participants are reminded to bring their current B.J.A. licence.

### **SCOTLAND** *D. A. Jarvis*

Another year! At time to review what has gone before and make resolutions for the year to come. A year packed with events in the judo world. So many in fact that the official calendar of the S.J.U. already runs to three foolscap pages and this only includes events of National and International Status and not events organised at regional level.



In January there will be three weekend courses at Inverclyde House, Largs. A junior training weekend on 13th/14th January, a coaching course on 20th/21st January and a senior training weekend on 27th/28th January. In February the highlights will be a dan grading in the Osaka Judo Club, Mansfield Street, Glasgow, on Sunday 11th, and the National Junior Trials at Crystal Palace, London, on the 24th. Both events should have a very big entry so make sure your application is in as soon as possible. Entries for the grading to S.J.U. Headquarters, 18 Woodside Place, Glasgow, C.3, and for the Junior Trials to the B.J.A. 26/29 Park Crescent, London, W.1. All events require a current licence which may be obtained from the General Secretary, Mr. R. V. Colquhoun, M.B.E. at 18 Woodside Place, Glasgow, C.3.

By the time these notes are in print we expect to have welcomed at least two new clubs into the S.J.U., Kirkwall Judo Club from the Orkneys and Kelso Judo Club from the Border Region. Now is the time to check up if your clubs affiliation is up to date and that all club members have a current licence. The S.J.U. depend on the income from licences and affiliations to provide for their members the host of services which an up-to-date progressive sporting body requires to survive and expand. It is up to every club to give its wholehearted support to the Union and ensure its continuing success.

Now is the time also for clubs in each region to consider whether their regional representatives are attending Executive Meetings regularly and if not whether there is anything which can be done to ensure a more regular attendance and better communication between clubs and the Executive. It is noticeable that the area representative who has farthest to travel is one of the most regular members at E.C. meetings and that his region is extremely active.

All regions which have been invited to send a five man team to take part in the Lanarkshire Regional Show to be held in Hamilton Town Hall at 7 p.m. on 12th January, 1968, should by now be in an advanced state of preparation. The South Western Regional Team was picked as far back as the beginning of October and have been training under Pat Hughes of Kilmarnock so they should present a really strong challenge to the other entrants. It is hoped that there will be a very good turn out from all over central Scotland to this show which promises a varied and exciting programme.



## 19th ALL JAPAN STUDENT EAST-WEST CONTEST

VIVIEN FRYER

The East-West contest started at 1 p.m. on Sunday the fifth of November, and we got our fireworks in a manner of speaking. Due to finish at 4.30, it went on for an hour longer than had been scheduled. The first match was between Tabata (E) and Hori (W) and was drawn. Asanuma then met Kondo whom he defeated with a haraimakikomi for ippon, and went on to meet Tenri's stylist Hashimoto. Hashimoto was favoured to win but was only able to draw, unfortunately, and the next man on was the famed Nishimura of Takudai who won in the Universiade. Facing him was Yasumoto of Doshisha University. Yasumoto who looks as if he were made of rubber, danced around and harried Nishimura attacking him like a little dog bothering a postman. The contest being in Osaka which is West, was naturally partisan and yelled with delight as Nishimura was felled for waza-ari. Try as he might Nishimura was unable to regain his position and after a few near scrapes, time came and Yasumoto was the winner. He then met Ito, who is very small, but the previous contest must have taken a great deal out of Yasumoto and it was not surprising that he was unable to do more than draw. Nakagawa then met Sasa, and defeated him with ouchigari, then drawing with Shimomura.

Machida then drew against Hatusuda, and Ikeda came on to meet Isamu Sonoda, one of the gold medal winning brothers of Universiade fame. Sonoda has a powerful right osotogari which he usually uses, but on this occasion, within seconds of stepping on the mat, downed Ikeda with osotogake to the delight of the audience. He then met the great Suma. Suma, I am informed by Nobuyuki Sato, got through no less than 17 adversaries in the Kohaku (Red-and-White) contests for 2-dan and above at the Kodokan, when he was a 2nd dan trying for 3rd, and in the more recent one as a third dan trying for fourth, defeated 13 opponents. Improbable as that may seem, the authority is good and certainly Suma is a formidable player. However, Sonoda managed to keep him at bay for a draw, attacking decisively meanwhile. Tabata then came in and threw Toko with a haraimakikomi, and drew with Yato. Ikami managed a nice uchimata for the West against Aoyagi and scored on awasewaza against Ishibashi, drawing with Park from Hosei. Tokunaga drew with Inoue, and the second of the Sonoda brothers, the elder and smaller one, Yoshi Sonoda, came on to meet Kono of Nichidai. This should have been a great contest but it ended in a draw. Although Y. Sonoda has been playing judo a





*Above:* Asanuma scores Haraimakikomi on Hori.

*Below:* Anzai versus Kawasaki, In the background can be seen Matsushita.

year longer than his younger brother, I, Sonoda appears to be the stronger player. Kotani won the decision against Tenri's Yamashita, but went over for uchimata from Tenri's Moroi, who then drew against Masuda. The Korean Kim, who calls himself Kanehara in Japan, drew with Yamazaki, another Tenri boy, Noguchi drew with Kumakawa and Tomonari drew with Hanada. Hirata lost to Nishinaka on osotogari, and Nishinaka won the decision against Tenri's Mendori. Ninomiya was next on however, and saved Tenri's reputation by the fastest point yet, an immediate jujigatame on which he wasted no energy at all. However, surprisingly he was unable to move Fukada, which left the other Yasumoto brother to deal with Shinomaki. It was not so much a question of defeating Shinomaki but keeping him from going on and ploughing through the West side. A draw sufficed for that, and Shinomaki was out of the way. There was one nasty moment when an objection was raised by a judge apparently on the kani-basani techniques being employed to wear down the huge Meijo player, but it came to nothing and the contest finished with no score. Sasagawa got the decision over Oda, and drew with Kure (Korean name Oh)

of Tenri. Magome of Takudai, who is famed for being the one who lost the only point (to Mendori) in the All Japan Universities Final this year, lost on a decision to Takahashi, who then lost on awasewaza to Kitase. Kitase then met Tenri's Sasahara, a very stylish player, but the expected win did not occur and the match ended in a draw. Watanabe drew with Tani, Yuasa with Tsukahara, and the sands were running out for the West, when Anzai from Takudai came out and defeated Tenri's Okubu, and drew with the West's last hope, Kawasaki. Kawasaki held the fort but was unable to score. Anzai fought valiantly to keep the lead, and managed to, thus leaving the East two men ahead to win.

