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# EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAUSANNE SWITZERLAND MAY 1968

Report & Photographs by ALAN R. MENZIES

At one stage it looked as though there would not be a European Judo Championship in 1968, the first time since its inception in 1951, except for the 1956 event, which was cancelled due to the Hungarian uprising. However, at virtually the last moment, the Swiss Association came to the rescue, with the offer of Lausanne as venue, but, strictly on a limited budget. For those people who have been to any number of E.J.U. Championships in the past, the Swiss budget event in many ways outdid the full scale programmes of more affluent countries.

## **Switzerland Cares for it's Visitors**

The Swiss, more than anyone else in Europe, are very conscious of their responsibility towards their visitors, and with an eye to future business, they leave no stone unturned to make the stay of their guests pleasant, if expensive. Fortunately the weather was warm and dry for the whole period of the Championships, a very pleasant change for most of the participants.

The Championship is now covering four days, including the Con-

gress, which is held the day before the beginning of the actual competitions, and which is an important part of this event. This first day is one of the longest in the entire period, especially for the officials and delegates. It began with the Congress, in this case held at the Hotel Continental, at 8.30 a.m., continued with a reception at 6 p.m. given by the municipality of Lausanne, followed by the draw at 8 p.m., which finished at around midnight. During this period there are no scheduled breaks and most officials are lucky to get both lunch and dinner. During this period the teams and managers book in and the managers then meet up with the officials at the draw in the evening.

The British side arrived in the care of Team Manager John Ryan on Thursday, 16th May. They had an uneventful trip and were housed in the Hotel Eden, in the centre of the town. Their first job was booking in and establishing their identity, following which, while the manager was at the draw, the team members went to an early bed, in preparation of the next three days' fighting.

## **West Germany Start Favourites**

The Championships started on Friday, 17th May, at 10 a.m., with the eliminations for the Team event. This first day, only the team event was scheduled for completion, the individual weight categories and "Open" events were spread over a further two days.

Favourites for the team championship were West Germany, the 1967 winners, with Russia expected to make a great effort to get back into the lead again. Strong contenders for the title were Holland, France and possibly Great Britain, although we have been rather out of the running for the past five years.

## **Only Fifty Per Cent of E.J.U. Members Enter Teams**

Eleven countries entered teams, which is a small number compared to the countries taking part in the Championships. West Germany and Yugoslavia had byes in the first round, so did France and Switzerland. Great Britain met Belgium, who had surprisingly beaten us in an international only a couple of weeks before, but this time we turned the tables, and it would have been a disastrous event for us if we had not. In fact, we won by four contests to one, a decisive victory. This put us in the quarter-finals with Russia, who defeated Italy five-nil, and East Germany,

*Above:* On the left, Ladislav Pikhart, of Czechoslovakia, 1st Vice President of the E.J.U. and Horst Wolf, Assistant Director of Sport, from East Germany.

*Below:* The European Judo Union flag flying over the Hotel Royal-Savoy in which the Directing Committee of the E.J.U. stayed.





who beat Czechoslovakia four-one, together with those teams who received a bye in the first round. The semi-finalists who emerged from this round were West Germany, defeating Yugoslavia three-one, France who beat Great Britain four-nil—outstanding in this match was Remfry, who held Brodani to a draw. Russia versus Switzerland was a four-nil win for the visitors, and Holland joined the last four with a win over East Germany by the narrow margin of three-two.

### **Holland Defeat Russia**

The next round saw some surprising results which became even more surprising later on. West Germany defeated France three-nil and Holland beat the Soviet machine by three-two with a brilliant win by Snijders over Kibrotsashvili. This put France and the U.S.S.R. in the repechage with East Germany and Yugoslavia. France had a hard battle with Yugoslavia before winning by three contests to two, and Russia just managed to beat East Germany by two-one. This meant that the original four leading teams were once more face-to-face, except that West Germany now met Russia and France met Holland. Russia defeated the favourites three-one and moved into the final, where they were joined by France, who eliminated Holland three-two. Holland and West Germany, the two teams who fought through all

#### **OPPOSITE.**

*Above:* Exciting attack during one of the semi-finals on the last day of the Championship.

*Below:* A classic example of attacking the opponent from behind, with feet tucked well in the attacker can launch a hard and persistent effort against an opponent who has to defend the whole time.



Sergei Suslin of Russia acclaimed the best player of the whole Championship and presented with a special prize by the Omega watch company.

the preliminary rounds without loss, were now consigned to third place positions, while France and Russia were finalists.

### **Russia Now Close to Victory**

At this stage I do not think that anyone really thought that France would stop the Russians. The first contest between Feist and Suslin, both previous European Gold Medallists, ended with a win for the Russian and put them in the lead, which greatly increased their chances of winning to the detriment of the French. Then Guichard turned the tables on Natelashvili, which brought both teams level on score, but with Russia ahead



The Swiss trumpeters who played the victory fanfare at each presentation.

on points. Clement met and defeated Kotik, a hard rough battle for the French middleweight, but I think the eventual result turned entirely on him. France now led by two contests to one, still, however, in the underdog position, with two very strong Russians to fight. Pokataev, who fought in the Middleweight division last year and who has now moved up a weight into the Light Heavyweight class, although he looks very small for the category, had a very long battle with Coche and eventually won, which now put the two teams in an equal position with the Russians leading slightly on points. Therefore it all depended on Brodani of France and Kibrotsashvilli of Russia. Both players were more than careful of each other for a couple of minutes, but Kibrotsashvilli decided that nothing would come of it without some effort and he started to open up. Brodani now looked in some danger from the Russian, and it was not long before it looked like a Russian victory. Kibrotsashvilli started to get on top and Brodani still had not really

made any serious impression, although he had weathered most of the attempts that the Russian made to score. Three minutes from the end of the long contest Brodani got a leg under Kibrotsashvilli, just inside the red boundary line. One hop took the Russian up on a strong Uchi-mata, the second took him right over and flat on his back outside the area, he landed on the edge of the safety area, nine feet from the line, the line judge indicated it was inside and Brodani got the surprising award of a wazari. In the minds of most people watching, he should have got an ippon for it, others felt that it was outside the contest area and he should have got nothing for it, but whatever anyone thought the score was upheld and the contest went on with Brodani now making really strong efforts to keep the Russian at bay, and he did this very well, indeed he held out until the bell and France had won the team championships of Europe for the first time since 1962, making it their sixth win in 18 years of competing, which is the record number of wins by any European country.

