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### ★ COVER PICTURE ★

Glen Waters, captain of the English team, collects the magnificent Home International Trophy. Photograph: Frank Smith.



**This year's Senior European Championships held many surprises not the least of which was the poor performance of the British team who failed to win any medals. It would be all too easy to blame the players, but on this occasion it would be only partially true for they all fought well enough.**

The poor results only serve to highlight the out-of-date inflexible approach to team selection and the complete lack of preparation training. In just one year Britain have slipped from being one of the leading European Judo nations, back into 13th place—along with Spain. Much work will have to be done by Brian Jacks, the new squad manager, to rebuild a strong British team and get Britain back at the top, where we belong.

It is also apparent that Britain is not represented on any European Judo Union or International Judo Federation Committee. Britain in the early years was one of the most highly developed Judo nations in Europe yet we have no representatives on any major committee. How can we possibly exert any real influence on the development of European and World Judo? The truth is we can't.

If the British team did not win any medals at the European Championships at least our referees Ray Mitchell and Gordon Mortimer have to be congratulated. Not that I necessarily agree with all of their decisions but at least they interpret the rules consistently.

**At home the Scottish Judo Federation hosted the first Home International for some years. By all accounts the event was a great success.**

Personally I felt that the success was marred by the poor team which represented Wales, who it seems, were unable to get their best team together due to the current industrial dispute by the air traffic controllers. I only mention this as I believe that if future events have a poor entry then success will always be limited.

Despite fears that events of this nature would lead to a divided Britain the effect seems to have been the opposite. The social get-together after the event did much to unite British Judo. Perhaps it was the involvement of both the men and womens teams which ensured the success of the disco. Whatever the reason Judo people want more events of this friendly nature.

As I write this it is just over 12 months since the first of the new style *JUDO* magazines went on sale. (In case you haven't noticed, this is our 12th issue). Just to finish I would like to thank all of you, who, whether as readers or contributors, have helped the magazine get through the first year. Time flies doesn't it!

Colin McIver...Editor

# Diary of Events

## National and International Events

**Saturday 4th July 1981**  
BRITISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN  
Crystal Palace

**Saturday 11th July 1981**  
BSJA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Haden Hill Leisure Centre—(Megafoam Nationals)

**Saturday 22nd August 1981**  
BRITISH NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN  
Haden Hill Leisure Centre—(Entry form with this magazine)

**Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August 1981**  
NATIONAL POLICE JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS—Exeter

## Area and Major Events

**Sunday 5th July 1981**  
NATIONAL DAN GRADING—Crystal Palace

**Saturday 11th July 1981**  
VIDEO COACHING DAY—Police Training College, Droitwich

**Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July 1981**  
KENT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sunday 12th July 1981**  
LLANGOLLEN SHIELD/KEARSLEY CUP (N.W.)—Stalybridge

**Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th July 1981**  
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL—Holland

**Sunday 30th August 1981**  
SOUTH LANCASHIRE GIRLS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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## Centre of Excellence Squads

Please contact Squad Managers for dates during August.

## Midland Area Promotion Examinations

**Sunday 5th July 1981**  
BOYS ALL GRADES—Wellingborough, 10-00am  
MENS KYU GRADES—Bicton, 11-00am  
WOMENS KYU GRADES—Bicton, 12 noon  
GIRLS 4th TO 6th MON—Derby, 9-30am  
BOYS 4th TO 6th MON—Derby, 9-30am  
GIRLS 7th MON AND ABOVE—Derby, 1-00pm  
BOYS 7th MON AND ABOVE—Derby, 1-00pm

**Sunday 2nd August 1981**  
BOYS ALL GRADES—Bicton, 9-30am  
GIRLS ALL GRADES—Bicton, 12 noon  
DAN GRADING—Ryecroft Judo Club, Nottingham

**Sunday 9th August 1981**  
GIRLS ALL GRADES—Scunthorpe, 10-30am  
WOMENS KYU GRADES—Scunthorpe, 2-00pm

**Sunday 23rd August 1981**  
BOYS ALL GRADES—Chaplehouse, 10-00am  
GIRLS ALL GRADES—Chaplehouse, 1-00pm  
BOYS ALL GRADES—Scunthorpe, 10-30am

**Sunday 29th August 1981**  
MENS KYU GRADES—Coventry, 2-00pm  
BOYS ALL GRADES—Northampton, 10-00am  
GIRLS ALL GRADES—Northampton, 12 noon

## Club Events

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Entries to: John Gay, Chaplehouse Boys Judo Club,  
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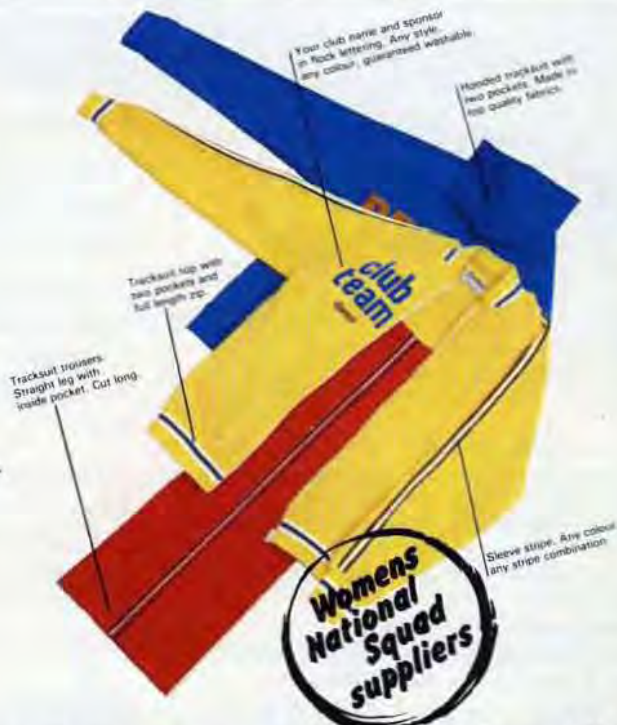
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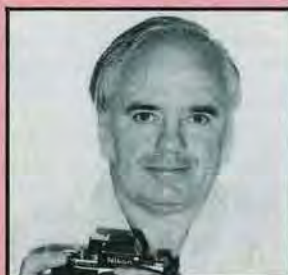
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# 1981 ALL-JAPAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

昭和56年4月29日 祝 午前10時開始  
**全日本柔道選手権大会**

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**FROM THE NIPPON BUDOKAN HALL  
KUDANSHITA, TOKYO, JAPAN.  
REPORTER: JOHN ROBERTSON.  
29th APRIL 1981.**



**PHOTOGRAPHY:  
ARTHUR  
TANSLEY.**

Again this year with his fifth consecutive win, 23 year old Yasuhiro Yamashita, won the 1981 All-Japan Championships, held at the Nippon Budokan Hall in Kudanshita, Tokyo, on 29th April, the Japanese Emperor's Birthday. He defeated 29 year old Tokyo policeman Sumio Endo in the final, with a Yoko Shihogatame (side four-quarters hold down) in two minutes and thirty six seconds. It was the fourth straight year that the postgraduate student at Tokai University and Endo had met in the All-Japan final. The thirty-six judoka were watched by an estimated 12,000 spectators.

In the semi-finals, Yamashita took five minutes and three seconds, to throw Isao Matsui, also a 5th Dan, with Uchimata (inside thigh throw). Endo, a 6th Dan won over Hideharu Shirase, with Yoko Shihogatame (side four-quarters hold down) in two minutes and fifty seconds.

This was Yamashita's first official competition since 25th May 1980, when he fractured his left ankle in a match with Endo during the 1980 All-weight Class Championships in Fukuoka, on Kyushu Island. Two years before in Paris, France, at the 1979 World Judo Championships, Yamashita captured the heavy-weight title, and Endo took the Open.

Commenting after his loss to Yamashita, Endo said that this was probably his last chance in competition, and that he went all out to win; but lost to Yamashita's superior technique. He said that he was not disappointed, and that from this year, it will be the Yamashita Jidai (Yamashita Era). Yamashita will take part in the World Judo Championships in Holland in September this year, and as he is entered in the Over 95 kilo and the Open weight, must train hard and improve his technique.



**FINAL MATCH — ENDO versus YAMASHITA  
perhaps for the last time meet in Competition.**

All-Japan Judo Champion in 1959 and 1963 and Yamashita's coach Mr Isao Inokuma, commented that Yamashita's spirit was so strong after eleven months of rest owing to his fractured ankle, that he was very surprised and also very pleased with Yamashita's win. In his first round with Ito, he lost his balance and did poorly, with a win by Yuseigachi.

From the next one, when he threw Kuramoto in only twenty-five seconds with Uchimata (inner thigh throw), all victories were by Ippon. Inokuma said that he thinks Yamashita is the strongest judo champion in Japanese judo history, and will win many more in the future. He also said that Endo is too old, and that maybe this year's shiai, would be his last. His technique was not so good, and if it was his last time in competition he should have done better.

Mr Inokuma mentioned that the best after Yamashita is Matsui, but that Matsui's judo is defensive. Matsui should train and attack more, and be more aggressive. He should be Yamashita's rival as soon as possible. In the Japanese judo world, there are not so many good judoka, so the young judoka should train hard and more often, according to Mr Inokuma.

## RESULTS—

**First Round:** Shirase beat Kino (Harai-makikomi 3 minutes 9 seconds), Chinen beat Yasuoka (Yuseigachi), Takagi beat Shibata (Taiotoshi, 1 minute 41 seconds), Kawahara beat Nakamura (Ude-Hishigi Ude Gatame, 2 minutes 29 seconds).