The standard of Judo was frankly, low. There were few clean wins and the general feeling seemed to be win at all costs. It was hardly the kind of contest which one would waste much cine film on. I have the feeling that almost every university team was in for a lecture, and in the case of the Tenri boys who have the strictest teacher in the country, all I can say is that I am glad not to be in their shoes as I write this the following day!

## NEWS FROM JAPAN

On October 23rd the Anniversary of Waseda University was celebrated and a great many Aikido events were demonstrated. One of the main Aiki events was the inter-university randori and contests, especially the knife randori with the players wearing protective armour.

At the Budokan hall on the 12th November, there was an inter-college meeting, an extremely popular event among the students. Beginners' courses at Croydon commence on Monday 5th February at 7.15 p.m. and at the O-do-ryu on Wednesday 7th February at 8.00 p.m.



# KENDŌ forum

by MUSASHI

## Ozawa Takashi Hanshi

The long expected official inspection by Ozawa Hanshi, 9th dan, got off to a fine start in the early dawn of Saturday the 11th November when this famous master arrived at Heathrow. He was met by three of the British and European Kendo Renmei executives and driven straight down to Brighton.

More than forty Kendoka attended the Welcome Meeting at the

Butokukan Dojo that evening, students from all over the country representing a wide cross-section of British Kendo, however the *yudansha* present felt it a great pity that this number was not greater as it could have been if certain elements outside the Kendo Association had put aside their strange political attitudes and paid their respects to this very senior master. After all this visit had been publicised well in advance with an open invitation to attend!

Ozawa Takashi Hanshi, 9th Dan and R. A. Lidstone, 4th Dan, Chairman of the British Kendo Association, feeding pigeons and ducks in St. James' Park.



The 2nd form of the Nihon Kendo-no-kata, Ozawa Hanshi, Uchidachi, and Knutsen Renshi, Shidachi.

Before the Kendo commenced, messages of greeting from Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, K.B.E., G.C.B., D.S.O., and Sir Frank Bowden, Bt., President and Vice-President of the British Kendo Association, and Mr. R. A. Lidstone, the Chairman, were delivered, followed by an official address given in both English and Japanese by Mr. Sydney Divers on behalf of the Chairman of the European Kendo Renmei, His Excellency Count Robert von Sandorfalva. Ozawa Hanshi replied both for himself and for the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei.

Among the *yudansha* taking part were Mr. Fuji Okimitsu, 5th dan; Mr. Osaki Shintaro, 3rd dan; and Mr. Aoki Minoru, 3rd dan; the latter visiting England at present during a two year Kendo World Tour. As the host dojo head, Roald Knutsen Renshi, 4th dan, sat next to Ozawa Sensei.

During the practice and the three subsequent meetings this master demonstrated and explained the great importance in Kendo, especially in the early stages, of close study of footwork and proper technique. In *suburi*, for example, he pointed out that hard cutting with emphasis on strength was wrong; the student should relax and certainly slow down, thereby permitting all the stages of technique to be studied instead of glossing over these and ending up with imperfect knowledge. Such slow practice should be introduced into a varied *suburi* regimen for contrast but also to always present to the beginner, (i.e. those below dan rank), the correct technique.

In *keiko*, everyone had ample opportunity to practice with Ozawa Sensei more than once, and all found his relaxed slow style extremely difficult to deal with. Perhaps we should say that the





The 7th form of the same kata. *Shidachi's do-uchi* and leg movements in this form are difficult to master, though here the *wakigamae* posture is classical.

higher the rank were his opponents, the more difficult they found him. Watching the senior *yudansha* practice against this master showed what Kendo is all about. The fastest and most skillful attacks delivered by Messrs. Fuji, Knutsen, Osaki and Aoki were all easily frustrated by an opponent who simply stepped slowly aside and cut the attacker gently on any target at will. It was a classic example of the swordsman "knowing" his opponents and defeating them on their own movements.

Ozawa *Hanshi* gave a masterly performance of the *Kurama-ryn Batto* composed of six forms and explained this *tai*, a very old style, as basic "Drawing Sword" kata; rough forms which illustrated *tai* before later and more sophisticated styles developed. Twice he practiced the *Nihon Kendo-no-kata* taking the part of *Uchidachi* with Roald Knutsen who is a Kendo

*Renshi* as *Shidachi*. His explanation of the forms in both the long sword series (7 forms) and the short sword series (3 forms) and his critique, was intensely interesting. One point emphasised and felt was well brought out in British Kendo was the value of parallel practice from a very early stage of *Kendo-no-kata* and ordinary *shinai* training. Close attention to good correct form in early training produces Kendo in the more senior ranks.

Ozawa Takashi *Hanshi* left for Germany on Tuesday, 14th November, with scheduled training in Wiesbaden, Paris, Toronto, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Honolulu before returning to Japan about the middle of December.

#### Hatsugeiko 1968

This Kendo festival will be held in the Nenriki Dojo, Trinity School, Harper Road, London, S.E.1, on

Saturday afternoon, 20th January, starting at 3 p.m. Arrangements have been made with the Principal of the Chaucer Institute who has kindly allowed us the dojo on that day. All Kendoka are welcome to attend.

#### Advanced Training— "Lea Green", Matlock

A special training has been organised at "Lea Green", Matlock, Derbyshire for the weekend 2nd/4th February. Bookings should be made to the Principal by 15th January at the latest. The training will be under Roald Knutsen, *yondan*.

## BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION

### Official Announcement

#### Shodan Shinsa-ken: November 1967

The European Kendo Renmei have requested this Association to publish the following promotions recommended during the inspection visit of Mr. Ozawa Takashi *Hanshi*, 9th *dan*, and approved by the European Renmei. These promotions are effective from the 14th November, 1967.

