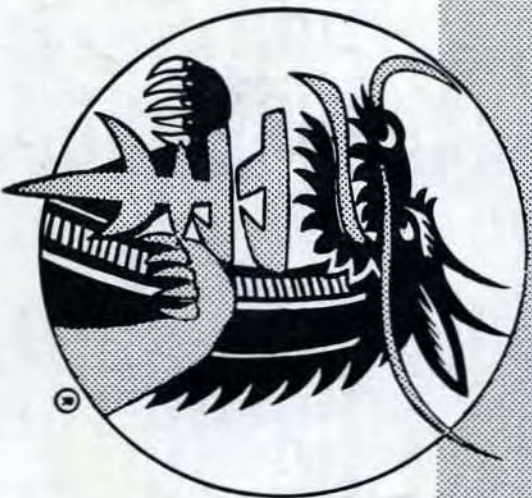


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FIRST EUROPEAN WOMEN'S JUDO TOURNAMENT

GENOA ITALY 30th November/1st December 1974

Report by



ELIZABETH VINEY
B.J.A. Women's Team Manager

Anyone who has read the excellent article "Mind over Muscle" by Neil Wilson in the December issue of "Sportsworld" will know what I'm referring to when I talk about "winning qualities", and here I would fully support the theory of Brendan Foster's coach—Stan Long—"that consistent winners are intelligent and confident". I would possibly substitute courage for confidence, and this then would describe my sentiments regarding our top players and medallists who have recently returned from the 1st European Women's Tournament. — Well done girls, you really showed them you could do it.

Our first "Gold" and European Title went to LYNN TILLEY (2ND DAN) (under 61 kgs) who in the first round beat Petit of France, met Astrid

Hermann "Blitz" of Switzerland in the second round, secured and held to win in the last few seconds of the match, scored with kami-shihogata on Gamauf of Austria, then secured another winning "pin" on Berlin of W. Germany in the finals. What a brilliant player, and what a fitting end to a most successful year, in which Lynn took one of the "Dutch Crowns" — a gold in the under 63 kgs category in their open championships in April, plus two golds in our own "Open" in November—the under 61 kgs and "open" weight categories.

Lynn, a printer by trade in partnership with her husband, lives in Bracknell, Berks. She is known in the squad for her wit and humour! With



LYNN TILLEY

youth on her side, and the fine support and encouragement she gets from husband Ray I'm sure she'll remain in top competition for many years to come.

CHRISTINE WILDMAN (3RD DAN) under 66 kgs, "holds down" a top representatives job with the fabric firm Bonfab in her home town of Nottingham. She travels many miles each day mainly covering the Eastern Area, but nevertheless puts in a



CHRISTINE WILDMAN

great deal of training as only the dedicated do! Chris is a player of great experience, and has been International medal-winning for us since our very first match abroad in Belgrade 1972.

Faced with what is normally called a "grotty-pool" in the tournament, this didn't deter our "Wildbird", who in her first match beat Delamaire of France, scoring waza-ari in the opening minute and waza-ari awasete ippon 40 seconds from the end. She continued by beating the very determined Kofmehl of Switzerland by a koka, then lost by the same score to the Italian Ditoma (who emerged gold medallist). In the repechage Chris was to meet Mary Schilder of Holland, whom she had been determinedly chasing since last October. With cries of "you'll do it this time Chris" still ringing in her ears she faced a haughty-looking Mary, but the superior look lasteth-not, for half-way through the match Mary went over to a "peach of a seoi-attack" culminating in kesa-gatame for ippon! What a terrific match

... which meant Chris had won our first Bronze.

GINA COBELLI (2ND DAN) under 72 kgs. A young player of experience and promise, who first secured a place in the National Squad in 1972, but because of age could not take part in competitions abroad. Gina now has a very responsible position with the National Westminster Bank, she lives in Harrow and apart from judo is also keen on trampolining. Her one regret as she told me recently is that she doesn't speak Italian. Gina competes well abroad, even under difficult conditions. Earlier this year she took a bronze at the Dutch Open in the over 68 kgs category.

Her first match in Genoa was against Thiollet of France (eventual gold medallist). A waza-ari scored by Thiollet in the early part of the contest was hotly disputed by the judges, and it wasn't clear to Gina that this score was actually retained. (The score boards were so minute, they were almost invisible!) ... Hence, when she herself scored yuko in the last few seconds it must have come as a bitter disappointment to see her opponent take the match! Lesser mortals might have faded here, but



GINA COBELLI

Gina went on more determined than ever, beating Polizzotti of Italy in the

repechage in 45 seconds with kesa-gatame for ippon, followed by a barrage of attacks against Kohlbacher of Austria, who went down to a throw in the first minute, was held and then submitted. Oh joy! Our second Bronze, well done Gina!



MARGARET BURGESS

MARGARET BURGESS (3RD DAN) under 72 kgs. Margaret is an international medallist of great experience, who took the gold in her weight category at our British Open in November. She hails from the Great North, Darlington in Co. Durham actually, and works as a clerical officer with British Rail. Margaret is a young and brilliant player who can dictate a whirlwind-pace with style. This she certainly did when she met the formidable Italian champion Bin in her first match—no warm-up contest this! For Margaret knew from her experience and that of our other players what a tough one this was likely to be. With 2.10 minutes to go Margaret drove her hips through taking Bin completely by surprise at the competition area edge, spun her up and over, taking her down on her back for ippon. What a fantastic start! In the next contest against Aka of Holland, whilst it was our player who did all the work, sadly with no score the fight went to Aka. However, Margaret came back in the repechage to defeat a battling Salzmann from Switzerland with

another beautiful throw for ippon, right at the area's edge, with just five seconds to go! This gave Margaret a well-deserved Bronze for Britain!

CHRISTINE CHILD (4TH DAN) over 72 kgs. Chris epitomizes my theory about consistently successful players having the quality of courage. When I tell you she is a stunt-artiste par excellence you'll know what I mean. *Never* has Chris once "faded" in one of our internationals abroad. To date she has taken seven international gold medals, including the European Title in the over 72 kgs category, plus the gold in the same weight at our own British Open in November. What a fantastic record.

Chris lives at Old Windsor on a converted 19th century Thames sailing barge. Part of her fitness can no doubt be attributed to pumping-out the enormous bilge her boat must have! Until recently Chris also worked in the Research Department at the Sports Council; now you'll find her hard at work at B.J.A.'s H.Q.

Chris has the ability to cope with difficult situations without "flapping". I well remember returning from a trip last year, we were on the train, it was very late getting to its destination and shunted backwards and forwards as if for hours in one particular station. It occurred



CHRISTINE CHILD

to me it could be the wrong train, the rest suddenly thought the same! At the height of the panic Chris calmly got out her knitting! It was a lesson to us all. . . . Chris applied the same calmness to her contests in Genoa. With Liotard of Holland not making the weight category, her first match was a bye. With Champion De Cal of Italy having beaten Mugebier of W. Germany, Chris now had to face "the large" De Cal almost twice her own weight and size. Chris set to work scoring koka within the first few seconds. Spinning this mass around Chris took her down again, and held "the enormous one" for ippon. In the finals Chris fought our own Margaret McKenna who was herself in fine form. Lots of action here with Margaret working so hard. Chris secured an advantage and moved in to pin Margaret for ippon. If anyone deserved this Euro Title Chris did.

MARGARET McKENNA (2ND DAN) over 72 kgs. Margaret is a brilliantly consistent player who never gives up. If anyone ever wanted to learn how to impress a referee, and there are several who were not so successful in this tournament—who could *well* heed this mention—just take a lesson from Margaret, watch her approach carefully, it could improve *your* chances. I'm giving nothing more away, just switch-on your "observation" next time. Margaret's precision ties up with her job which obviously demands a high degree of accuracy and speed. For in private life she works as a seamstress with Daks-Simpson in her home town of Larkhall. . . . She is also the "voice of the British Squad" when it comes to singing. If ever you get a chance you should hear her—she's a joy to listen to. Margaret is a most experienced judo player, who holds a number of Scottish titles. Last year she spent a month at Camp Olympus, West Virginia, U.S.A., during which time she took a gold medal



MARGARET McKENNA

for Scotland against the Virginians. Margaret also took the silver in the over 72 kgs category at the recent British Open.

In her first match of the Tournament Margaret had a three-point win over the exceptionally-strong Kuttner of W. Germany. The next match brought another three-point win and victory for Margaret over the very large home-grown Parenti of Italy. In the finals Margaret met Chris, and as I've already described put up a great fight, but in losing to Chris at least she had the fine consolation of having won our first European Silver Medal.