### **Kerr and Jacks Expected to do Well**

After the excitement of the team competition the next day saw the start of the individual events in three categories, Middleweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight classes. We had competitors in all weights, our hopes being pinned on Kerr and Jacks in the

OPPOSITE.

*Above:* One of the participants holding his opponent at bay during the eliminations.

*Below:* George Glass defending against his opponent during one of the many elimination contests.





Saunin of Russia having a hard struggle with Krajnovic of Yugoslavia in the final of the Open Category. Saunin eventually won.

Middleweight category, who always produce tremendous effort, determination and skill in these competitions. Most of the competitors in this class were old hands and had been in the Championships several times before. There were few new faces among these competitors, which meant that every contest would be hard and long. It is unfortunate for the Middleweight players that they usually meet the most skilful, always the greatest

number, and the most experienced opposition.

### **Kotik Scores Lucky Point**

Our first competitor was Brian Jacks who met Kotik of Russia. No one who watched this contest could doubt that Jacks would be the eventual winner. Kotik had the hardest fight of his career when he tangled with the British contestant.

Jacks not only succeeded in giving the Russian a hard time standing up, but unlike so many of the western competitors carried the fight to Kotik on the ground and had the Russian in a lot of trouble. Unfortunately the end result was the reverse of what we thought it would be. In pursuing the Russian in groundwork, Jacks got on his back in an attempt to secure a shime-waza, the Russian suddenly stood right up and threw Jacks on to the floor with Kata-guruma, and it was an ippon for the Russian. Many people there thought that the referee should have called for a break, but apparently the action as performed by Kotik was well within the rules.

Kotik carried on through the pool until he met Hofman of West Germany, where he was beaten, and this put Jacks out of the competition altogether.

### **Second British Player Out**

Our second man in this weight was Kerr, who met and defeated Segers of Belgium in the first round and then he, too, lost to an Iron Curtain fighter, Ipacs of Hungary, who himself was beaten by Leupold of East Germany and this effectively stopped our second player. The eventual result of this weight class was: winner Hofman of West Germany on a decision over Clement of France, Leupold got a bronze with Miebach of West Germany.

### **McIver and Bishop in First Match**

The same sort of luck dogged our footsteps in the Light Heavyweight category. Bishop and McIver were the entrants. Bishop met Eugster of Holland in the first round and lost to a holding. Eugster himself did not survive to the end, Barth of West Germany

removed him and at the same time stopped any chance of Bishop having a second crack through the repechage. McIver, on whom we had pinned our hopes in this category, had a bye in the first round and then went out to Howiller of East Germany in the second. However, Howiller was expected to reach the end of the line, but unfortunately for us he met Herrmann of West Germany and lost.

The final result of this category was Herrmann of West Germany, who defeated Howiller, for the second time, he came back in the repechage, with Barth of West Germany taking one bronze and Eugster of Holland taking the other.

We only had one entrant in the Heavyweight class, Paul Eales. In his first contest he beat Zanchetta of Italy, then met Kiknadze of Russia and out went Eales. He had slightly better luck than our other contestants, he came back in the repechage, where he met Henning of East Germany, but he did not survive that contest.

The Heavyweight Champion turned out to be Glahn of West Germany, with Kiknadze taking the silver, Meier, West Germany, and Butka of Austria shared the bronze.

### **Last Chance for a Medal**

The third and last day of the Championships saw us with our last chance to take home a medal of any sort, and it now depended on our Lightweights and Light Middleweights, with possibly one of the entrants in the Open category getting through to the last four. In the Lightweight category, our first player to fight was Da Costa, who met Schroeders of Holland and Da Costa won without too much difficulty. He then

fought and beat Amoos of Switzerland to reach the third round. In this round Pylypin of France proved too good for the British player and out he went. Unfortunately, Pylypin met Suslin of Russia, easily the most outstanding player of the entire Championships. Suslin won, exit Danny Da Costa. George Glass, further down the

table, had an easy first-round contest with Jakob of Switzerland, then met his valhalla, when Pulai of Hungary put him out of the running, and Pulai himself went out to Martkopychivilli of Russia, thus were the British hopes dashed once again. The winner of this category was not Suslin, but his fellow countryman, Markoply-

A photograph taken during the team eliminations on the first day of the Championships.



George Kerr attacking one of his opponents in the eliminations of the Middle-weight division.

chivilli, who in the final, quite probably marked down as the loser, got the advantage when Suslin was given a "chui" a minute from the end. Feist of France and Pylypin of France took both the bronzes.

### **Wood and Orton Carry British Hopes**

The Light Middleweight category now held all our hopes, with Wood and Orton. Wood first took the stage against Altman of Luxembourg, and won with a very nice ippon. He continued to progress when he met and defeated Reznicek of Czechoslovakia, then came his most difficult opponent, Egger of West Germany, but, here again Wood came through with colours flying to reach the last round of

the table and find himself against Magaltadze of Russia. After a hard contest he lost, but he was at least in the repechage.

Orton, on the other hand, had worse luck, he met and defeated the other Czechoslovakian Vachun, then demolished Schroder, with a brilliant ippon and went on to Kur of Poland, which was an unfortunate since Kur, Natelashvilli of Russia and lost to him, which deprived Orton of getting back in.

### **Wood takes Bronze Medal**

Wood got through his only contest in the repechage to meet Natelashvilli of Russia in the semi-



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finals and be sure of a medal. The contest went to time, the Russian got the decision and there was no doubt that he was the better player. A great fight by the Scot, but he met his match at this stage. Eventual winner, Magaltadze of Russia, with Natelashivilli runner-up, and Wood and Kur sharing the bronze. The first medal for Britain in the Championships so far.

The Open event remained for everyone to try to get that extra medal or get any sort of medal if they could. Kerr was our first player, a mite among the giants. He met Brodani of France in his first contest, after having a bye in the first round and lost the decision, which put him out altogether since Brodani lost to Krajnovic of Yugoslavia in the next round. Paul Eales, our other Open category entrant, was eliminated in the first round when he came up against Saunin of Russia. Saunin lost to Henning in the last round before the

semi-finals and this kept Eales out of the repechage.