#### To Shodan:

Peter Armitage,  
Sussex University

Colin Stanton,  
Sussex University  
Jack Nightingale,  
Butokukan, Brighton  
Roy Pollard,  
Butokukan, Brighton  
John Clarke,  
Zanshin, Bristol  
Sam Gathorne-Hardy,  
Nenriki, London  
Vic Harris,  
Nenriki, London

All promotions into and within the *dan* degrees are registered with the *Kokusai Kendo Renmei* (International Kendo Federation).

## JAPANESE TEAM VISITS EAST GERMANY

On Wednesday, 29th November, East Germany met a selected Japanese team in Berlin.

The result was a surprising 2—all draw. The two scorers for East Germany were Otto Smirat of Berlin, who secured *waza-ari* for an *ashi-waza* against Nishijima, which he converted into an *ippon* with an *Osae-komi*.

Helmut Howeller of Leipzig gained the second victory, beating Nakamura with an *ashi-waza*. There was no Heavyweight competition in this match as the visitors were unable to provide a competitor.

The second match, with the same Japanese team but a selection of young East German contest players, ended in a 3—1 victory for the Japanese. A surprising win for the East Germans was Uwe Stock's *Juji-gatame* on Nakamura.



# BRITISH OPEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1967

*by our Special Correspondent*

Out of an entry of 143 competitors 113 actually took part in this event. 29 people failed to report at all or were late booking in and therefore disqualified and one unfortunate candidate was disqualified for being under weight—this was brought about by the introduction of the new International ruling that competitors must weigh within the lower and upper limits of their particular category and on this occasion a potential heavyweight was too light for the category.

## **Heavyweight Category Smallest**

The Light Middleweight category had the largest number of entries, 32, Lightweights 21, Middleweights 28, Light Heavyweights 22 and the Heavyweights 10. This last category included two players from Germany and one from France, leaving Great Britain only 7 contenders.

At 10 a.m. sharp the Lightweight category contests commenced. Refereeing on this occasion was under the personal direction of Mr. Charles Palmer, Chairman of the Association, who spent the entire day at this onerous task ensuring that everything in relation to refereeing ran as smoothly as possible.

Of the British competitors in the Lightweight category, top favourites were naturally George Glass and Hugh McAree, from Scotland, Danny Da Costa of the Western Area with Ian Relf of the Midland Area a strong contender. Germany fielded Utzat, brilliant young member of their successful European Championship Team and France fielded their well known players Melaye and Feist.

## **Repechage System Used**

For the first time in this country, the now well established European repechage system was used. Each weight category is divided into two

Groups, "A" and "B". Each group is played off on a knock-out basis until one player emerges as the winner of the group. This results in two players who are respectively the winner of group "A" and the winner of group "B". These players are two of the four eventual semi-finalists. The other two semi-finalists are produced by the "Repechage". Each player that the winner of each group met and defeated now has a chance to fight once more. The first player defeated fights the second player defeated, the winner of this contest fights the third player defeated, and so on, until there is only one player left. Each group now has another victor—the winner of the "Repechage". The winner of the "Repechage" in group "A" meets the original winner of group "B" in one semi-final, and vice-versa, thus ensuring that two players who have already met in the preliminaries do not meet again until the final. The match then continues with the winners of the semi-finals meeting in the final to decide the ultimate champion of the category.

## **Glass Faces Tough Opposition**

Glass was unfortunate in drawing Melaye of France in the first contest of the day but was his usual calm collected self and scored waza-ari to gain success. He then met Utzat of Germany—muttering darkly that whoever did the draw must dislike him intensely—but although the contest went full time he gained the decision at the end. His last opponent in his group was Mullen, also Scottish, and again Glass scored waza-ari to win.

In the other half of the Lightweight category Da Costa won his first contest with ippon and then met Feist of France, a most experienced player. This contest Feist won on a decision. McAree met

Adlard and won, then had a bye and met Feist, scoring waza-ari to win, thus putting Da Costa out of the contest completely — unfortunate for Da Costa who was definitely not on form, but McAree's brilliant style was a pleasure to watch.

In the repechage for Group "A", Melaye of France scored waza-ari on Alexander—one of our brighter lightweight prospects for the future—and was then beaten on a decision by Utzat of Germany, both having gained a waza-ari during the course of the contest. Utzat then suffered defeat by Mullen.

## **McAree Through to Final**

In the other repechage Group, Feist scored over Adlard.

The semi-finals of the Lightweight category saw Glass v Feist and McAree v Mullen. Glass—never a quick starter, went the full five minutes with Feist but gained the decision at the end and McAree gained the decision over Mullen.

The final provided considerable excitement for the crowd although it may have been slightly disappointing for the two players concerned, Glass and McAree, to have this final contest almost at the end of the evening. This was caused by placing the heavier weight category finals as early as possible to allow Open category finalists ample time to rest, as it was expected that the Open category semi-finalists and finalists would also be medal winners in the weight category events and this did indeed prove to be the case.

## **Second Win for George Glass**

As is always the case with lightweights the judo was fast, aggressive and a delight to watch, although this particular bout was



marred by an error when an asae-komi was called in favour of Glass when in fact McAree still had Glass's leg trapped. However the judge drew the attention of the referee to this and at the end of 10 minutes the decision unanimously went to George Glass—British Open Lightweight Champion for the second year running.

### **Gerd Egger Favourite for Light Middleweight Title**

A total of 32 competitors, divided into two groups of 16, made up the Light Middleweight category. Well known British competitors Brockbank and Shorter in Group "A" with Egger of Germany and Vial of France, and Orton, Green and Strang in Group "B" with Gaillou of France. This pool also included Muller of Holland.

In Group "A" John Trick of Wales was unfortunate to meet Egger in the first round. Shorter defeated Mapp of London without difficulty and then Vial of France. Egger and Shorter then met, Egger winning the contest.

In Group "B" Strang met Gaillou of France in the second round and won, then defeated Muller of Holland. Alan Green first disposed of his most persistent rival, Tony Orton, then Bob Sullivan, then Tony Reay and finally Nick Strang to emerge winner of the group.