ELLEN COBB (4TH DAN) "Open weight". Ellen is a player well respected both at home and abroad. She has the distinction of being the first British player to win a gold medal in international women's competition. This she did in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, March 1972. Ellen is a top player who has been a consistent medallist for a number of years. Her judo achievements like her creative interests and sporting hobbies are many and varied. Few know for instance that Ellen holds the City and Guilds Award for interior decorating. She is an accomplished horse-woman and driver, and an extremely good hockey player and cook to boot. Among her most recent feats



ELLEN COBB

at which I shall never cease to marvel are the reroofing of her home in Farnborough, Hants., and the building of her club at Guildford. Ellen has all the winning qualities I spoke of earlier, plus a superior brand of determination (which not many of us are endowed with). It was I'm sure this quality which enabled her to fully recover from the injury she sustained in the British Open in time to compete in the European tournament. She took the silver medal, under 72 kgs category and bronze "Open" weight at our recent British Open Championships.

In her first Genoese match she met Segavcic of Yugoslavia and secured a really tight holding half-way through the match, from which Segavcic didn't escape! It was then Ellen's turn to meet the massive De Cal, and a very exciting competition this proved to be. De Cal is a most popular player according to the Italian crowd, and Ellen was vociferously supported by the other nine countries! Much to the delight of her supporters, Ellen scored with ouchi-gari and secured a three-point win. In her semi-final match against Mögebier of W. Germany, Ellen treated us to a fantastic display of groundwork, culminating in an armlock and a submission from an exhausted Mögebier. In the finals she met the impressive Fouillet of France, who specialised in uchi-mata.

Ellen countered with some brilliant pick-ups. After some breathtaking action Fouillet scored a koka giving her the three-point lead which she retained, and Ellen took the well-deserved Silver medal for Great Britain.

So far I've only mentioned the medallists, but there are our other players, of whom six were just one match away from a medal. They fought long and hard, and they too do deserve to be thanked for their tireless efforts. . . . So don't give up the struggle Christine Presswell and Jean Hawkins (under 48 kgs), Caroline Balderstone and Della Tysall (under 52 kgs), Sue Evans and Lauren Pearman (under 56 kgs), Kathleen Nicol (under 61 kgs), Cydatty Bogie (under 66 kgs) and Heather Ford (Open weight).

Our stay at the Bristol Palace Hotel in Genoa was something I'm sure we shall all remember for a long time to come. Thomas Cooks had made excellent arrangements for us. We found ourselves in a most dignified part of Genoa, redesigned in the early 19th century, surrounded by fine monuments dating back to the 16th century. One could see first-hand how after sampling the buildings of Italy great English architects such as Wren could be inspired to build masterpieces like St. Paul's!

One member of our party who has probably made a resolution never to appraise an ancient monument again by sitting on it, is Roy Inman, our kindly coach, who put on a brave face as he sampled the cold waters of the Piazza de Ferrari fountain—fully clothed!

Accompanying our team were Phyllis Elliott who ministered not only to our own girls, but to the Dutch Coach and the injured Germans too. Gill Shelton, B.J.A. Delegate, attended the E.J.U. and Officials Reception at the Doria Tursi Palace (City Hall) on Saturday, 30th, and Ray Mitchell, whose company we were also delighted to have, at-

tended the event as an official referee at the E.J.U.'s invitation.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the many supporters who came out to cheer the girls on. I know your encouragement was greatly appreciated. We were also glad you could join us for the impromptu party afterwards. Shame we didn't get the "Two Chris's Dance Routine a la Presentation Squad Dress '75" on cine! I did get my vest back, but did anyone remember to return Phyllis' ks? Talking of cine, our thanks to squad member Marie Fourt who came out under her own steam to film the tournament, and our appreciative thanks to Kodak Ltd., who not only loaned us a unique cine camera, but generously donated us ten rolls of film for use at the event.

Our grateful thanks also to Messrs. Beechams, who very kindly donated a goodly supply of *Dynamo* for all our players competing in the European tournament.

With a successful event behind us and with hopes of a European Championship next year, the time is opportune for me to finish by thanking those who have helped our girls in their success.

To Colin McIver (4th Dan) Scottish National Coach, and Roy Inman (4th Dan) British international, for

taking training sessions during 1974, and to Charles Palmer (7th Dan), B.J.A. Chairman, and Keith Remfry (4th Dan), British international, for taking sessions at the memorable first residential squad training weekend at the Watney Mann Training Centre, Tadworth.

Our thanks to members of the B.J.A., the E.C., and the Sports Council for the generous support and assistance they give us, and to Watney Mann for sponsoring and making possible the first residential training weekend. We also owe a debt of gratitude to John Nixon, Editor of *Watney News*, for support—our efforts, and a special vote of thanks to Donald Kirby, Sales Director of Bierritz, who has presented us with the magnificent Bierritz Trophy—to be given annually to the player, who, in the Team Manager's opinion, performs best in the Europeans, but does not win a gold or silver medal . . . so watch the magazine folks for news of the first "Bierritz Trophy Winner"!

LATE NEWS: We are delighted to report Vaux Breweries Ltd. are to present Margaret Burgess with a Vaux Silver Star "for representing Great Britain in an International Competition in 1974 and bringing credit to the country with her result".

CLUB FORUM

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY AND KARATE KAI: *Eric Dominey writes:*—

JUDO We are coming back to life slowly after a rather long lay-off resulting from Christmas and the New Year bank Holiday.

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Kyu (to 1st Dan) 1st Dan (to 2nd Dan)

Sunday 13th April 10.00 a.m. Beginner to 7th Kyu inclusive. — 2.30 p.m. 6th Kyu to 2nd Kyu inclusive

These examinations are open to anyone who holds current B.J.A. membership.

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AREA NEWS

NORTHERN AREA

by G. F. Kearsley

Area Junior Boys' and Girls' Individual Championships. Some 300 junior boys and girls converged on the Stockton Sports Centre on Sunday, 1st December, to compete in the Area Championships. The entry, numerically an increase on last year's competition confirmed the support Area clubs are giving to competition judo. Four mat areas were in use and with area officials readily providing their expertise the events ran to schedule being completed by 5.00 p.m. a creditable effort to all concerned. Some established junior "stars" again emerged as medal winners yet were hard pressed throughout the day in maintaining their ranking. Apart from medal awards the first four in each weight category will be invited to participate in the area training squads—first sessions are to be held during January. Gold medal results were:

BOYS

- Under**
30 kgs A. Atkinson (Stockton)
35 kgs K. Cannings (Middlesbro)
40 kgs T. O'Neil (Stockton)
45 kgs P. Glynn (Stockton)
50 kgs P. Welsh (Crook)
55 kgs S. Lee (Middlesbrough)
60 kgs K. Monk (Beehive)
65 kgs N. Buckley (Stockton)

- Over**
65 kgs T. Bellars (Stockton)

GIRLS

- Under**
30 kgs K. Graham (Crook)
35 kgs J. Johnson (Crook)
40 kgs L. Bailey (Thornaby)
45 kgs Y. Atkinson (Stockton)
50 kgs J. Bradshaw (Stockton)
55 kgs S. Kearsley (Darlington)
60 kgs C. Kovacs (Stockton)

- Over**
65 kgs S. O'Connor (Stockton)

Congratulations to the following Area members successful in recent competitions.

MARGARET BURGESS, 3rd Dan—Gold medal in the Under 72 kgs category at the British Women's Open Individual Championships on the 9th November. Margaret rounded off a first class year by taking Bronze - medal in the Women's European Championships in Italy on the 30th November.

EILEEN SIMPSON, 1st Dan, Bronze medal in the Under 72 kgs category at the British Women's Open on the 9th November.

IAN ROBINSON, 3rd Dan, Gold in the Open category at the Carlisle Championships on the 24th November.

PAUL MIDDLETON won first place and a silver trophy in one of the weight categories at the Young Men's Championships on the 23rd November at Huddersfield Sports Centre.

PAUL OWENS at the same event won a Silver medal.

SONYIA KEARSLEY a Silver medal in the Kyu category at the London Area Women's Championships on the 20th October.

T. BURGESS in winning the Open Kyu event at the Carlisle Championships on the 24th November, 1974.

THE STOCKTON TEAM in taking second place in the Carlisle Team Event on the 24th November, 1974.

MIDLAND AREA

by John M. Thomson
 Deputy Chairman

SUSPENSION OF P. DONNELLY — SOLIHULL: At the meeting of the Midland Area Committee on Sunday 13th October 1974, Peter Donnelly of Solihull Judo Club was suspended from taking part in any activities of the British Judo Association.

There has been a lot of speculation throughout the Area as to the reason for this suspension and the Area Committee has not previously published the facts of the case as an appeal from Peter Donnelly was pending.

It is against the rules of our Constitution to hold dual membership with another Judo Association and it was apparent that Peter Donnelly held membership of the Amateur Judo Association.

It was unfortunate and embarrassing that the members of the National Squad should be training at the Crystal Palace, during the weekend that the Amateur Judo Association should hold their National Championships and it was further embarrassing that Peter Donnelly of Solihull should not only be taking part in these Championships, but that in actual fact he won the Open Championships.

At the Executive Committee which was held on the day after the A.J.A. Championships a complaint was made to Mr. Brian Regan, the Midland Area representative, regarding Peter Donnelly and his participation in these Championships. The matter was directed to the Midland Area Committee for action.

