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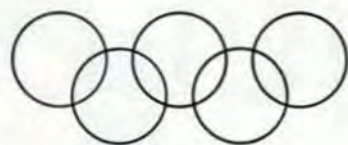
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BRITISH OPEN OLYMPIC TRIALS

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For the first time, perhaps the last, it is not certain yet, Judo is included in the Olympic Games, and what an unprecedented excitement this has caused in the Judo world.

Its most far-reaching effect has been for the British Judo Association, The Amateur Judo Association, and the British Judo Council to agree on an Open Olympic Trial under the direction of the B.J.A., as the only recognised Judo Association belonging to the British Olympic Association.

Since the Olympics have such an enormous prestige value to the sport the three divergent associations agreed to compete together to select a representative team to send to Tokyo in October this year.

Without going into all the difficulties involved, agreement was reached only just before the 25th July, when excitement and anticipation reached a high pitch.

John Capes Directs Large Scale Organisation

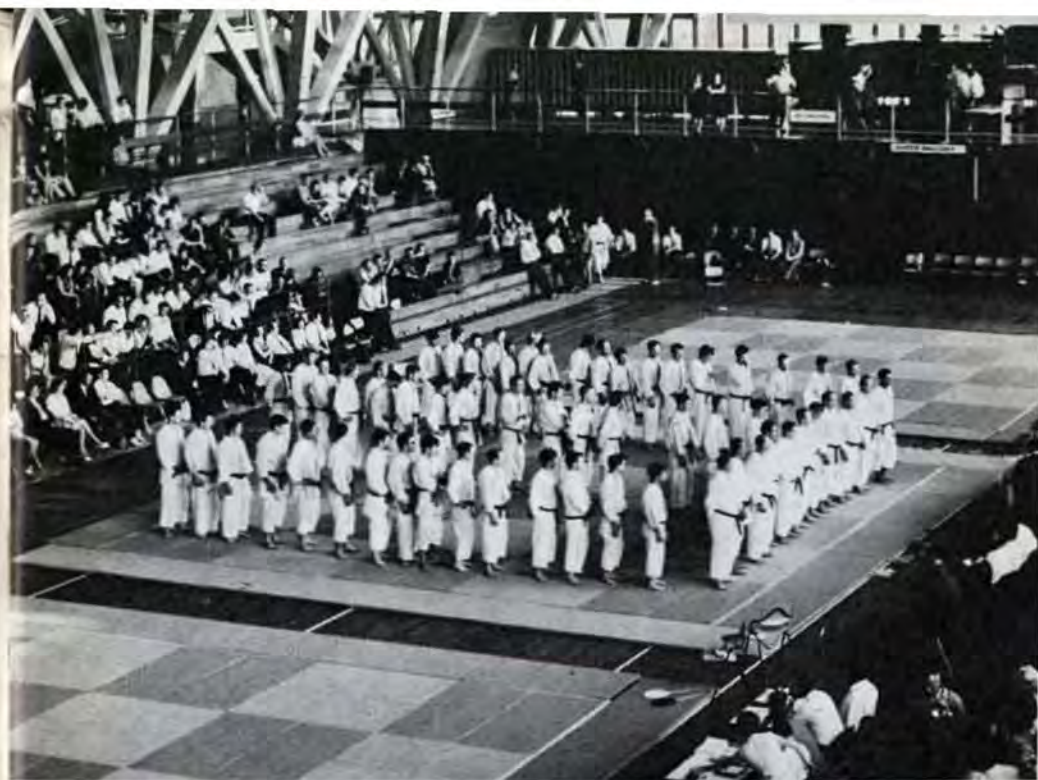
The vast mass of data to be collated, the enormous number of individual items to be assembled, the tremendous cost of the whole project, was a stunning task.

Bearing the brunt of this was John Capes, General Secretary of the B.J.A., who with his various assistants worked fourteen hours a day, every day for the fortnight preceding the trials at the Crystal

OPPOSITE :

Above. View of the Sports Hall, with the contestants assembled on middle mat area to receive their commemorative medals from M. Ertel, President of the European Judo Union.

Below. Members of the European Judo Union Referees Panel, discussing the arrangements for the days contests with Mr. Charles Palmer, European referee, and Chairman of the B.J.A.





Palace National Recreation Centre. John Capes' personal list of jobs to be completed carried fifty-seven items only two days before the off. Some idea of the project can be gleaned from the following statistics:

Two thousand pounds worth of Japanese mats had to be collected from five different places, involving a round trip of more than a hundred miles, each load of tatami had to be picked up at a different time covering a period of ten hours. Eighteen men had to be assembled to lay the mats and a frame had to be manufactured in one instance to provide the three full-size international contest areas required. All the mats making up the contest areas were brand new.

International referees invited from the European Judo Union arrived on Friday, and each one had to be met and escorted to their hotel in the vicinity of the National Recreation Centre. Due to the postal conditions many had to phone their acceptance and the staff at Head Office were kept busy translating messages from unpardonable callers from distant countries on and off for most of the week.

Timekeepers and recorders also had to be contacted by telephone,

although letters were also sent, and timekeeping apparatus had to be obtained and tested prior to the day.

To enable the event to be fully synchronised with the C.C.P.R., who run the Centre, several hours were spent in going over the programme, arranging car parking, eating, seating, dressing accommodation, and a host of other minor and major but, all very important jobs, so that the administration integrated easily and efficiently with the officials and players.

For the convenience of the spectators, thousands of copies of the pool sheets were prepared so that they could follow the events of their own accord.

The V.I.P.'s specially nominated by each association had to be formally invited, informed of the programme, and generally cosseted as V.I.P.'s should be.

Postal Strike Problems

Each association had to contact every member of their team and apprise him of times, dates, programme and any other details which affected him as a fighter. The B.J.A. spent nearly twenty hours in one stretch contacting its



Winn taking a point off Hannan in the Heavyweight category

team members, using phone, telegram and cable. Each person was also written to, to make doubly sure that there would be no slip up.

Special badges were ordered for all the officials, and medals struck for all the contestants. Since this event is unlikely to be repeated, at least not for some years, they are a fitting memento.

The furniture required such as tables, chairs, black-boards, red and white belts, stationery, gongs, watches, pens, pencils, bats, ran into a prodigious quantity. The P.R.O. had made titanic efforts to apprise all the newspapers, radio, television and films of the Trials.

Pool Draw

The draw was held on the Wednesday evening before the

Trials. Representatives of each of the Associations taking part gathered at the Eccleston Hotel, London, with Mr. Sandy Duncan of the British Olympic Association, who had agreed to take the chair on this rather momentous occasion. Representing the British Judo Association was Mr. John Capes, General Secretary; representing the Amateur Judo Association, Mr. Clifford Martin, their Olympic Coach, and representing the British Judo Council, Mr. William Woods, General Secretary. Each delegate had various other officials from their respective associations with them. Mr. Duncan opened the meeting informally, and the procedure for selecting the members of each pool started.

Each of the three weight divisions was divided into six pools of three



consisting of one member of each association. Mr. Duncan had three large containers before him and in each container were placed the six names of the contestants in one weight category from one of the associations. After being thoroughly mixed Mr. Duncan drew one from each pot in turn, the B.J.A. man first, followed by the B.J.C. and finally the A.J.A. Each weight category was dealt with in this way until all fifty-four competitors had been allocated a pool. Completing the draw, Mr. Duncan observed how amicably the business of the evening progressed, and wished the associations every success on the following Saturday. Everyone then adjourned to the bar for a farewell drink before departing to continue the heavy programme of arrangements which faced them all.

Bowen and Holling Withdraw

As the day approached and last minute instructions were issued, the competitors posed some difficult problems. John Bowen withdrew due to injury, and John Jenkins of Swansea had to be notified to replace him at the last minute. Graham Holling of Leeds also had to withdraw with an injured wrist at the very eleventh hour; first reserve McWade was also injured, and Warren, second reserve, was unable to be found or notified. Chris Holmes of the Judokan made the

OPPOSITE :

1. Petherbridge scoring on Jones in the first round of the preliminary contests.
2. White of the Midlands attacking Gynell in the first round of the Middleweight pool.
3. Trick attacking Mackintosh in the second round of the Lightweight class.
4. Kelly taking King over in the second round of the preliminary pools.



place at the last moment. All the Heavyweights survived to reach the Crystal Palace, but injuries decimated them before the day was over, however, more of that later.