**Second Round:** Nagafuku beat Okuda (Yuseigachi), Kondo beat Nakajima (Haraigoshi, 3 minutes 51 seconds), Takahashi defeated Kawabata (Yuseigachi), Shirase beat Suwa (Yuseigachi), Endo beat Nose (Yuseigachi), Kobayashi beat Takamura (Hanegoshi, 2 minutes 54 seconds), Itamoto defeated Sakamoto (Yuseigachi), Saito beat Chinen (Hanegoshi, 3 minutes 11 seconds), Kuramoto beat Momota (Yuseigachi), Yamashita defeated Ito (Yuseigachi), Yoshioka defeated Kase (Yuseigachi), Takagi defeated Masaki (Ouchigari, 45 seconds), Enoki beat Tokunaga (Yuseigachi), Matsui beat Nakagawa (Yoko Shihogatame, 1 minute 32 seconds), Chiba beat Ueno (Yuseigachi), Hirma defeated Kawahara (Yuseigachi).

**Third Round:** Kondo defeated Nagafuku (Yuseigachi), Shirase beat Takahashi (Yuseigachi), Endo beat Kobayashi (Haraigoshi, 3 minutes 58 seconds) Saito beat Itamoto (Yoko-shihogatame, 2 minutes 22 seconds), Yamashita beat Kuramoto (Uchimata, 25 seconds), Takagi defeated Yoshioka (Yuseigachi), Matsui beat Enoki (Okuri-Erijime, 2 minutes 14 seconds), Hirma beat Chiba (Yuseigachi).

**Quarter Finals:** Shirase beat Kondo (Yuseigachi), Endo beat Saito (Kuzure Kamishihogatame, 3 minutes 12 seconds), Yamashita defeated Takagi (Awase-waza, 1 minute 26 seconds), Matsui beat Hirma (Uchimata, 1 minute 40 seconds).

**Semi-Finals:** Endo defeated Shirase (Yoko shihogatame, 2 minutes 50 seconds), Yamashita beat Matsui (Uchimata, 5 minutes 3 seconds).

**Final:** Yamashita defeated Endo (Yoko shihogatame, 2 minutes 36 seconds).



- 1—Endo turns Kobayashi with Uchimata, but Kobayashi turns out of the throw.
- 2—Itamoto attempts Uchimata on Sakamoto.
- 3—Yamashita dumps Matsui with Uchimata-makikomi.
- 4—Matsui pins Nakagawa.
- 5—Yamashita attacks Ito and scores a Yuko.
- 6—Kondo attacks Nakajima.



*Takamura  
throws  
Kobayashi  
with Uranage  
for Wazari.*

# LETTERS CORNER

Dear Editor,

Your re-scheduled copy and publication dates, I am quite sure, will be welcomed by your subscribers, except for May/June issues, which meant that we were subjected to two doses of Glumsonism in three weeks.

Why do you not replace his column with excerpts from the obituary column of the *New Statesman* or something similar. Reading his page is about as interesting as watching paint dry.

Last month, my Nigel, feeling somewhat sympathetic towards Mr Glumson (he just does not like knowing people are unhappy) decided to follow his advice and read some of his books. Would you credit it? He went to all of the well-known booksellers and there were none of his books there. I didn't realise he was such a popular author as to have sold out—everywhere.

Undaunted, however, determined to find some of Mr Glumson's writings we unearthed some BJA Newsletter.

Here are some extracts, from the pen of G.K.G.:

May 1971

"As so frequently happens—not only in judo, but everywhere—the most vociferous are invariably the 'knockers,' the supporters are usually too busy supporting . . ."

July 1971

"... it is essential to stress the underlying principles or reasons which go to mould the practical manifestations of the Scheme. This may sound simple enough . . ."

January 1973

"In spite of small carping voices . . . it seems pretty evident to me (and I realise that I am a little biased!) that our Scheme is envied by many and is not bettered by any. The information in the Scheme . . . is unsurpassed . . . naturally this pleases me. Not first because it's my Scheme . . ."

My Nigel wants to know what happened to this fabulous scheme

January 1973

"Too long has the judo world tried to ape the Japanese, with the result that it has only been—at best—second class judo citizens."

Eat your heart out Geesink, Ruska, Parisi, Jacks, Starbrook, Remfrey, Adams, Mapp, Gamba, Rey, Tchoullouyan, Van der Valle, Lorenz, Coche, Rouge, Kuznetsov etc etc etc!!

January 1973

"... the bigoted critics are getting desperate in their attempts to 'knock' the Scheme; their accusations are getting wilder and wilder and more and more personal. Some of them, who have a contact with the power-of-the-press, are using that power in a most objectionable way."

Of course, Mr Glumson would surely never dream of using the press to make personal accusations. Well, would he?

My favourite quote, written in October 1971

"I have heard some people say—not within my earshot . . ."

Please, Mr Editor, leave Mr Glumson to his studies of Zen, and, when he has finished his studies, tell him to keep it to himself, after all, who wants to be accused of aping foreigners.

Yours hopefully,

ALBERT NURDLE

Dear Editor,

Having followed your magazine over the last nine months I am very pleased to see that this magazine does allow an individual to give his opinion on various subjects.

I have read with great interest Gleeson's Market Stall, but I wonder if there is any need to continually quote books, most of which are way above the head of ordinary judoka. Secondly, I quite agree with nearly all the points he made referring to other Judo Associations, but I question his motives; I wonder if he had made these remarks when he was National Coach would they have not done more good? One important point Mr Gleeson missed was a general point of democracy. For hundreds of years British people have fought and died for the right to decide their own future, something which is being taken away from us when the right to belong to any organisation is taken away from us. Before you start to say "You have the choice to join which association you like," I would disagree. The British Judo Association is nearly all-powerful: most schools only recognise British Judo Association coaches; only British Judo Association members can enjoy full International status; most sports halls only employ British Judo Association coaches; only British Judo Association members go to the World Championships and Olympic Games, etc, etc. So there is really no choice at all.

I would like to add that I am not after amalgamation of all the Judo Associations, or a Federation. In fact as a governing body for a sport the British Judo Association are very successful and should remain the governing body. I am also not after the recognition of every Tom, Dick or Harry's Grade, Coaching Award and Refereeing Award, in fact every person joining the British Judo Association should be regarded. No, I want the right to belong to as many different Judo Associations as I like.

A more distasteful side to this rule is happening in the Southern Area—members being encouraged to disassociate themselves from all other Judo players not in the British Judo Association. This is now beginning to filter through to the playground and the pub. A prime example of this is the forthcoming Swale Festival of Sport. For several years this Festival—consisting of 20 different sports—has run reasonably successfully, until this year when all the British Judo Association clubs were told they could not enter! Why? Because the International Budo Federation was sponsoring the event, (Budo means martial ways; the International Budo Federation is an organisation catering for all the Martial Arts, including Judo). So we now have a situation where the British Judo Association will not allow you to belong to a Budo body, so a Karate player belonging to the International Budo Federation cannot start judo in a British Judo Association club and become a British Judo Association member.

On the same subject, I was talking to the Sevenoaks Judo representative at Crystal Palace and he informed me that if he sent a team, some of his members gradings would be affected. Now whether this is true or not, the fact that people think this can happen is wrong.

More and more people are beginning to think like me, including many high ranking officials in the British Judo Association, but the main argument against throwing out Clause 6c of the Constitution is that the European Judo Union will throw the British Judo Association out of its Association; therefore we would get no Internationals. I have serious doubts whether they would do this, especially with the influence our Chairman, Mr Palmer has with the European Judo Union.

If the European Judo Union do abide by this rule then the British Judo Association should fight to have it removed. It is not in the British character to sit back and let others walk over us. If this was the case, Hitler would have won the Second World War. Democracy is a hard won thing, but it is even harder to hold on to.

On to a more technical point of that concerning the rules. I feel the rules of Judo as they are now will eventually kill Judo. What I suggest is that instead of putting little bits in and taking another little bit out, you scrap the present rules altogether and start afresh. Something I have done and please find enclosed a copy of these rules.

MARTIN CLARKE.

Martin included a full set of rules but space is not available to have them printed. I will be pleased to forward a photocopy to anyone interested enough to send me a reply paid envelope.

COLIN McIVER—Editor.

## PROMOTION POINTS FROM MIDLAND AREA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AT HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE ON 11th APRIL 1981

Will 1st Kyu and Dan Grade competitors in the above event please note that the correct points towards promotion for that event are as follows. These are the points that have been entered in the official records; if they differ from those in your card, please see Lynne Butler (National Points Recorder) at your next National event, and she will amend your card. Otherwise make a pencilled note yourself to remind you what the score should be when adding up your points, and I will amend your card when you send it to me for promotion.

1st Kyu	Club	Points	1st Kyu	Club	Points
Brown, C.	Coventry	17	Watton,	Solihull	nil
Colstock, A.	K.K.K.	20	Woodward, D.	Dudley	10
Dankert, P.	Erdington	20	Yates, C.	Erdington	10
Davis, F.	Wolverhampton	27			
Drysdale, D.	K.K.K.	nil	1st Dan		
Dufficey, R.	Coventry	10	Gordon, E.	Wolverhampton	27
Gordon, E.	Wolverhampton	30	Holt, M.	Coventry	27
Harris, R.	Coventry	20	Wood, D.	Solihull	20
Loveridge, S.	Erdington	37	Yates, G.	Kettering	10
Pinnock, O.	Wolverhampton	20			
Plows,	Solihull	10	2nd Dan		
Portman, T.	Worcester	10	Brown, K.	Wolverhampton	10
Purcell, G.	Wolverhampton	20	Cole, J.	Coventry	7
Riley, D.	Coventry	10	White, D.	Wolverhampton	30
Stokes, C.	Coventry	20	Formaggia, K.	Kettering	10
Street, M.	Erdington	20			
Vale, M.	Dudley	nil	3rd Dan		
Waldron,	Solihull	20	Webb, W.	K.K.K.	10

11th June 1981

PHYLLIS ELLIOTT—National Dan Grade Registrar

## AREA POINTS—SCORING EVENTS

PHYLLIS ELLIOTT, National Dan Grade Registrar

At two or three points-scoring events in Areas recently, points towards promotion have been incorrectly recorded; in particular, points have been credited for three and five point wins. These have not been valid, as points towards promotion since 1st January 1981 (see copy of current Senior Promotion Examination Syllabus—obtainable from Head Office at 50p).

