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FIRST JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first event for our junior players turned out to be a great success, although not from the support received from the areas of the British Judo Association. Many areas were unable to field teams mainly because of the cost, at least that was the impression given, although one or two people who were present from areas not entering teams indicated that no-one had pursued the matter very hard in their locality. Young players reading this, and their parents, should make sure that they are not forgotten next time. You might write to your Area Committee and ask them why your area did not have a team at the Crystal Palace this year, and what they propose to do next time.

Top Players as Team Managers

Getting back to the brilliant young lads who did take part, they made this one of the most enjoyable Judo events so far held. Their tremendous enthusiasm, courage and sportsmanship, set a remarkably high standard for subsequent years.

The teams came from the West, Midlands, London, Northern Home Counties and the South, and they were managed in many cases by top-name senior players, who looked after their youngsters with

more care than John Ryan bestows on his international squad. You might read the first line of this paragraph again so that you remember which areas sent teams to compete, and next time you see someone from one of these regions congratulate them on the young players who represented them so well at this first National Junior Championship.

Difficult Pools System

With such a small entry it was not easy to work out a pool system that would give all the teams an even chance of getting a crack at the title. However, after some computer-like calculations by Bryan Perriman, a pool system was devised which ensured that every side would have a maximum opportunity of reaching the final.

Two mat areas were used during the afternoon eliminations and a single area for the semi-finals and final in the evening. The first two matches were between London and Northern Home Counties, and Midland and Southern Areas. N.H.C. brought along a formidably strong team and scored two ippons to take the first two contests in the under-six-stone category. Their next two contests were not so easily won, the London boys only conceding defeat by a waza-ari and

a decision after going the full time. Although now four contests down the London players were still in the fight, and they battled back by winning the next two contests, which were in the under-eight-stone category. De Rose and H. Maddams both scored extremely well, but the N.H.C., coached and managed by Ken Maynard, who has a reputation for good, strategic play, were too strong to hold. The first of the under-nine-stone contests went to time after a hard battle, with Callaghan of London holding Pugh to a draw, but after this the N.H.C. team went well ahead to win the next three contests, so passing through to the semi-finals.

Young Hedgecock of the London Judo Society who, so ably filled the first place in the Southern Area Team.



Report and
Photographs by
Alan R. Menzies

Three Team Pool

On the other mat a three-team pool started with the Midlands facing the Southern team. The Midlands were, without doubt, the favourites, especially since the team consisted of members from Nechells, Leicester and Coventry exclusively, the leading clubs in the Midlands.

The match started with a remarkable win for the South when young Hedgecock scored almost immediately with a very quick throw. Hedgecock proved to be the best possible choice for the first position in the Southern team, he never failed to make a score, and only once did he go to time, even then winning with a waza-ari. This tremendous start by Hedgecock was, unfortunately, not maintained. The Midlands side got into their undoubted stride, and Neal evened the match when he scored on O'Shaughnessey. This contest showed how adept the Midland boys were in taking advantage of any gap in an opponent's defence, especially when retreating after an unsuccessful attack.

In the first of the Light-Middle-weight contests the South retrieved their lead when Norton took a waza-ari from Holt, and managed to hold out for the rest of the time against a considerable period of attack by the Midland player in an effort to draw level. P. Collins of



Members of the Midland side talking to Charles Palmer after the Final.

the Midlands, the next player in the same weight category, scored an ippon on Cropper of the South, and the Midlands extended their lead when Hull also scored in the Middleweight class on DeSouza, who never really managed to settle down before going over to a determined opponent. The next Middleweight player from the Midlands increased yet further their advantage with a waza-ari over Allen. There was not the same omnipotence by the Midland player, Leaman, in this contest as there had been in the previous two matches.

The Midlands were now leading by four contests to two when the Light-Heavyweight class commenced, with Dench of the South against Rodgers of the Midlands. This was probably the best contest

in the match. Dench remarkably agile and very quick to counter with Sukui-nage and then press home with Ne-waza, faced a tall, strong boy with attacks on both sides who was also not loth to go to the ground. This was three minutes of fighting that made even the audience perspire at the sight of the energy these youngsters were using up. At time the referee gave a draw as the result, one of the few draws awarded throughout the championship. The second Light-Heavyweight, Emms of Southern, scored against D. Collings with an ippon, which brought the two teams slightly closer together, with Midlands leading by one contest. Bullock of the South, the first of the Heavyweights, evened the match with a waza-ari win, although Southern were still trailing on

points scored, but this calculation was not necessary because Cole of the Midlands beat Woods of the South with a waza-ari, after a hard fight between two very good players. The final result was Midlands five, Southern Area four, which on the face of it and considering the Midlands reputation was not a bad result for the South.

Midlands Lead in First Round

The Midlands now fought the West and once again their first player went out to an ippon in the opening seconds, when Moore of the West picked King up with Ura-nage and slammed him down

for ippon in the best Russian manner. Unfortunately this was the only score the West managed out of the next nine contests. The Midlands won six and drew three, Mortimer, Martin and Firman of the West proving to be staunch fighters who, although not being able to score, withstood some pretty fierce attacks by the versatile Midlands players.

This result put the Midland team through to the semi-final and left only the South to fight the West. London, South and West would make up another pool to decide on the other two semi-finalists.

The South versus the West match was a veritable whitewash for the West, except for the brilliant

Dench of the South avoiding an attack by Bailey of the Northern Home Counties in their epic semi-final battle.





Sharland of the N.H.C. scoring on O'shaughnessy of the South in the semi-final.

efforts by Haynes who threw DeSouza for ippon at the end of a hard three-minute contest, otherwise the West suffered nine losses to a Southern side which was in top gear throughout this match.

The three losing teams out of the original two pools, which included the South, now formed one final pool from which two teams would go forward to the semi-finals and join the Northern Home Counties and the Midlands.

Decisive West v. London Match

Since the South had already met and defeated the West it was mutually agreed that they would not fight again in this pool. As two teams out of three were to go forward it was decided that London and the West would fight, and if the West won then London would fight the South. On the other hand if the West lost, South and London would go through to the semi-finals without meeting.

This match was much closer than expected resulting in the West winning four contests, to just lose to London who won five with one draw. This concluded the afternoon eliminations and left the young players some hours to kill before the evening performance, which probably made all of them feel somewhat nervous. It is surprising how quickly time flies, however, and it did not seem very long before the announcer, Captain Bill Tate, was welcoming the guests and calling on the teams for the ceremonial parade before the competitions proper. Dutifully parading

before many admiring mums and dads, and sundry other supporters, the teams dispersed to prepare for the final battles. The first match was the semi-final between the Northern Home Counties under Ken Maynard, and the Southern Area under Ralph Bullock.

Close Semi-Final

Hedgecock, true to form, brought the first victory to the South but only by a waza-ari, nevertheless it was a great morale booster to his side. The South needed it when

Hughes of London attacking Hill of the Northern Home Counties in the match for third place.