The repechage of Group "A" not unexpectedly produced George Shorter the winner, for Pool "B" Bob Sullivan of Wales, a delightful player to watch but not aggressive enough yet for the cut and thrust of an individual contest of this nature.

In the semi-final Egger met Sullivan who unfortunately was given a chui for stepping outside the contest area. The contest went

full time, Egger gaining the decision. Green met Shorter for the second time in two months and gained the decision.

### **Alan Green in Top Form**

The final was one of the most exciting matches of the day—last year Alan Green had to withdraw through an injured leg and this year his heart was set on winning the coveted gold medal.

However although as is his usual practise he attacked ceaselessly and many times with scant regard for his own safety, he was unable to get the better of the very experienced German competitor and in about the last minute of the contest became waza-ari down. His incredible efforts to catch up in the remaining seconds are worthy of very special mention. Every throw named in the book was used in an endeavour to score ippon but as is often the case in situations such as this, with all caution thrown to the winds, the inevitable happened and he was caught, to be thrown for ippon within seconds of time being called.

### **Kerr draws Hard Pool**

Reigning champion George Kerr headed the hardest Group in the Middleweight category, having as contenders Hofmann of Germany and Clement of France—both very seasoned competitors and Clement, of course, being a bronze medallist in the European Championships this year. Brian Jacks, it was felt, had the easier pool with Dave Starbrook of London as his main British rival and Nalis of France as overseas competition.

Kerr was most definitely on top form and sporting a magnificent sun tan which made the majority of his opponents look white with

fright by comparison, although this probably was not the case. His first contest was with Littlejohn of the Premier club, Midlands, a 1st Kyu, then Wilson of the Medkwai and then Clement of France. This contest went full time, both competitors battling stolidly throughout and at the end Kerr gained the decision. His final contest in this group was against Hofmann — an old friend—the decision being given at the end surprisingly to Kerr as the majority of those watching and indeed Kerr himself felt that Hofmann had won.

### **Jacks loses to Starbrook**

In the other Group Starbrook defeated Guthrie of the Renshuden without difficulty and then brilliantly disposed of Mick Leigh. Then came the surprise of the day—Jacks versus Starbrook. Jacks had defeated Phillips of the Renshuden and Strettle of the North West Area, the latter on a decision and with difficulty, Strettle being a very awkward opponent to deal with, before meeting Starbrook and although the two have had some close fought contests in the past it was felt that Jacks would emerge the winner. However due to possibly being off form and certainly bad tactics he lost. Jacks' habit of tomoe-nage turned into ne-waza works on the majority and anyone who has seen his masterful groundwork never worries overmuch to see Brian underneath in an apparently impossible position as he has an incredible knack of wriggling out of trouble or applying a strangle in good time. He apparently on this occasion overlooked the fact that Starbrook is not only incredibly strong but incredibly stubborn and on the first occasion that he tumbled to the ground with an ineffective tomoe-nage after quite a lot of manoeuvring Star-

brook gained a holding which looked unbreakable. Jacks did eventually break free but not until 26 precious seconds had passed—waza-ari down. To the amazement of all concerned on gaining his feet he immediately attempted tomoe-nage again and the remainder of the contest was spent in negative groundwork—a win for Starbrook. Unfortunately Starbrook was next beaten by Nalis of France, thus putting Jacks completely out of the event in the preliminary rounds.

In the repechage of Group "A" Starbrook emerged the easy winner and Hofmann, without undue difficulty defeated all contenders including Clement of France, in Group "B".

In the semi-final Nalis met Hofmann, who gained the decision and Kerr gained the decision over Starbrook.

### **Kerr v Hofmann for Middleweight Title**

The final showed what can only be called "the old George"—aggressive, agile and brilliant. He was determined to win, as could be seen from every taut inch of him. Hofmann did, however, manage to tumble him down and was incredibly awarded waza-ari for the effort which amazed the crowd and undoubtedly had a very adverse effect on Kerr who was unable to gain ground and—a sight never before seen when competing in his own weight category—finally succumbed to an osaekomi. Those who have had the doubtful advantage of knowledge at first hand of Kerr's strength in groundwork can imagine then the strength of Hofmann.

A second gold medal to Germany.



## **Ross Picked for Top Honour**

Twenty-two competitors took the floor for the Light Heavyweight category, Ross in one Group with Rychkoff of France as one of his main rivals and McIver in the other Group with Allari of France and Romenath of Germany as his more troublesome competition. Romenath was a last minute substitute for Peter Hermann and although normally a middleweight had without difficulty been able to put on the extra weight necessary to qualify. An engaging player, speaking excellent English as indeed do most of the German competitors.

Ross defeated Fell, from the Northern Area, with the inevitable harai-goshi in short time, and then again scored ippon on Rychkoff of France. His final contest in the Group was against Freeman of the Budokwai—a short bullet headed competitor virtually unknown but who could, with little effort, take his place in an international team in the near future. Again a win for Ross.

## **McIver in Surprising Loss**

McIver as expected won his first contest without difficulty and then produced the second major surprise of the day by losing to Underwood for a full point. Underwood was then beaten by Searle who in turn was beaten by Romenath, thus putting our second star out of the competition completely.

In the repechage Allari emerged the winner of Group "A" and Rychkoff the winner of Group "B".

The semi-finals saw Rychkoff versus Romenath, result a win for

Romenath, and Allari versus Ross—a win to Ross by waza-ari.

## **Final Result Decision for Ross**

The final went the full time although Ross nearly succeeded in throwing Romenath, both players continually battling stolidly throughout the seemingly unending ten minutes. At the end the decision went unanimously to Ross—Open Light Heavyweight Champion for the second time.

The smallest category, the Heavyweight, is as usual, containing British hopes David Peake, Paul Eales and Keith Remfry and formidable German opposition in the form of Klaus Glahn, World Championship Open category silver medallist 1967, and Alfred Meier—surely the tallest competitor apart from Geesink in the judo world and certainly with the largest feet which could almost rank as the eighth wonder of the world.

Remfry was drawn in the Group containing Glahn and Declve of France, Eales and Peake were in the Group also containing Meier and Jeff Hawksby of the Northern Area.