The basic rules for recording points towards promotion are quite simple.

- Only points scored against equal or higher grades at an event which has been approved as an Area Points-scoring Event (see below) will count towards promotion.
- Points from contests won by Ippon or Waza-ari do count towards promotion. Points from contests won by 1, 3 or 5 point Yusei-gachi do NOT count towards promotion. Points from contests won by Keikoku or Hansoku do NOT count towards promotion. In the case of a contest won by Sogo-gachi, the full 10 points are counted towards promotion.
- If a contestant wins by 10 points because his opponent fails to appear (Fusen-gachi), these points do NOT count towards promotion. If a contestant wins by 10 points because his opponent withdraws during the contest (Kiken-gachi) these points do count towards promotion.
- If the same two competitors meet on more than one occasion (e.g. to fight off for a position in a Pool, or the finals in a knockout in which the finalists were in the same first round Pool) all of their contests are valid for points towards promotion if the above conditions are fulfilled.

Obviously to be able to extract these points from the recording sheets it is essential that the following are clearly recorded in any competition involving competitors of 1st Kyu and above which has been approved for points-scoring:—

- The grade of every competitor on every sheet.
- The score by which every contest was decided.
- The legend for every contest to indicate how that score was made (i.e. whether it was from a penalty or technique).

(We find that the most commonly missed contests for recording results are the finals and the last fights in the repechages—presumably because the actual recording is an anti-climax to the excitement of finding out who wins the medal!)

A sheet is obtainable from Head Office or from the National Dan Grade Registrar (BJA/COMP-5/DR/Feb80) giving the requirement for an event to be approved as points-scoring, but basically it must have a minimum 3 star rating under the BJA tournament licence scheme, and approval for it to be points scoring should be requested at the time of application for the licence.

# MIDLAND AREA WOMEN'S OPEN Championships

**Haden Hill Leisure Centre  
Saturday 6th June 1981**

**Unfortunately the Midland Womens 'Open' Championships managed to clash with the Southern Area Kyu Grade Championships (which obviously served to split the entry) but nevertheless the quality of the players made up for the lack of numbers and so produced a nicely manageable and attractive event.**

From the Midland Area's point of view it was particularly disappointing that only 14 girls entered from the host Area with really only Jane Skivington being from the previous senior team. Nearly all the other local entrants were juniors fighting for experience and all under 18 years of age or newcomers to the Area from the newly affiliated Clubs from other Associations.

Obviously Ron Knight and Dave Walker, now training the Area Womens Squad, have a lot of work to do and with such a young squad it seems that it will be some time before the Area is again competitive in Senior Womens Events. The situation is all the more odd when one considers that four or five years ago the Area 'Closed' Championships produced entries of 60 contest players. Where are they all?

The loss of Sandy Fry, Bernie Alltoft and Chrissie Brennan, who have recently transferred to the Yorkshire and Humberside Area would have meant that the Midlands would have been unable to raise a competitive team for the National Championships (Teams) yet Yorkshire and Humberside must now be amongst the strongest Areas with Dawn Netherwood, Maureen Bennet, Heather Siddle, Beverley Clayton, Janet Thorpe and Karen Briggs also in their squad and it was significant that their players were well represented in the medal places.

At 48 kilos L. Wood of Croydon scored four Ippons from strangles, armlocks and holds to beat Fry on a Keikoku when Sandy stepped out, beating

her for the Gold medal, whilst youngsters Harris and Stuart of the Midlands took the Bronze medal places. I must confess I was a little disappointed with the form of Sandy Fry who has not achieved the status that I thought she would as a junior. Whilst she is a most spirited fighter and extremely proficient in Newaza she has not developed her throwing skills and at times this severely limits her. Nevertheless, I still wish she had stayed with the Midland Area.

Her clubmate, Bernie Alltoft, showed similar groundwork ability in scoring four Ippons from two holds, a strangle and an armlock to top her pool from Scots girl J. Oliver, though their opposition was comparatively inexperienced in this level of contest. In the other pool, competition was a bit stiffer with Chamberlain, Worrall and White battling it out for first place which eventually went to Diane White of Hinckley. Kerry Chamberlain took second place and so met Bernie in the Semi-final eliminating her by a Koka with both girls showing a preference for Newaza which almost cancelled each other out.

No such problem for White who had been scoring well from throws and in particular from a nice Osotogake to the side with which she took Oliver down and held her for the other Final place. Kerry had already lost to Diane in the pool by a Koka and the young international really needed some time in Newaza in order to beat the young Midlands



**JANET THORPE,  
Yorkshire and Humberside**

player who scored several times before throwing her for Wazari from Osotogake to win the title.

Ironically, Diane White will be Bernie Alltoft's replacement in the Area Squad and it would have been interesting if they had met in this contest though at the moment I think Bernie's tactical experience would win it. It was however, a nice performance from White who really must make a point of being more active and travel about for contest experience as well as attending squad sessions.

At 56 kilos, the seeding of Entwistle, Tapp, Duston and McGreal was justified by their appearance in the Semi-final with Liz Tapp beating McGreal by a Koka to meet Gail Entwistle in the Final, after she had edged out Duston by Yuseigachi. Entwistle had lost to Tapp in the pool fight when she was held but in the Final she was much more careful and stayed on her feet to get the decision and the title at the end of the contest.

Liza Merchant of BRD came back to the BJA showing some nice flashes of skill which with more application and experience will see her doing very well.

A large entry at 61 kilos produced the best group in the tournament with Chrissie Brennan, Jane Skivington, Kay Greenhalgh and Teresa Griffin being the seeded players, though newcomer Julie Williams of BRD spoilt that with a decisive win over Jane which although only showing a Koka superiority was more dominant than the score suggests. Julie is a talented fighter and a welcome addition to the Area, and is young enough to improve her not very obvious throwing skills if she has the right temperament and forgets her national number one status in her previous association.

Kay Greenhalgh has always been a favourite player of mine and she really shows a full range of skills, although a trifle slower than she used to be. As it was,



**Left... MAUREEN BENNETT,  
Under 66 kilos Champion.**

**Below... Anxious Welsh supporters.**





**Left... KERRY CHAMBERLAIN.**  
**Right... DIANE WHITE, Under 52 kilos finalist.**  
**Below... KAY GREENHALGH against JANE SKIVINGTON.**



she still scored five Ippons from throws, holds, strangles and armlocks and until her Final with Chrissie Brennan had only failed to score maximum points in one fight, that one was against Jane Skivington.

Chrissie Brennan is really something else! She is now a most improved player and is a replica of Winklebauer in her range of strangles and armlocks and she quite devastated her pool terminating every fight with one or the other for maximum points. What an object lesson for some of the younger players who fought her. Julie Williams avoided the strangle but was held with relative ease to match Chrissie against Kay in the Final.

As previously mentioned, Kay is no slouch in Newaza and this fascinating battle went to time with Chrissie winning with a Wazari from a nicely executed Seo-toshi. Kay has been plagued with

injury and Chrissie got it wrong in the trials, yet these two must be amongst the best 61 kilo players around, what a pity the system does not allow for their co-option.

Another good entry at 66 kilos with Yorkshire and Humberside players dominating the event with Maureen Bennet back in competition after recovering from injury and Beverley Clayton looking very sharp in winning four of her pool fights with Ippon, albeit against relatively inexperienced opposition. Maureen pipped her for first place by one point to meet a strong Janet Thorpe in the Semi-final, whilst Lorna (Rocky) Lancaster met Beverley in the other.

These matches were a bit dour and ponderous, with Maureen gaining the decision in her fight, whilst Beverley scored a Koka to beat 'Rocky'. A similar Final had Maureen edging the title in groundwork which made for a very satisfying

return for her though leaving her quite shattered and too tired to compete in the 'Open'.

The 'Open' category basically comprised the two heavier weight groups in which there were insufficient entries to contest them separately, plus the lighter Grimsby girls, Brennan, Alltoft, Melanie and Liza Tapp and Janet Thorpe.

Astonishingly, Chrissie Brennan and Bernie Alltoft strangled and locked their way through the opposition for an all-Grimsby Final, which Chrissie won convincingly with a Koka scored. Young Rachael Evans of Dudley shared the Bronze medals with Loren Gunn.

Each year this event could be a nice preview for the British 'Closed' Championships which should contain all the National Squad players who were not at the Midlands Area this time and I suspect they will not have it all their own way on Saturday 4th July at Crystal Palace.

**The Grimsby contingent with**  
**CHRISSIE BRENNAN, at front,**  
**in support of SANDY FRY.**



# TOP TECHNIQUE

## TAIOTOSHI



PHOTOS & TEXT—  
COLIN McIVER

**This month I would like to examine one of the basic judo throws, Taiotoshi. It is probably one of the first throws that your coach showed you but, if like me, you have never really mastered it, don't worry, not many do. I believe that one of the important factors in this throw is speed of entry. Neil Adams, and a few others, have this special ability to get in for throws with amazing speed and this, combined with his very hard training, accounts for much of his success.**

There are many ways to do this throw; take a look at the photo sequences of Neil and Densign White for just two examples. Densign seems to throw his opponent more over his leg, while Neil throws more over his upper thigh or hip, although he will vary it depending on the action of his opponent (photo 1 is an example). Both players do however make full use of their arms, incorporating in their throwing action a strong pulling action. This is easily seen in photos 5 and 8 and is clearly important when, as in the second sequence (6-8) the opponent has managed to avoid the attacker's blocking leg. It is only the strong pulling action of the attacker which has resulted in the throw being partially successful.

Both players have fully committed themselves to the throw, thrusting forward from their driving leg (in Neil's case his left, as it is a throw to the right, and Densign's case his right leg, as he has thrown to the left).

The photo sequences were taken at the recent British Open Championships at Crystal Palace when both players reached the final of the Under 78 kilo division.





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**BEXLEY JUDOKWAI** was formed in 1966. Like many Clubs of the time its first premises were a School Hall. For its early years the Club was mainly for juniors, so the hall of the local Crayford Secondary School was sufficient for the classes required.