Bullock, one of the most stylish players in the Championship, scoring on Newcombe of the Midlands in the final.

they watched their next four players succumb to the N.H.C. Sharland scored ippon against O'Shaughnessy, Hill took a decision off Norton after a rough contest, Clark increased the lead when he scored a waza-ari on Cropper and maintained a real barrage of attacks to get an ippon, and Fessas took a waza-ari from DeSouza, which gave the Northern Home Counties a very commanding lead. This was shortened by Allen of the South, who despite strenuous efforts could only get a decision, still it stopped the rot and closed the gap a little. Dench of the South tore into Bailey for three minutes, bringing him heavily down on to the tatami with a range of sutemi-waza that just did not score, and gigantic efforts at groundwork were foiled by Bailey managing to stay on his face

against any trick Dench could think of to turn him over. At the end another decision, and the South were a little further out of the danger-zone but still struggling hard. Emms of the South brought the first really decisive win to his side with an ippon against Hill, and closed the breach, although the South were trailing on points. At this stage the Southern Area manager must have felt that his side stood a fairly good chance since Bullock, the next player, is one of the best young men in the area, but Hagen of the N.H.C., with little respect for his opponent, blocked every attempt that Bullock made, and twice sat him down with ashi-waza. Hagen also made more effort and kept the advantage most of the time, therefore it was not surprising that, at the end of the contest,

Hagen got the decision which put the N.H.C. back in front both in contests and points. It now rested on the final match which would have to be won on an ippon by the Southern Area player to win the match for them. Any other score would give the match to the N.H.C. and take them through to the final. Woods of the South came out with great spirit to fight this last contest and, taking his team manager's advice that with nothing to lose he might just as well go out in a blaze of glory as finish in any other way, blasted into Hodson, who had far the greater responsibility in trying to keep in the contest without doing anything that his opponent might be able to counter and so score that elusive point. As it happened, Woods crashed through Hodson's defence and threw him with a mighty O-soto-gari cum Harai-goshi which put him down for ippon, and up went the referee's hand to indicate the score. As the teams lined up there was a slight wait while the recorders checked the results—with each team level on contests of five a piece, it depended on the points. The referee arranged the teams and raised his hand in the direction of the South, a win by thirty-seven points to thirty-four. What a relief it was for the Southern side, and how disappointing for the Northern Home Counties after such a great effort.

Midlands Reach Final

The second semi-final was much less exciting with seven wins to the Midlands and only two to the London side, both by the narrowest margin. Once again the Midlands side showed an overall versatile team of players with plenty of attack and variety of technique, the only weakness that the onlooker could see was the inability to make as much of the groundwork as they might have done.

N.H.C. Make Third Place

Before the final there was a fight-off for third place, and this took place between London and Northern Home Counties. Having already met in the preliminary rounds it was not unexpected that the result would be the same, in fact the London team did a little better in this match, but still lost by six contests to four. N.H.C. were, no doubt, feeling the strain of their semi-final and, of course, there was not so much at stake, but it was another energetic series of contests, with the players spending their time in the middle of the

A strong attack being made during the preliminary rounds.





mat area and not creeping round the edge, giving the onlookers much to cheer about and appreciate with their volatile styles and determination.

International Attraction

As an additional attraction to this first Championship, the return match between London and Normandy was included in the programme, and followed the third place fight-off. Two teams of five players represented each side, one in the European junior weight categories, and the other in the senior weight categories. The London team included a great many international players, and it would have been very surprising if the Normandy side had been able to beat them.

Starting with the juniors, Alexander beat Boileau on a narrow decision. Nelson lost to Brack. Brian Jacks, in the best tradition, scored an ippon on Longuet with a very quick Uchi-mata. McIver took ten points off Corblin; and Remfrey scored with Harai-goshi on Caurant, a particularly good throw which flattened the very heavy French player.

In the senior match, Glass drew with Hecquet, the only international in the French side. Orton drew with Chevalier; Hoare scored with a holding on Brosse; Ross won against Martin after some slight delay; and Eales held his opponent, Gianerini, for the required thirty

OPPOSITE:

Above. Ippon — a score being made during the afternoon eliminations.

Below. Brian Jacks scoring with Uchi-mata during the London v. Normandy match.

seconds. All told a win for London of seven contests, sixty-six points to one contest and ten points.

Southern Team Win National Title

After this diversion the programme continued with the National Junior Team Championship final, the Southern Area versus the Midlands. Young Hedgecock of the Southern side once again put his team in the lead, and repeated his first round result when he threw King of the Midlands for a full point. Hedgecock proved to be a very potent fighter, and during the whole event was only taken to full time once. Now one contest ahead, O'Shaughnessy dove into the battle against Neal, who had previously beaten him in the preliminary round. This time, however, O'Shaughnessy was too tough for Neal who, although he tried hard, was just not able to make any impression. O'Shaughnessy avoided the pitfall that had let him down earlier and pushed home as strong an attack as he could, but although Neal was unable to score he made sure that his opponent was not going to turn the tables completely. At the expiry of time a unanimous decision gave the contest to O'Shaughnessy.

Two contests in the lead and eight more to go, the excitement mounted with every minute. Norton versus Holt, with Norton the winner on a waza-ari for the South in the preliminaries. This time Norton scored an ippon and the South led by three contests, a strong lead in a final match. Next man out for the Midlands was young Paul Collins who throughout the day had displayed quite exceptional style and contest ability. With a hundred per-cent record he hammered Cropper of the South over for ippon, and sparked off a

little more enthusiasm in the Midland side, Leaman came out with plenty of spirit to meet DeSouza of the South, who had not on the whole had a very good day, but now he put everything into this contest. Although not scoring, he very nearly made it with a holding, but the supple Leaman managed to escape after eighteen seconds. This, however, gave DeSouza a commanding advantage and at the end of the contest he was awarded the decision. Four contests won out of five, it certainly looked bright for the South as Allen walked on to the mat to meet Hull of the Midlands. Hull had also had a good day with three wins in his previous three contests, and this was no exception. He sprang a strong attack on Allen and scored a full point, which increased the Midland total, but still left them a long way behind.

The next two contests were really fierce affairs. In the first, Dench of the South gave David Collins a rough three minutes, knocking him down innumerable times with counters but, being unable to gain that elusive point. On the ground, Dench pursued his opponent as hard as he could, and Collins had great difficulty in holding out for the time period. Not surprisingly, Dench won this with a unanimous decision. The second contest went much the same way, but this time it was Rodgers of the Midlands on the attack, hunting for an opening against Emms of the South. After three minutes they were both bathed in sweat and tiring rapidly, but Rodgers kept up the pace to take the decision for the Midlands side.

Now the most crucial moment of the match arrived. The South led with five wins to the Midlands three, and there were two contests to go. If the Midlands could win both of them, even with decisions,

they would draw even; with a score of waza-ari or more they would win.

Bullock of the South, probably the most stylish boy in the competition, met Newcombe of the Midlands. In the earlier match Bullock had won with a waza-ari, but he had not been too happy in the semi-finals where he lost on a decision. Newcombe, apart from his loss to Bullock in the preliminaries, had won all his other contests. As they met Bullock turned under for Uchi-mata and Newcombe was away clean over the top for Ippon, and the South were assured of the title. The last contest, being something of an anti-climax, saw Woods increase the lead by a sparkling win over Cole. Woods was another excellent player for the South, especially under pressure, as he was in the semi-final. How delighted South and their supporters were. Team Manager Ralph Bullock and Joe Rowe the Coach to many of the team members, jumped around, shouting above the noise, and laughing as they animatedly chattered about the results. The Midland side were, of course, rather dejected but they took their first real defeat for many years with great composure, and they deserve our thanks for putting up such a great show.

One item remained, that is after the prizes had been presented by the President of the International Judo Federation and Chairman of the British Judo Association, Charles Palmer, assisted by Miss Pam Hogg, the General Secretary. One small lad appeared on the mat and in a one-versus-ten showed the crowd just how Judo should be used by dumping his much larger opponents all over the place in under a couple of minutes. A happy and amusing ending to the first National Junior Championships of Great Britain.

Above. Hull of the Midlands scoring on Allen of the South in the Final match.

Below. Asaf of the Western Area on the right attacking Collins of the Midlands in the preliminary rounds.





THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

National Examination

The national examination held at Crystal Palace on the 15th October again proved extremely successful with entries of 90 members of 1st Kyu grade, 28 of 1st Dan grade and 6 of 2nd Dan grade.

The results will be published in the December issue of the magazine but we would take this opportunity to offer thanks to the team of examiners who worked from 10.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m. ensuring that three mat areas were in operation without break.

National Team Championships

Our congratulations to the London Area on winning this event for the second year running—obviously intending to endeavour to repeat their triple victory during the years 1960-1962, also the Northern Home Counties Area, finalists in 1966 and 1967.

Whilst well supported by spectators it was unfortunate that the British Universities were unable to field a team and that for the first time two teams were absent from the evening parade of competitors.

Sincere thanks must also go to the referees and officials who, due to shortage of numbers for various reasons, had an extremely busy and tiring day.

Home International 1967

We would now take this opportunity to remind members that this event will take place at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre, London, on Saturday, the 11th November 1967, the event starting at 2.0 p.m. and again at 7.0 p.m. Previous winners are England in 1965 and Scotland in 1966.

It is hoped we will be able to include in the programme an international match between Berlin University and members of the British Universities Judo Association.

Open Individual Championships 1967

Entry forms are now available from Headquarters for this event although information and forms have been circulated to all Member Clubs.

This year there will again be six categories as under:—

Lightweight:	Under 9st. 12 lbs.
Welterweight:	9st 12 lbs. to 11st.
Middleweight:	11st. to 12st. 8lbs.
Light Heavyweight:	12st., 8lbs. to 14st. 9lbs.
Heavyweight:	Over 14st. 9lbs.
Open:	Any weight.

but as this event will be under International Judo Federation rules the regulation introduced at the 1967 Congress of the I.J.F. will be in operation, which is that competitors must weigh in between the minimal and maximal limits of their particular weight category.

The Open category will this year be open to anyone wishing to participate and will not comprise only the winners of the five weight categories as was the case last year.

Entries are again expected at least from France, Holland and West Germany and it is hoped that this year B.J.A. members will give more support than was received in 1966.

The entry fee for B.J.A. members has been reduced to 10/- per competitor—a small price to pay for the opportunity of meeting some of Europe's top contestants.

National Junior Team Championships

Our congratulations to the Southern Area Team on winning this First Championship.

WOMEN'S JUDO

by Valerie Hill 2nd Kyu

For some number of years judo has become increasingly popular with females of varying ages, and from different walks of life. Many reasons prompt their decision to embark upon a beginners course of this particular sport.

Perhaps at the back of every woman's mind, is the need to be capable of protecting herself from "evil doers" that she may encounter while walking home at night in the countryside, or indeed along any street these days. Nearly everyone who practices the gentle art is regarded upon as a typical "Emma Peel", and it is beyond question that judo does provide a very useful means of self-defence when it is adapted to meet any kind of attack in the street. Some beginners have this idea of pure self-defence value, others may believe the also popular theory that judo improves the figure, losing

weight immediately. It's true to say that judo certainly tones up the muscles, can improve the figure immensely, but as for losing weight rapidly, it would be fairer to say that—It turns flabbiness into muscle!

These two points contribute only a little to the choice of judo learning for the majority of beginners.

So what is it then that first induces us ladies to partake in this sport? In my opinion, and one that is shared by every Ladies Section of Judo clubs, it is the pure mental and physical relaxation that judo provides. In this modern day and age, to forget dashing around for an hour or so is very welcome and beneficial. No other sport gives exactly the same amount of relaxation combined with the challenge to improve your knowledge and grade through the six kyu grades and on to the Dan grades.

If beginners do have the self-defence idea to the front of their minds, they soon realise that it is a long way round to learn to protect oneself, when they are put through the many warm-up body exercises, and the time spent practising for a really proficient break-fall. However, most of them do find that judo certainly does make one relax, and after learning one or two basic throws and hold-downs, the majority of pupils decide to continue.

Club practice, inter-club matches, promotion examination, weekend courses, Coach and Club Instructor Award pre-exam classes, and recently the National Womens Contest held in the North of England, prove that lady judoka regard their sport as a highly competitive game.

While mens judo is considered physically stronger, women are progressing the lighter, relaxed, rhythmic movement aspect of Judo, together of course with the general use of skill and application of strength at the right time and place. Like the gentlemen we gradually find one or two particular throws which we like, and that are suitable to our size and build, and most important, which are very effective in the defeat of our opponents. This, of course, takes time when we consider the fact that there are numerous basic throws and variations at our disposal.

Nevertheless one minor and major waza always seem to appeal to many of us even in the early stages, and throughout our judo career these will probably persist and develop with practice.

Club practice can be regarded as a means of relaxation, study, keeping fit, and enjoyment in the respect that your knowledge is improving with every session. Social activities are usually kept to a minimum, apart from a welcome shandy at the close of the evenings work. With the vast amount of learning in judo, covering the several branches of the art, it is little wonder that only a few of the experienced Japanese masters have reached the highest grade of 10th Dan later on in their lives. This must require the true dedication to judo as "A Way of Life".

For most women, however, the early Dan stages are their ultimate aim. Although at times most of us higher kyu grades feel despondent when our progress seemingly comes to a standstill, or when we feel that judo is taking up too much of our time. Most carry on with their practice I am glad to say, the encouragement from their fellow judoka, who have no doubt felt the same way themselves at some time or other, plays a big part here I think.

If, however, the judoka does take a little rest from the sport, it is unlikely that she will give it up altogether, because there is always something "pulling her back" to the mat.

From this stage of return, and providing she has kept herself reasonably fit, the participant will usually take on a new lease of life judowise. As we all know there are no short cuts or easy roads to 1st Dan, and the only route is to practise more and more (every night if possible) in addition to a strict training schedule or running, skipping, early nights, etc. Once 1st Dan has been achieved it is necessary to maintain this peak-form condition, because from here lies the ambition to progress even further.

Mixed practice is a good thing especially for high-graded women judoka, although in the beginning stages it can have its disadvantages, as kata plays such a big part earlier in ladies judo. The sooner one learns the various katas the better. Not only do they contain all the basic forms of Tachi-waza and Ne-Waza, they improve posture and balance and aid concentration. However, to practise randori with the men certainly makes your techniques faster and stronger.

The Coach Award and Club Instructors Award courses and examinations for women are invaluable. However much one wants to broaden ones own talents, the higher grades may be called upon to instruct at some time during the evening, and a briefly prepared itinerary should always be ready.

A difficult choice to make when one is ready and capable of teaching a class of beginners, is whether to devote time to this, as many of us have found out that it is not possible to adhere strictly to your own training campaign at the same time. This doesn't mean we must neglect our own progress entirely, and if beginners are enthusiastic and doing well, this seems a personal satisfaction in itself. After all the beginners of today can be the black belts of tomorrow.

The European Kendo Renmei

The following promotions within the *dan* degree ranks are announced by this Renmei:

To *Yon-dan* (4th *dan*):

Mr. R. A. Lidstone (Nenriki Dojo)

Mr. R. M. Knutsen (Butokukan Dojo)

To *Sandan* (3rd *dan*):

Mr. J. Mathie (Saineikan Dojo)

Official consultations were conducted in Japan between representatives of the Z.N.K.R. and the

Secretary-General of this Renmei regarding promotions in Europe and subject to ratification between the two parties all promotions made by this Renmei will be under the signatures of the Chairman together with five *hachidan sensei* in Japan. These rulings will be in operation until such time as revised rules are brought in by the new Kokusai Kendo Renmei. It must be clearly understood that only those rankings issued and authorised by the European Kendo Renmei have any validity in Europe.