On the eve of the Trials the three-party group of stewards laid the mat areas, working well into the late hours before finishing. The stewards had a very strenuous time of it during Friday evening, then were on duty throughout the next day and working in some cases on Sunday morning as well.

Arrival of Referees

The European Judo Union Referees arrived by air at London Airport during Friday, and everyone had been safely and comfortably ensconced at the Queens Hotel, Norwood, by 10 p.m. Most of the competitors who were coming from out of town also stayed at the Queens, and they arrived throughout the day. Tension mounted perceptibly with each passing hour. For the first time the three groups of fighters were meeting opponents who they had probably never heard of before, let alone ever seen, and there is something rather unnerving about fighting under these conditions.



Throughout Friday the weather had been very close, with temperatures in the eighties in London. Saturday dawned even warmer and as the morning progressed the temperature soared to record heights. Fortunately the Sports Centre, being air conditioned, remained remarkably cool notwithstanding the vast areas of glass which surround the place. A meeting of the officials, stewards, and messengers, small boys from the Croydon Judo Society, was called for early in the day. By ten o'clock most of the preliminary details had been settled, and the weigh-in, under Captain Lilley, had been completed.

In order to make the work of the referees and officials as easy as possible, most of them would be fully employed throughout the day, and to allow the competitors the maximum time for eating, the weight category eliminations were staggered. The Heavyweights started, followed by the Middleweights, three-quarters of an hour later, and finally the Lightweights. Two contests in each pool of three were fought in the first instance before the lunch break, which was also staggered so as not to overload the restaurant. The last contest was played off in the afternoon, plus any additional contests.

Team Managers for the B.J.A. were John Ryan and Dennis Penfold; for the B.J.C., Mr. Delderfield, and for the A.J.A., Mr. Cliff Martin. An arbitration committee was set up, headed by Mr. Sandy Duncan, to deal with any problems which might occur.

OPPOSITE :

- A. Leigh, in the Middleweight category scoring on Ruddle.
- B. Gillot holding Towell, while the referee waits for the signal to indicate the conclusion of the thirty seconds.
- C. Petherbridge having just scored on Surgett with Uchi-mata.

Unique Meeting of Association Heads

Personalities present included Mr. Otani, Mr. Koizumi, Mr. Jack Robinson, and Mr. Joe Robinson, Mr. Pat Butler, General Secretary of the Amateur Judo Association. Such a gathering under one roof of so many controversial figures seemed unlikely if not downright impossible a few months ago.

In the past there has been some very untimely comments in the press regarding the Olympics and who was going to represent Great Britain, now the time had come to see just who was in fact going to represent our country at the Olympic Games.

The attendance in the morning by the general public was not very good, indeed throughout the day there was never a really full house, which is perhaps not surprising since all ticket applications were supposed to be made by post and there was no post. The financial loss was, of course, considerable in view of the very heavy expenditure involved.

The superb mat areas and the magnificent hall made the venue an exceptional one for these trials, and gave the audience a chance to appreciate a major sporting event in a hall designed specially for the purpose.





There were ninety-nine contests scheduled, but due to the retirement of some of the competitors not all of these matches were actually fought, and one additional match was added to the programme when two men ended up with the same number of points.

It is not possible to cover all the contests in as much detail as we would like, and the following report may inadvertently omit many interesting points.

The senior members of all three associations were anxious to watch the preliminary pools of three, as it was in these contests that the long awaited question would be answered.

Experience of B.J.A. Players

The Heavyweight division started the day off. Tony Sweeney versus J. Reynolds of the B.J.C. Sweeney finished the contests in twenty-two seconds with a clean throw, a wonderful start for the B.J.A. supporters, but Sweeney is a very experienced International and it is doubtful if Reynolds has ever taken part in this type of contest before.

Gillot of the B.J.A. only recently promoted after a very brilliant performance in the B.J.A. eliminations, met Towell of the B.J.C.

Gillot pounced across the mat, knocked Towell's feet away and secured an Osae-komi in eight seconds. Holding Towell fairly easily Gillot took the point for the second very quick win by B.J.A. players.

Robin Otani of the B.J.C. was more of a favourite than Winn of the B.J.A. in the third match. Otani has a very smooth style and although Winn far out-weighted and stood head and shoulders over his opponent, Otani did not start the underdog. Winn, however, showed remarkable improvement since his last appearance at the eliminations at Aldershot; he scored waza-ari in the first twelve seconds and then clinched the match within three minutes in a most workmanlike way.

Petherbridge, one of the top favourites, met Surgett of the B.J.C. and spent six minutes on the mat before scoring neatly to win the contest; a long time in comparison to the previous contests, but Petherbridge hardly extended himself at all. With a long day ahead his tactics were certainly quite sound.

Tony Macconnell met F. Abrami of the B.J.C. a substitute for J. Frazer who apparently was unable to be present. Abrami took Macconnell to halfway before the Mancunian scored a very fast Osoto-gari. Again Macconnell was not really extended, if the opportunity had come sooner well and good, otherwise he was prepared to wait and make certain of the win.

Gallon's Unexpected Victory

Upset number one occurred when J. Gallon of the B.J.C. led Martin of the B.J.A. a merry dance. Gallon is one of the most experienced men in the B.J.C. side, and he had Martin in difficulty from the start. The B.J.C. man's

unorthodox style worried Martin and he never really managed to get accustomed to it. There was little to choose between them for the first five minutes but as the contest progressed beyond this point Gallon had the advantage and in the ninth minute he scored waza-ari, which he held on to for the rest of the time, and this gave him the decision at the end. A very hard contest for both men and the first match to go to time.

Sweeney again, this time against the A.J.A. man C. Draycott, and another quick finish with an ashi-waza which slammed the man down in just under a quarter of a minute.

Gillot had Shephard of the A.J.A. and he also won easily after two minutes. Winn showed very good style against Hannan of the A.J.A. when he scored waza-ari in the first few seconds and then won the contest with a holding at the five minute stage.

Petherbridge again, this time with Jones of the A.J.A. About halfway Petherbridge scored and once again he took things very easily, letting his opponent do all the work until the right moment, scoring with O-soto-gari.

Macconnell took only fifty-eight seconds to finish his A.J.A. opponent, M. France, and Martin managed to dispose of Twigger, his A.J.A. opponent, in fifty-two seconds.

From this point onwards the B.J.A. players were finished and only the contests between the A.J.A. and B.J.C. men were needed to finish the pool. Gallon, right on form, crashed Twigger over in twenty seconds. Draycott took ten minutes with Reynolds before he got the decision. Robin Otani won against Hannan in just over five minutes. Surgett defeated Jones in seven minutes and Abrami won

over France in one and a quarter minutes, while the last contest ended with Towell having the decision by the default of Shephard.

It is worthwhile making some comment at this stage on the contest in general, so far the B.J.A. players, except for Gallon, were in a completely different class to their opponents. Far better control and experienced enough to know how the contest was going and what to do to keep the advantage in their favour.



The Heavyweight group had now completed their first round of contests and the final pool of six to be fought in the evening included five B.J.A. men and one B.J.C. man.

The Lightweight group started after the Heavyweights and this also proved to be a battlefield for the A.J.A. and B.J.C. The B.J.A. players met the B.J.C. players first.

Trick started the ball rolling with a fine win over Morris, although it took two attempts before he managed to make a holding stick for the required thirty seconds. Osae-komi-waza seemed to be the main attack in many of the Lightweight matches, and



many contests ended in someone being inextricably held while the precious seconds ticked away.

Rudden the next B.J.A. player also finished his contest with an Osae-komi when he held Campbell for a point after three minutes of very hard fighting. Dennis Watson met the strongest of the B.J.C. Lightweights in O'Brien and there was a really exciting contest until Watson secured Tate-shiho-gatame for the point after four minutes.