Coach Alan Roberts soon formulated a policy for running the Club which consisted basically of letting it grow around the original strong group of junior squad members. This soon led to the setting up of 14-18 age group classes and eventually full senior sessions. The success of this policy is evident now, with the Club running fully active sessions at all levels, with the majority of senior Members having developed through the junior classes.

In 1979, the Club had the opportunity to change its dojo to a hall available in the Lowfield Street (Dartford) Adult Education Centre where the Club could set up a permanent mat area as a home base.

The move was made in March 1979 and since then there has been absolutely no cause for regret. The added time available made it possible to run sessions for all ages and abilities and the Club has since grown steadily in strength and depth. Amongst its Members are many Area Players at every level from little juniors to Senior Men and the number of home grown Internationals is growing steadily.

The Club is still developing around a group of its past juniors, namely Stewart Williams, Stuart Smith, Andy Morton and Doug Naismith who by their dedication and loyalty over the years have influenced many others.

**Highlights in the last year have been:** Both Andy Morton and Stewart Williams being selected for the Junior Europeans, Stewart Williams' victory in the British Open. Stephen Steele, Andrew McNaughton and Sean Wiltshire selections for Schools Internationals and several young Members winning their Dan Grades. Our first Womens Dan Grade was also won by Claire Cossar.

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Report and pictures: KARL BACON.

# HOME INTERNATIONAL EVENT Edinburgh

**MEADOWBANK 23rd MAY 1981.**

Last year the Western Area suggested that the incredibly popular Home International Championships last staged about 10 years ago should be resurrected in 1981. Scotland tendered for them and, against all the odds, including the active opposition of the BJA at the highest level, succeeded in staging a most entertaining and attractive event which (as is usual in Scotland) was immaculately organised and presented.

Despite Wales and Ireland being somewhat outclassed in the Mens event they still fought with spirit and pride and contributed to the re-emergence of a potentially exciting event. Socially, it was tremendous, with equal numbers of men and women coming together at the evening disco and to the disc-jockey's delight dancing through to the early hours with everyone behaving with credit to the sport.

Congratulations should be extended to everyone concerned including the respective Team Managers who did a great job of organisation with every Team being beautifully equipped and presented and especially to Cliff Baker-Brown of the English Team who at extremely short notice did a remarkable job. Tony Reay tells me that the London Area intend to tender for the event in 1982 and will give some thought to including a boys and girls team in the Event which would give Wales and Ireland more chance of winning an overall trophy. It would also improve chances of viability and increase spectator appeal as well as giving some additional representative opportunities for our gifted youngsters.

By skilful planning and timing similar representative matches were fought on adjacent mats at the same time with Scotland versus Wales Mens Teams on Mat 1 and the Womens on Mat 2 to open the proceedings. Not much joy for Wales here with their very young ladies team losing to the experienced Scottish girls 6-0. Tina Entwistle managed a draw against Rose Marie Hendry but in losing four of the other six contests to strangles, the youthful inexperience of the Welsh was evident.

The men from Wales fared even worse losing to the Scottish National Silver Medal Team 7-0, four to throws, three to holds and all to Ippon except Ferguson's Wazari on Lewis. With some of the Welsh senior players being unavailable this put five comparatively inexperienced 1st Kyu's in the Welsh team though none of them were without spirit or enthusiasm.

England versus Northern Ireland was the next match and the Irish girls showed their recent improvement was being maintained taking two wins

*Some of the Scottish Mens Team support their Womens Squad.*



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Heather Ford receives the Womens Trophy for England

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and a draw off the talented English Team in losing 4-2. Excellent wins in quick time for Karen Briggs over Patricia McCarron with a devastating strangle and to Bridget McCarthy over Claire Fox with a quick knock-down and hold for Ippon in just 50 seconds. Friends Avril Malley and Heather Ford met at over 72 kilo with Heather looking as if she had lost quite a bit of weight and consequently seemingly unable to contain the strong attacks of Avril. After one such attack Avril secured a hold which in struggling to maintain was heard to say... "What's the frigging time?" ... to which an obliging Heather replied "I don't know Av' I can't see the clock."

The Northern Ireland Mens Team did not fare as well as the Women being devastated by the English Team 7-0 with 70 points scored and their leading hope Terry Watt having to retire in his fight against Bill Ward with a couple of cracked ribs. Wales received a similar handling from England losing 7-0 (70 points) with none of the contests getting past the three minute stage. Four Ippons from throws, one armlock and a hold disposed of the Welsh challenge. Unfortunately the Women could do little better losing 7-0 though Kim Duston had the satisfaction of taking Bridget McCarthy to time despite losing on a Wazari from Harai-goshi.

There was much more evidence of terminal groundwork moves amongst the women than I have seen in previous years with fifteen contests being won by an armlock or strangle with Scotland showing their proficiency in these Waza by beating the Irish girls 4-2 with all their wins being on the ground. The Northern Ireland Team had no success at all in their match with Scotland losing 6-0 to the accompaniment of vocal Scottish support which was accentuated when John Robertson scored a penalty against England in the Football International at Wembley.

The Wales-Ireland matches gave their supporters a little more to shout about as they were more evenly matched with the Welsh girls losing 3-1 on matches but having to withdraw three of their injured competitors though little Haley Evans did score a nice Ippon from Seoinage in just 37 seconds. Avril Malley, Claire Fox and Gillian Hughes were the winners for Northern Ireland.



More excitement from the men with an even 3-3 contest with Ireland leading 30 points to 16 whilst Davies and Hamilton were drawn contest. A nice Ippon to young Paul Lewis of Wales from Harai in this match whilst Watt put up with his injuries to throw Duff in just 18 seconds for Northern Ireland.

As far as the Scots audience were concerned, the real point in this Tournament was for Scotland to beat England and their match was the 'finale' of the Event to tremendous local support. Unfortunately the Scots girls could not cope with the expertise of the English team losing 6-0 with only Rhonda Syme managing a draw whilst every other fight was lost on Ippon.

The men fared considerably better but still had to concede to the the English superiority losing 4-2 with Peter Ferguson and Willy Buchanan earning Scottish wins. Two other contests went to time one being lost on

a Yuko and one (Borthwick versus Waters) being drawn whilst McLatchie and Brown took until the last minute to earn their wins so it was closer than the score suggests.

So, both titles decisively won by England with Scotland taking both Silver medals and Arnold Humphrey of Judo Ltd presenting the magnificent trophies which he had sponsored. These will be re-presented each year and hopefully in future events, teams will be evenly matched though in all honesty England should never lose the titles. Now, if junior matches were included and trophies awarded to overall male-female winners, then that could be a different story.

**1—Victorious English Teams with their trophies.**

**2—Richard Armstrong and his father in a spectator role.**

**3—Kerrith Brown shows his expertise at Sangaku-jime with a submission from John Adams (Scotland).**

**4—Sally Cohen—(England).**

**5—Scottish Womens Team. Silver Medallists.**



**HOME INTERNATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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# SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS PHOTO-PAGE



# SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

DEBRECEN, HUNGARY—14th to 17th MAY 1981



KOSTEN BERGER (Austria)  
throws ANTONIO (Spain).

Many of the top European coaches and players believe that the Senior European Championships is the toughest of all the major International Judo Tournaments.

This belief is based firstly on the way the Championships are structured; the players fight in a 'pool' system where they have more contests and secondly there are none of the weaker Judo countries involved, (in Europe Judo has developed to such a level where none of the participating countries can be considered weak). In the World Championships and Olympic Games, where the players meet

in a system of straight 'knockout', the draw is ultimately important. Whether those coaches and players are right is, of course, a matter of opinion but one thing is certain, the European Championships is always a tough competition. And, as in this year, when they precede a World Championships much interest is focused on the results.

Generally one can predict how some countries will perform in the World Championships and Olympic Games, on the results of their performance at the European Championships.

# ROUND & ABOUT

Competition reports, News, views and opinions

## Sixth Bucks Free Press Challenge Trophy

On Friday evening, 29th May, teams of young Judo players began to arrive in High Wycombe from as far away as Holland, Ireland and Wales, to take part in what has now become the most prestigious boys team event in this country. All the foreign teams were hosted by members of the Veraloy Judo Club and the Wycombe and District Judo Club, the organisers of the competition. It seems rather strange that clubs can host players from abroad but the British Judo Association cannot do the same for the leading Judo nations in order that they can compete in the British Open. The cost involved would be more than compensated for by the experience gained by our top players.

All the clubs which arrived on Friday were allowed to weigh in then, saving time on Saturday. Only 24 teams took part, most of these being of the very highest calibre. Although the oldest players were only 17 years old, several were 2nd Dans; one had represented his country at senior level.

The competition was fought in pools, then knock-out with repechage, with the previous year's medal winners seeded. Each team had five players—Under 50, Under 55, Under 60, Under 65 and Under 71 kilos. All were over 14 and under 18 years of age. Armlocks and strangles were permitted in all weights.

The only surprise in the Pools was when Tokel of London came second. In their first match in the knock-out, the last contest was between Ray Stevens (Veraloy) and Trevor King (Tokel) in the Under 71 kilos category; I expect to see both of them represent Great Britain in the future. Their contest was fast and exciting with Stevens having a very lucky escape from Te-Guruma, twisting out in mid-air to land on hands and knees. King incurred a penalty for stepping out, so Stevens and Veraloy won the contest.

Without doubt, the two teams which produced the most exciting Judo were Ooms Sport from Holland and Samurai of Manchester, giving a packed sports centre a Final to remember.

Ooms (Holland) defeated Jubilee Judokwai; Diagokan (Ireland); Jotatsu, Alton; Veraloy and Pinewood on their way to the Final. The Samurai club defeated Micklefield JC, Stratford; Dowty JC, Swansea City and the young and very talented Bexley Judokwai.