The result of the first Group was inevitable, a smooth effortless win for Glahn in spite of his being slightly off form. In the second pool Meier swiftly disposed of Eales, then Hawksby and finally, although not so easily David Peake.

The repechage of the first Group resulted in success for Remfry and for Paul Eales in the second Group.

In the semi-finals Glahn met Eales—for about the fourth time this year, Glahn scoring awasete to win, and Meier won with a beautiful hairai-goshi over Remfry.

## **Glahn Heavyweight Champion for Second Time**

The final was dull and unmoving—ten minutes of push and pull, Glahn keeping his head tucked well down to the right the whole time, causing Meier constantly to change his grip to avoid a penalty for holding the jacket and sleeve on the same side, and resulted in the decision being given to Glahn. British Heavyweight Champion for the second time.

This year it had been decided to change the format of the "Open" category and allow anyone who wished to enter. Thirty-nine entered their names but six dropped out before the event, two being Ross and Egger who no doubt wished to conserve their energies for the forthcoming evening performance, the preliminaries of the open category started at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon. As was expected the majority of competitors came from the middle, light-heavy and heavy-weight categories with a sprinkling of light-middleweights to add to the excitement.

Meier drew a comparatively easy Group with one startling competitor—Alexander of the Renshuden—a lightweight. Throwing himself with gusto at Meier's knees, which were almost at eye level—he abandoned himself to the delights of playing with a giant, but inevitably was held down, wriggling magnificently to defeat. Malloy, a hitherto unknown from the Renshuden defeated Wittleton and Iten to be defeated by Meier in the final contest of the Group.

## **Glahn Loses to Clubmate**

In the second Group Glahn defeated Fell and Freeman and then Mountford and in the last

contest but one met one of his more dangerous opponents, McIver, who has on several occasions shaken the confidence of this supreme German player. This time Glahn gained waza-ari to win and it was confidently expected that McIver would make his way back through the repechage to take his rightful place in the semi-finals. However this was not to be the case, Glahn meeting his fellow countryman, Romenath, in the last vital contest.

This produced probably the most startling result of the day which was as incredible as it was improbable and resulted in a win by ippon for Romenath almost before the two players had taken hold to begin the contest. Whatever the reason it effectively put McIver out of the semi-finals but even the fact that these two German players come from the same club makes it hard to believe that Romenath has the skill to achieve such an easy victory over Glahn.

So to the final of the "Open" event with one solitary British hope—the unknown Malloy.

## **Meier v Glahn in Second Final Clash**

Once more Glahn and Meier met in the semi-final of this event and once more the contest went full time, Glahn gaining the decision at the end. The second semi-final was more exciting but disappointing for Britain with Romenath scoring waza-ari at 2 minutes and 18 seconds later scoring ippon.

The final saw a supposedly more cautious Glahn meeting his fellow club mate, Romenath and scoring ippon in 3 minutes. A not unexpected result and Glahn therefore retained his title of Open Champion of Great Britain.



## Repechage Not Absolutely Foolproof

The event as a whole ran fairly smoothly and it was felt, certainly by the organisers, that the introduction of the repechage system led to a much quicker and fairer method of gradual elimination. Certainly it must be better for competitors not to have to wait around endlessly while groups are fought off. The only flaw, as can be seen by the results of the Open category, is that a way is left open for tactics to

be used instead of sportsmanship and it would be advisable for the European Judo Union to seek a way round this unfortunate flaw. It is a tactic which has been used in European Championships before but is one which should not be allowed to occur again.

Prizes were presented by Charles Palmer and the General Secretary, her usual radiant self, resplendent during the evening performance in jade green velvet with sequins.



## LONDON

**RENSHUDEN JUDO CLUB:**—In spite of the biased and unjust comments which appeared in the last issue of this magazine regarding our players, Renshuden players have again achieved great contest success.

For the second year running the Renshuden has won a medal in each category of the British Individual Open Championship. R. Ross and G. Glass won gold medals, G. Shorter, D. Starbrook, P. Eales and "Unknown Frank" Molloy won bronze medals. In the short history of this event no club has been able to duplicate this feat and when all factors are considered it is success which counts in judo and the irrelevant criticisms make one wonder that perhaps the originator of such comments could be a little envious.

A very poor crowd watched England regain the Home International Trophy from Scotland. The Renshuden supplied England with Ray Ross, Light Heavyweight, and P. Eales, Heavyweight, and Scotland with Colin McIver, Light Heavyweight, and I think all present enjoyed the thrilling battle between Ross and McIver which resulted in a draw. Incidentally, McIver has returned to Scotland for a short holiday and all his club mates wish him well.

**THE BUDOKWAI.** *Hon. Secretary writes:*—A very Happy New Year to all our members and to all Judoka the world over.

December was a quiet month but even so, there are a few things worthy of mention. The club was well represented in the British Open Championships; especially noteworthy was Tony Reay, 3rd Dan, once again in action. Tony Orton was also in action, an ideal man to be our Match Secretary.

Talking of matches, we are meeting the L.J.S. in a friendly match later this month and hope to make this an interesting evening for both Judo men and our Karate members. The latter will be giving a demonstration. We are anxious to arrange a full session of matches this year. Any Club Match Secretaries write to Tony Orton to make arrangements.

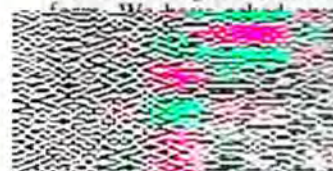
We are pleased to announce the formation of our own Karate Club, within the Budokwai, and look forward to some integration of these two martial arts. Not on the mat, of course, but in the administration, and arrangement of inter-club matches, gradings, etc. We are not planning to affiliate to any of the principal styles of Karate, but to provide facilities for all who wish

to practice to do so in the comfort of London's largest club. Enquiries for membership of the new Karate club can be made by telephone to FRObisher 1000, or by post.

The Junior European Championships of the European Judo Union are to be held in England for the first time, in March, 1968 at the Crystal Palace. Prospective contenders for this event should take advantage of the special Training Sessions held for the serious contest man every Monday night, at the Budokwai. Non-members are welcome, and our dojo fee of only 7/6 is very little to pay for the highly skilled and concentrated instruction offered.