When the complaint was raised at the Area Committee meeting it was received with some concern on the part of the Committee members, as there had been another complaint regarding Peter Donnelly taking part in A.J.A. events at the previous Committee meeting. On that occasion it

had been decided to caution Peter Donnelly and both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman spoke to Peter Donnelly regarding the matter. He was also sent an official letter of caution. It seemed to be the case that, despite being warned by the Area Committee, he continued to disregard the rules of our Association. The Area committee suspended him forthwith and sent him a letter informing him that he was suspended and that the Committee intended to recommend to the Executive Committee that his membership be rescinded. He was also informed that he had the right of appeal to the Area Committee.

Peter Donnelly in fact did appeal to the Committee, which was convened on Sunday 1st December 1974. He stated that due to being away on holiday, he did not in fact receive the official warning until after he had entered the A.J.A. championships, and that immediately on receipt of the letter informed the A.J.A. that he would no longer be associated with their organisation. Peter Donnelly further said, "I am finished with the A.J.A. They cannot compare to the B.J.A. and it was stupid of me to compete in their Championships."

The discussion which followed resulted in the following action. Peter Donnelly was asked to return his trophy, which he won at the A.J.A. championships together with his A.J.A. licence, and give it to the Area Chairman who would forward it to the A.J.A. with a statement from Peter Donnelly that he would no longer have any connection with that Association. In addition the suspension would be reduced to a severe reprimand with the stipulation that if any further complaint was received regarding his association with the A.J.A., he would be suspended indefinitely.

Peter Donnelly agreed to these conditions and has in fact returned

his A.J.A. trophy and licence, which will be forwarded to the Amateur Judo Association.

It is the opinion of the Area Committee that they were correct in suspending Peter Donnelly and that the subsequent action of leniency in no way reflects the suggestion that they were wrong to suspend him.

WALES

The Welsh Judo Association Senior Open Championships for Men and the Senior Open Championships for Women will be held at the Sports Centre, Cardiff, on the 22nd February, 1975.

W.J.A. ties in maroon and blue are now in stock and cost £1.50p. Orders should be made direct to: W.J.A. Membership Secretary, Mrs. M. Givelin, Gaisberg, 24 Cwmaman Road, Garnant, Ammanford, Dyfed.

A message from the Chairman of W.J.A., Jack Hulton.

"The Welsh Judo Association embraces all B.J.A. Judo Clubs within the Principality, who abide by our Constitution. The Association is managed by an Executive Council, elected by the members of the Regional Committee. There are two Regional Committees, one in the south and one in the north. Each paid-up member club is entitled to elect two representatives, who must be paid-up members, to sit on its Regional Committee and each Regional Committee is entitled to select six of its members to sit on the Executive Council. If you have

any matters you would like aired at National level, you should contact your E.C. representative. If the matters would require a proposition, you should also contact the National Secretary, asking for an item to be raised on the Agenda.

The Regional Committee meets every month usually at Rhyl or Cardiff and if you have any matters you would like discussed, you should either write to the Regional Secretary or ask your Club Representative to raise them at the next Regional meeting for discussion under *Any Other Business*. If the point in question is to take the form of a proposition, this will have to be communicated to your Representative and to the Regional Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting, so that it can be placed on the Agenda. In addition to the Regional Committee, there is a sub-committee formed to look after the interests of the juniors. It consists of a number of committee members, club members and parents, who meet at regular intervals. The meetings are conducted with the minimum of formality and everyone interested is welcome to attend, so if you are interested in organising dates, times and venues, etc., P.E.'s competitions, training sessions, etc., go along and air your views. All these committees are working for the benefit of judo regionally and nationally and in particular to make the sport more interesting for all the members. The only thanks these committee members want, is to see you benefiting from their work, by patronising and enjoying the events they organise."

MR. PETER FORD

With heart-felt sorrow Tower Hamlets report the sad and sudden death of Mr. Peter Ford, 3rd Dan, their leading instructor. His loss has been hard felt by all Tower Hamlets members and friends.

It is hoped a Championship and Memorial Trophy will be held in his honour.

KATA REVIVAL

By Tony Reay

"Whatever happened to kata?", we find ourselves asking. When all over the world kata is still very much an integral part of judo activity it has almost disappeared from the judo scene in Britain. Taking "theory" out of the syllabus (which included kata) some three years ago, obviously took away the obligation for judoka to study kata. However, I do feel that kata was struggling before then and was on the wane.

Kata in the syllabus created from time to time some bad-feeling and contention at promotion examinations. The standard expected of a candidate varied greatly from one Senior Examiner to another. Many felt that the greatest criteria for grading purposes was the candidate's ability in the contest area. There was also the suspicion, often unfounded, that a candidate was being either held back (depending on the situation) or pushed through by the Examiner either because he liked (or disliked) his style or liked (or disliked) the colour of his eyes. Certainly, in the days before points accumulation, the Examiner was tempted to use the final assessment of kata to sway his decision either way.

I have known Examiners in the dim past to demand the entire sets of the Nage-no-kata of one candidate and for another, just one easy set (one of the first three). Also I have known the situation where an Examiner, pushed for time because there were too many entries, ask for one specific throw out of the kata to be demonstrated or at the other end of the scale when there have been very few candidates, demand the performance of a complete kata in order to

kill time. Such inconsistencies caused resentment and of course created havoc with standards expected.

It is sad though that kata should have suffered. Kata, performed well, can be a very thrilling and interesting spectacle. It can also be enjoyable and rewarding to perform. I do feel that we have also done ourselves an injustice; though not so many people practise Karate, a Karate event does draw the crowds and I am sure that the greatest allure are the Karate kata displays.

I consider myself fortunate to have been able to witness some of the finest Judo kata displays by some of the most famous names in Britain, Europe and in Japan. Some, sadly very few, are recorded on film, but most are recorded in our minds and we can only hark back to those days. Who in Britain can we point a finger to and say, "Those two are a very fine kata team"? It is especially sad that we cannot really do this. Not a team of the calibre we have seen in the old days that is.

It is a strange aspect of human nature that when we are forced to do something we hate it, and then when such a thing is no longer imposed upon us we carp and ask why it has been taken away. When we had to do kata most of us hated it but there were the odd times when we had tremendous respect for it and secretly, those of us who felt we were of the hard-case competition element—actually enjoyed practising kata.

I have heard many reasons and theories put forward as to why kata is so necessary for us. But the best, and simplest reason I have heard is

that it is a living museum of judo stanzas. How many fine and skilful wrestling sports from various parts of the world have been lost forever because there has been nothing to project it into the present times, I wonder? Even now in modern judo competition there are many techniques that are never seen. They have their fashion and will reappear, but in a slightly different form I suspect. Kata will remind us always how they once were but apart from that, surely the katas are a very fine art form?

T. P. Leggett always emphasised the value of kata. His main interest was training top-line competitors but even to them he had kata running through his training programmes like a very fine strong thread — keeping judo together. He introduced kata in many interesting and varied ways. I can recall Sabura Mutsushita, that excellent contest man, known as the harai-goshi machine, coming back from Paris where he had seen Go-no-sen-no-kata first performed in fast and slow motion, he was fired with an obsession to repeat this performance. For months he worked with enthusiasm and prompted by T.P.L. His polished performance with his partner, Warwick Stepto, was first seen at the Royal Albert Hall Black Belt Show and in my view remained unequalled to this present day. It took months of hard work and patient training.

Each technique was shown in three stages. First the throw in fast action, then the attempt at the same throw and the counter-technique in fast action and then the throw and counter-technique in absolutely slow motion. It was the finest example of control and balance of both oneself and one's opponent at the same time I have ever seen. This was just one of the katas, people seemed to specialise or became famous on one particular kata though they may perform a number of the seven accepted katas. I was lucky to see many bril-

liant displays in Japan and cannot describe the hush and the atmosphere that fell upon an audience at, for example, the All-Japan Championships, when such as Mifune, in his eighties, performed his speciality.

Is it too late? I don't think so. I think we can revive kata and restore it once more in Britain to its former glory, so that, whether performer or spectator, we can witness once again this pleasant and enjoyable aspect of judo at a national level.

The 1975 National Kata Championships will be held at Crystal Palace on Saturday, 17th May. Kata needs a lot of practice—if you want to become a National Kata Champion the time to start practising is now. It takes months of continuous practice until you can both work as one. Find a good partner and get cracking now, if you don't get a medal, you will be surprised at the pleasure and enjoyment you will derive — and surprisingly — by continuous practice you will find you will become extremely fit, that in itself should be satisfying.

The championships will be open to competitors of any age or grade. Pairs may be either mixed pairs (male and female) female pairs, or male pairs. What better event could suit the Sports Council's Sport For All Campaign? Kata pairs (teams) could consist of any combination of the family, e.g., father/son, brother/brother, brother/sister, mother/daughter. Sport for the family in fact.