The Final proved to be a real cliff-hanger and no-one could say that it didn't have spectator appeal. In the Under 50 kilos contest, Sommerville of Samurai clinched his fifth win of the day with Ippon to give Samurai the lead. In the Under 55 kilos contest, Eckersley lost by incurring two penalties to the brilliant Vanoostroom; who was the only player, that day, to win six contests by Ippon. The third contest was between Officer and Galle; the Dutch player winning by Koka, making everything depend on the last contest between Goodwin (Samurai) and Boschart (Ooms); at three minutes this contest ended in Hikewake. After three minutes rest, the players who had drawn fought again. After one-and-a-half minutes of fast, exciting Judo,



Mike Sommerville being presented with the Wilkinson Sword Trophy by Roy Inman.

the Dutch player countered Goodwin in Newaza for Ippon. There couldn't have been a more exciting end to a superb team competition.

The Sportsmanship shown by the Samurai coach, Joe Sheals, should be an example to all. He stood and clapped the Dutch player, despite the loss of such a magnificent trophy by such a small margin.

The Wilkinson Sword for outstanding spirit in Judo went to Mike Sommerville of the Samurai club. Henry Galle (Ooms) took the Hard Alloy-Style Award and the High Wycombe Irish Association Cup for the best foreign team went to Holland.



Runners-up—the Samurai team from Manchester.



Bucks Free Press Challenge Trophy Winners  
The brilliant Dutch team with their coach, Peter Ooms and Roy Inman.

## International Judo Federation News

The International Olympic Committee Administrative Assembly, held in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 9th April, have decided to leave any decision on the restoration of the Open category to the General Assembly of the International Olympic Committee to be held in Baden Baden in September.

The decision to abolish the Open category was made at the International Olympic Committee General Assembly in Moscow in 1980, but strenuous objections were made at the following General Assembly of the International Judo Federation in Moscow. From the President down, all the representatives of participating countries presented a declaration of protest to the International Olympic Committee.

Early in 1981 the International Olympic Committee informed the International Judo Federation that they would consider a new proposal with the condition that no competitor should participate in two categories—one of which being the Open.

It was thought that once the decision to abolish the Open had been made by the General Assembly of the International Olympic Committee, there could be no reversal. The President and the executives of the International Judo Federation must be congratulated on their stand.

As the right of decision is held by the International Olympic Committee General Assembly, the President of the International Judo Federation has declared that he will attend the Olympic Congress in September where he will organise the campaign to reinstate the Open.

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Judo Federation the elections produced few changes. The Chairman's position was contested between last year's Chairman Willie Thomson and Walter Littlejohn; Mr Thomson was elected by 18 votes to 7. Vice-Chairman John Adams was re-elected by 19 votes against 7 for Mr W. Berry. John Chalmer, Treasurer for many years had decided not to seek re-election. Since there were no nominations for this position the meeting appointed Mr Owen Clarke Treasurer pro-tem.

The meeting expressed their regret and thanked Mr Chalmer for his 25 years of loyal service.

## Largest Joint Meeting

### THE LARGEST JOINT MEETING IN THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

*Administrative Assembly • Refereeing Committee • Referees & Coaches Seminar*

On 26th/27th April, at the head office of the International Judo Federation in Tokyo, in the Kasumigaseki Building, the newly set-up Refereeing Committee held a meeting followed on 1st/2nd May by the Administrative Assembly.

Then a Referees and Coaches Seminar was held in the Budokan of the Shonan Campus of Tokai University from the 3rd to 5th May. The 80 participants, invited guests and special participants, came from 40 countries from all around the world.

## Private Sponsorship for Sports Injury Clinics

Every keen Judo participant must, at least once, have wanted a specific and expert treatment for injuries sustained during a bout or practice. But the chances are, unless he belongs to a well-endowed club or achieved a particularly high standard, he will have to go to his local Out-Patients or G.P.

The problem is that there are only 22 sports injury clinics in the whole of the country, of which eight are situated in London, attached to N.H.S. hospitals. And, while the demand is growing as more and more people become involved with participatory sports, unfortunately it's unlikely that the N.H.S. will be able to fund such specialist services.

This is why private sponsorship is extremely important to ensure the opening and running of these clinics and, very often, private sponsorship can work in conjunction with the N.H.S. and with sporting bodies such as the Sports Council. This has been the experience of Niagara Therapy (UK) Limited, a company

manufacturing vibratory therapeutic equipment which is used by many sporting personalities.

Niagara has also been heavily involved in sponsorship and was appointed official supplier of therapeutic equipment to the Moscow Olympic Games. Together with the Sports Council, Niagara has sponsored both the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Nottingham General Hospital sports injury clinics. The initiative should also come from sports clubs and local groups to turn the demand into a reality – but if more sports clinics are to be opened to serve the community then often members of the community should be willing to take the lead.



**OPENING OF NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL SPORTS INJURY CLINIC.**  
Cliff Hughes of Niagara Therapy, treats Nottingham Forest footballer, Trevor Francis, on a Niagara massage table, watched by Nottingham General Hospital orthopaedic surgeon Peter Jackson, the Sheriff of Nottingham and his wife, and David Horchover, Marketing Manager Niagara Therapy (UK) Limited.

The first North Shropshire Open Championships for Boys and Girls were held in the Civic Centre, Whitchurch, on Saturday 9th May, as part of Festival Week. A two-star event staged by Rowland and Barbara Lee, it attracted 300 competitors from as far afield as London in the South, to Tyne and Wear in the North, with as many spectators arriving by the coach load.

After the arduous task of booking in, the paper work commenced with speed and efficiency, allowing the first contests, the Boys Under 28 kilos, to start at 10-10am – just ten minutes behind schedule. These were quickly followed by the Girls Under 28 kilos and very soon all four mats were in use.

On entering the Sports Hall there seemed to be as many officials as competitors with 13 referees and six trainers, no lack of table officials, many just waiting to take over should anyone need a break. A more than adequate supply of refreshments to last the day were served by local parents.

The day progressed through first round pools and on to knock-out, then repechage without a hitch. Repechage contests were all over by 6-45pm, when the medals were put on display. With Gold and Silver medals weighing 4½ oz and almost 7cm diameter, each in its own presentation box, certainly would enhance anyone's collection. All were sponsored by local traders.

After a short wait for the Mayor of Whitchurch to arrive, the Finals commenced at 7-10pm, with some lively and skilful fighting. The biggest surprise of the day came in the Girls Under 40 kilos when H. McCaskill of Stockton had a convincing win over National Champion H. Taylor of Crawcrook, this was followed by the Girls Under 44 kilos, with D. Snowden of Crawcrook just getting the edge over C. Inwood of Tubes. In the Girls Under 56 kilos D. Sheldon of Dudley had an easy win over L. Edwards of Maghull, while in the Girls Open C. Greenaway of Newbury just eased D. Lea of Wem into second place.

One of the liveliest contests in the Boys Finals was in the Under 31 kilos category between M. Smith of Pirelli and D. Wood of Saints, Smith taking the Gold. In the Boys Under 45 kilos D. Summerskill of Bridgnorth had a win over H. Davies of Wrexham. In the Under 55 kilos Final K. Gough of Wem maintained his form of the day by beating J. Organ of Dowty. M. Bowmer of Bradford had a convincing win over G. Mapp of G.K.N. in the Under 60 kilos. The Boys Open event was won by G. Deplanque of Botany Bay over G. Heaton of Saints.

The medals were presented at the end of the finals by the Mayor of Whitchurch, Councillor Duckers. Amongst the clubs competing during the day, Crawcrook and Saints took a large share of the medals. It was pleasing to see quite a few new faces from smaller clubs come along to challenge and take their share of the medals.

With the enthusiasm shown by spectators as well as competitors throughout the day, it certainly shows a need for a competition of this class to be held in North Shropshire.

Well done Roly and Barbara Lee. Let's hope it's the first of many.

### Results of the Shropshire Boys and Girls Open Championships

Boys Under 28 kilos	Gold: J. Davies, Devizes Silver: M. Tittley, G.K.N. Bronze: M. Harris, Avon, P. Burrows, Saints
Boys Under 31 kilos	Gold: M. Smith, Pirelli Silver: D. Wood, Saints Bronze: A. Atkinson, Stockton, D. Sykes, Crawcrook
Boys Under 34 kilos	Gold: A. Trigg, Saints Silver: N. Barron, Crawcrook Bronze: M. Holder, Dowty, A. Davies, Wigan

Boys Under 37 kilos	Gold: P. Sullivan, Wigan Silver: B. Thompson, Crawcrook Bronze: R. Finney, Worsley, N. Leonard, Wigan
Boys Under 41 kilos	Gold: P. Lee, Stockton Silver: A. Slade, Devizes Bronze: B. McNeil, Maghull, G. Edwards, Wigan
Boys Under 45 kilos	Gold: D. Summerskill, Bridgnorth Silver: N. Davies, Wrexham Bronze: D. Stevenson, G.K.N., H. McCann, Kettering
Boys Under 50 kilos	Gold: M. Betts, Dudley Silver: A. Martin, Derby Bronze: D. Hemmings, Pershore, B. Smallman, Dowty
Boys Under 55 kilos	Gold: K. Gough, Wem Silver: J. Organ, Dowty Bronze: I. Davies, Pershore, T. Bell, Penketh
Boys Under 60 kilos	Gold: M. Bowmer, Bradford Silver: G. Mapp, G.K.N. Bronze: M. Minchen, Tubes, N. Gollledge, Jubilee
Boys Open	Gold: D. Deplanque, Botany Bay Silver: G. Heaton, Saints Bronze: M. Haynes, Pershore, J. Keogh, Tubes
Girls Under 28 kilos	Gold: W. Gent, Saints Silver: L. Adams, Pirelli Bronze: J. Simpson, Stockton, A. Titley, G.K.N.
Girls Under 32 kilos	Gold: E. McQuillon, Stockton Silver: W. Shaw, Wigan Bronze: S. Hynes, Tubes, K. Moonan, Maghull
Girls Under 36 kilos	Gold: J. Newton, Wigan Silver: E. Dalloway, Dudley Bronze:
Girls Under 40 kilos	Gold: H. McCaskill, Stockton Silver: H. Taylor, Crawcrook Bronze: S. Cosnett, Pershore, S. Lowe, Crawcrook
Girls Under 44 kilos	Gold: D. Snowden, Crawcrook Silver: C. Inwood, Tubes Bronze: A. Harris, G.K.N., M. Bowater, Bridgnorth
Girls Under 48 kilos	Gold: J. Lloyd, Dudley Silver: C. Gore, Wigan Bronze: N. Goodall, Newbury, S. Hockenhall, Maghull
Girls Under 52 kilos	Gold: K. White, Newbury Silver: J. Webb, Maghull Bronze: J. Taylor, Penketh, M. Partridge, Dowty
Girls Under 56 kilos	Gold: D. Sheldon, Dudley Silver: L. Edwards, Maghull Bronze:
Girls Under 60 kilos	Gold: T. Edwards, Maghull Silver: S. Gollledge, Jubilee Bronze: D. Lea, Wem, K. Maggs, Wrexham
Girls Open	Gold: C. Greenaway, Newbury Silver: D. Lea, Wem Bronze: P. Wyatt, G.K.N., J. Bownes, Newbury



# Frankly

OBSERVATIONS, NEWS AND VIEWS... by FRANK SMITH

Like the man said . . . "So now who are you going to write about?"