Winner of this year's Open Championship was eventually Saunin of Russia, with Krajnovic of Yugoslavia second, and Monczyk of West Germany and Henning of East Germany sharing the bronze.

### **Britain and Holland Sink to All Time Low**

We experienced the worst result we have ever suffered in the Championships. I cannot recall when we last came home with only one bronze medal. Holland also slumped dramatically this year, while some of the smaller and newer Judo nations pushed their way towards the top.

The medal distribution went like this:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Russia	3	4	—
W. Germany	3	—	5
France	1	1	2
E. Germany	—	1	2
Yugoslavia	—	1	—
Holland	—	—	2
Poland	—	—	1
Austria	—	—	1
Gt. Britain	—	—	1

### OPPOSITE.

*Above:* A shot taken during the eliminations on the weight categories.

*Below:* Trying to turn his opponent over, one of the players about to go over the line

# CLUB FORUM

## BROMLEY

**BROMLEY & BECKENHAM JUDO CLUB.** *Bob Pope writes:*—Recently the club obtained the services of Joe Rowe to run a course of instruction in the new British Judo Association promotion syllabus, particular attention is being paid to the kata requirements, and the new British Judo Association contest rules. The club would be pleased to have visitors for this course of instruction for a dojo fee of 3/6d. per session, the class is being held at the clubs premises, 33 Great Elms Road, Bromley, Kent on a Thursday evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The club is open for general practice on a Tuesday evening 8—10 p.m., visitors welcome.

## CROYDON

**CROYDON & DISTRICT JUDO SOCIETY:**—The club is organising an "Open Tournament" for club teams of three players at the club premises on 28th July starting at 10.30 a.m. The details are as follows:

1. Entry is open to all clubs in the Southern Area of the B.J.A.
2. A team will consist of three players of any weight, only one of whom may be a dan grade of any degree.
3. All contestants must be in possession of a current B.J.A. individual licence on the day of the event.
4. The tournament will be on a knock-out basis with repechage.
5. The tournament will be held under the new B.J.A. contest rules.
6. Closing date for entries is noon on Tuesday, 23rd July.

Those clubs wishing to take part in this tournament are asked to contact John Goodger, 51 Woburn Court, Wellesley Road, Croydon 2AF, or telephone 01-688 0200.

## KENT

**RENZU KWAI JUDO CLUB** from *A. L. Claughton:*—The Kent Junior Judo Association Team Championships were held at Oakwood Judo Club premises at Oakwood Hospital, near Maidstone, on Saturday, May 18th. The Club

entered four teams of five, two of which came first. These were the under 8 mixed team and the 8 to 11 boys team, each member receiving a gold medal. The girls 11 to 16 team came third and the boys 11 to 16 were unplaced, having had to withdraw due to injury. Identical twins, Ken and Gary Hawkins, along with Steven Robsen, won all their eight contests and although all only 10 years of age, have a great judo career ahead of them.

On Tuesday, 28th May, a short film show was held at the club, showing some Japanese Sumo wrestling, featuring Taiho, one of the Yokuzuna (Champion) wrestlers, giving his opening ceremony held prior to each day's contests of the senior division. This was followed by some actual contests. Then a short film on Dog Fighting was shown, carried out at a "Travelling Circus" type of show, which tours the county circuits and where a particular fighting breed of dog is used, not unlike a labrador. The dogs fight silently and obey their masters explicitly. They even stand facing each other before the fight, until the word Hajime is called. For the benefit of dog lovers, they do not fight to the death and after each fight, they are attended to by a vet and apart from the odd scar and tattered ear, are none the worse for wear.

The club are holding a special course to cover the new British Judo Association Contest Rules over the weekend of September 14th/15th. Since the beginning of this year both the old and new B.J.A. rules have been in operation, but, from the beginning of this month only the new rules are now legally in use. In common with many other clubs we found that there can be a lot of confusion when such a change takes place and it is to clarify and advise on the new rules that we have arranged for this course to be held.

Brian Jacks, the well known international player, who has been using these contest rules ever since their inception in the international field has agreed to take the course. We would like to invite any reader who is interested to come to the course and bring any other interested player. In order to defray the cost a charge of 30/- is being made and those intending to come on the course should send a 10/- deposit to the club secretary to make sure of a place. The sessions will be held from 10—12 a.m. and 2—4 p.m. on both days. Initially applications from both men and women of 2nd Kyu and above are invited, but anyone else who wants to come along get in touch with the Secretary, 30 Eaton Road, Sidcup, Kent.

In order to help those who may travel some distance, the club will provide accommodation over night in the dojo with breakfast for 6/6d., bring your own sleeping bags.

## LONDON

**RENSHUDEN JUDO CLUB.** *A. Doppo writes:*—The Goldberg Vass was once again one of the best organised and well supported Judo shows, and we offer our congratulations to the L.J.S. for such an excellent event.

Renshuden members were once again in the medals. Our first medal came when Paul Eales took the Heavyweight Category for the third year running. The Light Heavyweight Category was to provide one of the most exciting finals of the evening with "Unknown Frank" Malloy defeating David Barnard with one of the most spectacular O-Uchi-Gari's seen for some time. However, "Wild Man" Barnard has the consolation of being one of the few players currently competing who are older than most of the referees.

David Starbrook won the Middleweight Category with a somewhat controversial decision, for the second year running. The Light Middleweight Category was to provide one of the big shocks of the evening, with Billy Nelson, a young Renshuden player, defeating International Tony Orton.

George Glass showed that he has regained form by defeating clubmate, S. Kimura, to win the Lightweight category.

In fact, for the second year running, the Weight Categories have been dominated by Renshuden players, an achievement which multiplies when one realises that we are under the great disadvantage of having no Coach Award holders among our Instructors.

A future Sunday morning activity, which may be of interest to all Judo Clubs, is a "Three-Man" team contest event. Clubs may send in three-man teams on the second Sunday of every month. The teams can be any size, shape or colour and Clubs can send as many teams as they wish. It will be a good chance for small clubs to not only fight the "Giants", but to also compete against other small Clubs. This is for the small fee of 6/- per team, which we think all Judo players will appreciate as a good bargain.