Peckham of the B.J.C. failed to turn up and Jenkins had a walk-over. Orton took the shortest time so far to win when he threw Phillips in ten seconds. Brian Jacks took just three times as long to get rid of Collins.

In the second round, when the B.J.A. men met the A.J.A. the results were nearly the same. Trick had a hard contest with Mackintosh before he scored in the latter end of the eighth minute, certainly he was never in trouble, but Mackintosh had a very good defence and Trick found his style hard to master.

Rudden was countered beautifully by Smith in a minute and a half. Far too eager to finish the contest he gave his opponent an almost perfect opportunity and Smith did not need asking twice, he stepped in and scored very well, which proves that haste does not pay.

Watson had a fairly good win over Mackay but did not find it easy in the opening minutes. Jenkins scored on Keeling in just



over two minutes, and Orton, really on form, took only eight seconds more than his previous contest to dispose of Jones.

Reed Fails for Second Time

The last contest in this second round had a rather controversial figure in it. Ben Reed, British Judo Association member for many, many years recently returned to this country from Japan to take part in the Olympic selection contests. He did in fact enter the B.J.A. selections at Aldershot on the 5th July and was convincingly eliminated in the first pool. However, he applied to the Amateur Judo Association for permission to take part in their trials and they accepted him—presumably they knew that he had already been eliminated once in the B.J.A. trials. However, here he was turning out for someone else in his second crack at Olympic honours. A rather strange situation on his part and a rather strange attitude for the Amateur Judo Association to accept him to represent them.

Quite frankly it was thought that Jacks would not win this contest but no doubt with right on his side and the gods smiling favourably he hammered Reed. Twice Jacks was in some trouble in the

OPPOSITE :

Above. Orton scoring on Jones almost as soon as the contest began.

Below. Jacks attacking Reed in the Lightweight contests.

early stages when Reed made strong efforts to drag his young opponent into Ne-waza, but as the contest progressed Jacks became the dominant fighter and he was taking the fight to Reed standing and on the ground, with Reed making desperate efforts to avoid defeat, digging his heels in and defending as much as he could. The contest ran to the full ten minutes, and Jacks received the unanimous verdict of both judges at the end of the contest.

In the last round the B.J.C. players met the men from the A.J.A. Mackintosh secured an Osae-komi on Morris after two minutes to win the point. Smith had a win over Campbell; O'Brien a quick win over Mackay in thirty-one seconds. Keeling won by the default of Peckham and Jones won in eleven seconds on Phillips. The last contest was won by Collins when Reed retired.

As in the Heavyweight division only one person other than the B.J.A. players made the final pool, Smith of the A.J.A.

Oughton Makes Late Entry

The Middleweight contests followed with much the same result. Leigh fought Ruddle of the B.J.C. in the first contest and won in thirty-six seconds. In the second



pool Holmes of the B.J.A., a last minute entry in place of Holling, should have fought Oughton of the B.J.C., but Oughton was not present and Holmes was given the decision on default. Subsequently this was reversed when Oughton turned up; he comes from Newcastle, and explained that he had been unavoidably held up. It was, therefore, decided that the contest would go on and Oughton won in six minutes with a holding.

White met Gygell of the B.J.C. and scored an excellent point in the last second of the sixth minute. Sid Hoare, another of the B.J.A. Japanese-trained personnel who only recently arrived back in this country to take part in these Olympic trials, met Cloynes of the B.J.C. in a fairly hectic contest until Hoare scored with a leg technique in just over a minute and three-quarters.

S. Kelly took three minutes before he scored Kesa-gatame on Musetti of the B.J.C. to win. Another Otani, this time against Brian Watson. Like his brother he has a very smooth action and a great deal of experience. There was little to choose between them most of the time. Watson was making great use of his Uchi-mata, and although Otani nearly countered him once or twice, he plugged away with it and in the closing

A. Martin attacking Twigger in the second round of the first pool of the Heavyweight competition.

B. Gillot strangling Shephard in the first of the preliminary rounds of the Heavyweight class.

C. One of the European Judo Union referees photographed as he watches one of the contests from his judges seat.

D. Watson holding Mackay in his second contest in the Lightweight category.





seconds of the eighth minute scored beautifully to win the match.

In the second round the A.J.A. players fared little better than the B.J.C. members had done in the first. Leigh had Willis over in under two minutes. Rowe, however, took Holmes to the full time of ten minutes before losing on a decision. White scored waza-ari in a minute and a half on Fellows and finished the match with ippon in just over two minutes. Hoare scored a good point on Marlow right on the three minute mark. Kelly had a waza-ari on King in one minute, and forty seconds later concluded the contest with ippon.

Brian Watson had another brilliant win when he launched Oliver into the air with a terrific Uchi-mata in under three minutes.

In the last round only one A.J.A. man won, this was Fellows, who scored two waza-ari to beat Gyngell, although Willis had a walk-over on Ruddie when he failed to appear. Oughton beat Rowe, but took a fairly long time over it running into eight minutes. Cloynes had a nineteen second win over Marlow and Musetti scored waza-ari twice in fifty-seven seconds to defeat King. Otani had a very good win over Oliver in an exciting match in the last contest of the preliminary rounds.

The preliminary pools of three took most of the morning and

OPPOSITE :

Above. Suprising picture taken at the Trials, from right to left, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. Jack Robinson, Mr. Koizumi, and Mr. Otani.

Below. Mr. Sandy Ducan, M.B.E., General Secetary of the British Olympic Association, talking to George Kerr on his left and John Newham on his right



Jenkins attacking Keeling in his second contest in the Lightweight preliminary pools.

afternoon to complete. The final pools were played off in the evening. These were six-man pools with a time of fifteen minutes per contest. Most of the players and officials were able to have a couple of hours rest before the evening session started so everyone was as fresh as could be expected after the long hot day.

To be continued in our next issue.

KENDO forum

by Musashi of the
Shinto Ryu

Kenjutsu in the Muromachi Period (1332 to 1573). It is difficult to obtain reliable information concerning the earliest beginnings of swordsmanship during the Heian and Kamakura periods (794 to 1331) due partly to the lack of records and to the fictional histories contained in others. But in the time of the Ashikaga Shogunate the position improves. The following are the recorded styles of Kenjutsu that find their origins at this time.

1. *Nen-ryu*. Founded by Kami-saka Hanzaemon Yasuhisa, or, as

some authorities hold, by Soma-shiro Yoshimoto. This was right at the beginning of the Muromachi period; the style continued to be taught in the Higuchi family right down to the mid-18th century.

2. *Chujo-ryu*. The *Chujo-ryu* is regarded as the originator of several very important later styles. It was regularised at the time of the third Ashikaga Shogun about 1350 by Chujo Hyogo-no-suke Naga-hide. This gentleman may have

An unusual *shiai* between *naginata* and *nito*. With the spear is O'e Yukiye, 7th *dan*; the Two-sword fencer is Kasahara Toshiaki, 7th *dan*.



received instruction in Kenjutsu under the *Nen-ryu*.

3. *Oda-ryu*. Founded by Oda Sanuki-no-kami Takatomo who was lord of Oda in Wakasa province (Western Japan). He died in 1416. He was related to the Chujo family.

4. *Kurama-ryu*. Founded by Ono Shogen.

5. *Gen-ryu*. Founded by Kiso Shokuro, a retainer of the Satomi Clan.

6. *Jigen-ryu*. Founded by Setoguchi Bizen-no-kami, a retainer of the Shimazu Clan in Kyushu.

Of these last three schools nothing is known although it is said that their offshoots existed in various provinces into the Tokugawa period.

7. *Tenshin Shoden Shinto-ryu*. Thought by most authorities to be the greatest of the schools of Kenjutsu. It was founded in the mid-15th century by Iishino Chosai Iyena. He was regarded as a great master with the *yari* and *naginata* besides the sword. Chosai died on 15th April, 1488.

8. *Kashima Shin-ryu*. Founded by one of the outstanding students of the *Tenshin Shoden Shinto-ryu*. Matsumoto Bizen-no-kami Naokatsu sometime at the turn of the 15th century or the early 16th century. He died of wounds received in the Battle of Takamagahara in 1525.