The reason being, if you didn't already know, is that the six recommendations made in this column in the May issue were all elected (thanks to you) and the new Management Committee for 1981-83 is Charles Palmer (Chairman), John Beard, Mick Leigh, Bryan Perriman, Cliff Baker-Brown, Keith Remfry and yours truly (as Committee Members).

I am sure that the new Committee are grateful for your confidence in them and without doubt will do their best to justify it and I am equally sure that if you are not happy you will continue to make your views known.

Unknown to many Members at the AGM on the weekend of the 14th June, Charles Palmer chaired the meeting in considerable discomfort due to a serious illness which took him into hospital on Tuesday (16th June) for extensive surgery. By the time this is read, we will know how he has fared but nevertheless I know you will join me in wishing him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.



Talking of Charles' illness, I heard a story that he had called a meeting of the four specialists attending his case and demanded that he be allowed to 'chair' it. Charles himself confirmed that this was the case as he never managed to get any answers to his questions, so getting the Doctors all together in one place to face his inquisition was the only solution. He also said that he had promised the anaesthetist a hard time in the 'here-after' if he got it wrong, but he did assure me that he did stop short of taking minutes!



The AGM provided a wealth of interesting quotes (some unprintable) like the one John Perrins made after losing his place by a few votes . . . "After losing by a short head or should I say a short Beard, . . ." but my favourite and the one I found particularly amusing was from Mick Leigh who was stressing the importance of up-dating the register of Club Coaches during his address to the Technical conference . . .

"I am sure at least half of them have nothing to with judo any more," said Mick . . . " . . . some have retired from the sport and not told us . . . some have changed address and not told us . . . and, some have even died and not told us . . .!"

How inconsiderate!

Midland Area Officials at the AGM were taken to task by some young ladies who wanted to know why we are staging a UK Area Team Championships for Boys and not for Girls. Of course, it's not true. The UK Area Team Championships for Girls is on 19th December at Haden Hill Leisure Centre and information will be sent to Area secretaries in October.

The AGM approved the suggestion of Mr Butler of Pinewood that these two events should be used to judge whether Area Team Championships for juniors could be adopted as National Events for the future, so urge your Area to participate.

Still at the BJA Annual General Meeting, just before the last item on the Agenda, John Bricknell, long-time Financial Adviser to the Association announced his resignation. Whilst there is no hiding that I have always been a critic of some of the methods John employed, I have never denied that when the Association was in dire financial straits John Bricknell rescued us and put us on the road to recovery. For this and the time and effort he has devoted to the Association we owe him a vote of thanks and if its any comfort to him in his retirement, he takes with him the knowledge that he thwarted and exasperated me right to the minute he left.



Finally, my last bit of news from the weekend of the AGM is that most competitors and coaches alike will be pleased to know that the BJA have now recognised that mat edge legislation is too severe and has made representations to the European Judo Union that penalties be down graded one step to exclude 'Keikoku' in favour of 'Chui'.

Peter McNamara was also successful in getting part of a resolution through, which means a further recommendation will go to the EJU suggesting that stepping out offences occurring whilst making a genuine attack should go without penalty though scores so achieved would not count.

It would be nice in the meantime if the senior British referees could get together and agree to apply these rules less stringently and more in the spirit of how the offence occurred as this is obviously what the members and the Association are now seeking.

Whilst not wishing to give birth to perpetual argument perhaps I could just make a final comment on Geoff Gleeson's 'Market Stall' article. Unfortunately in his response to my comments in June 'Frankly' he falls into the trap which is the fate of many amateur journalists and credits his assumptions to me.

Geoff says I condemn you as being 'ignorant and crass' for not reading the books he recommends yet these are his words not mine. Geoff also regularly draws attention to the differences between the professional judo coach and the amateur hobbyist, yet does not appreciate that such differences also exist between the professional journalist and amateur columnist.

You see I wrote that perhaps 98% of judoka were (like me) not going to read the books on Victorian philosophy as recommended by Mr Gleeson and whilst I concede that the figure of 98% was an educated estimate it was based on the following researched facts.

The Association of Wholesale Book and Magazine Distributors report not one sale of the titles mentioned in 1981. The three major retail book shops in the Midlands report that they have no knowledge of any sales of these titles in their recent recollection which are deleted from the retail lists and available only on special order. Central Reference Library, Manchester, and the City of Birmingham Reference Library, the two leading reference sections in the UK report that requests for these titles, in storage classifications, total nil.

So you see Geoff, perhaps I was wrong, it may be 100%, but then I made allowance for your faithful following lending out their copies. Hence, by your definition we are all 'ignorant and crass.'

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# GLEESON'S MARKET STALL

Well, well, so now I am a Napoleon and a destructive critic. I am not sure if I am flattered or annoyed. Flattered, because I think the essence of Napoleon was his great organising ability; annoyed because although I enjoy being criticised by someone who knows the business, to be attacked by the inept is like being savaged by a dead sheep.

Both the critics I wish to reply to—Messrs Smith and Jones (no it is not Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid), are examples of what worries me about a small part of the evolving judo scene. The apparent adulation of ignorance! Mr Smith condemns 98% of the judo fraternity as being ignorant and crass, for hardly anybody—according to him—wants to read a book or find out anything about judo, other than how you kick the other fellow when doing Ashi-harai. How arrogant can you be, and he says I am a Napoleon! He does not want to read a book that may help him understand judo a little more, so he says 98% of the rest are the same as he! Wow! How's that for democracy?

At least I pay a compliment to the judo fraternity and imagine that a few more than 2% of them do want to read a book. I cannot really imagine the judo fraternity are as dull as Mr Smith makes out. Surely not everyone's interest is limited to who won the European Championships this year? As necessary as that is, surely it is not sufficient to sustain everyone's interest for the rest of the year. I hope the judo population has not changed that much since I stopped being National Coach, for then there was quite a large section of the judo crowd, who wanted to know more about judo than was in the standard text-book. If I am wrong, and I do not think I am, heaven help judo! If Mr Smith thinks of Napoleon as being a frightful dictator (as it appears so) then I am certainly no dictator.

I have made no critical comment on whether Mr Smith should or should not write to the judo population as if they were totally uneducated. I have shown tolerance to those views; something which no frightful dictator would do. Mr Smith sounds to me like the intolerant dictator, unless of course he has taken a national survey, the results of which support his sweeping 98% figure. If he has taken such a survey, perhaps he would be good enough to tell us some of its other findings. Are the rest of the people's taste the same as Mr Smith, or do some manage to have some individuality?

So with Mr Jones, he accuses me of being 'dull and boring.' I am sorry he finds that so, but we cannot all have a flashing pen. It would have been more competent if he had found out the answers to his questions before he made the innuendoes a part of his criticism. For his information I have never been an honorary national coach or any other form of officer or member of any judo organisation, other than the British Judo Association. Yes, I am still a member of the British Judo Association and proud of it; I fought for the British Judo Association in 1949-52, and from 1955-74 was a national officer of one kind or another. During that time I worked very hard for the Association and was responsible for many national developments.

Bearing this in mind, Mr Jones, I hope you will be a little tolerant of me when I express some doubts in the form of criticism, that certain aspects of the organisation are not developing in the way I think would benefit the sport most. Your letter, Mr Jones, implies that criticisms are something I should not indulge in, as it seemingly depresses the soul or something equally traumatic. Yet when I read the June magazine, apart from technical articles and personality profiles, all are making criticisms of either judo or the British Judo Association or both. What makes my criticisms so objectionable? Don't you think it would be a good idea to have a national course for top coaches?

Don't you think it would benefit the sport of judo if there was some form of performers' organisation? Can't you really think of a better way to improve judo skills than the grading syllabus? Do you really find such ideas and the others I have mentioned so dull and boring?

I suppose what really gets at Mr Jones is that I am no longer in the 'rough-and-tumble' of organising judo. Like many on the 'shop floor' he thinks the shop-floor worker is the only worker. It is a view that can be understood, but it is totally wrong. Many of the workers' co-operatives have proven that. The workers do not always know where they are going; when they think they are moving forwards they are simply going in circles (e.g. the British Judo Association grading syllabus).

I think there is a need for an observer, who is on the outside of the hurly-burly of judo at the sharp-end, who can try and see where things



are heading and to suggest alternative objectives. However, if the involvement issue really does worry Mr Jones, I have a constructive suggestion to make. Let him, or one of his many friends, nominate me for a position on the Management Committee of the BJA, and then they can all see how much I am prepared to help the British Judo Association.