We must correct a statement made in the November notes regarding the activities of Mr. Ray Ross. We mentioned that he was practicing on Monday nights at the Budokwai, but in fact, he is teaching full-time at the Renshuden.

We reluctantly have had to discontinue the publication of the "Bulletin", our Club magazine, and for years, the only Judo publication in magazine subscribers who would like some back numbers ready paid for, to let us know, but in addition to a small number of back issues going back for years, a small sale. Anyone interested, please write.



## BEDFORD

*Mr. M. J. Darlow writes:*—Bedford Judo Club programme for 1968, including quarterly promotion up to 1st Dan, all of which are open to non-members. The training programme which is being followed on Monday evenings, with such beneficial results, under Ken Maynard, will continue.

The 1967 Senior Club Championships was again won by Robin Gell, who narrowly defeated Jack Birbeck, recently promoted to 1st Dan.

The Bedford Ladies Judo Club will also be organising quarterly promotion examinations open to non-members, and it is intended to follow the dual

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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 think Miss Fourt's attitude and opinion (October) is very misleading to lower grades. She seems to have forgotten that she had to fight in contests and sweat and practice hard in an unladylike way to obtain her Dan grade. You will appreciate I am myself a bit puzzled by your statements concerning the 'Gentle Art'. Surely it is not the Gentle Art until you have had a good hammering.

S. H. VAUGHAN

Sir,

I think the idea of Inter-Association competitions, as suggested by S. H. Vaughan in the November issue of the 'Judo' magazine, is very good. Not only would it clear up a lot of misunderstanding, as he suggests, but it could also have other beneficial effects.

As we all know, attendances at Judo meetings are seldom good. This could be because of lack of interest in the results. If a Judo player went to watch a Judo match with the same enthusiasm as an Arsenal supporter when he goes to watch his team play, the match would be that much more exciting. As it is, there is little for the man from the small club to support. It could, also, help develop a better competitive spirit among the players, for while a Judo player may feel loyalty towards his club, when it comes to his Judo Association it is more like patriotism.

May I humbly invite, if they are readers of this magazine, Mr. Charles Palmer and O'Tani Sensei, both of whom I have had the honour to meet, and any other group leaders, to comment on this subject.

DAVID MILLS  
70 Rothbury Avenue,  
Rainham, Essex.

Sir,

I sympathize with Mr. Goodbody, whose letter appeared in October's

'Judo', in that, as far as I can see Judo and Karate in this country is regarded, generally speaking, in two entirely different ways. Firstly, as glamorous fighting techniques used by all the best television and film heroes, heroines and some villains to overcome their opponents. Secondly, as rigorous exercises of mind and body, sports for fanatics on physical exercise. The truth, of course, lies somewhere between the two. Very few of the general public realise that contests and championships exist in these sports, much less care who wins them.

Mr. Goodbody is right in saying that Judo, and to an extent Karate needs a press 'image' and a 'name' to put the right picture of Judo and Karate into the minds of the general public. Assuming that Brian Jacks is Judo's 'name', the 'image' for both Judo and Karate should be one of SPORT.

MARK IMPEY

Sir,

In answer to the comments recently regarding 'splinter groups', presumably written by those who never practise with, or desire contact with, the A.J.A.

I am a B.J.A. 1st Dan, and recently won the Goldberg-Vass Kyu grade trophy. I have also joined the A.J.A., and recently reached the finals of their National Championships. Last year's A.J.A. National finalist has also joined the B.J.A., and was picked to fight for the Midlands Area team, surely our opinions are worthy of note. I find no difference in standards between either, after hundreds of 'pull rounds'. I suggest the soap-box merchants from both associations climb down and find out themselves. However the B.J.A., being financially better-off has the advantage of Japan trained fighters and teachers.

In Warwickshire we are progressive in this respect. The county team, which recently defeated all the other Midlands Counties consisted of four B.J.A. judoka, one A.J.A. and five who

belonged to both groups. A number of Birmingham clubs have joined both associations, this means they have a say in matters regarding A.J.A. and B.J.A. If more Midlands clubs would follow suit we could virtually have the same committee men serving on both area committees. Clear headed Judoka

must realize this "Splinter" group, nearly as large as the B.J.A., is more akin to "half the block" and if they both use theirs they may save themselves from the "chopper".

A. UNDERWOOD

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

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## CLUB FORUM *Continued from Page 33*

arrangement which has proved so successful, a promotion examination followed by a coaching session under Mrs. Ivy Armitage.

The club is situated at 47 Conduit Road, Bedford, and visitors are very welcome.

## DENTON

DENTON JUDO SOCIETY: Founded in 1952, the Denton Judo Society has quietly built itself a reputation for producing highly skilled players. Just recently the club won the B.A.I. Championship, and in passing would like to thank the organisers for their invitations to take part.

Like most clubs we welcome visitors, telephone either R. Anten at Stockport 3945, or J. Forster at Woodley 5437, for full information. They will make you very welcome. The club has, practising regularly, 10 dan grades, of 3rd, 2nd and 1st dan. All of them are looking forward to seeing some new faces at the club as a result of this report. So if you are looking for some new people to practise with, remember the Denton Judo Society.

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## Czechoslovakian Championships

On November 25th five members of the Haywards Heath Judo Club took part in the Czechoslovakian Championships in Prague. At the time of going to press the results were not known, but we hope to publish details in our next issue.

Taking part are Mick Leigh, David Godden, Paul Brown, Leo Stanley and Donald Cristofoli.



# The 3rd SENBATSU CONTEST

NAGOYA, 19th NOVEMBER, 1967

VIVIEN FRYER

The Senbatsu—it could be called the Three-cornered Contest, was inaugurated only in recent years, and with the most recent contest each corner has had a turn at winning. The first contest was won by Meiji University, the second by Toyo Rayon Company, and this year the Osaka Police were the victors. As can be gathered from that, this is a contest between police, students, and businessmen. Sixteen teams took part. For the Universities, Tenri, Meiji, Takudai Chuo and Chukyo, Aichi Police, Osaka, Kumamoto and Hyogo-ken and the Keishicho. Companies represented were Hakuodo Advertising, Asahi Chemical Industries, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Fuji Steel, Kurashiki Rayon and Toyo Rayon.