London Judo players are now reminded that they can practice at the Renshuden as a visitor, for a dojo fee of 6/-, as some people seem to still be under the impression that we only allow "Out of Town" Visitors.



## THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NOTES

### Senior European Championships 1968

Our congratulations to William Wood, Light Middleweight, the only medal winner for Great Britain (bronze) at the recent Senior European Championships in Lausanne.

### International Events

It is regretted that the proposed international match Great Britain v. East Germany, scheduled to be held at Crystal Palace on the 14th September, has had to be cancelled as East Germany are unable to send a team.

For advance information the 1969 Senior European Championships will be held in Ostend, Belgium, from the 14th-18th May and the 1969 World Championships will be held in Mexico City from the 12th-18th October.

The E.J.U. Referees Course which was scheduled to be held from the 2nd to the 8th June, 1968 had to be cancelled at short notice and it is hoped will be reconvened some time in September.

## 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 would be grateful if you would allow me space to mourn the death of Anthony Cathcart Gordon, 1914-68 3rd Dan, A.A.J.A.

Some of the older members of the Budokwai might remember him; he was a B.J.A. 1st Kyu with a Budokwai membership card No. 43. He did his judo at Cambridge 33-36. He spent the first part of the war flying bombers over Germany and the latter part in a German P.O.W. camp. He and his friends taught judo there on paper stuffed mattresses.

Probably his favourite occupations were playing judo, talking about it and singing in chorus with the other instructors, his collection of rather doubtful ditties, this while consuming a rather surprising amount of beer.

All in all he was quite a man. You could say, I suppose, that he liked judo, beer, books, poetry and children; he was certainly a good children's instructor and children liked him, not a bad epitaph for any man.

He was a man, we hope our sport produces other men like him—good men or bad men, but men. A samurai said to his son 'I would not have you a priest—of whom there are many, but a man—of whom there are few'.

He was a man in this sense—quirky, individualistic, stubborn, witty and sensitive, enthusiastic and painstaking, courteous and competent. His fellow coaches salute him.

FRANK C. DANDO

Sir,

May I thank Mr. Sheedy for his intelligent and unbiased article on Women's Judo. There must be many ladies who practice judo for enjoyment

and exercise. What is wrong with that? Why should they be objects of Miss Fryer's derision? Players of average ability and enthusiasm form the backbone of any club—it is only a small minority who become outstanding performers and who feel any urge to undertake serious and hard training.

Miss Fryer's resentful attitude appears to be peculiar to judo. In other sportsmen and women players do not seriously *train* together, and in national or international events they do not compete against each other—yet one does not hear furious outcries from the female section. There are many women who have achieved international recognition in sport—but they have competed as women—in women's events—against other women. This has in no way detracted from their achievement—indeed why should it?

Quite a few clubs allow mixed practice sessions, and I agree that women can improve their technique—and certainly their ukemi—by practising with male judoka. But the operative word is 'practising'. In mixed practice sessions I have found the men patient, helpful and careful. But it was clearly understood that they were there to help us improve and speed up our techniques—not to train with us. Had the latter been the case, I am sure the majority of the men would have been resentful—and rightly so—at having to waste their time.

Only a fool would pretend that women can compete with men on equal terms in judo or in any other sport. The sensible ones accept this and do not try. Quite a number of us are content to enjoy our sport and do our best to develop skill, style and grace, without trying to kill ourselves apeing the men.

Men and women are supposed to complement each other—not compete against one another. This is a basic

fact of life, Miss Fryer, and you might be a happier person if you could accept the situation.

MISS A. MacHARDY

Sir,

With reference to the 'Festival of Judo' held on Saturday 1st June, I see in the March edition of your Judo magazine the L.J.S. claim the biggest and most successful club event in Great Britain, now in its 13th year, well I have only been to the one on June 1st, and if this is their claim then obviously L.J.S. members have not been around local club tournaments, because I can honestly say I have never seen anything like the circumstances at the L.J.S., during the 'under 14' preliminary rounds.

A mat area hardly large enough to swing a cat round, let alone room enough for other team members, unwanted spectators on the mat other teams waiting to go on the mat, the timekeeper walking round while the boys were fighting, looking as though he was lost, even the recorder jumping around on the mat, mind you there was no where else he could go to: Consequently the referee, good fellow that he was, had to ask some members to leave the dojo, as they got a little overheated during one contest. I believe everyone watching felt the same so why not ask everyone to leave, I think they would have done so.

Many of the clubs that enter their youngsters in the contests do so for the sport win or lose, but one London club seem to have a different thing in mind, win anyhow even if it means permanent injury to their opponents. It seems to many of us 'outsiders' that our mums feed our children on something different to the East London mums, ours seem so small for their age, we do not seem to be able to get our 13 year olds up to Senior grades.

One other point I would like to make is why have rules for the Festival as they obviously do not mean a thing, or perhaps they only apply to some and not to others. Take rule 39, the order of each team must be given to the recorder at least 30 minutes before the start of the tournament, this presumably did not apply to one London club, since

they arrived at least thirty minutes late. The referee had asked if the competition should start without the club, all but one of the club managers present agreed to start without them, however as soon as they arrived they were allowed to enter, so why bother to have rules. I am sure if this had happened to an out of town club they would have been scrubbed, I suppose having friends in the right places helps.

Next year I do hope the eliminations will be held at the Crystal Palace, after leaving the L.J.S. and arriving at the Palace I was amazed at the difference, the organisation at the Palace was not to be compared with the L.J.S. in any way, at long last our youngsters had the chance of doing some good judo, and seeing some of the well known faces of people often mentioned in your magazine.

I would like to thank Joan Chew for all she did for the lads and for being so nice to everyone, if anyone needs thanking I think she does, I only found out her name by the picture in your March issue.

A. SAWYER  
Uxbridge

Sir,

With reference to the letter by Mrs. E. Todd in the June issue, I would like to point out that all five players in the Newham Senior team were full time students. Three are full time at Technical School, and incidentally only seventeen years of age, one is at a College of Further Education, and the other one is at University. I myself tried to have an upper age limit of eighteen imposed by the B.S.J.A. as long ago as 1966.