Mr Jones also finds me humourless—well I must admit that years ago I accepted the fact that I could not write humourously about judo. I could perform it for laughs, but when I am writing about serious ideas I found myself writing seriously. For example, have you heard that funny one about how some dedicated professionals have had their livelihood taken from them? I must admit I have great difficulty in laughing about that. Yet it does worry me to think that every month I leave 98% of the magazine readers—that is Mr Jones and his friends—depressed and unhappy. So this month let me try to change that. The contest rules are wonderful, the judo organisation is fantastic and the British Judo Association is going from strength to strength. At the risk of upsetting Mr Smith further, I could quote Voltaire, "All is the best in this best of all possible worlds."

By the way, have you heard that Irish joke? An Irish labourer asked for a job on the building site. The foreman said, "You don't know enough. I bet you don't know the difference between a girder and a joist." The Irishman replied, "Yes I do; one wrote 'Werther' and the other wrote 'Finnegan's Wake.'" Talking about Deashiharai, orthodox always advocates it is done on the 'sleeve-side,' i.e. holding orthodox right-handed, the attacker's left foot is used against the opponent's right foot. Sometimes it is better to do it on the 'collar-side' i.e. to use the right foot against the opponent's left foot.

What needs to be remembered is that the opponent's head must be pulled well down and round, preventing him from reaching out with his free left-hand. With a lot of body-twist it can be made a very powerful throw. The hand action is even better if done with throws like Tsurikomi-ashi, but any of them will do. I know of course that many top performers already use this version but perhaps the less experienced may not know it. Step forward with the left foot, pull down and round hard and twist the body to the right.

## LETTERS CORNER

—Continued from page 7.

Dear Editor,

I would like to order JUDO for a further year, I find it a great help in my training and teaching programme, the pictures are excellent.

As you know Tony Macconnell has now taken up his new job as Norsk National Coach, (is this another form of brain/talent drain?). We in Vennesla Judo Club have recently had the benefit of his guidance; if we can absorb a small part of his teaching we can only vastly improve. We are looking forward to his return in November to reinforce his help to us and further develop our friendship.

Tony mentioned the Japanese trip you are setting up I am very interested and have started planning a budget to see if it is a realistic hope for me. The proposed month of March would fit in very well with my farming, bee-keeping and English teaching activities.

I must mention Tony was a great help to me on the farm, between judo sessions. He took to ploughing like a duck to water. He acquired the basic technique to the art and has become skilled enough to be allowed to start the engine on the plough next time—instead of pushing it!

It was a pleasure to meet such a man.

Yours sincerely, F. T. SHARP—Norway.



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What about this year's Championships? Well there certainly were a few major surprises. No-one could have possibly predicted the winners, for not one of Europe's many World and Olympic Champions could win a European title. Who could have guessed that the smaller Eastern bloc countries, Bulgaria, Rumania and Poland, were to dominate the event? In the overall medal table, France—who finished second to the USSR—was the only non-communist country in the first eight. Great Britain with two fifth places, Adams and Chittenden, could only finish in thirteenth position along with Austria (one Bronze) and Spain (one Bronze). Perhaps the fact that the Championships were held in a communist country helped the communist countries to perform better than they normally would have done, certainly Hungary did well finishing in fifth place overall.

The organisation of the Championships was of the highest standard and the only complaint that could have been made was on the choice of Debrecen as the town where the event was staged. Debrecen is a long four hours by bus from the nearest airport and Budapest would have been a more logical choice. I also found it strange that the local people did not seem to know or care that this major event was being staged in their town. The Organising Committee and the town officials, however, did everything necessary to make everyone's stay as pleasant as possible and to ensure a successful Championships.

For the spectator the Judo was on the whole a bit dull. There were a few exciting matches but they were few and far between. Some categories were much better than others. The Under 95 kilos category with Khou Bouloury (USSR), World Champion and Van der Walle (Belgium), Olympic Champion, was particularly exciting as was the Under 86 kilos category with Tchoullouyan (France) and World Champion Utsch (GDR). Adams (GB), Khabareli (USSR) and Nowak (France) livened up the Under 78 kilos category, and Rey (France) World and Olympic Champion, did the same for the Under 65 kilos category. There was little to interest the spectator in the other categories which seemed to have more than their full share of inactive periods. Worst of all was the Open category in which few countries seemed to have any real interest. One thing which is certain is that it is no longer acceptable to enter a competitor in the Open who has already fought in another category. The only countries to do well in this category are those who bring a player whose only task is to fight in the Open category.

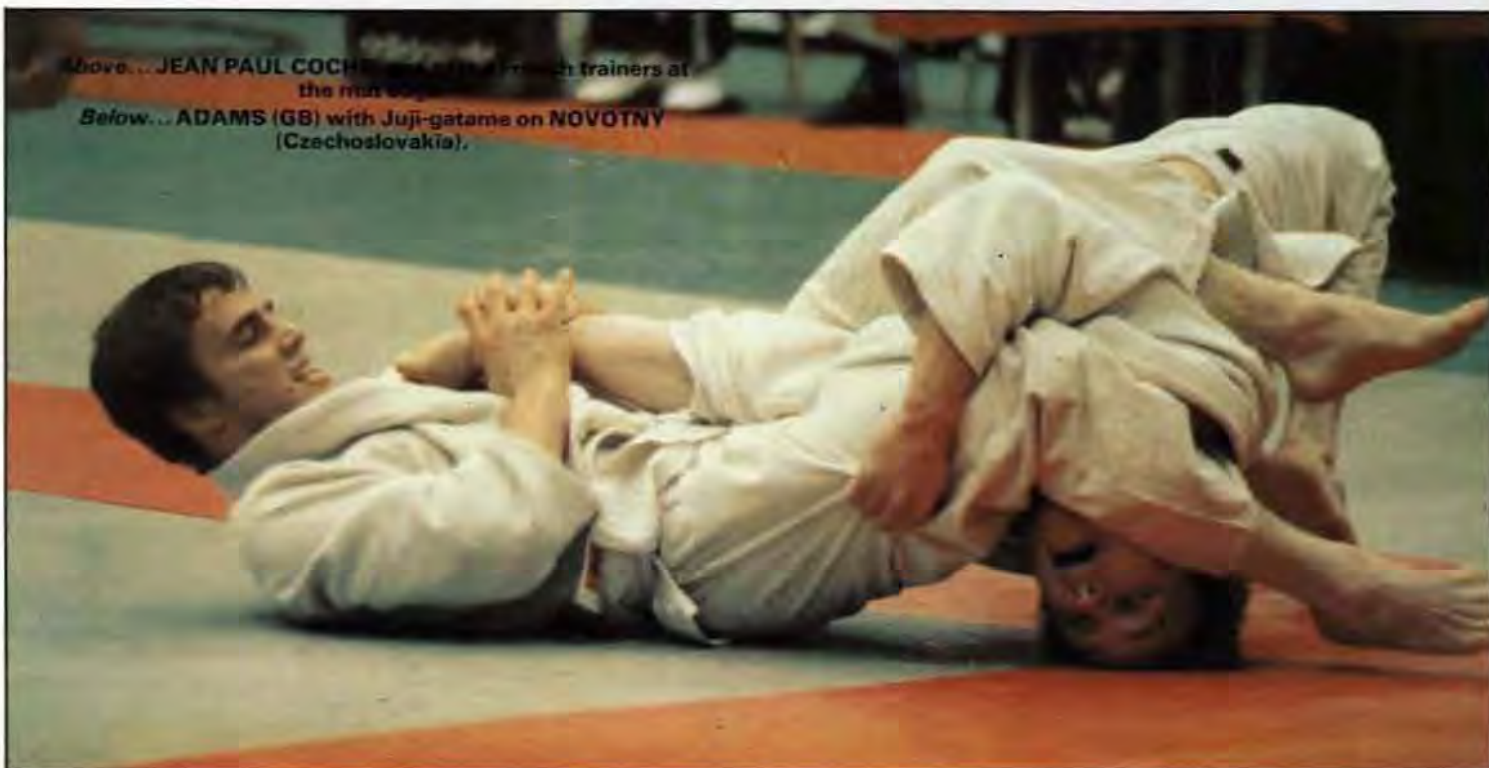
Technically there were a lot of changes and for those interested a lot could be learned. Judo seems to be going through another period of change. Whether it is only that certain techniques are becoming more popular or there is going to be a change of style, it is hard to say. For some time a more physical style has been developing and many techniques from the wrestling repertoire have found their way into Judo. It is obvious, at least to me, that the Judo we teach our players in Britain does in no way prepare them for what they meet at this type of event. We now have to revise our approach. Leg grabbing for example should not be frowned upon but looked at as a viable technique and encouraged. Players have to be taught from the beginning to develop their gripping skills—the standard sleeve and lapel grip has very limited applications.

The level of officiating was normal for this type of competition but the rules continue to frustrate the players and spoil the sport for the spectators. Inconsistent scoring and application of penalties still remain the major problem. It was disappointing to see the International Judo Federation hold an examination for referees at this event. I would have thought that it was wrong to put the referees under stress of an examination at such an important event.

The Gold medal in the over 95 kilos category was won by Veritshev, a remarkable new talent from the Soviet Union. Not since the days of Anton Geesink, Wilham Ruska and Klaus Glahn, have I seen such a good European heavyweight. I was pleased to see a true heavyweight with some aggression and skill, who was prepared to attack and not just waddle around the mat.

Angelo Parisi of France, who could not participate in this event due to an injury to his thumb, is perhaps the only current heavyweight who would have been a tough opponent for the Soviet player. Whether Veritshev will be able to contain Japan's Yamashita, who has just recently set an all-time record by winning the All Japan Championships for the fifth consecutive year, should they meet in the forthcoming World Championships, is of course, another matter.

Del Colombo of France and Zaprianoc of Bulgaria were the best of the others and, if not as efficient as Veritshev, who defeated both with ease, they are certainly to be considered.



Move... JEAN PAUL COCHE and his French trainers at the mat edge.

Below... ADAMS (GB) with Juji-gatame on NOVOTNY (Czechoslovakia).

Brady (GB) in his first major international competition, did well against both his opponents, Tambour (Belgium) and Muller (Swiss). It is obvious that he only lacks experience.