I can recall, again, seeing many years ago a fine display of Ju-no-kata by Anne Swinton and Brian Jacks at the Albert Hall. Let's make it a day for all to take part.

There will be five sections of kata to choose from, pairs can enter any section and more than one if they feel they can manage it, the sections are listed as follows:

1. Nage-no-kata
2. Katame-no-kata
3. Ju-no-kata
4. Itsutsu-no-kata
5. Koshiki-no-kata

Kata pairs (teams) may wish to have available the best source-books for reference. Unfortunately most books are now out of print. The B.J.A. intends to produce an official handbook on kata but in the meantime I suggest that for the first three katas as listed here the best books would be those written by T. P. Leggett and are known as The Renshuden Library series. The last two katas as listed here can be found in the Kodokan Illustrated if anybody can find a copy. However,

there are other books, Ernie Wilkin has produced an excellent pictorial booklet on Ju-no-kata and these are available at the B.J.A. stall at any of our national events at 30p per copy or from the Membership (Sales) Secretary, 76 Tankerville Road, London, SW16 for 35p per copy which covers postage and packing.

Whatever your source of information, the judges will be looking mainly at the general performance of a kata — a smooth and polished rendition will score marks.

Detailed rules concerning demonstration of the katas, method of competition, scoring, etc., will be circulated a little later in the year. Good luck!

“U.A. Rules, O.K.!”

by Patrick Curzon

The Annual International Student Judo Tournament held by the 'Samourais' in Eindhoven, Holland becomes more successful each year. Held over the last weekend of November, the 1974 Tournament was entered by no less than six British teams of the total twenty-four registered. London, Sheffield, and Surrey Universities, and Portsmouth Polytechnic fielded student teams, and a further team called the 'English Reserves' made up of the reserves of the English teams took the place of Southampton who did not turn up. The Reserves had a whirlwind third dan from Sheffield, nicknamed 'Tiger' after the tattoo on his chest, who won every contest for ippon with his spinning hip throws.

The stars of the show, however, were the 'United Artists', who first made their appearance in this guise

last year, and gained respect by drinking a tavern dry. This year, this post-graduate team showed that their Judo was up to their drinking capacity. In their pool they won seventeen, drew two, and lost one contest to go through to the quarter-finals. They narrowly lost by three points to Dortmund, the eventual winners, and had to be content with bronze medallions, but were secure in the knowledge that they had beaten the silver medallists, Gronigen, in their pool before the finals!

It is a measure of the excellent Dutch hospitality that, although the U.A. are no longer students, they are allowed to compete in the Tournament. At the reception and presentation after the Tournament over some "cheering glasses" the organisers of the event expressed the wish that such continuity should be encouraged in future Tournaments.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,—I have been active in judo for the past 14 years and although we have come a long way to improve the image of judo since then, we have also done a lot to harm a great sport.

What I find and I'm sure so do a lot of other judoka, is the poor state of judo manners and lack of judo discipline in the dojos today.

I have visited a number of clubs from small provincial ones to the better known ones in London and yet how many judoka "Rei" on entering the dojo or ask the senior instructor for permission to leave the mat. How can an instructor control a class with people just walking on and off as they please?

I believe that if mat discipline is not upheld in our clubs judo will lose much of its meaning.

My second "What has happened" refers to the many Japanese judo men that came to our country. To name a few, the great Kisabura Watanabe, 5th Dan; Mr. T. Daigo, 7th Dan; Mr. N. Sato, 5th Dan; Mr. O. Yamagishi, 3rd Dan and many more. These men came to our clubs, gave our top judoka a lesson on what judo's all about and generally did a lot to encourage our judomen to train hard and long, thus improving their standard.

I personally have not heard of any Japanese Judo men who have visited this country recently except Mr. B.

Matsushita who practises at the Judokan.

I feel that in the past the Japanese did much for our judo and still could. Why do we no longer get these valuable judomen visiting our clubs?

Perhaps we should ask the British Judo Association to encourage them to visit us again.

M. SLEET,
Ko-Saru-Kai Judo Club.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see in your October issue the ladies of the judo world getting some of the lime-light and it occurred to me that it might not be a bad idea to stage a Miss Judo 1975 contest, as some of the ladies of the London A team certainly seem to do their judogis justice.

Thanks for yet another interesting issue of your magazine.

D. BANCROFT,
Keighley.

Sir,—In reference to the remarks made by Mr. Tony Reay in the November/December 1974 *Judo* magazine as to non-official instructors, it is only too true that teaching at some judo clubs is atrocious, at least the B.J.A. coach award scheme is attempting to ensure that modern teaching methods are used.

I feel that it is time that the B.J.A. and affiliated bodies should do all they can to reduce the influence of such unofficial groups.

Here in South Wales we have a large number of judo associations besides the official one, the Welsh Judo Association. Education authorities in our area employ as teachers of judo anyone who claims to be an instructor, the W.J.A. has not made it evident to education authorities that they are the *only* genuine judo group in Wales. Some of the *non W.J.A.* championships held annually

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THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION Newsletter Supplement

AS I WAS SAYING

By TONY REAY, General Secretary

In the last issue of this magazine I reported the results of the Extraordinary General Meeting which was held on the 8th December, 1974. The main point of the meeting was that of the Executive Committee's decision earlier in the year to dismiss the then National Coach, Mr. G. R. Gleeson. As I also reported, by a majority of 17 votes of the 318 voters, the E.C. were obliged to reconsider the reinstatement of Mr. Gleeson as National Coach with security of employment.

On the 22nd December at their next meeting the E.C. did give the matter very serious consideration. After much discussion and with a packed meeting a vote was taken with the result that 15 representatives were against reinstatement and four were for. At this meeting there were no abstentions. And so, with one more vote, the E.C. supported their action taken at the July meeting. However, in confirming their decision on the 22nd December they left the door open for negotiations.

Happily I can report that with good council and common sense, a

settlement has been reached to the satisfaction of both the E.C. and Mr. Gleeson. This was finally approved at the E.C. Meeting on 4th/5th January.

Senior Men's Trials

This two-day event went smoothly and finished each day within reasonable time and for once we had officials standing in reserve. This was despite the fact that we had only three mat areas available but not surprising because this time the Trials were open to Dan grades only. Two mat areas are in the process of being replaced and the full five areas should be available for our next major event. Eliminating 1st Kyus for these Trials is perhaps a sign of the times. Some people I spoke to felt that this also eliminated some of the big action in the preliminary rounds and the big stars didn't have the opportunity of a so-called warm-up in their earlier rounds. However, all of the Squad members that I did speak to felt that this was a much better system. After all, Trials should be a battle amongst the best in the

country for placings—when last did we see a 1st Kyu in the National Squad? With the new grading structure 1st Kyus will now have ample opportunity to compete for points without resorting to the Trials.

The lightweights, light-heavyweights and heavies competed on Saturday, 14th December for positions in the National Squad and the light-middles and middleweights competed the next day on the Sunday.

In the lightweights, Keith Cannaby won the star spot. This is a tremendous achievement coming out on top in the final pool which held such well-known names as Danny Da Costa, Ray Neenan and Hal Ogden. It is also a very personal achievement for Keith. In 1970 he arrived at third place in the Trials and held that position again in the 1971 Trials. In 1972 he was unable to take part through injury but returned again in 1973 to take second place. Now, at the age of 26 he holds first position. With the famous Mournier of France now retired from a long and glorious career the timing could be just right for Keith.

It was good to see that great little Scot Eddie Mullen back in the Trials. He has now given up the idea of selling refrigerators in Iceland and has come back to take second place in the light-middleweights. Vaccinuff Morrison took star place in this weight category and looks much improved since the European championships earlier in the year.

At the age of 28 Brian Jacks looks superb. There is just no other way to describe his present form. Roy Inman is now fighting better and moves faster in his new weight and his pace and timing is now that of a middleweight but he was really no match for Brian and he knew it, preferring to lose on a keikoku by going out of the contest area than go out to Brian's deadly symphony of technique in the middle of the mat.

In the light-heavyweights Peter

Donnelly came out in first place to join his club-mate Keith Cannaby. Dave Starbrook was absent due to influenza but upon production of a doctor's certificate and confirmation of the British Team Doctor, Ken Kingsbury, the E.C. have approved the Team Manager's recommendation and he was co-opted into the Squad at the E.C. meeting of the 22nd December.

In the heavyweights Angelo Parisi made short work of securing the number one position but the match of the weekend that the Press were interested in did not take place. Keith Remfry was nursing an injury and under express instructions from the Team Doctor not to do any judo until after Christmas Fleet Street was robbed of their big story. As a result, the E.C. on the 22nd December also co-opted Keith back onto the Squad.