Did Mrs. Todd notice the Army, Air Force and Navy teams, all of them paid apprentices, and indeed some of them had served overseas. We are justly proud of our Senior team and very sorry indeed to say that all of them leave school this year. It will be a long time before their record is broken, 1966 Runners-up, 1967 and 1968 Champions. At the 1968 Championships they won 28 out of 30 contests, scored 252 points and only conceded 15.

JOHN RYAN  
Senior Coach  
London Borough of Newham

# Area || News

## NORTH EASTERN AREA *Beryl Burkinshaw*

Congratulations to the Womens Area Team, who came second in the Womens National Competition in May. This year's Womens' area course, held at Leeds on 18th-19th May, was very successful. It was taken by our Area Coach and our four county coaches. There is a course and competition in September for junior girls—more news in next month's notes.

The Dan grading held at Sheffield was very well attended. The men started at 11 a.m. and women in the afternoon, with two men and two women being recommended. The next Dan grading will be in Nov. at York.

This year's Area Championships were divided into two events—Individual and Team. The individual event was held on 25th May at York, R.I., and was a great success. Our thanks to York R.I. for the use of their club.

The results were as follows:—Lightweight winner, F. Rowley, Selby; Light Middleweight, M. Peake, York R.I.; Middleweight, H. Carmichael, Leeds; Light Heavyweight, G. Holling, Yorkshire Sports Club; Heavyweight, D. Peake, York R.I.; Open, D. Peake, York R.I. There was a Karate demonstration and a demonstration of Naga-No-Kata by two boys from York R.I.

The next area promotion examination for men is at Yorkshire Sports Club, Leeds, on 14th July, starting at 10.30 a.m. and is for Juniors, Beginners, and 6th and 5th Kyu only. There is an examination for women at Sheffield Judo Club, also on 14th July, starting at 2 p.m. and is for all grades.

## SCOTLAND *David A. Jarvis*

The A.G.M. of the Scottish Judo Union was held in the Police Training College, Glasgow, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 12th May. There was the usual abysmal turn-out, with just over one club in five managing to send a representative to the meeting. The executive can only assume that the large majority of Scottish clubs approve of their policies.

Since the S.J.U. and B.J.A. coaching schemes have now been officially integrated as from the last Zadankai, Scotland now has six County Coaches and eight Club Coaches and a great many others in the pipeline, thanks largely to the efforts of Andrew Bull.

Andrew Bull and Pat Hughes have organised an International Match between Scotland and the Army. This is to be combined with a training weekend and will be held on Saturday, 22nd and Sunday, 23rd June at the Junior Leaders Training Unit, Dundonald Camp, Troon, Ayrshire. The Scottish Team and Team Pool, will be chosen by Andrew Bull, Pat Hughes, Jack Cocker, Bobby Moncur and George Kerr.

Arrangements for the Home International are also now underway. It is scheduled to take place in Perth on 23rd November and further details will be given as soon as they are available.

# BRITISH SCHOOLS JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

REPORT — ALAN R. MENZIES

PHOTOGRAPHS — TOM KIRSCH & ALAN R. MENZIES

This year the British Schools Championships included girls as well as boys for the first time. They were not contesting in the same manner as the boys, naturally, they were competing solely in Kata. Personally, I would like to see the boys taking part in Kata competition as well as the girls, and I do not think it would do any harm for the junior and intermediate girls sections to enter teams for a girls contest event.

In any case the presence of girls taking part with the boys in public at the British Schools Judo Championships, in whatever capacity the organisers think fit, is a vast improvement on the semi-secret, behind locked doors, womens event at Keele University.

It would be unfair to pick out particular teams or boys for special

mention in these columns, without first emphasising the tremendous spirit and effort of all the competitors. Not one single player is more worthy of mention than any other except, that, in any competition someone must win and someone must lose, and those who won were by any standards exceptional for their spirit, ability and dedication.

## **Three Hundred and Fifty Eight Participants**

Before I go into more detail about any contest or match, I would like to provide the reader with some astonishing statistics. At first sight they might not be so incredible, but just reflect on them for a little while and you get a truly remarkable picture of school-children involved in just one sport.

The Championships were divided into three sections, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. In the Junior event there were 32 team matches, each team consisted of five boys, 160 individual contests involving 85 boys with 17 reserves standing by. In the girls section there were entries from five areas, which involved 10 girls with 10 reserves. The Intermediate section was slightly smaller, with 21 team matches, 105 individual contests, 70 young players with 14 reserves. The girls in this category had entries from seven areas which meant 14 girls and 14 reserves. In the senior event, 35 team matches involved 90 boys and 18 reserves in 175 individual matches, while the girls from four areas competed in four pairs with 10 reserves. That, dear reader, makes the staggering total of 88 team matches, 440 individual contests, 19 Kata demonstrations, and involves 358 children.

I would point out that I am indebted to Eric Schofield, the chief organiser and secretary of the London Schools Judo Association, for that mass of information, which I like to see, and I am sure a lot of our readers like to also.

## **An Event is often seen in Various Ways**

Now we can get down to talking about specific players and teams, and there are many who deserve mentioning. Before we get that far, however, I would like to offer a short explanation to the readers of this magazine, regarding reports of events covered by myself. I cannot speak for our other correspondents. At the B.S.J.A. Championships, I was told by two people, that sometimes what they read in this magazine about a particular event is vastly different from what actually took place. While I disagree on this

The winning Newham Senior Team with coaches, John Ryan, Colin Gilbert and Pat Walker, the team is Frank Eagles, Howard Tucker, Stephen Lester, Robert Jolly, Robert Clarke.





point, I do realise that everyone watching any activity sees it in an entirely different light to his neighbour and if we were to ask ten people to write about an event that they had all watched, we would have ten very different stories to read. Therefore, since my name appears at the top of the article, I expect my readers to realise that it is my report as I saw it that they read, and it is bound to be different from almost everyone else's to some degree. The only thing I can say is that when mentioning actual scores, statistics, etc., the information is as accurate as can be ascertained from official sources.