9. *Kyo-ryu*. The origins of this school are obscure although it was founded in the Kyoto region about the same time as the *Kashima Shin-ryu*. The founder of the style was either Arai Harube Shoho or Yamamoto Jinsuke.

10. *Shinto-ryu* (afterwards known as *Bokuden-ryu*). Founded by the famous Tsukahara Bokuden who died at over eighty in March, 1571.

11. *Kage-ryu*. Founded by a western samurai called Hyuga-no-

kami Sazaemon-no-jo Hisatada (born 1452). The style was announced in 1488.

12. *Taisha-ryu*. Founded by Marume Kurando Dayu, a Higo samurai. He was a pupil of Tsukahara Bokuden in the *Shinto-ryu*.

Next month we shall examine some of these schools in greater detail.

California and Hawaii. The annual Northern/Southern California Kendo Tournament was held in Los Angeles on the 21st June. This year the Northern contingent lost by only one point. The highlight of the tournament was the final match between Mr. Fujii Shokichi, 6th *dan* (North California) and Mr. Shimoda Masaharu, 7th *dan* of the South. Shimoda *San* took the match by two points to one.

Mr. Benajmin H. Hazard, 4th *dan*, took the opportunity of visiting a Kendo dojo in Hawaii during his recent visit to the islands in June. This was to the dojo of Mikami Sensei, a Kendo *kyoshi*. Mikami Sensei is a most unusual *kendoka* in that he is forced to fight from *migi-jodan* due to the loss of his left arm. He is extremely strong and fencing so remarkable a master must be a very exciting and interesting experience.

Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo. The Shinto-Ryu dojo takes great pleasure in welcoming Professor Yasuji Nakajima, 3rd *dan*, who arrived from Japan on the 5th August. Professor Nakajima lectures at the Tokyo Mercantile Marine University and will be in London for some seven months. We trust he will be a frequent visitor to the dojo and look forward to many pleasant encounters with him.

Area News

SCOTTISH AREA *Miss M. Wright*

Mr. Yamada and Mr. Newman conducted two very successful week courses at Inverclyde Sports Centre, Largs.

Great enthusiasm was shown from every grade at the last two Area Training sessions taken by Area Coach A. Bull, 2nd Dan.

As I can't give dates and times, circulars will be sent out for the Pre-Coach Award and Referees Course in Edinburgh and the next Area Training session in Glasgow, also the first Women's training session.

The Mass Promotion Examination is on Sunday, 20th September. Usual Dojos for East and West. The Women's examination is on the same day in Glasgow. Will ladies please note our examination starts at 12.30 p.m. for Mon grades and 6th Kyu. 1.30 p.m. for 5th Kyu and above. Club Secretaries please have applications in three weeks before the examination.

My circular for names, addresses, grades and Clubs of all ladies of 4th Kyu and above, has been in vain. Would all ladies please send in this information immediately to me, Miss M. Wright, 2 Livingstone Drive, East Kilbride, Glasgow.

The Area would like to wish Marion Beaumont, 1st Kyu and Hugh Macree, 1st Kyu, all the best in the New Area in which they are now residing.

LONDON AREA *Don Burgess*

August has been a busy month for Judo men. The open finals of the Olympic selections, London Area selections and inter-area championships. The members of the Olympic team have been named, and it only remains for the rest of us to wish them all the best of luck.

The response so far to my request for information on junior members and the number of them holding licences, has been very poor, only seven clubs have replied. I would like to thank the clubs that have replied, and to remind those that haven't that we need this information to help them. Replies please (hundreds of them) to: Mr. H. J. Boon, 67 Waltham Road, Paddington, W.9. This request is to all areas.

By the time you read this all London clubs will have received a questionnaire on their requirements for area training, i.e., Kata courses, general training, contest training, etc. Once again we need this information to help us provide the instruction that you require, and to enable the best use to be made of the area facilities.

So far I haven't had one reply to my request for any news of area interest. This, together with the poor response to the appeal for information on junior club members leads me to one or more of the following conclusions: Nobody in the area can read or write; everything done by the B.J.A. and the London Area Committee is perfect; all London area members are giving up Judo in favour of croquet and don't care anyway. If anyone can tell me how

to provoke some sort of response, critical or constructive, I will be pleased. We will at least know that there is someone left for the area committee to represent.

NORTH WEST AREA

Bill Treadwell

At the recent Ladies' promotion examination, 67 people took part. Unfortunately, the proceedings were marred by a particularly nasty accident when one of the participants dislocated her shoulder, however subsequent news indicated that the young lady concerned was recovering rapidly.

On the subject of promotion examinations, the Ladies' Area Coach, Miss E. Davis, would like to thank the clubs which allowed their premises to be used for venues.

Miss Davis has been asked to run courses at two school-leavers rallies in Liverpool, and to arrange a display for the Milk Marketing Board at the Liverpool Dairy Festival.

Area Coach held a junior promotion examination at the Aikidokwai recently, followed by a course of instruction. Mr. Leigh, a former member of the Aikidokwai, and now living in South Africa, sent photographs of his present dojo and a report of his activities.

NORTH EASTERN AREA

Bob West

I am sorry to announce two resignations, both the Area Secretary and P.R.O. are terminating their appointments. The new Area Secretary is Dr. P. Elliott, and until a P.R.O. is appointed all news should be sent to her.

The Area would like to congratulate Len Booth and Graham Holling on their efforts in the Olympic Trials. Len is unfortunately out of the running now, but Graham has managed to reach the Open Olympic Trials at the Crystal Palace.

Mr. Akinori Osaka, 5th Dan, recently took a course at Bradford Y.M.C.A. and he shortly expects to take a course at the Leeds Police dojo.

The North Eastern Area Show will take place on September 19th at the Leeds Town Hall, following the show on the 20th. Mr. Tony Reay, who recently arrived back from Japan, will hold a course at the Leeds Athletic Club. We regret that the British Police Team who were due to take part in the Area show have had to cancel their visit owing to the British Police Judo Championships taking place in London at the Crystal Palace.

It is hoped to hold a Dan grade meeting in the Area under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Dyke, which it is hoped will discover the reasons for the lack of support to Area events by the Dan grades.

Mr. David Peake, 1st Dan, recently took part in the A.J.A. Dan grade Championships at Leeds and successfully carried off the first prize.

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES AREA *Vivien C. Fryer*

The Area General Meeting was held in London on the 23rd of August. Looking back over the year I am happy to say that more progress has been made over the last twelve months than in any similar period since the Area's foundation. The already very active Area Coaching Organisation has been strengthened by the appointment of two able deputy Area Coaches, in the

persons of J. Butler and J. Griffin, both having first Dan and the Coach Award and with several years of coaching experience behind them. Four graduates of the Olympic Sessions were named for the Open Trials at the Crystal Palace and two of them, Kelly and Gillot, succeeded in getting into the final pool of six in their respective weight categories. The Beaconsfield Contest Training Sessions are continuing, by the way, throughout the autumn under the instruction of Mr. Maynard. The sessions in September are on the 6th and the 27th. The Coaching Scheme is still maintaining its earlier success, the Area Coach has motored over 9,000 miles visiting clubs in the past six months. The increase in the activity in the Area has meant that administration costs have risen proportionately, and whilst charges are made for coaching services where possible it has not been found possible to recover many incidental expenses, and expansion has been held back to a certain extent by lack of funds.

Looking ahead to the next twelve months we hope to maintain our rate of expansion, taking advantage of the increase in interest in Judo which must follow from the inclusion of our sport in the Olympic Games, and in this connection I would like to wish the new National P.R.O., Mr. Brewster, every success in taking advantage of this splendid opportunity.

Romford and Hornchurch J.C. now have their new 700 sq. ft. mat installed in the new dojo at Cottons Park Pavilion, London Road, Romford and welcome visiting clubs and individuals to practise on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. Don't forget that if you want instruction in the Katas John Butler is running a continuous series of lessons in the three that are required for the Coach Award. Contest Training sessions at the Colchester Technical College will commence at the end of September under the instruction of Mr. Maynard. Applications to him at 16, Onslow Gardens, S.W.7. KNightsbridge 3530.