Congratulations then to the new National Squad for 1975 which is as follows:

LIGHTWEIGHT:

K. Cannaby, D. Da Costa, R. Neenan, H. Ogden.

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT:

V. Morrison, E. Mullen, C. Alexander, D. Vale.

MIDDLEWEIGHT:

B. Jacks, R. Inman, L. Hudspith, M. McLaughlin.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT:

P. Donnelly, R. Diebelius, A. Mapp, H. McGuinness.

HEAVYWEIGHT:

A. Parisi, A. Ives, I. Thompson, P. Knight.

CO-OPTED

D. Starbrook (Light-heavyweight), K. Remfry (Heavyweight).

First European Tournament for Women

Viney's valiant victors stormed into the first European Tournament held in Genoa, Italy, on the 30th November and the 1st December and came away with a goodly crop of

medals. In fact they came second in the medal ratings. Eleven countries took part with Spain and Belgium entering a women's international competition for the first time. Russia and other Eastern bloc countries sent observers and there is every indication that they will be taking part in the future. Each British girl was allowed to enter one category only in order that the maximum amount of Senior Women's Squad members could experience high-level competition.

Roy Inman travelled with the team as the official coach and Captain Ray Mitchell was selected by the European Judo Union as the British referee. By way of thanking Roy for his tremendous help the exuberant British team, supported by the German, Dutch, Swiss and various Italians, demonstrated their appreciation by dunking Roy in a large fountain outside the stadium. Thereafter the British team signature tune is "One Coach in the Fountain" sung to the strains of "Three Coins in the Fountain".

Medal Winners

UNDER 48 KGS:

1. Davico (Italy)
2. Hrovatch (Austria)
3. Hann (Germany)
4. Pardi (Italy)

UNDER 52 KGS:

1. Nguyen (Switzerland)
2. Vasic (Yugoslavia)
3. Amerighi (Italy)
4. Winklbauer (Austria)

UNDER 56 KGS:

1. Salanne (France)
2. Andrig (Yugoslavia)
3. Kufner (Germany)
4. Happ (Germany)

UNDER 61 KGS:

1. Tilley (Great Britain)
2. Berlin (Germany)
3. Calvesi (Italy)
4. Hermann (Switzerland)

UNDER 66 KGS:

1. Di Toma (Italy)
2. Fouillet (France)
3. Bandini (Italy)
4. Wildman (Great Britain)

UNDER 72 KGS:

1. Thiolett (France)
2. Aka (Holland)
3. Cobelli (Great Britain)
4. Burgess (Great Britain)

OVER 72 KGS:

1. Child (Great Britain)
2. McKenna (Great Britain)
3. Parenti (Italy)
4. De Cal (Italy)

OPEN:

1. Fouillet (France)
2. Cobb (Great Britain)
3. De Cal (Italy)
4. Kuhner (Germany)

Fourth Women's British Open Championships

I have not yet seen a full report on this yet but I understand one is on the way to the magazine. I feel that just in case we do not get this in time some official mention should be made of this very successful event. I say successful because competitors came from other countries not just in ones and twos but in large groups and from as far as Sweden, Yugoslavia, Canada and America.

The results were as follows:

UNDER 48 KGS:

1. M. Krug (U.S.A.)
2. J. Homminger (Holland)
3. C. Presswell (Great Britain)
4. A. Staps (Holland)

UNDER 52 KGS:

1. H. Matteman (Holland)
2. D. Pierce (U.S.A.)
3. D. Tysall (Great Britain)
4. T. Nguyen (Switzerland)

UNDER 56 KGS:

1. L. Pearman (Great Britain)
2. B. Bernard (France)
3. L. Richardson (U.S.A.)
4. S. Andric (Yugoslavia)

UNDER 61 KGS:

1. L. Tilley (Great Britain)
2. A. Hermann (Switzerland)
3. E. Wolff (Germany)
4. M. Hammar (Sweden)

UNDER 66 KGS:

1. M. Boileau (Canada)
2. B. Korte (U.S.A.)
3. C. Malliepard (Holland)
4. K. Kofmehl (Switzerland)

UNDER 72 KGS:

1. M. Burgess (Great Britain)
2. E. Cobb (Great Britain)
3. E. Simpson (Great Britain)
4. E. Vermeer (Holland)

OVER 72 KGS:

1. C. Child (Great Britain)
2. M. McKenna (Great Britain)
3. K. Liotard (Holland)
4. C. Keiburg (Germany)

OPEN:

1. L. Tilley (Great Britain)
2. J. Triadou (France)
3. E. Cobb (Great Britain)
4. C. Malliepard (Holland)

Since these championships we have received many letters from competitors and officials from overseas who took part in this event. They all brim over with compliments and congratulations and some go as far as to say that the Women's British Open Championships is now the best women's event in the world. To quote one, "the atmosphere is the friendliest I have yet encountered and yet the competition standard is the highest . . .". A nice comment, but let's not get complacent but rather continue in our efforts to maintain and improve on that standard which we have set.

Judo at Butlins

This is a wonderful opportunity not to be missed if you are 12 to 18 years of age. This year for the first time the Butlin Group of Companies have offered the British Judo Association 100 places during their Sports Education week which is being held from the 12th to the 19th April, 1975, and we in turn are offering them to you.

Here is an opportunity for any youngster to combine judo with a fabulous holiday in the well-known Barry Island Holiday Camp in beautiful South Wales for £20.00 all inclusive (travel expenses to and from the camp are extra but British Rail offers special fares). There will also be the opportunity to try out a number of other activities such as trampolining, volleyball, archery, canoeing, swimming, soccer and many more. You will also have the opportunity to see the sights around, and there are many to see. There will be lots to do and you do not have to be an expert at anything, beginners are welcome.

The course will be conducted by well-known B.J.A. instructors.

If you are interested write to the British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1DR, for an application form.

1975 National Team Championships for Men

Western Area were unable to obtain the sponsorship they had hoped for to stage this event and with time running on we have had to make a provisional booking at Crystal Palace. However, there is still a hope that this event will be held in an Area. It is possible that Northern Area may be able to stage this event at Teeside Sports Centre. I hope to be able to give a definite date and venue in the next issue. Whatever happens, it will be held in June. I emphasise this because now is the time for Area Coaches and trainers

to prepare a training programme. Last year there was some criticism from a couple of Areas. Area selections were held very late (in one instance one week before the national event) but worse, very few clubs were circulated with information regarding the Area selections. Most Areas however are on the ball with their preparations and it is noticeable that that those who were, their teams have been in the finals over the last few years.

Applications will soon be considered for the 1976 National Team Championships and Areas should advise their E.C. representative if they are interested. We have already had indication from two areas that are interested, North-East and Northern Ireland.

A Border-line Case

Gamesely Judo Club is situated in the Midlands Area, just. They are so close to the North-West border though that they feel they would derive greater benefit in the North-West. Both Areas have agreed and the E.C. have approved this transfer and with this goes the blessing and best wishes of both Areas to that club.

I should point out that the E.C. will only consider border-line cases who have the approval of **both** Areas should such similar requests be made.

The Navy's Back

The Royal Navy has been the one service which has not had a representative on the E.C. for some time. With servicemen changing posts and constantly on the move it is very difficult for the services to have one man regularly attending meetings. However, one very capable judoman who has been given a dry berth in the U.K. for some time to come is David Julian and he has been appointed the Royal Navy E.C. Representative. Welcome aboard.

R.A.F. Judo Centre

The R.A.F. have announced that their official judo centre in the U.K. is R.A.F. Sealand, Area and national squads are welcome to hold their training camps there.

Moroccans on their way

Judo has been listed very high on the Moroccan Government's sports programme and they are sending a team to Britain to train for five days and to take part in the British Open Championships for men on the 19th April, 1975. Let's give them a great welcome on that day.

Protect our Women

I recently received a brochure from an American company advertising protective underwear for the sport active woman. The publicity blurb runs as follows: "A new and modern approach to protect the vital areas of the active female who engages in the Martial Arts and other contact sports . . . female protective bra . . ." The bra advert boasts that it will withstand and protect against direct hit of up to 30 pounds. Sizes small and regular . . . This reminds me of a story recently in the national Press about female footballers in Germany who were up in arms about a directive from their organisation which insisted they wear a specially designed protective bra which is officially referred to as the "Panzer-Bra". Mein Gott!

Holiday Gradings

Our Secretary responsible for club applications is often found reduced to tears reading a plaintive letter from a Member Club bemoaning the fact that they cannot obtain a Senior Examiner to conduct a promotion examination. As a result she ran an experiment for the benefit of those clubs who feel they are left out in the cold. She sent a circular to all Senior Examiners and the response has been very good. We asked them, if whilst on holiday, there was a club

nearby intent on holding a promotion examination and in need of a Senior Examiner, they would be prepared to help out. Head Office would now like it to be known that if there is any club having difficulties in this direction and would like to contact a Senior Examiner we will endeavour to find a Senior Examiner who may be visiting that location, but we must insist on reasonable notice. All enquiries should be addressed to: Miss C. Child, Club Examiner Enquiries, British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1DR.