### London Shine This Year

This year, the standard of the London teams was extremely good. Their skillful judo and attacking spirit made them favourites with the crowd throughout the day, and they did indeed win two of the titles, the Junior and Intermediate and came second in the Senior final. A great triumph for the London trainers, particularly Tony Reay, of the Budokwai. Their most impressive success was in the Intermediate division. In the preliminary pool, they won every match, in the semi-final they defeated Cambridge five-nil and then in the final against another brilliant side, Birmingham, they won by four contests to one. Throughout their long day they displayed outstanding skill, often to win against bigger and heavier opponents.

In the Junior section, the London side again won, but here the

OPPOSITE.

*Above:* Newham player holding Bristol player in the Junior eliminations.

*Below:* Tremendous attempt to avoid being thrown by one of the participants in the Bedfordshire v. Birmingham junior eliminations.

superiority of the capital players was not so apparent, although they won by a very decisive margin over their adversaries in the final. Somerset and Dorset, by four contests to one. In the Senior final, London went out fighting to Newham, who this year conceded two of their titles, although maintaining a tight hold on the Senior event. They only lost two contests throughout the day and their team displayed some tremendous techniques and provided plenty of action packed minutes.

Another trophy for London was the Girls Senior Kata award, won by Vema John and Juliett Prescod, who demonstrated Katame-no-kata.

### Midland Glory

Often, in these sort of Championships, it is not always the winning teams that deserve all the glory, and in my opinion the Birmingham Junior side were outstanding. Leading light in this miniscule side was Marcus Archer, captain of the team, and he set a fine example for his team members to follow. In every contest he won with a tremendous throw, demonstrating skill, ability, style and spirit that would have done credit to a world class player. Also in the team, filling the anchor man position, was young Geoffrey Archer, a smaller version of his brother, who invariably fought an opponent bigger than himself and he also demonstrated that same "never say die" spirit. The other members of this brilliant Midland team were Martin Yates, first man on who took the brunt of the fight, and Paul Collins, who ably followed him, with Richard Rolls filling the fourth place to make up a most notable side. They lost in the semi-finals to Somerset and Dorset by the narrow margin of three contests to two, but they never lost their spirit and went out fighting, a bunch of boys for Ernie Price, their coach, to be proud of.



Cambridge scoring against Kent in the Senior eliminations.

### **Newham Takes The Senior Title**

In the "Mans" event, the Senior division, Newham and London both reached the final. Newham were very firm favourites in this category before the event was ever held. The John Ryan players are too well known to doubt their chances, and although they did not this year manage to make a grand slam, it would have taken an exceptional side to have deposed them from the senior title.

London were expected to reach the final in this division as well, and the fact that they did so, only

stresses the superiority of the players in this age group, from the capital city. Both teams virtually came through the entire preliminary rounds without conceding a point and met in the final for one of the toughest events ever seen in the B.S.J.A. Championships. The first contest went to Newham, when Frank Eagles succeeded in getting a decision over Vincent Raimondo after a full time contest.

London went into the lead in the next contest when Kevin Crickmar scored on Howard Tucker for ippon, the match then being one each, with London leading by ten points to five. Stephen Lester of Newham put Newham in the lead again with a five point decision over Paul Harman. Robert Jolly increased the Newham lead with a similar decision and this clinched the title for the Newham side. The last contest only signed and sealed it, when Robert Clarke scored ippon against Alan Dunn of London, to make the final result a four-one win for the Newham side.

In this division the individual trophy, presented last year by the Japanese Ambassador, went to Kenneth Hardie of Cambridge.

London did not come empty handed out of the Senior division, they won the girls Kata award with a flawless demonstration of the Katame-no-Kata by Vema John and Juliett Prescod.

### **Success for the B.S.J.A.**

The overall result of the Championship was one of success for everyone concerned. This is only the second event to be held at the centre by the B.S.J.A. and it was a great improvement over the previous year, but, there are several small changes of organisation that could be introduced to improve it even further. One system that the



Above: Captain of the London Junior Team receiving the trophy from Charles Palmer, Chairman of the British Judo Association, President of the International Judo Federation.

Below: Kenneth Hardie of Cambridge receiving the 'Ambassadors' Trophy.



A narrow escape during one of the Junior contests.

B.S.J.A. did use, which demonstrated a scoring system for the audience to read, while the events were taking place with the use of

overhead projectors, could well be adopted by the National Association and indeed by the Continental Unions for their championships.

The one sad note of this week-end, was the knowledge that this splendid spirited style of Judo shown by the boys of the British Schools Judo Association, will be missing next year. Next year the B.S.J.A. are going to use at their championships, the C.K.I. system, successfully introduced at their conference this year. Personally, I do not think that anyone can use a scoring system similar to that used for dancing, ice-skating, and diving, for a combat activity like judo. In fact, I fear that the introduction of this system will lead to the possibility of increased injuries among the contestants. Considering that every contest will go to time with a maximum of five ippons being scored by one of the contestants, imagine one boy being thrown by an obviously superior opponent five times. Apart from scaring him half to death, he could sustain cumulative damage in the process. No doubt many readers will disagree with my remarks, and can show just how beneficial and progressive this system is for our young players, if they can, write to the editor and have their views published.

#### •THE BEGINNER•



#### •BY TONI GOFFE•



## BRITISH AIKIDO ASSOCIATION

### OFFICIAL NOTES—Jim Elkin

Our first Residential Course was held at the National Recreation Centre, Bisham Abbey, Buckinghamshire during the last week of May, under the instruction of Mr. Tsunemitsu Naito, 4th Dan.

An average of five hours Aikido a day proved to be sufficient for even the most eager of the participants, who welcomed a break from Aikido and made use of the other excellent facilities offered at the centre, which included Archery; Canoeing; Basketball, etc. Mr. Naito was the only one brave enough to swim in the river.

Emphasis was given to improving everyone's standard of Randori-no-Kata, Kakarigeiko and Randori. Another interesting feature of the course was the correct method of using a sword.

Visits from the Press and freelance photographers took a little of our free time. After posing for numerous "Action Shots" I am afraid the photographers came to the conclusion that we made better Aiki players than actors.

At the close of the course everyone returned home knowing they had had a very enjoyable if slightly sore time.

Summing up, in future less places will be offered, also a more varied Aiki programme featured. Thanks go to Mr. Naito for a well conducted course.