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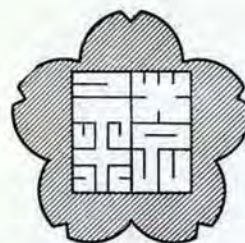
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THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL NOTES

Open Olympic Trials. As a culmination to the two previous Olympic Trials held at Aldershot, the finals took place at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre on Saturday, the 25th July.

This event was a unique and historic occasion, being the first time that the British Judo Association, the Amateur Judo Association and the British Judo Council have officially met in free and open competition, and it is a great pity that this outstanding day was witnessed only by a mere handful of spectators.

We would say to those who were not present that the example of team spirit and friendliness shown between competitors was outstanding and has contributed immeasurably towards greater friendship and understanding than any other gathering of this kind in the history of this Association, and it is anticipated that for the future Selection Contests, matches and other events will be conducted on a similar basis.

We would take this opportunity to congratulate all those who succeeded in their endeavours and the official list of the team to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming Olympic Games is given below, and one should not pass without mentioning the thanks of this office to all the officials and organisers, including the twelve International Referees who came specially from Europe to take charge of the contests, who joined together in making this a successful day.

OLYMPIC TEAM

LIGHTWEIGHT: B. Jacks. 1st Reserve: A. Orton. 2nd Reserve: D. Watson.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: S. Hoare. 1st Reserve: G. White. 2nd Reserve: M. Leigh.

HEAVYWEIGHT: A. Sweeney. 1st Reserve: A. Macconnell.

OPEN CATEGORY: D. A. Petherbridge. 1st Reserve: J. Gallon.

Promotions. The following recommendations for promotion to and within the Dan degree were approved by the Technical Board.

To 1st Dan

R. E. Welling-Thomas	B.A.J.A.	M. Shilcock	Halesowen
E. Mosley	B.A.J.A.	I. Stoddart	Largs
S. Turbin	Halesowen	R. Welbourn	Hull Y.P.I.

To 2nd Dan

B. Cousins	B.A.J.A.
E. Cassidy	Kilmarnock

WOMEN :

To 1st Dan

P. Elliott	Sheffield University
J. Dundas	Tor Scotia
E. Thompson	Kagankwai

To 2nd Dan

D. Ferguson	Osaka
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COACHING NOTES

Coach Award Holders: Messrs. D. Smith, J. Holland, P. Duggan, K. Nichol, W. Hodgson, C. Bennett, J. More, J. Cocker, J. Carey, D. Jarvis, M. Miskell, J. Elliott.

Women's Coaches: Miss E. Davis, Miss E. Viney, Miss J. Outhouse, Miss S. Park, Miss J. Axford, Mrs. M. Johnson, Miss A. Swinton, Mrs. I. Armitage.

Instructor Award: There are 41 successful candidates to date, not bad, but could be a lot better. Ask your Area Secretary for dates and venues of pre-examination courses. Please send news of Instructor Award Courses, dates, venues, name of coach, to: *P. J. O'Flaherty, 29a Collier Row Road, Romford, Essex.*

The National Coach's Itinerary will be at the Inter-Area Championships on the 29th August, and the Area Coaches Course will be held on the 26th and 27th September.

IT DOESN'T ONLY HAPPEN TO US

(An extract from John Bromley's column in the "Daily Mirror" June 30th)

Are our sportsmen and women getting a fair deal from officials in this Olympic year?

We begin to doubt it after hearing for the second time in three weeks, a British team complaining about the arrangements made for them in an international abroad.

Our swimmers in Groningen at the weekend, although they did not excuse their heavy defeat by the Dutch, did point out that:

Their tiring four-hour coach journey from Amsterdam to Groningen could have been avoided by either flying charter to an airfield near the town or by a two-and-a-half-hour train journey.

They twice had long waits for a coach to take them from their hotel to the pool.

Some swimmers, fed up with hanging around walked to the pool.

A cold breakfast on the first morning and only bread and cheese for lunch one day wasn't the kind of menu to give them heart.

One experienced international said: "This is the worst trip I've been on. You can't do your best if you're feeling fed up".

Officials will no doubt accuse us of "stirring it up" but may we point out that Britain's athletes complained bitterly about a trip to Ghent three weeks ago when the last straw was their entire luggage being left behind in Belgium.

A constructive suggestion to all those who organise overseas trips: Send a "scout" to check on hotel accommodation, menus, travel arrangements, competitive conditions and so on.

A small outlay in advance can reap big rewards on the day.



LONDON

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY from *Eric Dominy*:—As usual the Summer is a quiet period at the London Judo Society, although all the beginners classes have been reasonably full and the dojos have been kept fairly busy. Certainly Ted Mossom has kept everyone working very hard, especially on Tuesday evenings when we welcome many visitors from other clubs.

Several members took part in the Olympic trials. Peter Spaul and Geoff Smallcombe got through the first series but were eliminated in the second. Smallcombe did particularly well, suffering as he was with injured ribs and a broken nose. The final Olympic trial at Crystal Palace was the first public test of strength, between the British Judo Association, the A.J.A. and the B.J.C. Although three A.J.A. and B.J.C. men reached the final eighteen which was a very good effort, the entire team will consist of B.J.A. men, with the exception of one or two second reserve positions.

I thought the B.J.A. handled the organisation very well indeed, although I'm certain they were taken by surprise by the number of entries for the first eliminations. It seemed a pity that so much money was spent in bringing referees and judges, and that tickets were only available from the Crystal Palace by post. A couple of weeks before the Palace finals I was told that all tickets had been sold, and this incorrect story must have greatly reduced the audience.

An L.J.S. team visited the Jubilee Judo Club for a match which resulted in a defeat for us. However in several cases we were greatly outgraded and we were very pleased at the performances of our younger members.

A Civil Service Judo Association (not a club), is now in being, under a steering committee of which I am chairman. The objects are to assist civil service clubs and individual civil servant judo men and women, and to organise matches between civil service teams and other organisations, and if desired by the members, to organise courses. A general meeting will be held on the 23rd September. I will be pleased to supply details on request.

A YEAR'S TRAINING SCHEME

G. R. GLEESON

The Zadankai, held every year for all Area Coaches to discuss past and future policy, has thrown up many good ideas in the past. This year was no exception. During debate it was suggested that it may be of help to member clubs if some general training scheme were laid out for them—over an extended period. It was unanimously agreed that an attempt should be made to put such a scheme into operation as a form of experiment, to be repeated if successful.

It was accepted that no meticulously detailed plan could be given, because the actual situations in each club would naturally vary considerably, so only a general guide should be made, to act more as a thought provoking stimulus than to present a strictly detailed training scheme as such. To make it as varied, and therefore, as interesting as possible, each Area Coach volunteered to draw up a plan for each month. In this way a 12 month period would be covered (a goodly length of time) and an opportunity made for each man to contribute something of his own.

NEXT MONTH IN THIS MAGAZINE IS THE FIRST OF THE SERIES!

The Zadankai affords a grand opportunity for synchronising coaching policy throughout the country. Every coach is encouraged to develop his own ideas about how and what to teach, but within a broad framework decided by the body of coaches corporately. The programme to be laid out during the coming months should show this general uniformity of direction.

If there are any queries or doubts about any points in the various programmes, the particular Area Coach concerned will no doubt be prepared to answer them by letter (as long as he is not too inundated!) If the questioner lives in the particular Area Coach's area, then of course it would be preferable if he attended one of the many area courses and approached the Area Coach in person with the query.

Training and instruction is not the realm of a select few. With thought, study, and conscientious application to the many subjects involved anyone can become a good coach (virtually irrespective of grade)—but these qualities are essential—for all potential or actual coaches. It is their task to cultivate these necessary qualities.

Japan in the Age of War

PART ELEVEN

by Roald Knutsen

Within eighteen months of Torii Masayemon gaining control of the outlaw band he had become the leader of more than six hundred men and lord of a small mountain fortress in Shinano province. The great majority of strongholds in mid-sixteenth century Japan were constructed mainly of wood strengthened by earthworks. Masayemon's fort, built on a natural defensive position on Mount Aka, was built with roughly quarried stone topped with wooden ramparts. Within its walls stood many pine trees. This feature of Japanese military construction was to obscure an enemy's view of his objective, besides enhancing the natural beauty of the building.