Preliminary contests disposed of half these, and the tension started mounting as, with the expected results, the favourites were left on the battleground. Hakuodo versus Asahi Kasei was an interesting match; Hattori and Yamaguchi had

yuseigachis against Tsuruyama and Morinaga, but there was a point against Hakuodo as Miura had been downed by an osotogari from Yamamoto. Sasaki scored with an osaekomi against Kurihara, but Hakuodo's star player, Toriumi was defeated for yuseigachi to Ueno. Hakuodo's last two players both named Nakamura, held the fort however, Hiroshi Nakamura who was coach to the Universiade team kept Kubota at bay with a draw and Seiji Nakamura managed to score a taiotoshi.

Tenri versus Takushoku University was another tough contest which caused some speculation. Tenri have for some time enjoyed a high reputation for strong and stylish players, but of late they have been slipping, in particular since the Student Individual and East-West in Osaka when most of their stars fell from power. Douglas Rogers the well known Canadian was on hand to give moral support to his old University, Takudai. First out for Tenri was the Korean

Oh (Kure in Japanese) who managed to gain a yuseigachi against Takudai's Izawa. There was no further score. All the other contests were drawn leaving Tenri the winner by the narrow margin of a near point.

Osaka versus the Keishicho was one which carried more weight than most since in a recent contest during the All Japan Police Cham-

pionships, an injury sustained by Maeda which was generally disbelieved by most of the audience morally defeated Osaka who subsequently lost. As a little aside here, what happened was that, with the Keishicho half a point ahead, Maeda had met Matsunaga, who showed every sign of scoring. Maeda had hugged the edge of the mat in order to nullify any throw by Matsunaga, and Matsunaga, irritated by these tactics had, when ordered to return to the centre of the mat, thrown Maeda half-heartedly off the edge of the mat. Maeda had made a great fuss with much histrionics, stretcher-bearers were called on, apparently a back injury. I am told that he is in fact in hospital but for an ankle injury. The last man on for Osaka, having thought Matsunaga would win, was desperate and attacking wildly was countered.

However, to return to the story in hand, feelings were running high over the Keishicho v Osaka police contest, and the first contest was a draw. Kimura then scored for the Keishicho, and the next contest was drawn. Kawano of Osaka then scored against one of the Keishicho's crack players, Teruaki Sato—only a yuseigachi but nevertheless, a win. The next was another win for Osaka, Matsunaga scored with an osaekomi on Sekine. Yamaji then lost to an uchimata from Kato which set Osaka back a bit, but Matsuzaka who seems to be on good form these days scored a fast ippon on Iwama for Osaka's revenge.

Meiji University defeated Aichi-ken Police with a point and two yuseigachis to Aichi's no score. Oka and Komura won the decisions and Shinomaki scored the point.



Top: Kato of Keishicho, and below: Matsuzaka (Osaka Police) score during Sanbatsu Shiai at Nagoya.



This left Hakuhoodo to meet Tenri and Meiji to meet Osaka.

Hiroshi Nakamura drew with Yamazaki, and Tenri's Mendori lost to an osotogari from Sasaki. Seiji Nakamura then lost to the fastest point in the entire proceedings, a really superb bit of technique from Ninomiya who executed an okurierijime—how I wished I had had a cine-camera! Toriumi brought back the lead to Hakuhoodo with an uchimata-sukashi for ippon on Moroi. Yamaguchi drew against Hanada, and then Miura lost to a decision for Sasahara. He had been employing the most disagreeable delaying tactics in order to draw with Sasahara who is an excellent judoka, and Sasahara was clearly beginning to lose his temper and with reason. However, eventually Miura was given a warning, and the decision went to Tenri. Tenri were still behind however, and Hattori managed to draw with Oh to keep the advantage for Hakuhoodo.

Komura got Meiji off to a bad start by losing to Nakayama who scored an osotogaeshi for ippon. Suma evened the score with an osaekomi against Kowano. Kobayashi and Komatsu drew, but Shinomaki scored a yuseigachi to edge Meiji ahead against Ogata. Then came Matsuzaka who performed a technique called Komata sukui, and for the benefit of those who, like me, had ignorantly never

heard of it, I will explain. It began as an uchimata, but as Iwasa, the unfortunate recipient, was escaping, Matsuzaka grabbed him by the seat of his pants, and with his other hand already on the scruff of his neck, turned him over.

So the next time you do that in the dojo you know that it has a name. Now, of course, Osaka was ahead, and they still had Matsunaga in hand. Kitase scored awase-waza but little Oka did not stand a chance against the huge World Champion, who wasted little time in felling him with an osotogari.

The final was therefore Osaka Police against Hakuhoodo. One cannot help wondering if the score would have been different had Sato not been still off with his knee injury—but suppositions cannot help Hakuhoodo, and they certainly did very well against rather formidable opponents. Kawano and Nakayama of Osaka both drew against Seiji Nakamura and Sasaki. Then Hiroshi Nakamura put Hakuhoodo ahead with an uchimata for ippon against Chaya. Matsunaga was next on and of course evened the score with a haraigishi against Hattori. Hakuhoodo were relying on a point from Toriumi but he was unable to score against Komatsu, and predictably Matsuzaka scored a fast taiotoshi on Yamaguchi. Ogata kept Kanzaki at bay for a draw so that Osaka were the winners.

## JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# THE CHAMPIONS

## No. 2 NOBUYUKI SATO

World Ligthheavyweight Champion, 1967

Nobuyuki Sato is known throughout Judo circles in Japan as the number one groundwork specialist. Born in Hokkaido into a judo-playing family, he was at first taught by his elder brother, 5th dan Nobuhiro Sato who teaches physical education in Hakodate. He did not start until he was 14, but finding that he had a talent in that direction and that he was unusually strong, he decided to follow his brother's example and entered Tokyo's Kyoikudaigaku, or Physical Education University, which has produced many champions, among them Inokuma, Takeuchi and Hasegawa.