Aikido was featured at the Festival of Judo & Karate, the London Judo Society's annual event. For the first time a demonstration of Knife Randori was given and it seemed to go down very well with the audience. A very varied Aikido programme was offered, which included Kakarigeiko; Randori-no-Kata; Aikido self defence. Miss J. Senior and Miss L. Stengold, performed—at short notice—the 17 movements of the Randori-no-Kata and the general comments from some senior Judo players were very complimentary. Personally I thought they performed very well indeed. The organisers wish me to thank those that took part—the Aikido section of the L.J.S.—and Mr. H. Kogure, 5th Dan, Mr. T. Naito, 4th Dan, whose performance was greatly appreciated by the audience.

#### Promotions to and within Dan Grade :

Congratulations to Bob Lincoln on his promotion to 1st Dan and to John Spurgeon and Terry Pearce on their promotion to 2nd Dan.

#### Beginners Courses :

Croydon : Monday, 9th September, 1968 commencing 7.15 p.m.

O-Do-Ryu : Wednesday, 11th September, 1968, commencing 7.30 p.m.

Prospective Aiki students may like to know that several other clubs in and around London run continuous courses for beginners. Details can be obtained from the Secretary, 79 Nelson Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex. Telephone 894 0354.

# KENDŌ forum

by MUSASHI

## Friendly Team Match Successful

Seven teams competed at the Bushi Budokai Dojo, Southsea, in the first Sir Frank Bowden Team Tournament on Saturday, 11th May, in front of Sir Frank and Lady Bowden, who had made special efforts to be at this Taikai after their recent visit to New York. The event was well attended by non-combatant Kendoka from the South of England clubs.

In his opening address, Sir Frank reiterated the international policy

of Kendo that such an event as this was to encourage the friendly community purpose of Kendo and that it was a team event within this contest. It was to be a points aggregate match rather than emphasis being placed on actual wins, thus giving the weaker teams a much better chance of good placing. The seven teams were divided into two pools by the senior judging panel, the selection being made on estimated team strength and alternate teams going into each pool.

Some of the members of the Sussex University and Butokukan teams in a recent photo taken at the Brighton Kendo Dojo.



*Chiburui*, or 'shaking off blood', is an important technique of *Iai-jutsu* seen here shown by young Alexander Knutsen at the Butokukan Dojo.

Pool "A" was formed with the Bushi Budokai (Portsmouth), Bujutsukai (Leicester), University of Sussex, and Zanshin (Bristol). Pool "B" contained the Butokukan (Brighton), Nenriki (London), and Reading Dojo. In each pool every team fought each other.

The first match in Pool "A" took the event off to a tremendous start with Sussex University facing the powerful Bushi-Budokai, whose team was completely composed of *yudansha*. Four points down after the first two matches, the University then fought back and took the next three matches for six points without conceding a single point to their opponents.

Sussex University went on to win their next two overall matches in the pool and to score 22 points in total. The Bushi Budokai also

scored 22, but their loss to Sussex University put them in second place. Both the Bujutsukai and Zanshin *dojo* fought gamely but it could not be expected for them to succeed against the other two experienced teams.

Pool "B" was more evenly matched on the surface. The Nenriki team, headed by Mr. Fujii Okimitsu, *godan*, came out against the Butokukan who fielded Roald Knutsen as captain. Fighting hard this match was a draw with each team taking six points and winning two *shobu*. For the Nenriki, Mike Tucker, *shodan*, and Vaughan Williams, *shodan*, won their matches; for the Butokukan Dojo Alexander Knutsen, 1st *kyu*, and Graham Hodge, 5th *kyu*, won theirs. Knutsen and Fujii drew with a *men-uchi* each after a really hard

fought match, the former fighting with *Nito-ryu shinai*.

The Butokukan and Reading Dojo's also drew in *shobu* wins but the Butokukan won on aggregate with five points to three. The Nenriki therefore needed five points to tie with the Butokukan when they went out against the Reading Dojo for the last match

#### Butokukan Dojo

Knutsen	—	—	M	M	—	—
Taylor	—	—	—	—	D	M
Wink	—	—	D	D	D	—
Hodge	—	—	M	M	M	—
Kennedy	—	—	D	D	D	—

#### Univ. of Sussex

Kvalen
Armitage
Stanton
Thompson
Osborne

This final was a spirited match in which the University started as clear favourites on form since apart from Knutsen the Butokukan side were all *kyu* rankers. John Kennedy, the Butokukan reserve, came in to replace Alexander Knutsen as fifth man. Fighting first he won against Osborne, and with this victory under their belts Graham Hodge and Dennis Wink went out and won the next two matches. Peter Armitage, *Shodan*, who had not given away a single point in the whole event, put in his usual hard work and demolished Dave Taylor, *ikkyu*. Peter Kvalen, who had all the afternoon fought excellently, faced Roald Knutsen's *Nito shinai* in the last match and provided everyone with a fine finish. He succumbed in the end to two *men-uchi*, but his defence was really good and his opponent found it difficult to find clear opportunities for attack.

Besides the *Nihon Kendo-no-kata* demonstrated by Knutsen and Mike Tucker, young Alexander

in this pool. Unfortunately they met a team that had pulled together by this stage of the match and were defeated three to two *shobu*, taking only four points against the Reading five. This put the Butokukan into first place to go out against their fellow dojo members, the University, in the final.

The final match scores were:—

Knutsen (aged nearly 11) showed six basic *iai* forms suited to the preliminary training of Juniors. The forms were four standing *iai* (Front Sword, Left Sword, Right Sword and Rear Sword), followed by two forms from *seiza* (kneeling)—*Ryuto* (Flowing Sword) and *Iwanami* (Rock amidst Breaking Seas). Although a little nervous, Alexander performed all these difficult techniques with style alongside his father.

Sir Frank Bowden presented the special prize for *seishin* (fighting spirit) to Mr. Roy Maddams, captain of the Reading team, who fought all through using the *shoto* and with considerable effect. To use a short sword against long swords requires skill and courage; Mr. Maddams has long experience but forced by physical circumstances to use this weapon we cannot but admire his achievement in winning his two matches with *do-uchi*, only giving away one point. Young Brian Williams (Nenriki),

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## NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

A. T. LLOYD

The National Womens Championship was held on the 12th May, at the new sports centre at Keele University. This was the first time that this event had been staged in public. Good wishes were received from Mr. Charles Palmer, Chairman of the British Judo Association, and Dame Enid Russell-Smith, D.B.E., M.A., President of the National Womens Council, but expressing regrets that they were unable to attend.