Following his raids into the territory of the Kiso clan, Masayemon hourly expected massive retaliation. We pick up the story at this point in the summer of 1561.

From the parapet they could see the encampments of the Kiso and the first patrols setting out to look for the enemy. It was after-mid day before the first discovery of the eyrie was made by a band of five *ashigaru* (common foot soldiers). They had stumbled up the steep ravines and had suddenly been confronted with the castle entrance. In the precipitate scuttling to escape potential arrows one man fell headlong and broke his legs, but the others paid no heed to his cries but ran on down the rocky path to spread the news.

Half an hour later twenty samurai in armour and leading their horses, sweated up to the top of the waterfall to observe this wonder. No sign of life did they see. Just the clean high outerworks. There was no sound but the gentle rustle of the summer breeze through the trees and the bubbling of the limpid waters coming down from the snows above. They returned to the valley; later a lookout reported that five horsemen were speeding towards the Kiso domains from the camp below.

A samurai climbed to the fort and slowly walked up to the closed gate. Halting some thirty feet from the top of the path, he announced: "I am Saburonyoye Iga-no-kami Yoshihiro, retainer of Lord Kiso-no-kami Takayemon. I am instructed to call on you and your men to surrender or suffer total annihilation for your crimes against my lord. What is your reply?"

No reply was forthcoming, not one sound.

Somewhat disconcerted the samurai repeated his message in a louder voice but with the same negative result. Perhaps the place was indeed deserted? Feeling rather conspicuous for shouting these phrases in this empty place, he turned and descended.

But the reception of a band of a hundred *ashigaru* who came to determine whether or not this fort

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British Judo Association Olympic Trials

By Alan R. Menzies & Maurice Killen

SECOND DAY

The second day of the British Judo Association Olympic Trials at Aldershot on Sunday, 5th July, with a much-reduced field, was over by three o'clock in the afternoon. In time for the National Selection Committee to deliberate on the results while the contests were still fresh in their minds. However, no final decision was made until the following Wednesday, when they met again in London to confirm who out of the 44 competitors would go to the British Olympic Trials at the National Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace, on the 25th July.

In my last article on the trials I mentioned the lack of interest shown by members of the Executive in attending these events. Well, to quote an old saw, "If you open your mouth wide enough you will trip over your own teeth." On Sunday practically the whole

administrative might of the B.J.A. was present. No doubt the E.C. meeting the day before was a contributing factor, but there they were taking a considerable interest and, I hope, enjoying it.

In the Lightweight category there were two pools of six, and these competitors provided some of the most exciting contests, particularly the Rudden brothers, J. F. and J. K. J. F. Rudden (1st Kyu), who fights with the disadvantage of having a permanently withered leg, took Bowen, Trick and Jacks to time, and, although losing the decision in every case, he showed terrific tenacity and courage in every contest. In the first match he sustained a damaged nose, which bled profusely from that time on, and must have caused him some extreme discomfort most of the day, but this in no way diminished his efforts. His brother, J. K.

Left: Gerald White of the Midlands photographed as he scored brilliantly against Smith. Right: Tony Sweeney attacking Alan Petherbridge in their Heavyweight contest. Sweeney scored waza-ari from this technique.

Rudden, did equally well in the other group, where he won four out of his five contests, only losing on a decision to Orton in the final match.

Denis Watson and Brian Jacks were both rather off form and, although they managed to make the final pool from which the B.J.A. members will be selected for the Open Trials, neither of them got through easily. Jacks was lucky to get the decision over Trick, scoring a waza-ari when both of them crashed down to the mat locked together, but he was unlucky to

lose the decision to John Bowen. He nearly threw him with a very fast Okuri - ashi - harai, which dropped Bowen on to his front for no score.

Bowen was the only Lightweight to win all his contests, although three of the five were won by decisions. His clubmate, Orton, headed the other group with four wins, only losing to Brockbank on a decision.

There were four pools of five in the Middleweight division. Leigh, White, Hoare and Brian Watson





managed to make maximum scores, White with three very good ippons and one decision, and Leigh with two wins and two decisions, Hoare with three wins and one decision, and Brian Watson won all three contests with good techniques. In his pool there were only three other contestants, Mountford being the only absentee among all competitors.

Outstanding among the Middleweights, apart from the top scorers, were Kelly, who took Hoare to a decision and who showed very good style and fighting ability the whole day, and Holling, who recently won a Gold Medal in the European University Championships in Holland. McWade, one of the stalwarts of this class, took decisions in all his contests except one which he lost to Gerald White of the Midlands.

Surprise player in the Heavyweight division was Gillot (1st Kyu), who although placed in a hard pool, came joint first with Macconnell. His best contest was with Macconnell, when he won with Tai-otoshi in one-and-a-quarter minutes. The only person who was able to defeat him was Len Booth, which spoilt Gillot's attempt to top the pool.

LEFT:

From Right to Left, Charles Palmer, Chairman of the B.J.A.; Captain Lilley, Treasurer; Arthur Tomkinson, Executive Committee member; John Capes, General Secretary.

Left Below:

Sid Hoare scoring with O-soto-gari on Cocker in the Middleweight division.

OPPOSITE:

Above: Booth scoring on Kinsella, Heavyweight division.

Below: Tony Macconnell grimly holding Winn, his giant competitor in the Heavyweight category.





John Trick throwing Woodruff in the Lightweight category.

Macconnell, except for his surprise defeat at the hands of Gillot, was on excellent form with no sign of the knee injury which troubled him on the previous trial. His first contest against Winn looked like a small boy having a practice with his adult brother. Winn literally towered over Macconnell, who had to reach up into the sky to get hold of the massive Londoner's lapel. Winn is not able to use his advant-

age of height, weight and reach at all successfully, and although making considerable use of loud and prolonged Kiai would do better to concentrate on finishing one of the waza he often gets in for but never completes. His supporters contend that his Tachi-waza may be a little rough but that his Ne-waza is first-class. Macconnell scored waza-ari in the fourth minute and then held Winn down for the required 30

seconds, riding on top of Winn's enormous torso like a ship in a high sea. Winn made excellent attempts to get out but to no avail.

Barnard was unfortunately injured in the other Heavyweight pool and had to withdraw after fighting extremely well against Sweeney with a very badly damaged shoulder, injured in his fight with Petherbridge. Petherbridge, well in his stride, scored with Tai-otoshi against Barnard in four minutes eighteen seconds, took a decision off Nash and Martin at the end of six minutes, and scored in seven seconds against Goodger, losing by waza-ari to Sweeney after having the best of the contest for the first three minutes.

Sweeney led the pool with four wins. He held Martin for an ippon in two minutes and fifty seconds, threw Goodger in just over a minute, armlocked Barnard just over halfway through their contest, but with Nash he could only gain the decision, which was rather surprising. In his contest with Petherbridge he had a bit of a sticky time in the beginning, but after about three minutes he whipped through for his Seo and Petherbridge sailed over, just getting a hand down to save the point but conceding waza-ari. Sweeney was unable to get any further score, but, of course, took the decision.

Following the Progressive Draw System eight men from each category went forward to a final pool of eight but did not fight, instead the National Selection Committee met twice to decide on a selection of six from each pool for the Open Trials later in the month. The remaining two in each pool were made first and second reserve.

In all on the second day there were about a hundred contests, with just over fifty of them being resolved by wins, the rest going to time, some with waza-ari scored, but thirty of them being finished with no score at all.

The following were the final eight in each class:

Heavyweight

Petherbridge, Macconnell
Sweeney, Gillot
Winn, Booth
Martin, Goodger

Middleweight

Holling, Leigh
Watson, B., Hoare
Warren, Kelly
White, McWade

Lightweight

Bowen, Trick
Watson, D., Jacks
Jenkins, Orton
Rudden, J. K., Brockbank

OXFORD & DISTRICT JUDO LEAGUE TABLE 1963-64

	No. of matches played	No. of contests played	No. of points scored	No. of draws
UXBRIDGE	7	59	342	12
OXFORD	6	57	320	9
SWINDON	5	44	154	7
BRACKNELL	5	41	144	5
MAIDENHEAD	4	33	134	4
READING	4	35	124	7
WINDSOR	5	34	94	8
S.B.J.S.	2	19	27	4

OXFORD AND DISTRICT JUDO LEAGUE

Twelve months ago when we wrote of this League, the editor shrewdly commented to us that he would be interested to know whether it managed to carry on. Hence we submit a note on its second year.