THE CHAMPIONS

No. 1 HIROSHI MINATOYA

World Light-Middleweight Champion, 1967

To hold a conversation with 24 year-old Minatoya, one needs to be a bit of a linguist, for after having spent a year in Holland, he spices his conversation with a fair bit of Dutch, which can be rather disconcerting when one is geared to Japanese.

Unlike most Japanese judomen who start judo in high school, Minatoya was launched on his judo career at the tender age of six. He was taught at first by his father, a 7th dan, and later by his brothers,

who are 3rd and 5th dan, and, like their father, doctors. Later, high-school teachers took a hand, but he gives all credit for his skill to his University teacher, Matsumoto of Tenri.

He gained shodan when he was 15, and entered Tenri University as a 3rd dan at the age of 18. He was awarded his 4th dan at the age of 21, and left Tenri at the age of 22 to spend a year in Holland. At the age of 20 he was Kansai Area Student Champion, and came third

A jubilant Minatoya with Maruki.



Minatoya scores with Osoto-makikomi in the World Championships.

in the All Japan Student Individual Championship. In 1965, he lost to Matsuda in the final of the Light-weight Division of the 4th World Championships in Rio de Janeiro. At that time, Anton Geesink invited any judoman who wished, to come to Holland, and on leaving Tenri, Minatoya took up the invitation and spent a year living at Geesink's house in Holland. They have written a book together. He now teaches P.E. at Kanazawa University, which he enjoys, and said he may try for the All Japan next year. The All Japan is open, however, and Minatoya is at his best in weight-categorised contests. He is

not at all the typical judoman, and looks more like a tennis-player than a World Judo Champion.

He has a remarkable range of techniques, almost all on the left, of which his favourites are osoto-gari, taiotoshi, haraigoshi and ouchi-gari, with a right sasaetsuri-komigoshi for good measure—and that is merely a short-list. He is very lithe and agile and relies little on strength and a great deal on his beautiful technique. His charming personality makes him a favourite among many judoka, Japanese and foreign, and his friends were all delighted to see him win the World title after such a near-miss before.

John Osaka

CLUB FORUM

HIGH WYCOMBE

VERALLOY HIGH WYCOMBE JUDO CLUB. *J. N. O'Brien writes:*—The club has been going for about eight years and in that period we have changed premises several times. Once we were ideally situated over a pub, but when the plaster board started to appear in pints of Guinness we were told that our presence was no longer required.

Our latest move was to the Old Trades & Labour Hall, Station Road, High Wycombe. This building afforded us a larger area, so enabling us to purchase a new mat 30' x 30', which is a step further towards a permanent Dojo.

We held a Judo Show recently, incorporating the Senior and Junior Club Championships, which was very well received. The Senior Club Champion was Garry Marsh, who beat Dave Anderson with a very fast Harai-goshi. The Junior Club Champion was Steve Batham, who beat Tony Stevens with O-goshi.

We must thank Ray Mitchell, the Army Coach and his team from Aldershot. Although one member had to come from Scotland their efforts were rewarded by defeating us 39—30, or five wins to three. However, in the event of a return match, we feel confident we can re-arrange that score.

Any Club which would enjoy a good contest, please contact the Secretary, 68 Adelaide Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. We are a little short on low grades, but we have six Dan grades and seven 1st Kyu.

LONDON

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY. *Eric Dominy writes:*—Congratulations to the Southern Area Junior Team which won the National Junior Team Championship at Crystal Palace in September. We are extremely proud that out of a team of 10 L.J.S. supplied six members, and that Woods of L.J.S. was selected as the Captain and was presented with the team trophy by Charles Palmer. The ability of the boys in the team and their great triumph owes a great deal to the instructors who spend so much time coaching their young charges.

The Juniors took part in a display organised by Laurie Watson at the Scout Venture Weekend. The object of the event was to demonstrate various sports and activities which might interest Scouts.

We have been asked once again to give daily Judo displays at Olympia during the National Boys' and Girls' Exhibition. This year only one display a day will be given, but this will take place during a peak hour. I shall be obliged if any sen or judo player who could take charge on one or more days would get in touch with me. He or she must be prepared to give a commentary.

Promotion Examinations: Sunday, 3rd December, 10.30 a.m. up to 5th Kyu inclusive. 2.30 p.m. 5th-2nd Kyu inclusive. Sunday, 17th December, 10.30 a.m. Juniors (Boys), 2.30 p.m. 1st Kyu only. Please note there will be no junior Judo on these days but there will be ladies' Judo at the usual times. The examinations are open to any Judo players providing they hold current B.J.A. licences and are qualified to take part under B.J.A. regulations.

In October we welcomed representatives of Pathe Pictures to L.J.S., once again our juniors were the centre of this interest. As I write I am still awaiting the result of their visit.

HAYWARDS HEATH

HAYWARDS HEATH JUDO CLUB *from M. Leigh:*—There has been quite a lot of activity in the club just lately. Three members took part in the Southern Area Championships, Mick Leigh became Open Champion, David Godden Light-heavyweight Champion, and Paul Brown got through four rounds before being injured and retiring.

In November five of the club members, Mick Leigh, David Godden, Paul Brown, L. Stanley and D. Cristofoli will be travelling to Czechoslovakia for the Czechoslovakian Championships being held in Prague. The party will travel by car through France, Belgium and Germany camping overnight.

Our weekly tote started off strongly then began to fade a little but is now going well and should be of great financial benefit to the club.

Any club interested in contests or visits contact our Secretary, D. Godden, Green Acres, Haroldslea Drive, Horley, Surrey. Telephone 2032.

BRACKNELL

BRACKNELL JUDO CLUB *from Ernie Parison:*—The club has had a fair amount of success lately, which must be, at least partly, due to the contest training sessions which were carried out through the summer. Although this period is usually found to be poorly attended, we had plenty of our own members supported by visitors from other clubs in the vicinity.

On September 9th the club won both the Senior and Junior events in the Inter New Towns Festival of Sport. The Senior side completed a hat-trick, and the Juniors chalked up their second win.

On the following weekend ten youngsters from the club attended the Area team selections, where five were picked for the team and four others were chosen as reserves.

In the Area selections for the National Team Championships only one of our members entered. He managed to make the reserve place in the Light-heavyweight category.

Southern Judo League

The Southern Judo League completed its first season with an individual championship. The League champions, Portslade, were hosts to the league member clubs on Wednesday, 13th September, when the individual competition was held. Each club was allowed one participant who fought four contests in a pool made up of the representatives of Crawley, Haywards Heath, Croydon, Myodokan, and Portslade. The winner of this first individual championship was M. Clitheroe of Croydon, with S. Gebbit of Portslade as runner-up.

The donors of the League Trophy Mr. and Mrs. Munday were there to present their trophy to the League winners, Portslade, and Mr. Lelivre of Croydon presented the Gerry Thomson individual award in the absence of Mr. Thomson.

The final positions in the League at the end of the first season are as follows: **First**—Portslade, **Second**—Croydon, **Third**—Haywards Heath, **Fourth**—Myodokan, and **Fifth**—Crawley.

The new season will commence in the spring of 1968 and a new division will be introduced. A first division consisting of players of 3rd to 1st Kyu will be established together with a second division in the existing grades, 6th to 4th Kyu. Any Southern Area Club interested in joining the league in either or both of these divisions please write to the League organiser, Mick Leigh, 14 Black Dog Walk, Northgate, Crawley, Sussex.

The winning Portslade Team.