Shodan at 15, 2nd dan at 16 and 3rd at 17, he was making good progress, and gained his present grade, 4th dan, when he was 20. In 1965, he came second in the All Japan Student Individual, and in 1966 came second to Matsunaga in the heavyweight division of the All Japan Weight category Championships. In 1967 he met Okano in the final of the All Japan, and lost by a waza-ari, to take second place.

Sato injured his knee severely just before the Japanese World Championships Team set out for Salt Lake City, and he in fact won the World title while in considerable pain. On his return to Japan he was forbidden any training by doctors, and has been unable to do any judo at all since that time.

It is now feared that an operation will be necessary. It is the more remarkable, looking back, that several of his contests at Salt Lake City were won on tachiwaza.

In newaza, he is devastating. Once on the mat with Sato the best players are finished and they know it, and in contest assiduously avoid going to the ground with him; even Okano is wary of him, and he is no mean newaza man himself.

Although trained as a teacher, Sato preferred not to teach as he noticed that contest men tend to deteriorate once they start teaching. He therefore accepted an offer from Hakuhoodo Advertising Company. Hakuhoodo employ a number of leading judomen who are allowed generous time for training, and they even employ a trainer, Onda-sensei, who ensures that Hakuhoodo always win! An executive of the Hakuhoodo Company remarked to me recently that while some companies employ many judomen, they employ few but those few are the best. Sato is certainly the best. His favourite techniques are kuzurekamishihogata, udegarami, okurierijime and, standing, left osotogari, sasaetsurikomiashi, and tomoenage which he admits he just uses to get to the ground.

His present objectives are, of course, to win the All Japan and then to enter and win the Open



World Title. His injury and recent inability to train may have prejudiced his immediate goal of the All Japan, but between now and the 6th World Championships there is plenty of training time and with the extreme dedication he brings

to his chosen activity he certainly has every chance. Quiet, well-mannered and kind, he is well liked by the judoka he trains with, and they wish him the future victories he deserves.

## MEDITERRANEAN NEWS

S. A. BONELLO

**Italy.** The F.I.A.P. has, as from this year, changed the system for the Italian National Club Championships. Six clubs, namely Fiamma Yamato of Rome, Carabinieri of Florence, FF.OO of Nettuno, Sugiyama of Turin and the two Milan clubs, Jigoro Kano and Kodokan, were chosen to form the First Division League, or as the Italians call it, Serie A. This was won by the Roman club, Fiamma Yamato, which scored eighteen points while remaining unbeaten both at home and away. The outgoing champions, FF.OO of Nettuno, had to be content with the position of runners-up, three points behind the new champions. Bottom of the table, Sugiyama of Turin, are to compete in the Second Division when the new season starts.

The Second Division was composed of three sections with four clubs each. The section winners were Sette Samurai and Edear, both of Rome, and J.C. Finato Spilbergo. The Inter-Section League was won by Sette Samurai, which thus gained promotion to the First Division. No club was relegated to the Lower Division.

The Third Division League was a numerous one, with no less than ninety-three clubs participating. These were divided into twenty-five sections, the winners of which had to take part in semi-final pools. The six finalists met each other to decide the Third Division Championship. The title went to S.S. Busen of Milan with only one point ahead of A.S. Joseki of Rome. The Florentine club, Judo Kodokan, filled the third place. These three clubs gained promotion to the Second Division.

It was a very successful season for Roman clubs; Fiamma Yamato won the First Division League; Sette Samurai the Second Division; Edear finished runners-up in the Second Division Inter-Section League, and A.S. Joseki were promoted to the Second Division, besides finishing second in the Third Division final pool.

The Italian Federation has published recently its official list of Black Belts. The list shows that up to the 1st July, 1967 there were fifteen 4th Dan, forty-three 3rd Dan, sixty-six 2nd Dan and four-hundred and twelve 1st Dan, a total of five hundred and thirty-six. It also shows one female 3rd Dan, and nine 1st Dan.

## ALL JAPAN STUDENT INDIVIDUAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS Osaka, 1967

VIVIEN FRYER

One would have required psychic powers to have foretold the outcome of the 1967 Student Individual. Almost all those expected to win were toppled from their pedestals on November 4th.

It must be said that over all the standard of judo seen in this contest was far from that envisaged by Dr. Kano. It was on the whole

the poorest display of judo from the point of view of technique that I have seen since coming to Japan. The slogan appeared to be win at any cost and to hell with technique. Nevertheless some of the strongest players failed to make it.

Starting in the early morning and ending in the late afternoon it was a tedious day; the system was

Ninomiya thrown by Kino.







Sasahara (Tenri) scores on Masuda (Chuo) to win the Open Title.

a pool system which meant that everyone had to be on hand all the time until eliminated, and the hanging-about was fatiguing.

Winner of the Open was Tenri's Sasahara, who alone seems to have a waxing star among the waning Tenri constellation. He scored an osotomakikomi on Chuo's Masuda to win, and Takudai's Nishimura was third, beating his fellow student Tabata.

Meiji's Shinomaki predictably won the Heavyweight division but not without difficulty, gaining the decision against Takudai's Tokunaga. Nakagawa of Waseda and Kotani of Meiji were third and fourth. Favoured to win the Light-heavy were Tenri's Ninomiya and Meiji's Suma, and it was a surprise to all that both failed. Suma was defeated by Noguchi of Aoyama Gakuin for the title, and Ninomiya who had fallen from the lead earlier having been defeated by Suma, took third place by throw-

ing Machida of Nichidai with osotogari.

The Middleweight was won by the younger of the Sonoda brothers, Isamu, of Fukoka, who defeated one of the Yasumoto brothers of Doshisha, Yutaka, on a decision. Oh of Tenri came third scoring a haraimakikomi against Tomonari of Waseda.

The Light-middleweight was won by Tabata of Kokushikan on awasewaza against Yoshi Sonoda, Miura of Nichidai scoring an uchimata against his stablemate Kono for third place.

Mizunobu of Kokushikan won the Lightweight defeating Yonekura of Riudai with kataguruma, Hayama of Meiji winning the decision against Takeda of Fukoka for third place.

Mendori and Anzai who had come second in the Open and Heavy divisions last year were nowhere in the running this year.

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