With two clubs dropping out and three others entering, eight clubs were taking part in 1963-64.

If all had fulfilled their obligations to each other, each would have played seven matches. What actually happened appears in the table. Out of twenty-eight matches programmed, only nineteen were played. This is certainly a sad fall from the achievement of eighteen matches out of a programmed twenty-one in 1962-63.

Analysis of the unplayed matches reveals that all but two, involved one or other of two clubs. One of these seems, during this season, to have run into a bad patch of loss of keenness and membership. The other simply lost the services of a particularly efficient secretary. One of the two matches was unplayed on account of what looks like, to an outsider, a piece of childishness. Club A, the visitors were obliged to postpone their trip twice and when, at the third attempt they were able to make the visit, Club B, at home, refused to meet them in "revenge" for previous postponements. The exact story of the remaining failure is not known except that it was an administrative fault and not a lack of general keenness in the members of either side.

The Judo in the matches that did occur was quite a satisfactory continuation of last year's promise, with numerous good contests and some very exciting matches. The number of drawn contests (28 out of 161), is lower than last year (31 out of 140); this is partly due to the adoption of a new rule requiring one period of extra time before declaring HIKI-WAKE.

The average number of contests per match is a little higher than last year, 8.8 against 7.8 indicating a slight general improvement in the numbers turning out for such matches as were played. But it is still lower than the size of teams that we were hoping to see.

Many of us remain strongly convinced of the importance of inter-club arrangements of this sort, both for the individual Judo men taking part, and as a means of developing local interest in Judo, and giving it the social vitality that other sports enjoy. Central direction such as the B.J.A. provides, is obviously necessary for the maintenance of standards and the organisation of high-grade contests, but a good grass roots basis can only be developed by the initiative of local clubs.

Our experience this year has shown that clubs which may seem to be well established and flourishing as regards Judo, may still be very precarious in organisation, and tend to fall apart at any set-back, or even the loss of some single person. This is no new discovery. We may perhaps explain it by saying that Judo appeals to organisable men, but it remains a problem that Judo men have to cope with somehow. Anyway we are all hoping that this group will get together again and play another round of matches in 1964-65, and all aim at completing their commitments, both for their own sakes and for each others.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor invites letters on any topic whatsoever for publication. Anonymous communications cannot be printed but, if requested, names and addresses will not be disclosed.

Sir,

I have read with interest the letters of complaint published in the July issue of Judo. While I can agree with Mr. R. Knutsen regarding the Kendo commentary, I cannot agree with the other criticisms which are not really justified.

Mr. Eric Dominy explains the shortcomings of the Crystal Palace in the July issue, and he points out it is the only really good venue for these kind of Championships, even though it is not yet completed.

I travelled from Bradford with over seventy judoka and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show including the Kendo. Perhaps the Kendo could have been announced by a Kendo exponent, but the commentator was I am sure only trying to provide some interest for the non expert members of the audience.

I must also confess that once the show started I was so fully absorbed with what was going on that I hardly heard any commentary at all.

O. R. West

Sir,

I was extremely disturbed to read the two letters concerning the L.J.S. Festival of Judo. I feel compelled to comment on some of the points mentioned in them.

I feel that the attacks made on the commentary were completely unwarranted and in the worst possible taste. I am a judoka myself and I have a keen regard for the etiquette of our sport, I also freely acknowledge that it is a sport that we all participate in for fun.

The audience did laugh during the demonstration of Kendo by the youngsters but they were not showing any disrespect, merely an appreciation of the children's ability. Few of us ever attain the complete Japanese feeling

towards these things, and fortunately few of us lose our sense of fun and fair play.

I feel that the commentary in every respect helped the audience to participate in the actual event. It certainly made, to the uninitiated, a rather dreary spectacle much more acceptable. And let's be fair, most of the audience, in so far as Kendo is concerned, are uninitiated.

I cannot speak Japanese but I firmly believe the commentators' terminology would have been understood by any judoka. Possibly Mr. Milner has not been practising long enough yet to have acquired the correct pronunciation. He certainly has not practised long enough to have acquired the courtesy shown by judoka to judoka.

A large number of the audience were not judoka so I feel the commentary was a great help to them, from a personal standpoint it was a great change to hear accurate commentary as well as such a pleasant one.

I feel there is too much pettiness between the various branches of Budo practise in the country and these two childish letters will only serve to inflame already strained relationships.

Again from a personal view I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the show and I would like to thank the organisers and participants for their efforts.

I know most of the audience appreciated that the Sports Centre had not at that time been completed and that the discomfort suffered by Mr. Milner was borne with grace by them. Certainly I feel very few would be so infantile to make such comments.

In closing I earnestly hope that our sport will continue to flourish despite the efforts of the few, who will occur in every field of endeavour to bring discredit upon it by their lack of perception and generally poor conduct.

L. E. Watson

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



AIKIDO

No. 25

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VARIATION No. 2

This month I am describing a variation which is based on a wrist turn—number 14 in the Aikido basic techniques.

As with all Aikido moves they are applicable to both the right and left side, but to save confusion I will explain the action from one side only, leaving you to reverse the pattern if the opposite lead is made.

Assume a position facing your partner so that he is able to grasp your wrists firmly, one in each hand—he will also have his right foot forward, as you can see in the photograph, Figure 1.

Start the variation by performing an outside sweep with your left arm, this will serve two purposes, first it will break his balance forward and secondly it will turn his hand into a position where it can easily be grasped from underneath with your left hand.

It is important to make this first move correctly so that you can turn his hand sufficiently to enable the thumb of your right hand to rest firmly on the back of his hand with your fingers planted well into the cushion at the base of his thumb, clearly shown in Figure 2.

Remember that the initial outside sweep is not a large movement





as performed in the basic exercises, but a smaller, stronger turning action. Continuing this turning bring your left hand over so that it also grips his right hand as in

Figure 3. Maintain a good pressure and pull him to his right front corner so that his balance is broken and you can effect a throw in this direction, illustrated in Figure 4.

IRISH NEWS

M. T. WATT

For the first time the National Coach, Mr. Gleeson, visited the North West for more than one day. In fact he stayed with us for a whole week.

A course for all the clubs in the district gave a good start to his visit. A Club Instructors course was attended by about 30 potential instructors, and about 15 people came along to a Coach Award Course held over three days, at the end of this time the Coach Award examination was held and four 1st Kyu had a try for the premier teaching certificate.

The Area Coach came down to assist Mr. Gleeson with the examination which was held in the gymnasium of the local Secondary School.

To conclude the short stay of Mr. Gleeson he was taken on a conducted tour of the locality and we trust he enjoyed our countryside and beauty spots.

Favourites Win American Olympic Trials

Phil Porter

Years of dedicated training brought America's favourite Judoka through two days of wild and fierce competition at the Olympic Judo Trials, held at the New York World's Fair on June 12th and 13th.

Ben Campbell, of Sacramento, California, using a variety of techniques and winning his last match with a badly damaged shoulder, took the Open Division Crown, capping three years of the most severe training in Japan. Campbell's victory was a great personal triumph.

Technical Sergeant George Harris, U.S.A.F., came from behind in his last match to win the Heavyweight title after an earlier defeat by the amazing 19-year-old Frank Rackley, of Fresno, California, which appeared to kill his chances for a place in the Olympic team. Harris used his fast left Tai-otoshi, followed by Ne-waza where necessary, to win most of his contests.

Jim Bregman, repeating his walk away with the 1964 National AAU Middleweight Championship, showed fantastic skill in defeating all his opponents to win the Olympic Team Middleweight position. Favourite technique migi Uchi-mata.

Lightweight Champion was Paul Maruyama, of Los Angeles, after a fierce battle with Tosh Seino, who eventually ended up in third place, conceding a position to Lloyd Migita, of Honolulu, who came second in the Lightweight division.