Area || News

SCOTLAND *David Jarvis*

In this the first article I would like to introduce our readers to the Scottish Judo Union, and invite the co-operation of club secretaries and correspondents everywhere in supplying me with up to date news, views, and information on all topics related to Scottish Judo and its players. My address is *David A. Jarvis, 100 Anderson Drive, Denny, Stirlingshire, Scotland.*

The headquarters of the S.J.U. are now situated in office premises at 18 Woodside Place, Glasgow, C.3. Telephone number 041-332 9491. The office is staffed by our full time General Secretary Mr. R. V. Colquhoun, M.B.E., and his assistant. Our other full time employee is Mr. Andy Bull the Scottish National Coach, whose address is 50 Abbeyhill, Edinburgh. Telephone number 031-556 3400.

Since the last A.G.M., great progress has been made in all aspects of Judo in Scotland, partly due to the resolving of some difficulties between the B.J.A. and the S.J.U. and partly due to the efforts of several prominent players in both Scotland and England. Particular thanks should be recorded to Mr. Charles Palmer, Chairman of the British Judo Association, and Mr. R. V. Colquhoun, now General Secretary of the S.J.U.

So that there should be no doubt in anyones mind as to the relationship of the S.J.U. to the B.J.A. I would like to point out that the S.J.U. is a member of the B.J.A. and that Licences issued in both England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland are interchangeable.

The S.J.U. Championships will have been held on the 22nd October and a report of them will be published in the next issue. On the 26th November the South Western championships will be held in Kilmarnock, details from John Young, c/o S.J.U. offices.

NORTH WEST AREA *J. Bailey*

The area held a one day conference "Coaching Today" with guest speakers, Mr. C. Ainsworth of the C.C.P.R., Mr. E. Redfern, Manchester Education Authority, Mr. Steele, Senior Lecturer in P.E. and Mr. Stockton, Liaison Officer. The Chairman was Mr. Murdey, who commented on the status and obligations of the officials who run the areas, and appealed for more help from the rank and file in administrative matters.

All the lecturers stressed the importance of a coaching system, and Miss Davies the Women's Area Coach discussed the different attitude that women have to the sport, and illustrated her arguments with some practical demonstrations.

This conference was a great success and the Area are quite rightly proud of the way in which it was supported by their members, and the interest taken by the speakers.

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 appreciate Mr. J. Sheedy's criticism in his article 'Cat Among Pigeons' but surely criticism such as this is worthless, we all know what is wrong, what we want is answers to the problems.

Perhaps one way would be to acknowledge a difference of opinion instead of saying we are right all the time, every time, and are the only ones who are ever right.

Instead of ignoring the splinter groups, as they are called, why not have inter association competition which would clear up a lot of misunderstandings.

S. H. Vaughan

Sir,

I was very impressed by some of the comments in the article 'Cat Among Pigeons' by Mr. Sheedy, with particular reference to the fragmentation of the sport as a whole.

I am only a 4th Kyu and therefore of no particular prominence and I play the sport purely because I enjoy it, with what I presume the B.J.A. would call a splinter group. However, when we visit other clubs, which does not occur that often, our own grades seem to be as good as anyone else's, including the B.J.A.

How much better the sport would be if it were controlled by one body. I hear that it is quite possible that a split may occur even in the B.J.A. How is it that a minion like me comes to hear such a tale from B.J.A. members? This is surely a reflection on the poor state of affairs in the sport somewhere. Probably more to the point a reflection on the people who lead the B.J.A. like Messrs. Gleeson and Palmer.

I wonder if all the people who lead the various associations really think as much about the sport as they progress. Surely all this fragmentation is leading us nowhere, and the fragments are only

there because certain individuals have the ability to fragmentate. How soon can the sport speak with a strong voice and gain the respect of the public which it surely deserves.

These people who will not agree to agree for the general good of the game should be made to explain why they are not doing their best for us.

Ralph Parsons

Editor's Note. Mr. Parson's letter is not printed in its entirety but his main points have been published.

Sir,

In reply to your enquiries in your Judo magazine of Judo clubs in Australia, I am instructor of the Woolloongabba Police Youth Welfare and Citizens' Association Judo Club, Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba, Brisbane. We have thirty members in our club, with a mat area thirty feet long by fifteen feet wide, but we hope to enlarge this in the future. We are a member of the Queensland Amateur Judo Union. There are a number of other clubs in Brisbane as well as ours, most of the larger towns in Queensland have Judo clubs.

Anyone who intends to visit any of these clubs could contact me and I will give them the address of the club in any town in Queensland.

Gary Ward

Sir,

For the first time ever the Junior European Championships will be held in the British Isles. From the 8th to the 10th March the finest young players in Europe can be seen in action at the National Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace.

There are two age groups—under 18 and under 21. Five weight categories in each. Two players in each category.

This makes a total of 20 competitors, plus 10 reserves who can be selected to represent their country.

Great Britain won 3 Gold Medals in the 1965 Junior Championship and Silver and Bronze Medals in 1966 and 1967.

As Manager of the Junior Teams since 1964, I have a particular interest in the forthcoming event. In conjunction with the Renshuden Judo Club, I intend to hold a special course for ten Sundays prior to the Trials which are to be held on the 24th February. The course will consist of skill training, fitness and contest tactics with special attention to the new I.J.F. Rules under which the Championships will be held. If any of your Club Members qualify in the ages of over 15 and under 21 in January 1968, and are 3rd Kyu or above in Grade, you could be doing them and British Judo a favour by encouraging them to attend this course.

J. Ryan 3rd Dan

B.J.A. Coach and Team Manager

Editor's Note.

Further enquiries please to:—

J. RYAN ESQ.,
516, GREEN LANE,
ILFORD, ESSEX.

Sir,

It is with increasing annoyance, mixed with mounting impatience, that we have come, of late, to expect the correspondence columns of your journal to boast a virulent, if somewhat ungrammatical offering, by Mr. Frank Dando of Melbourne, Australia. I have known Mr. Dando for nine years and have respect for him as a player and a liking for him as a man. But I feel obliged to refute some of the more far fetched accusations, and to correct some of the false impressions which his letters, published in the April and August issues of 'Judo' 1967, have created.

I appreciate Mr. Dando's feelings regarding the political situation in his home state, I may even sympathise with him and his association, in their efforts to gain satisfaction from the official body in that state. But not even the frustrations engendered by years of fruitless negotiation entitles him to

make false statements about the standard of judo elsewhere in the Federation. It seems that he blames the other states in the Judo Federation of Australia for not helping him to solve the domestic politics of his own state. But a Federation as Mr. Dando should know, by its very nature is obliged to leave the administration of their internal affairs to the member states, and cannot interfere in matters which are properly the concern of the respective states.

I will now endeavour to comment on several statements by Mr. Dando which I believe to be untrue.

1. 'We probably have the best instructors in Oceania' (August 1967). Surely the test of instructional quality lies in the prowess of the players produced. In the few circumstances where A.A.J.A. and J.F.A. members have met, notably the annual Inter-Varsity tournament, the A.A.J.A. men have fared very poorly.

2. 'It is a fact that the top players in the A.A.J.A. are pretty well the same individuals as represented them eight years ago.' In other words none of their instructors has succeeded in producing players capable of knocking them off their 'perches.'

3. 'None of our grades is recognised by the I.J.F. or the Kodokan. We probably have the best instructors in Oceania. Most of them are Kodokan or B.J.A. grades.' Just what this is supposed to mean I am unsure, but it seems contradictory to me.

4. 'No reputable B.J.A. member has ever joined, and stayed with the official body.' Well to name a few, Jack Chapman, from the B.J.A. Midland area. Bill Egan, one time member of the British National Team, Ron Burrell ex-Budokwai Dan grade, Bill Tracey ex Midland area Dan grade, Ben Simpson ex-Budokwai Dan grade.