The Championships were officially opened by Mr. Hayley, Director of the Physical Education Department of Keele University. The Kata section of the Championship was held during the morning, this consisted of three sections: Class 1; Standard Kata. Class 2; Any official documented Kata, excluding any kata in Class 1. Class 3; Contemporary Kata.

The final results of this event were: Class 1; Christine Wildman of Nottingham and Elaine Birch of Tipton with *Nage-no-kata*. Second were Miss C. Smith and Miss C. Kocalenios of the Northern Home Counties, with Margot Sathaye and J. Bishop of London in third place. Class 2 was

The winning Southern Area Team.





Elaine Birch (1st Dan) Midland Area Team, throwing Pamela Syms of the Western Area during one of the matches in the eliminating pools.

won by Christine and Jane Wildman of Nottingham with Go-no-sen-no-kata. London came second with Margot Sathaye and Miss P. MacGregor, and Northern Home Counties third, with Miss C. Smith and Miss C. Kocalenios.

In Class 3 Miss K. Bromilow and Miss J. Dennis of the North Western Area won, Miss M. Roberts and Miss P. MacGregor came second for London, and third place was taken by Margaret Greenacre and Denise Collins of the Midlands.

The afternoon period was devoted to the team competition and once again Mr. Hayley opened the proceedings. The competing teams were divided into three pools. In Pool 1; Northern Home Counties, London and the Northern Area met each other, resulting in Northern Home Counties first, London second, and Northern last. In the second pool, the Southern Area came first, Western Area second, and Midlands third. The third and last preliminary pool was won by the North Eastern Area, runners-up, the Eastern Area, followed by the North West and Wales.

The final pool of the Championship was between the Southern Area, reigning champions, Northern Home Counties, and the North Eastern Area. The first match was between the Northern Home Counties and the South, which was won by the South by 3 contests to 1. The second match between the Northern Home Counties and the North Eastern Area ended in three draws and one win each, but the North East took the victory with a narrow margin on points. Therefore, the last match was between the South and the North East, for the title. Helen Cobb of the South won the first contest

against Miss M. Jackson of the North East, by a narrow margin. Miss P. Scullard of the South, took the next contest from Miss B. Mayes to put the Southern Area in the lead. Miss J. Gilmour of the South won yet another contest for her side, with a win over Miss Moorhouse and this clinched the match for the Southern Area for the second year running. The next contest between Miss J. Stanbridge and Miss Gekill of the North East was a win for Miss Gekill, but the last contest was another triumph for the Southern Area girls, when Miss Sheila Thwaites defeated Miss H. Ord.

The prizes were presented by Mr. A. M. Rees, the Chief Constable of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Constabulary, a Welsh Rugby International and Chairman of the West Midlands Standing Conference of Sports Organisations.

A great debt is acknowledged, to the many people who spent so much time organising and running the event this year and it is to their credit that the Championship was so successful.

## AMERICAN NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

*SID KELLY*

Away back in January trials were held to select a team to represent the New England States in the American National Championships which were held in Sacramento, California, in May.

The trials were held in the usual weight categories, and I fought in the 205 lb. category which was open to 1st Kyu and above. There were two other 3rd Dan, four or five Nidan, a dozen or so Shodan, and as many Kyu grades, a total of about thirty competitors. I came top of this division, and went on to win the Tournament Champion trophy, the result of the winners of each weight category fighting each other. The players in the New England States have a very good spirit, particularly in the early stages, but, they lack experience and their groundwork is weak. A very much different story to what I met in California.

In California—I can honestly say—it was the most impressive tournament I have ever attended, I have never been to a World Championship. It was impressive from all aspects. The standard of Judo was high, the refereeing superb, the administration and organisation an eye opener, and the trophies out of this world.

A very good friend of mine, Pat Catter, a person of nearly twenty years experience from the local Dalton Judo Club, went with me, and he thought it compared with the World Championships in Utah, except of course for the standard of play.

In my division there were forty-three entries, who they were and what grade they were I haven't a clue, and as I was competing it was difficult

to concentrate on anything else. The tournament was spread over two days and worked on the five point penalty system, which means that as soon as you accumulate five penalty points you are eliminated. If you win with an ippon you get no points, win by a waza-ari you collect one point, lose and you get three points. On the first day I had four contests, winning one with O-uchi-gari for waza-ari, scored ippon with Uchi-mata and Seoi-nage, and lost to a counter, pick up and slam down type of throw. I don't really know just what happened. This saw me through to the next day with four penalty points. Out of the original entry only thirteen got through to the second day.

On the second day of the Tournament I met a 4th Dan called Watanabe, who had no trouble with me whatsoever, first a waza-ari from Uchi-mata, then another waza-ari with Tai-otoshi, total time about twenty seconds. He went on to win the divisional title and trophy and then became the overall Tournament Champion and collected a five high trophy.



Sid Kelly (third from left) holding his trophies won during the New England selections.

In this event the rule applying to foreigners is that they must have been resident in the U.S.A. for four months or more. The Japanese won every divisional title except the Heavyweight where a negro came out on top. The Open category was won by a Japanese called Ito, who weighed 169 lbs. throwing a 300 lb. negro with Uchi-mata.

There were about 200-250 contestants, and plenty of high grade officials about, three 8th Dan, round about half a dozen 7th Dan, and I lost count of the 5th and 6th Dans. No-one lower than a 6th Dan refereed the finals. All records of contests are kept for promotional purposes, the Americans are very go ahead in this respect, and the day before the event six people were up-graded to 5th Dan and several to fourth. The administration here is extremely good and I think that the States will surpass Europe in time, although there does not appear to be the outstanding individuals here that abound in Europe.

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aged 12, was given a special mention for his plucky performance. Sir Frank presented the fine silver cup to the Butokukan team. In conclusion he said that he considered the standard of Kendo had markedly improved since the Nenriki Tournament of 1967 and

he looked forward to a really bright future for British Kendo. The Taikai was closed by Mr. R. A. Lidstone as Chairman of the Renmei, with thanks to all those taking part and to our Vice-President for encouraging Kendo with this annual Trophy match.

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