That's the Ticket

A special ticket is available for all our national events listed below which will be held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre for the year 1975. This ticket offers a considerable saving to the spectator who attends all or most of these events. The cost of such tickets are: Adult £5.00, Children (under 16 years of age) £3.00 obtainable from Head Office. Book now and save yourself time, postage and money. Available for the following events only:

8TH FEB	National Young Men's Championships and Trials
9TH FEB	Senior National Trials for Women
19TH APR	British Open Individual Championships for Men
20TH APR	National Promotion Examination for Men and Women of 1st Kyu and above
17TH MAY	National Kata Championships for Men and Women and Women's National Team Championships

NEXT MONTH

Make sure you read the special article on Judo injuries by Dr. Ken Kingsbury.

18TH MAY	National Championships for Young Women
18/19TH OCT	British Judo Association Under 16 Schoolboys Championships
8TH NOV	British Open Individual Championships for Women
9TH NOV	National Promotion Examination for Men and Women of 1st Kyu and above
13/14TH DEC	Senior National Trials for Men

Judo Injuries

In view of the article on judo injuries in the November/December issue of this magazine, I wish to point out that there will be an article in the next issue by Dr. Ken Kingsbury, The British Team Doctor, based on his work with the National Squad over the last 4 years.

Membership Money Saver

Five-year Senior Individual Membership Certificates are now available on application to the Membership Secretary, 76 Tankerville Road, London, S.W.16. They cost £6.00 thereby saving you £1.50 for individual membership over that period. This also protects you against increased fees which could be instituted during 1975 or 1976 due to the tremendous rise in costs.

If your Senior Certificate is not due for immediate renewal you may still apply now—the five years membership will be taken from the time your present certificate runs out.

B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

Appendix Four

Promotions confirmed by Executive Committee on 22nd December 1974

		AREA & DATE OF PROMOTION	
MEN—1ST DAN			
Abel, A. J.	Shin Wa Kwai	M	3/11/74
Baldock, A. P.	Renrukan	NHC	22/12/74
Barr, S. J.	East Retford	M	21/1/75
Bassett, R. C.	Archer	NHC	10/11/74
Black, H.	Aberdeen	SJF	22/12/74
Bolan, R. C.	RAF Sealand	NW	27/10/74
Boyes, F. A.	Whittingham	L	22/12/74
Brooke, K. R.	Olympic	NHC	1/12/74
Brown, M. S.	Parkstone	S	3/11/74
Budd, C. P.	Portishead	We	1/11/74
Burgess, T. L.	S/Shields Kodakwai	N	26/10/74
Butler, D. L.	Cambridge University	E	10/11/74
Claridge, E. J.	Coventry	M	3/11/74
Clarke, M. R.	Rustons	M	3/11/74
Clay, A. W.	Boston	M	3/11/74
Collard, P. A. W.	Archers	NHC	1/12/74
Cooper, D.	Leyburn	N	15/10/74
Cremin, J. G.	Bedford	NHC	7/12/74
Cotterill, W. N.	Eastwood/Hilltop	M	10/11/74
Daniels, J. W.	Kawamurakwai	N	26/10/74
Davie, P. W.	Southwell	M	3/11/74
Davis, F. M.	Sheffield	NE	15/12/74
Douglas, C. R.	Kettering	M	7/12/74
Eustace, F. L.	LJS	L	29/9/74
Everdell, I. J.	Mid-Sussex	S	13/10/74
Ferrie, E. M.	Jarrow	N	26/10/74
Fish, T. G.		Wa	22/12/74
Fisher, B. K.	YMCA Budokan	Wa	7/12/74
Fox, R. A.	Walthamstow YC	L	29/9/74
Fricke, M.	Bracknell	NHC	27/10/74
Gagnerie, A.	South Hill Gym	S	22/12/74
Gall, G. R.	Dundokwai	SJF	22/12/74
Gowland, M. J.	Basingstoke	L	3/11/74
Greene, G. A. M.		L	1/12/74
Hancock, F. P.	Bedford	NHC	7/12/74
Haynes, M. H.	Olympic	NHC	22/12/74
Head, R. J.	YMCA Glos	We	17/12/74
Hicks, A. R.	Star	We	12/10/74
Howe, D.	Hemel Hempstead	NHC	10/11/74
Hubery, C.	Yoshin-Ryu	N	26/10/74
Ingham, F.	Olympic	NHC	1/12/74
Jacobs, I. R.		NHC	22/12/74
James, T. A. D.	Newham	L	7/12/74

MEN—1ST DAN
Johnston, A. A.
Knight, P. C. F.
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MEN—6TH DAN
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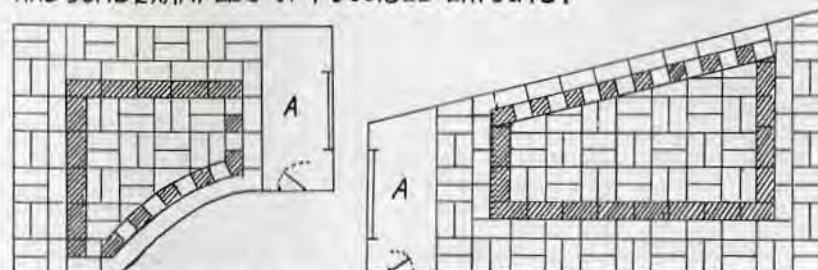
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IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE DOJO: THOSE CLUBS FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE SPACE CAN FOLLOW THE LAYOUTS AS IN DIAGRAMS 1, 2 & 3. CLUBS WITH LIMITED SPACE OR OF ODD SHAPE CAN STILL BE 'WITH IT' BY SIMULATING CONTEST CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERS. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE LAYOUTS:



DO NOT CUT MATS FOR THE AWKWARD 'ANGLED' OR 'ROUNDED' AREAS. YOU CAN FIND COMPOSITION OR LAYERS OF RUBBER FOR THIS. IF THE MAT IS CANVAS COVERED, PACKED SAWDUST CAN DO. IF YOUR CLUB IS ONE OF THE MORE TRADITIONAL TYPE THE AREAS MARKED 'A' CAN SERVE AS 'JOSEKI' BUT SUCH SPACES ARE IDEAL FOR THE COACH'S 'TALK-INS' AND A BLACKBOARD IS A 'MUST' ON THE BACK WALL PLUS A ROLL-DOWN CINE SCREEN FOR SLIDES OR FILMS.

EXTRA TRAINING AIDS IN THE DOJO: DUMMIES ARE BECOMING POPULAR ALTHOUGH I MUCH PREFER 'CRASH MATS' WHICH ARE CHEAPER AND CAN BE UTILISED BY MORE PEOPLE AT ONE TIME. BOTH CAN OFFER TOTAL COMMITMENT WHEN PRACTISING A THROW. A DUMMY IS BETTER FITTED WITH THE JUDO GI JACKET TO GET REALISM. THE CRASH MAT IS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH IS USED BY POLE-VAULTERS OR HIGH-JUMP ATHLETES. ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE FALL. THE THROWER CAN ALSO 'FOLLOW THROUGH' AND COMPLETE THE THROW FULLY. THE ABSOLUTE IDEAL FOR A

CRASH MAT IS TO FIT IT IN A WELL SO THAT IT LIES JUST A LITTLE ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE DOJO MAT IF ABLE.

CHILDREN LOVE CRASH MATS BUT THE INSTRUCTOR SHOULD ENSURE THEY DO NOT GET TOO USED TO THEM OR THEY WILL FORGET HOW TO FALL PROPERLY ON A HARDER SURFACE.

NOTE: FOR PAINTING DANGER AREAS ON MATS OR CANVAS

MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU USE A PROPER PAINT.



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DIAGRAM 1 SHOWS THE LAYOUT FOR THREE FULL SIZE CONTEST AREAS AS MIGHT BE USED FOR A LARGE INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL OR AREA EVENT. THIS SHOWS THE NUMBER OF 2M x 1M MATS NECESSARY FOR 3, 2 OR 1 SUCH COMPETITION AREA. THE SCALE OF 1 SQUARE \rightarrow \square = 1 METRE.

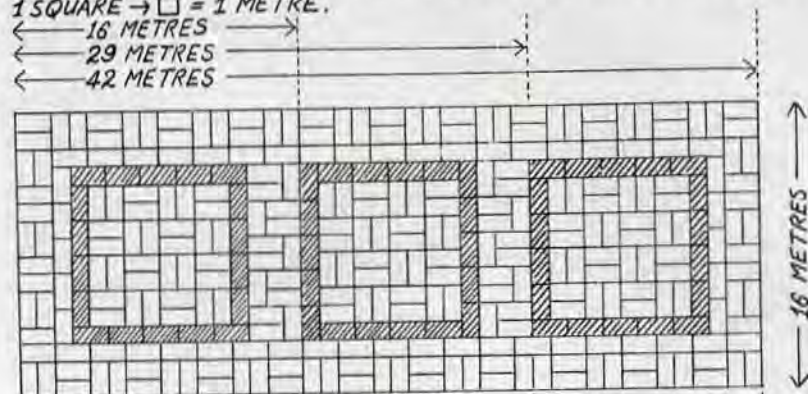


DIAGRAM 1

LAYOUT FOR ONE CONTEST AREA REQUIRING 128 MATS.