5. 'We are all interested in Judo as a sport' (August 1967). No doubt many of the A.A.J.A. teachers put the sporting aspect first and foremost, but there are many clubs in the A.A.J.A. which seem to place more emphasis on income than on prowess.

6. 'Perhaps they decided we were too good for them' (April 1967). This refers to the discontinuance of the contests between the N.S.W. A.J.A. and the

A.A.J.A. This is only one of the instances of the impression made over the years that the J.F.A. players were not only inferior in all respects to the AAJA players but that they were frightened to meet them in tournaments. This is not and never has been the case. As previously mentioned the AAJA players have competed without noticeable success in the University tournaments.

The A.A.J.A. lamented loud and long that their players were excluded from the Olympic selections. This was regrettable, but hardly the fault of the players who eventually won nomination. Mr. Dando has confided to me that it is doubtful if the A.A.J.A. could have in fact fielded players sufficiently good enough to have stood a chance in more than one category.

The statement 'We would like to bring Charles Palmer out as President of the I.J.F. but the expense would cripple us' is typical. Did not the A.A.J.A. pay out this amount of money to Inokuma for a fortnight's course of instruction. Surely the real reason is that if Palmer came out to Australia he would refuse to intervene in a domestic situation.

I can offer no solution to the political squabbles currently hampering the development of Judo in Victoria. Certainly, it would be a great thing for Australian Judo if the two Victorian bodies could settle their differences. But this seems to be a forlorn hope. Mr. Dando asks for suggestions, here is one. If you want to represent Australia, migrate to Sydney and join our state group, you would be made very welcome.

Peter Page and Ron Ford
Instructors to Sydney University
Judo Club

Sir,

I would like to make a comment on Mr. England's accusation of the British Judo Council being as he called it 'Paper Tigers' (Judo' October 1967). This is rather an unfair statement, being a member of the B.J.C., I would

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

13 yrs old
like to say that we turn out as good a judo contest player as the B.J.A., or any other body.

If Mr. Otani 7th Dan had not thought that Christina Rees had not been worthy of 1st Dan he certainly would not have graded her to it. That is all I have to say on the matter except that I would like to know how many people agree, and I would be grateful if you would print this.

C. Healey

Editors Note:

This letter was sent without an address, we would like to point out that all letters intended for the correspondence columns must have the full name and address of the writer included, although not necessarily for publication.

Sir,

From the comments in the October issue of 'Judo' by John England, it seems little wonder to me that the divide between the various Budo societies in the British Isles never narrows.

I would suggest that he check his facts regarding the C.C.P.R. recognition again, at County level, after all this is the first step towards national recognition.

Finally in order to achieve brevity, I could write pages on this subject, O'Tani 'Sensei', as a 7th Dan surely he commands enough respect from any Judoka to be addressed in this manner, is well on the way to getting the British Judo Council back on its feet after our great loss in Abbe 'Sensei' returning to Japan in 1964.

In the not too distant future the British Judo Association will have some real home competition, who knows the skill inherited from our President and National Coach along with the British Judo Council spirit will improve our country's chances at forthcoming World Championships.

F. P. Griffiths 1st Dan (B.J.C.)

KENDŌ forum

by MUSASHI

International Goodwill Kendo Tournament, Tokyo, 1967

Kendoka of all ranks and nationalities converged on Tokyo for this top-class international tournament held to mark the foundation of the Kokusai Kendo Renmei (= World Kendo Federation). European Kendo was represented by Mr. Roald Knutsen, as chief delegate, and Jim Mathie, *sandan*, at present studying Kendo at the famous Tokyo Saineikan Dojo of the Imperial Palace.

The highly organised schedule included a welcome practice for all Kendoka at the Saineikan Dojo and early morning practice at the Nippon Budokan where the tournament was held on 4th October.

The Goodwill matches started with superb exhibition of ancient

Roald Knutsen and Jim Mathie, at the early morning welcome practice in the Saineikan Dojo Tokyo Castle, 3rd October, 1967.



style drumming, followed by individual matches between the Kendoka as far as possible matched evenly. In these Mr. Mathie met and defeated an American *nisei sandan*, while Mr. Knutsen defeated a very tall American *sandan* from Los Angeles.

There were five-men teams from Okinawa, Korea, Taiwan (Republic of China), Hawaii, U.S.A., Brazil, and Japan, but the Commonwealth put up a combined team captained by Larry Nakamura, 5th *dan*, Canada. The Commonwealth team was managed by Akune Sensei, 7th *dan*, from Vancouver.

Against the other very strong teams we did not do too well but we managed several creditable wins including the tremendous sensation of a two points to nothing victory by Roald Knutsen over an Okinawa 7th *dan*, much to the surprise of everyone concerned. Japan ultimately won the matches with the Republic of China second followed by Okinawa.

But the most important results came at the delegates meetings, where it was proposed by Mori Terao *Hanshi* of the U.S.A. that the Kokusai Kendo Renmei be formed immediately. This was agreed unanimously and with enthusiasm. The European delegate, Roald Knutsen, requested Mori *Hanshi* to represent Europe and those countries not able through distance to attend meetings regularly and Mori *Hanshi* readily



Early morning practice at the Nippon Budokan, Tokyo, before the Taiki, 4th October, 1967. About 150 Kendoka from twelve countries filled the Budokan with sound and movement.

agreed to this. The Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei will undertake all the paperwork involved in organising the new International Renmei.

The day after the Taikai there was a reception at the Palace Hotel given to the Kendoka by Mr. Minobe, Governor of Metropolitan Tokyo, who addressed the assembled guests in English. The reply the Governor was given on behalf of all the countries present by Mr. Knutsen and his speech was warmly received.

On the 6th October everyone went down to Osaka on the New Tokaido express to take part in the 3rd World Kendo Match organised by the International Businessman's Kendo Renmei. This time 10-man teams were required and these were China, Korea, Okinawa, Hawaii, the U.S.A., Japan and a combination team of Europe, Canada, Australia, Brazil plus two or three other nationalities, captained by Mr. Kim Suk Chum, 6th dan, of Korea. Again, the very strong Japanese

team won the Championship which was not unexpected as they fielded eight 7th dan and two 6th dan.

The Combination team fought the U.S.A. first losing by four wins to five wins with one draw (Jim Mathie drew his match and Roald Knutsen won his), but against Japan the team went down with one win and one draw against great odds. Roald Knutsen faced Mr. Kayaba Sendai, 7th dan Nito, and fought a spirited battle for three long minutes before losing by two *men-uchi*. For his performance he was awarded a special prize for fighting spirit by the President of the Tournament, for Kayaba Sensei is one of the greatest *nito* experts in the world.

9th dan Hanshi visits Europe

Kendoka are reminded of the official inspection visit of Ozawa Takashi Hanshi to Europe in the middle of November. Ozawa Sensei will be in England four days then leave for Germany and France.



BRITISH AIKIDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES — JIM ELKIN

Weekend Course

In general the weekend course held at the N.R.C. Crystal Palace was a success. The impression given, by all those attending, was a very enjoyable one. An apology must be made for the poor quality of the last film shown, this was due to the room not being properly blacked out. As was stated at the time, anyone wishing to see this film under better conditions, has only to write to the Secretary of the Association, who will advise enquirers of its availability. In future a detailed itinerary will be published beforehand, thus enabling intending participants to know what exactly is being offered. Our thanks go to Messrs. Kogure, Naito, Waite and Wilkinson for their very enjoyable and beneficial instruction. It is hoped to hold a further weekend course on the 6th and 7th January, 1968. This course, incidentally, will be the weekend preceding the general Dan grading which is to be held on Sunday, 14th January, therefore, all those wishing to take part at this promotional examination would be well advised to attend this weekend course. The venue for both the weekend and Dan grading will be published in the next issue. It was noted there were very few intermediate grades attending the last weekend course. It is pointed out, with the new grading syllabus now in force, all intermediate grades will require a greater knowledge of the various techniques which are now being taught. It is drawn to the attention of club instructors in the case of kakarigeiko, women should either practise with other women or with experienced Dan grades. The suggested fee for the next weekend course will be 30/- for the whole weekend or 20/- for either day.