Eighty-seven contestants, selected from 18 regions in the U.S. and the Armed Forces, vied in the four Olympic Judo Categories during the two-day meeting. The Olympic penalty point system was used, giving every man at least two chances to compete. Contestants received one, two or three penalty points for winning a decision, losing a decision, or losing by a full point. Five penalty points must be scored against a man before he is eliminated.

Burning determination to make the Olympic side characterised all the matches, and the contests were more fiercely fought than ever before in National level competition. Special mention goes to third-place winners, Frank Rackley, Bob Nishi, Ron Hubbard and Tosh Seino, for outstanding technique and grit.

Rackley dislocated his right thumb in his fourth match against George Harris, after three straight victories. With the help of a doctor,



The U.S. Olympic Judo Team lines up with Olympic Coach Yosh Uchida of San Jose, California. From left: TSgt. George Harris, USAF, Travis AFB (Heavyweight); Jim Bregman, Washington, D.C. (Middleweight); Uchida; Paul Maruyama, Los Angeles, (Lightweight); and Ben Campbell, Sacramento, California (Open).

he reset his injured member, and then threw Harris with Ashi-harai for a full point. In his next contest with Bill Paul, the final round robin his right shoulder was severely injured. In spite of this he continued to the end of the match, losing to Paul on Waza-ari awasete ippon.

Bob Nishi continued in this last match against Ben Campbell with a torn knee ligament. With this injury taped up he fought to the end, losing only on a decision.

Ron Hubbard, after badly pulling the muscles in his chest and

back, nevertheless fought on for two more matches to make third place.

Tosh Seino fought with badly blistered feet, throwing all his opponents up to the final group, where he lost on a very close decision to Paul Maruyama.

Other outstanding Lightweight players were Tony Owed, and Gene Field of Detroit. Owed threw several fine men with his hidari techniques, and Gene Field proved to be one of the toughest fighters in the division.

Nineteen-year-old John Rowlett, of Austin, Texas, showed great promise in the Middleweight division when he beat several seasoned fighters. Hayward Nishioka, Los Angeles, Dave Sawyer, San Jose State, and Odell Terry, New York City, also looked good in this division, all gaining a place in the top six.

Veteran Judoka Jim Colgan and Bill Kaufman, both of Chicago,

led for fourth place in the Heavyweight division, followed by two good prospects, Clyde Devinna, Los Angeles, and Lawrence Fryar, U.S. Navy.

Of special mention in the Open division were John Inouye, Los Angeles, and Lt. Bill Wecker, U.S. Air Force, both in their early twenties, they tied for fifth place in the Open division.

MEDITERRANEAN NEWS

S. BONELLO

Italy. I am back in Malta after having spent a holiday in Italy and Austria. During my stay in Italy I took the opportunity to visit two very old Judo clubs, Borgo Prati of Rome and Costantino Reyer of Venice. Both have very long and illustrious histories. Borgo Prati was formed at the end of the last century and has two dojo in different parts of Rome. The Venetian club was founded not very long afterwards, by Costantino Reyer who gave his name to the club. Both clubs have other sections besides Judo, because most of the Italian heavy athletics clubs embrace other sports such as Wrestling, Weightlifting and Bodybuilding.

On my second day in Rome I visited Sig. L. L. Tedeschi, Secretary General of the F.I.A.P. (Italian Federation of Heavy Athletics), in his office at the Sports Federations' Building, an imposing edifice owned by the C.O.N.I. (Italian National Sports

Committee). In this building are housed all Italian sports federations whether amateur or professional. The F.I.A.P.'s offices are on the fourth floor.

Sig Tedeschi presented me with a fine book on Judo written by Tommaso Betti-Berutto, an authority on the art of Judo. In this book whose name is "Da Cintura Bianca A Cintura Nera" (From White Belt to Black Belt), there is everything that is connected with Judo from technical instruction and lists of various champions, to names of referees and clubs, with their respective addresses. The author also includes sections on the history of Judo in Japan and Italy. In all it has 622 pages and is very well illustrated.

Judo in Italy has made very steady progress, especially since the last war. Clubs can be found scattered through the whole of the Italian peninsula. There are more than 150 clubs registered with the

F.I.A.P. In Rome alone there are 31 clubs. The art of Judo was introduced in 1908 by Italian Navy personnel who became interested in the sport while serving on board warships stationed in Japanese waters. Even the King of Italy of that time became interested, so much so that an exhibition was held in his presence at Villa Savoia by two naval non-commissioned officers who names were Piazzola and Moscatelli.

The first Italian instructor was another naval man, Carlo Oletti. He was asked by the Ministry of War to give Judo instructions to military men. Later he started instructing civilians. Thanks to his activity, the Cristoforo Colombo Club of Rome was the first to welcome Judo as a sport.

In 1926 the Italian Judo and Ju Jitsu Federation was formed with

Sig. G. Puglisi as first president. Later its name was changed to Italian Federation of Japanese Wrestling. Judo in Italy was not to continue for long having its own association, for by order of the C.O.N.I., the supreme sports authority in the country, it was made to form part of the F.I.A.P. This meant that the Judo Federation lost its independence. Nevertheless, the sport continued to make progress. At the general meeting of the F.I.A.P. held on the 23rd February, 1963, at Aosta, a motion to divide the F.I.A.P. into three independent federations, one each for Judo, Wrestling and Weightlifting, was unanimously carried. It was also decided at the same meeting that this might only take place after the Tokyo Olympics, so as not to hinder in any way the preparations which have already been started for the games.

SOVIET OLYMPIC CHANCES

Novosti Press.

Soviet Olympic chances in Greco-Roman wrestling are very bright, if we go by the results of the International tournament staged in the U.S.S.R. in the spring. However, the prospects are not so bright in Judo, which received full recognition in the Soviet Union only after the sport became part of the Olympic programme. Even so, the present number of Judo players in the U.S.S.R. is less than 300, as compared with 450,000 in Japan. This, however, did not stop our men from entering the 1962 European Championships and gaining third place after the Dutch and French (the latter were Continental champions four times). The following year saw our men win European laurels, which they retained in April, with gold medals being awarded to Aron Bogolyubov, Anatoli Bondarenko and Anzor Kiknadze.

A three-man Japanese Judo team, invited to our country last spring, returned home undefeated. "It was a very good lesson for us," Soviet national coach Vladlen Andreyev declared, "Because we had a poor idea up till then of the standards of Judo in the East. The Japanese gladly gave us advice, and especially that our men should relax their muscles and grapple more freely. We don't doubt, of course, that the Japanese will take the Olympic gold medals, but we will offer strong opposition."

was deserted was very different. Hardly had the first man reached the gate when the shuttered arrow holes were uncovered and a deadly hail of long shafts flew into the faces of the bunched soldiers on the exposed path. Dozens fell transfixed by the well-aimed arrows; the rest, wounded or not, fled tumbling down the ravine to the safety of the rocks below.

The gates opened and a detail rushed down to retrieve the arrows and to bring the bodies into the fort. They were stripped of their armour then hanged head downwards from the outer wall as a grim warning to those that would follow.

That the fort was occupied the enemy could no longer doubt, especially when they observed the bloody corpses dangling from the walls swaying in the breeze. A hot swirl of dust eddied round the lower bodies, their arms flapping loosely, a delicate tracery of blood, now dried, spread from the arrow wounds out over the surrounding skin. As time went on, that hot afternoon, the fine volcanic dust made these corpses white. Several crows flew down from the pines to peck out the dead eyes.

The Kiso commander sent a strong force up the ravine to pin the defenders inside until the rein-



forcements could arrive. During the night a group of warriors under Sukesada crept out of the castle and killed the sentries. They captured the leader of this picket and brought him prisoner back to the castle where he was put to the question. At first he would not talk, but gentle persuasion applied by expert hands soon brought out the desired information. The clan could muster eight thousand men,

even after their mauling at the hands of Kinoshita Tokichiro in April. He supposed that most of the troops in the east of the fief would be sent here to crush this threat.

Later his head was placed in a box and left on the path above the waterfall to be discovered the next morning. The body was hanged beside the others.

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