LAYOUT FOR TWO CONTEST AREAS REQUIRING 232 MATS.

LAYOUT FOR THREE CONTEST AREAS REQUIRING 336 MATS.

SHADED MATS INDICATE THE DANGER AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE COLOURED RED AND INDICATE TO THE COMPETITOR THAT IF HE STEPS OUTSIDE THE OUTER EDGE OR DELIBERATELY PUSHES OPPONENT OVER THAT EDGE HE CAN BE PENALISED. THE MATS OUTSIDE THE DANGER AREA ARE ALSO PART OF THE OVERALL CONTEST AREA AND SHOULD EXTEND FOR A MINIMUM OF 2.50 METRES TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAFETY AREA. PROVIDED THE THROWER THROWS FROM INSIDE THE OUTER EDGE OF THE DANGER AREA OUTWARDS INTO THE SAFETY AREA OR CONTINUES IN GROUNDWORK THE ACTION IS VALID (SEE BJA/ITF CONTEST RULES) WHEN TWO OR MORE CONTEST AREAS ARE PLACED ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THE SAFETY AREA BETWEEN CAN BE INCLUDED FOR BOTH CONTEST AREAS AT THE MINIMUM 2.50 METRES THE BEST COLOURS FOR MATS OTHER THAN THOSE USED FOR THE DANGER AREA ARE PALE GREEN OR PALE BLUE. SUCH COLOURS ARE EASY ON THE EYES AND PICK OUT CLEARLY THE CONTESTANTS ON FILM. WITH MODERN MATS IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO LAY FRAMES, COVERS, ETC. MATS SHOULD BE LAID FROM THE CENTRE WITH THE TWO OUTSIDE ROWS OF MATS HAVING SOME KIND OF FIXATIVE LIKE VELCRO, ALONG PART OF THE EDGES OR ON THE CORNERS. FOR UTMOST SAFETY ONLY SPRUNG FLOORS SHOULD BE USED BUT IF THE FLOOR IS HARD THEN A RESILIENT PLATFORM, IF FRAMES HAVE TO BE USED THEN ENSURE THEY ARE SAFE. THE TOP SURFACE OF THE FRAME SHOULD LIE WELL BELOW THE MAT SURFACE AND ALLOW FOR DEPRESSION. THE EDGES SHOULD BE ROUNDED AND THERE SHOULD BE NO PROTRUDING HOOKS, IF MATS HAVE TO BE COVERED ENSURE THERE ARE NO GAPS IN MATS.

WITH ADEQUATE SPACE MATS CAN BE LAID AS IN DIAGRAM 1. SPORTS CENTRES USUALLY HAVE SQUARE AREAS BUT MOST OF THE CLUB DOJOS ARE OF ODD SHAPE, GENERALLY OBLONG. IN DIAGRAM 2 WE SEE THE IDEAL LAYOUT FOR SUCH A DOJO. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE COMPETITOR THAT THOUGH HE WORKS MAINLY ON HIS TECHNIQUE IN HIS CLUB DOJO HE SHOULD AT ALL TIMES BE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTEST AREA MARKINGS SO THAT HE CAN ALSO WORK ON TACTICS. IN DIAGRAM 2 THERE IS A SOLID DANGER AREA RUNNING ALONG THE TWO SHORTEST SIDES. HERE THERE IS SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR THE MINIMUM SAFETY AREA. (ALL DIAGRAMS SHOW 3 METRES ALONG THE UNBROKEN SIDES - IT'S MOST ADVISABLE TO HAVE MORE THAN THE MINIMUM WHEN THE MATS FINISH FLUSH WITH A WALL OR IF SPECTATORS SIT CLOSE TO THE MATEDGE OR IF THE MAT AREA IS RAISED). ALONG THE TWO LONGEST SIDES THE DANGER AREA IS MARKED BY A BROKEN RED LINE AT METRE INTERVALS. THEREFORE; ALONG THE UNBROKEN LINES OF DANGER AREAS ALL CONTEST RULES APPLY. ALONG THE BROKEN LINES PENALTIES FOR LEAVING THE CONTEST AREA SHOULD BE APPLIED BUT COMPETITORS WILL NOT BE AWARDED SCORES FOR TECHNIQUES WHICH FINISH OUTSIDE THE AREA AND THE REFEREE SHOULD TERMINATE ANY NEWAZA OR TACHIWAZA WHICH COMES DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE BROKEN LINE, THUS YOU CAN CREATE A CONTEST SITUATION IN YOUR OWN DOJO. TAKE CARE THAT THE CORRECT PAINT IS USED FOR THE PARTICULAR SURFACE OF YOUR MATS AND THAT IT IS DURABLE.

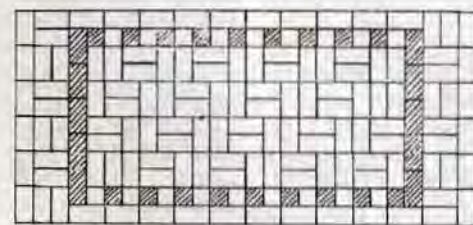


DIAGRAM 2

NOTE: CONFORMITY OF PATTERN OF MAT-LAYING IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND THAT SHOWN IN DIAGRAM 2 MIGHT BE BETTER WHEN LAYING ON A SLIPPERY SURFACE ALLOWING FOR BETTER INTERLOCK. DIAGRAM 3 SHOWS A PLAN FOR A LONGER DOJO ALLOWING FOR TWO CONTEST AREAS.

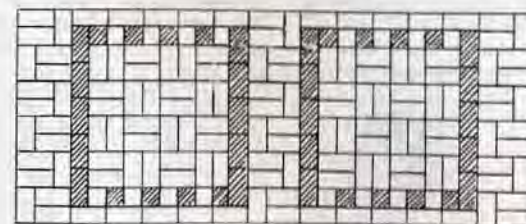


DIAGRAM 3

FOR CANVAS COVERED MATS MARK OUT IN METRES WITH A SOFT CHALK.

B.K.A. TAKE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL TITLE AT B.K.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the third year running the B.K.C.C. all Britain Championships was held at Belle Vue Hall, Manchester.

The day's events started with Junior Individuals, a new innovation, as later this year the first European Junior Individual Championships will be held in Germany. As in the European Senior Individuals, we will be sending two fighters per weight category. The semi-finalists for each weight in this category were—

Lightweight: Jones (B.K.K.) v Edwards (U.K.K.F.) and Whybrow (B.K.K.) v Ives (B.K.A.).

Middleweight: Kane (B.K.K.) v Robinson (K.U.G.B.) and Muldoon (B.K.K.) v Dyball (K.U.G.B.).

Heavyweight: Latore (B.K.A.) v Littlechild (B.K.A.) and Charles (U.K.K.F.) v Robinson (U.K.K.F.) and the last category:

Openweight: Smith (U.K.K.F.) v Kane (B.K.K.) and Latore (B.K.A.) v Gregory (K.U.G.B.).

The Senior Individuals which followed were unfortunately marred by

injuries of various natures, 95% of which were caused by uncontrolled attacks to faces. Knighton of the S.K.U. who has been in the British Team since 1969 and has had a lay off for eight months was unfortunately disqualified when he gave Higgins a rather bad cut on the cheekbone. Higgins of the K.U.G.B. and European Middleweight gold Medallist, got himself patched up for his fight with Donovan, last year's all Britain winner. Unfortunately, during this match Higgins' cut opened up again and on the doctor's advice he had to withdraw.

Parry, one of the U.K.K.F.'s top men, had to withdraw when his chin opened in a clash with O'Grady. This was an accident and opened an earlier injury. O'Grady of the K.U.G.B. and European Open Weight Bronze Medallist was later beaten by Codrington of the B.K.A. but came back in the repechage. Collins of the B.K.K. had his toughest fight of the day with Charles of the U.K.K.F. Vic Charles who later won the Junior Heavyweight title certainly gave Collins a rough time—after three extensions and about five seconds from time, Collins slammed in a Jodan Mawashi Geri for Waza ari which gained him the decision. Being the referee for this particular match I would have certainly hated to have given a decision if there had been no score.

In pool 'B' Rhodes of the K.U.G.B. swept the board and went through to the Quarter Finals. The Quarter Finalists for the evening were Codrington v Knight both from



Bill Christall v E. Codrington

B.K.A. Rhodes v O'Grady both K.U.G.B. Donovan v Verner both B.K.A. and Collins v Jones both B.K.K. It was a shame that the Quarter Finalists who met each other were from the same Associations but that's the luck of the draw.