Advanced Training Sessions

For several months now, advanced training sessions have been arranged bi-monthly and it had been hoped there would have been larger attendances, with the alternating Saturday and Sunday session. Increased numbers have not been forthcoming, so for the time being, advanced training sessions will be once monthly. If members consider weekends are not the best days for holding these sessions, would they please inform the Secretary, who will then consider arranging them on a weekday evening.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 14th January, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The venue for this meeting will be St. Mary's Teachers' Training College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex. Details and reports, etc., will be forwarded to all members as soon as possible. It is hoped as many Members as possible will attend, but for those

who are unable to make the journey there will be an opportunity of sending their vote by post.

Beginners Courses

Croydon, Monday, 20th November, 1967 at 7.15 p.m. O-Do-Ryu, Wednesday, 22nd November, 1967 at 8 p.m. Each course will be of 10 weeks duration. The following run continuous beginners courses:—Judo Aikido Kai. London Judo Society. Clapham Aikido Kai. Epsom & Ewell Judo Society.

Information regarding Aikido courses at the Myo-Do-Kan, Brighton may be obtained from Mr. D. Wells, 41 Baker Street, Brighton, Sussex.

Mr. Brian Eustace, 1st Dan, who runs a very successful club at Stratford-on-Avon, is arranging an Aikido course on Sunday, 5th November, 1967. The instructor will be Mr. T. Naito, 4th Dan. All those interested please contact Mr. Eustace at 240 Birmingham Road, Stratford-on-Avon.

NEWS FROM ISRAEL *Amos Gilad*

It is sometime since I sent you any news from Israel as the war disrupted Judo activities in this country. Many players were mobilized for more or less lengthy periods from the beginning of the tense period in mid-May, but now things are generally back to normal. It is only a few days before the Jewish New Year, and reviewing the past year's activities is appropriate.

We sent three men to the European Championships. One, Gad Skurnik, went beyond the first round, only to be eliminated to Howiller of Germany. At the Congress our temporary membership of the E.J.U. was made permanent.

By confirming the examiners' opinion of the candidates performance at the Promotion Examination held at Gonen (reported in "JUDO" of April 1967), and conferring 1st Dan on Maurice Smadja and myself, the Committee have finally taken the step of promoting to Dan grade in this country. They later also conferred 2nd Dan on Yoram Pomerantz and Gad Skurnik.

On September 2nd the A.G.M. of the I.J.F. was held and new committees and officers selected. Up to now the I.J.F. has functioned without a yearly plan and without a proper budget. The new Technical Board and Finance Committee have undertaken to remedy this within the month. We are slowly coming of age.

A wave of young people from abroad, coming to help Israel, and perhaps later to settle here, is sweeping the country. Gonen's Judo Club has benefited; we have now two 1st Dan and one 1st Kyu, who have come to stay for about a year. At Kfar Blum, a nearby Kibbutz, there is a Japanese group studying Kibbutz life, and a young Shodan from there practices regularly at the Gonen Dojo (also one of the girl members of the group has decided to

take up Judo—rather curious, coming from Japan to Israel to study Judo). From Kfar Blum comes also an Ikkyu of the Kita Nishi Kwan. Together with Yuichiro, whom I mentioned in my last report, Gonen has now five Dan grades and two 1st Kyu. It is my sincere hope that this will now stimulate attendance, and raise the technical level of the lower grades.

On September 23rd we went to Rishon Lezion to meet players from Rishon Lezion, Rehovot and Beersheba. There were children's contests (in which Gonen did not participate); the up-to-12 shiai was won by Y. Nahum of Beersheba, with Y. Zeiger of Beersheba runner-up. The 12-16 years shiai was won by M. Raines of Beersheba with M. Liman of Rishon Lezion runner-up. For lack of time the senior entry (over 16) was made into a team contest, limited to 3rd Kyu and below, with Beersheba and Gonen making up one team, and the hosts, Rishon Lezion and Rehovot, the other. The guests won, 7—3. Six girls also contested; Denise Hagag of Beersheba took the first place, with Yehudit Vardi of Gonen second.

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

The third Inter New Towns Festival of Sport was held this year at Bracknell. Twenty-six sports were involved including Senior and Junior Judo events.

Senior Teams consist of eight men one from each grade from novice to 1st Dan inclusive, the Junior team six boys in weight categories.

Bracknell had won the Senior event twice, in 1965 and 1966 and the Junior event once in 1965. Therefore on their home ground they were favourites for the joint titles.

Originally six towns entered the Judo event, but this was reduced to five on the day. Basildon, Bracknell, Crawley, Hemel Hempstead and Stevenage. Bracknell and Hemel Hempstead were the eventual finalists in the Senior event which turned out to be a close fought affair with Bracknell winning by five contests to four.

In the Junior event, Basildon, Bracknell, Crawley and Hemel Hempstead formed a pool and the eventual champions were Bracknell which made their second win in three years.

The standard of Judo was very good and the Juniors particularly showed some fine contest style and ability. The organisers would like to thank Mr. Tony Orton the well known International for his excellent job of refereeing so many contests.

The end of a very successful day was highlighted by the Minister of Sport, Mr. Dennis Howell, opening the new Bracknell Sports Centre and announcing that the Victor Ludorum trophy for overall success in the sports competition had been won by Bracknell.

15th ALL JAPAN EAST-WEST JUDO CONTEST

OCT. 1st. 1967, UTSUNOMIYA, JAPAN

It is a two-hour train journey from Ueno Station in Tokyo to the town of Utsunomiya which was selected as the venue for the East-West Contest this year. However, the hall in which it was held was very suitable and well-lit, and after the ceremonial return of the flag and trophy and the usual demonstrations of kata, the contest began.

It was arranged on the Red-and-White system, which means that when a man wins a contest, he stays on the mat to meet the next man from the other side, but in the case of a draw, the next two players from each side come out.

There were some very famous names among the players, who included no less than four reigning World Champions — Matsunaga, Maruki, Minatoya and Shigeoka, and as they were all in the West team, this meant that the dice were a little loaded in favour of the West.

The first contest was between Tabata for the East and Ninomiya, the spectacular Universiade Gold medalist from Tenri. A walk-over for the Tenri boy had been forecast, but in fact that proved in-

correct since the match was drawn without much action. The next on were Nishimura and Takudai, reserve for the World Championships and Universiade Gold medalist, who met Kono for the West. Nishimura's father, whose presence graces all judo events in which his son is competing, rent the air with running instructions on tactics but to no avail, and the second match was also drawn. Terami of the East was the first to score, throwing Tokiwa with a right kosotogari, and therefore remained on the mat to meet Shigeoka, World Lightweight Champion. That match was drawn.

Hirao was next on for the West, and he scored in one minute and eleven seconds against Funaki on awasewaza, taiotoshi into kuzurekamishihogatame. He then met Yamamura, who scored with a waza-ari obtained with a left seoinage. He lost to his next opponent, however. Yamanaka scored for the West with a left haraigoshi. This left him on the mat to meet the large Meiji student, Shinomaki, who was a contender for the Open title in the World Championships, and won the Gold medal in the Universiade in the Open class.