Soloduhin (USSR), current World and Olympic Champion, was most favoured to win the Under 65 kilos category. His main opposition was likely to come from Rey (France), World and Olympic Champion at Under 60 kilos and now competing at Under 65 kilos. Reiter (Austria) also moving up from the 60 kilos category. Brown (GB) and Rosati (Italy) were the best of the others and had to be considered as likely medallists.

When Rey and Soloduhin met, early in the second round, it was Rey who emerged the winner, although there was really little to choose between them. Rey reached the Final but only after a real struggle with Gardell (Spain) who was to prove he is a very capable player indeed. Nikolae (Rumania) became the other finalist after some good victories over Reiter (Austria), Ciganovic (Yugoslavia) and Kollar (Hungary).

Prior to the Final contest we had the last contests in the repechage for the Bronze medals, between Soloduhin and Gardell, and Kollar and Reiter. Both contests were very exciting ending with Gardell defeating Soloduhin by Ippon with Yoko-shihogame, and Reiter defeating Kollar by Yuseigachi.

Nikolae rather surprisingly emerged winner of the Final, throwing Rey twice for Waza-ari with Ouchigari. Rey's performance, not taking anything away from the Rumanian, was not up to his usual standard and I feel certain that once he has had more time to settle at this weight, he will soon be back on top.

Kerrith Brown (GB) was not on his best form, although he did start well defeating Reiter. He was, however, unable to win any of his other preliminary contests and did not qualify for the knockout. If only Kerrith could develop a successful throwing technique he would be amongst the best in Europe—his Newaza and defensive skills are of a very good standard.

I favoured Mariani (Italy) to win the Under 60 kilos category with perhaps Morgalev (USSR) as his main opponent. However, neither finished in the medal positions. Mariani lost to Maurel (France) who in turn lost to the eventual winner Dziemianuk (Poland) and Morgalev lost to Szabo (Rumania) the other finalist, and Petrikov (Czechoslovakia).

This was another of those dull categories for the spectator with too much time wasted fighting for grips. Most of the contests followed the same sequence... 20 seconds of grip fighting, a hurried and generally inefficient attack, followed by 20 seconds Newaza and then Matte. The sequence was repeated throughout the contest and the decision awarded to the player who got his attacks first.

Dziemianuk was the clear winner over Szabo in the Final, to the great delight of the Polish contingent. Maurel and Petrikov won the Bronze medals.

Young Paul Sheals (GB) had a very tough draw with Maurel, Fagerlund (Finland) both in his pool. Paul did well against all his opponents, considering that this was his very first international competition. He went to time with Maurel the very strong Frenchman, only losing by a five point decision, no mean achievement for such a young player.

Reszko (Poland) won the Open category, defeating among others, Van de Walle (Belgium), Gourin (USSR) and Ozsvar (Hungary), to give Poland their second Gold medal of the event. This was a good performance from Reszko who also fought in the Over 95 kilos category, finishing in fifth place. Wilhelm (Holland) performed well to reach the Final with a good win over Schnabel (West Germany) and Van de Walle.

As I mentioned earlier the Open category was not so interesting. Many of the good fighters like Van de Walle, Vachon and Zaprianov had won medals in their own categories and their hunger for success was somewhat diminished. The Open can sometimes be of great spectator appeal, but I wonder now if it would be as well to do away with the category, or hold it on a separate occasion; perhaps the same weekend as the European Championships.

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- 1... **LEHMANN (East Germany) attacks MULLER (Switzerland) with Tai-toshi.**
- 2... **TCHOULLOUYAN (France) holds with Kesagatame.**
- 3... **SZEPESEI (Hungary) throws NEUREUTHER (West Germany) with Te-guruma.**
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## ★ RESULTS ★

### ★ Under 60 kilos

- 1—DZIEMIANYUK (Poland)
- 2—SZAB (Rumania)
- 3—PETRIKOV (Czechoslovakia)
- 3—MAUREL (France)
- 5—MORGALOV (Soviet Union)
- 5—KINCES (Hungary)

### ★ Under 65 kilos

- 1—NIKOLAE (Rumania)
- 2—REY (France)
- 3—GARDELL (Spain)
- 3—REITER (Austria)
- 5—SOLODUCHIN (Soviet Union)
- 5—KALLAR (Hungary)

### ★ Under 71 kilos

- 1—LEHMANN (East Germany)
- 2—NAGYSOLYMOSSI (Hungary)
- 3—TOPLICEAN (Rumania)
- 3—NEDKOV (Bulgaria)
- 5—TUMA (Czechoslovakia)
- 5—MULLER (Switzerland)

### ★ Under 78 kilos

- 1—PETROV (Bulgaria)
- 2—NOVOTNY (Czechoslovakia)
- 3—KHABARELI (Soviet Union)
- 3—SADEJ (Poland)
- 5—ADAMS (Great Britain)
- 5—NOWAK (France)

### ★ Under 86 kilos

- 1—BODAVELI (Soviet Union)
- 2—TCHOULLOUYAN (France)
- 3—FRANK (West Germany)
- 3—GYANI (Hungary)
- 5—VAN OOSTEN (Holland)
- 5—TOMA (Rumania)

### ★ Under 95 kilos

- 1—VACHON (France)
- 2—KHOUBOULOURY (Soviet Union)
- 3—VAN DE WALLE (Belgium)
- 3—RETTIG (East Germany)
- 5—CHITTENDEN (Great Britain)
- 5—BIELAWSKI (Poland)

### ★ Over 95 kilos

- 1—VERITSHEV (Soviet Union)
- 2—ZAPRIANOV (Bulgaria)
- 3—GROBEN (West Germany)
- 3—DEL COLOMBO (France)
- 5—RESZKO (Poland)
- 5—MAREE (Belgium)

### ★ Open

- 1—RESKO (Poland)
- 2—WILHELM (Holland)
- 3—OZSVAR (Hungary)
- 3—SCHNABEL (West Germany)
- 5—KOCMAN (Czechoslovakia)
- 5—VAN DEN WALLE (Belgium)



# YAMASHITA: 'KING OF WORLD JUDO'

Translated from the Japanese 'Budo' Magazine by Brian Watson. Photos: 'Budo', Arthur Tansley

Twenty-three year old Yasuhiro Yamashita, 5th Dan, has once again, by his incredible fifth consecutive victory in this year's All Japan Championships, reasserted himself as the world's number one Judo super-star!

This outstanding contest man, a native of Japan's large western island of Kyushu, 500 miles west of Tokyo, achieved only moderate success in local junior school Judo tournaments. However, in 1975, when only 16 years of age, he surprised the Japanese Judo fraternity by finishing third in his first attempt to capture the coveted All Japan Judo Championships.

It was not until 1977, when he came to Tokyo in order to enter Tokai University and, in consequence, train under the direct supervision of that university's renowned coach Nobuyuki Sato (former All Japan and World Light-Heavyweight Judo Champion), that Yamashita's extraordinary Judo career started to bring him world-wide fame.

In that year, at only 18 year of age, he astonished the Budokan spectators by reaching the final of the All Japan Judo Championships. His opponent was the defending champion, Sumio Endo, whom Yamashita decisively defeated, and thus took possession of Japan's most prestigious Judo crown, at only his third attempt.

Since 1977, Yamashita has had a remarkable series of national and international successes, and he is still undefeated after more than 200 contests!

*Yamashita attacks Kurumoto with Harai-goshi, changes to Uchimata and scores Ippon.*



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His phenomenal achievements include, double gold medal winner in the Over 95 kilo, and Open events in the 1978, 26 nation, Jigoro Kano Cup. Also, in that year, he won two gold medals in the same categories, at the celebrated U.S.S.R. International Judo Championships. Moreover, in December 1979, he culminated his successes for the decade by winning the World Heavyweight title in Paris. To win the aforementioned championships he had to defeat tough opposition from Olympic and World champions, such as Navikov (USSR), Rouge (France) and Sumio Endo (Japan).

Before Yamashita shook the Judo world, Judo's popularity in Japan was flagging somewhat, mainly because Japanese fans had no great champion to hail. Not since Yoshimatsu (All Japan Champion 1952, 1953 and 1955) and Olympic silver medallist, Kaminga, (All Japan Champion 1960, 1961 and 1964) have Japanese Judo fans had a hero to cheer. But now, in Yamashita, they undoubtedly have Japan's greatest Judo champion ever! In consequence, however, Yamashita has the awesome task of shouldering the burden of Japan's Judo prestige in all his international contests.

Standing 5ft 11ins tall, and tipping the scales at 126 Kilos, Yamashita is deceptively fast and nimble on his feet. Unlike many lighter heavyweights such as Endo (120 Kilos), and Matsui (125 Kilos), who plod flatfootedly around the mat, Yamashita usually moves on the balls of his feet, thus enabling him to enter swiftly into an attacking position by means of a

quick hopping motion. He uses this method of entry most effectively when attacking with left O-uchi-gari, Uchi-mata and O-soto-gari; and, if failing to score Ippon, he often surprises his opponent with his speedy techniques with which he is able to hold them in ground work.

It is noticeable that Yamashita is somewhat of a slow-starter, he seems to take his time in the early rounds of a competition before getting into his stride. It appears that he deliberately refuses to display his full potential in the first few rounds of a championship, but as the competition progresses, he often makes short work of his opponent in the finals by unleashing the full power of his explosive techniques. Moreover, he rarely gets flustered when under pressure, and, like a true contest veteran, he fights in an unexcitable manner.

This unassuming young man currently has his sights set on the approaching 1981 World Championships when he will endeavour to retain his heavyweight crown. At the moment there does not seem to be any contestant who could seriously threaten his world-wide supremacy.

Therefore the question is: how long can he remain at the top of the world Judo tree? Barring unforeseen accidents, it can be assumed that he is ensconced there for at least another five years. As a result, he will most probably gain possession of the only worthwhile Judo honour that has so far eluded him, namely, an Olympic Gold Medal at the forthcoming Los Angeles Games. If he achieves this distinction, the King will have no other domains left to conquer.



Yamashita throwing Matsui for Ippon, in their 1981 All Japan Championships semi-final contest.