Shinomaki downed Yamanaka with a left osotogari, and disposed of the next man, Shimada, with left uchimata, but his winning streak came to an end when he met Yamazaki, who threw him for waza-ari to score for the West with kouchigari. Yamazaki also scored a waza-ari on Nomura, his next opponent, this time with right seoinage. He must have been getting tired at this stage, however, for as he walked on to meet his next opponent, Watanabe, he was downed in nine seconds with a left tsurikomigoshi. Kunishige, Watanabe's next opponent, threw him with left osotogari twice each time for waza-ari. He went on to draw against Suzuki. The next two out were Kobayashi of the East against Matsuyama, who won with yokoshihogatame and went on to defeat Ishahato with haraigoshi, and met Yamamoto. Yamamoto defeated him with yokoshihogatame, and then met Matsuda and drew the contest.

Next came World Light-Middleweight Champion, Hiroshi Minatoya, for the West, who met Takahashi. Takahishi is a bigger man, and Minatoya, a tremendous stylist with an enormous range of throws and great stamina, is really at his best against a similar build of man. Takahashi scored a waza-ari, and Minatoya attacked furiously to overcome the other man's advantage. Then, Takahashi attacked with osotogari, Minatoya turned it off but they both fell together, and Takahashi hit his head on the mat hard, and suffered concussion to the brain. He was taken off to hospital but it was later reported that the injury was not too serious. The match was officially drawn, and Minatoya must have been very disappointed to have lost his chance to regain the lead.

Yamamoto of the East next met Iwatsuri, but the contest was drawn, and next on was Nakamura who

won for the East by throwing Kubota with right uchimata. He then drew against Aoi. Okazaki lost for the East against Furuie who scored a waza-ari with kosotogari and went on to draw against Tatewaki. A very fine player for the West, policeman Kawabata, a former Tenri student, was the next on and scored a win against Kabazawa who sustained an injury to his ankle and had to retire. Kawabata then met Chiba (both contestants having been contenders in the All Japan Championships this year) whom he defeated with kosotogake. His next opponent was another Watanabe from the East and the match was drawn.

The next on for the West was World Middleweight Champion, Maruki. In a matter of seconds he disposed of his first opponent, Itamiwake, with seoinage, and then met Masatoshi Sato who also went down to Maruki's left seoinage. Maruki then met one of the Haku-hodo Advertising Company's men, Nakamura, a very strong player against whom Maruki was unable to score and the match was drawn. Another All Japan contestant, Futamura, now came on for the East against Ueno. They drew, as did the next couple, Koji Sato, quarter-finalist in the All Japan this year, against Sakamoto of the West.

Enshu, who gallantly allowed Maruki to defeat him in the World Championships thus earning only a bronze, was the next man on for the West and he defeated Okamoto with osoto-otoshi, and went on to draw against Maejima, a member of the World Championships team, who certainly did not appear to be any more on form than he usually is. Another of Haku-hodo's excellent judomen, Toriumi was next on for the East, and scored a point with uranage which was a delight to watch. This throw requires tremendous skill and is Toriumi's

favourite throw which he has really perfected. It seemed effortless, and Yamada of the West was the defeated. Next on for the West was Iwami but he lost to Toriumi also, on a waza-ari chikai-waza with ouchigari. The next contest was very closely fought, this time against Osamu Sato, runner up in the Light-heavyweight World Championship. Sato scored a waza-ari for ouchigari which put an end to Toriumi's run. Incidentally, the other Sato, Nobuyuki, who won at Salt Lake, has suffered an injury to his knee which although he specialised in newaza has prevented him entirely from training ever since he returned to Japan, and was therefore not competing. I am indebted to him for assistance in compiling notes for this article while I was attempting to rectify a fault in my camera. Being unable to, I regret there are no photos available of the contest.

Sato's next contest was against Tamura, but it was a draw. Next on were Maeda, who scored with kouchigari for waza-ari against

Matsumoto for the West. He then disposed of Itoh, scoring two waza-ari, his usual haraigoshi and ouchigari. His next opponent was Hyodo and although he seemed all set for a long run, he only drew with Hyodo. The East then came to the end of their line with Yamamoto, who drew with Matsuzaka, bronze medalist in the World Championships, and the West still had Matsunaga, World Open Champion, and the great stylist from Kyushu, Koga. I was particularly disappointed not to have seen Koga in action, he so rarely appears these days, and his judo is really inspired; as Sato commented, some people are good at Judo because they work hard at it, but Koga is a natural genius at it.

Thus the West won, making it their eleventh win since the inception in 1949. There have been two draws and the East won twice. However, with all the talent the West has especially in Tenri and Osaka, it is no surprise that they won again this year.

ROUND THE CLUBS

THE BUDOKWAI—from Martin Lewis

At the recent A.G.M. of the Club a new committee was elected, and I was honoured with the appointment of Chairman. Now many people will doubt that this is the honour it appears to be, as Judo Clubs in general are not enjoying the sellers' market that they had for so many years, and the growth of Karate and spread of local and municipal clubs has drawn off many of the members and potential members that we might have had.

However, none of these local organisations can boast the galaxy of star instructors that the principal clubs can, and the Budokwai must surely have the biggest list of star attractions. We have Palmer and Mack (5th Dans); Hoare, Sweeney and Bowen (4th Dans); Reay, Jacks and Burr (3rd Dans), the latter being the London Area Coach; and many other notable 2nd Dans. We are also visited regularly by many other famous Judo personalities, Trevor Leggett being one who trains, when he is not abroad. He was for years the highest graded European judoka, and is still a formidable figure on the mat.

Monday nights are very popular amongst the 2nd Kyu and above, as this is really the "Big Gun" night. Joined by men of the Illustrious Renshuden, Ray Ross in the lead, the black belts are flying in all directions, and pools of perspiration rapidly gather at the feet of anyone who is lucky enough to get a rest.

The Budokwai, with the largest dojo in London, is full every night of the week, and ever-growing in popularity is the Friday night Karate, when Mr. Kanazawa and Charlie Mack put their members through their paces at alarming speed. Their Kiai can be heard resounding through the streets of South-West London, much to the amusement of the local residents. With private lessons going on at most times of the day, the locals get very little rest.

The ladies meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with instruction from John Cornish (4th Dan), Margot Sathaye and Hazel Lister (3rd Dan) and Iris Denhel (2nd Dan). I teach them on Tuesdays and Charles Palmer, our very esteemed member, now both Chairman of the B.J.A. and President of the I.J.F., is often present at these sessions to add his weight to the teaching taking place. Anyone who has seen Charlie will know what I mean!

The popular T.V. series, The Avengers, has done much to promote the growth of Judo as a sport for women, and we now have the largest women's section in London.

Thursday night you can find the dojo full of policemen, not giving tickets, but sweating under fierce instruction. The trouble is that when they are in the club we can't park outside, because their cars are all along the yellow lines!

Many of our regulars are at present away at one international event or another, but whilst talking of regulars I must mention the fact that as we don't have a bar of our own we have, more or less, taken over the pub across the way, and after a few lessons in armlocks the local regulars soon realised that we were nice, gentle people, and now we get served quite quickly. After any practice session, you will always find a welcome in the Goat and Boots, and a chance to replace the missing fluids sweated out in the dojo.

We always welcome visitors and try to maintain the traditions founded by the late G. Koizumi, 8th Dan, who brought Judo to Europe, and was our leader for so long. Why not visit us when next you are in town and sample the atmosphere of the oldest Judo Club in Europe?



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