The Team event which followed next certainly brought about some surprises. The K.U.G.B. (B) team drew with the U.K.K.F. (A) 1-1 and after a deciding match the K.U.G.B. team went through. The S.K.U. (A) beat B.K.K. (A) 4-0. K.U.G.B. (A) beat B.K.F. (B) 5-0. B.K.A. (A) team beat B.K.K. (B) 5-0. The remaining teams B.K.F. (A), B.K.A. (B), U.K.K.F. (B) and S.K.U. (B) drew byes in the first round.

In the second round K.U.G.B. (B) beat B.K.F. (A) 3-1 and S.K.U. (A) got the decision over B.K.A. (B) after a draw. The K.U.G.B. (A) beat U.K.K.F. (B) 2-0 and the last match in this round B.K.A. (A) beat S.K.U. (B) 3-1.

The third round was the most important as the winners would go into the Semi-Finals and with the repe-

chage system in operation virtually all the teams were awaiting the outcome. K.U.G.B. (B) fought the S.K.U. (A) to a draw. Knighton of the S.K.U. fought Rabone of the K.U.G.B. to two draws and after a change of opponents, Commons assured the K.U.G.B. a place in the Semi-Finals when he beat Horsborough of the S.K.U. In the other Pool the B.K.A. (A) team beat the K.U.G.B. (A) team 3-1. In the repechage the U.K.K.F. (A) and the K.U.G.B. (A) won their matches for a place in the Semi-Finals.

At 7.00 o'clock in the evening events started in the Kings Hall Arena with the introduction of celebrities. The first event was the Senior Individual Quarter Finals, and the first match in this category was Codrington of the B.K.A. against Knight also of the B.K.A. In one clash Codrington of the Temple Club hit Knight and knocked him out; the doctor said that he was too dazed to continue and Codrington was unfortunately disqualified. A shame to see this man eliminated in such a way. We shall certainly see a lot

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more of him in the future. Rhodes beat O'Grady (both from the K.U.G.B.) by two Waza ari, the first Waza ari, Mawashi Geri looked as if it went over O'Grady's head but Rhodes clinched the match with Chudan Tsuki. Donovan (B.K.A.) dominated his match with Verner, who incidentally trains under Tickey at his Dagenham Club. Verner was completely psyched by Donovan who won by scoring Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. Collins match with Jones (both of the B.K.K.) ended when Collins scored Ippon with Jodan Mawashi Geri.

The first Individual Semi-Finals ended sadly when Knight had to withdraw when he injured his foot in his match against Rhodes. The second Semi-Final saw Donovan against Collins and after a no score draw they fought an extension. In one encounter Collins attempted Mawashi Geri and Donovan scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki to the back. Donovan clinched the match with Mae Geri for his second Waza

ari which put him in the Finals against Rhodes.

JUNIOR EVENTS: Lightweight: Jones (B.K.K.), beat Ives with Mawashi Geri and Jodan Tsuki, joint third were Edwards and Whybrow; **Middleweight:** B. Robinson (K.U.G.B.) beat S. Dyball (K.U.G.B.) with Mawashi Geri for Waza ari. Muldoon and Kane joint third. **Heavyweight:** V. Charles (U.K.K.F.) beat G. Latore (B.K.A.) with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki for Waza ari. Littlechild and Robinson joint third. Finally **Openweight:** E. Smith (U.K.K.F.) beat G. Gregory (K.U.G.B.) with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. Joint third Kane and Latore.

We have certainly some good juniors to represent England in the Junior European Tournament at Mannheim in December.

Demonstrations were given by the Senior Japanese Instructor of the K.U.G.B. which included Mr. Enoeda demonstrating a ceremonial Kata. The U.K.K.F. instructor gave

Stan Knighton (Right) in a clash with K.U.G.B. opponent



The B.K.A. winning team Left to Right Flook, Donovan, Codrington, Verner and Wellington.

a very popular demonstration of 1 v 3. Mr. Suzuki unfortunately could not give a demonstration as he is recovering from a broken arm. Another popular demonstration was by two juniors from the B.K.A. Lennie Johnson and Martin King, who showed some very good moves in their 2 v 4 demonstration. James Rousseau, who has recently returned from Japan and is 5th Dan in Okinawan Goju, gave a Nunchaku demonstration which went down well with the audience. I felt that a Sai demonstration would have been welcome here, still, perhaps next year.

After the interval the Semi-Finals of the team event took place. First match was the B.K.A. (A) against U.K.K.F. (A). Wellington drew with Vincent, Flook drew with Williams and Verner drew with Charles. Donovan put the B.K.A. in front when he scored waza ari with Mawashi Geri against Henshaw. The second Semi-Final saw the K.U.G.B. (B) team meet the K.U.G.B. (A). Again the luck of the draw favours one. The

K.U.G.B. (A) team was virtually unrecognisable without their old stalwarts—Haslam, who is abroad, O'Neill and Poynton who were injured.

Although still very formidable with Cattle, McGowan, Rhodes, O'Grady and never-aging Bill Christall—they were beaten by the "B" team 1-0 with four draws, when Commons beat McGowan by Waza ari with Mawashi Geri.

The final of the Senior Individual was between Ticky Donovan of the B.K.A. and Bob Rhodes of the K.U.G.B. This was of three minutes duration with best of three points to win. Both fighters seemed very relaxed due no doubt to the three point system. After various attacks by both men Rhodes attempted Mae Geri—Donovan blocked and scored waza ari with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. Rhodes equalized soon after with a combination of a foot sweep with Jodan Tsuki. Donovan went into the lead again with his earlier move Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. He kept his

lead until time and was awarded the decision and the individual title for the second year running — the first time anyone has won the British Title twice.

The last event of the evening was the Team Final between the K.U.G.B. (B) and the B.K.A. (A) team. Thomas of the K.U.G.B. went out first against Wellington who incidentally did quite well when he represented Wales in the European Championships. Thomas scored first with Gyaku Tsuki. Wellington equalized also with Gyaku Tsuki and then clinched the match with another Gyaku Tsuki. Commons scored Waza ari with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki against Flook (B.K.A.) and at time was awarded the decision. Rabone drew with Verner and when Hazard went out against Donovan the score was 1-1. Donovan took the lead with Mae Geri then scored with Jodan Tsuki which did seem to be rather hard but nevertheless gave the match 2-1 to the B.K.A. The last match was Vaughan of the K.U.G.B. against Codrington of the B.K.A. Vaughan tried hard but could not stop Codrington scoring with Gyaku Tsuki and at time was awarded the decision. The final score saw the B.K.A. (A) team beat the K.U.G.B. (B) by 3-1 with one draw, with the

K.U.G.B. (A) and the U.K.K.F. (A) joint third.

The B.K.C.C. Senior Referees and Judges officiated and did an excellent job which was brought to notice by the fact that very few of their decisions were contested by the team officials. It was also noticed that the friendliness of the competitors was very much to the fore. On occasions when a fighter was swept to the floor he was nearly always helped up by his opponent.

The final match for three points certainly gave the fighters confidence to move around more and try various combination moves without the knowledge that a simple mistake would cost them the match. And perhaps the time has come when Great Britain takes the lead in trying to change the old rule of Shobu Ippon to Shobu Sanbon. We would certainly see more of Karate as a sport than with the defensive attitude that many players now seem to adopt.

Special mention must be given to Cliff Hepburn for his hard work in organising the tournament — and also to all the officials and helpers who are too numerous to mention. Finally and perhaps to the most important people of all—well done the competitors.

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KARATE

I have been taken to task for my comments on "Style" by Mr. J. K. Green, the chairman of the United Kingdom Karate-do Federation. He says that I took his comments out of context and that he and the U.K.K.F. are completely and utterly opposed to the amalgamation of karate styles. I took my quotation from the official minutes of the U.K.K.F. Annual General Meeting and this makes no mention of his 'complete and utter opposition'. However on rereading the minutes I think I did only partly quote him because he goes on to say

that "we at least should keep our style intact". My apologies to Mr. Green and The U.K.K.F.

The latest issue of "Combat" introduces Sebastian Soh, chief instructor of a new style called "Hoppo-No Kempo-Do". This is another mixed style. It is strange how top class men are using "impure" styles.

What are the advantages gained by blindly following a rigid style? Other than maintaining "purity" and ensuring that the teaching in every club in the federation is identical, the only advantage that I can see is that you make it more difficult

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DAVID WHITE LOOKS BACK AT 1974

The last twelve months have been decidedly disappointing for the U.K. martial arts with more action frankly taking place in the committee room than in the dojo, but at least things appear to be sorting themselves out at last and with a little luck everyone can get back to the real "business" of their sport.

It's easy to be gloomy but there are pointers to the increasing strength of all the martial arts. It is inevitable that "shake outs" will occur from time to time and that they are good—like having Dave Starbrook put a shame-waza on you!

All the Kung Fu publicity must be accepted as a mixed blessing too. The aim must be to channel all that juvenile energy into sensible martial arts activity at responsible clubs. And it seems to me that sooner or later the British Karate Control Commission is going to have to spawn a Wu Shu Control Commission or willy-nilly expand its activities to cover the Chinese martial arts. A couple of Kung Fu deaths seem sure to happen without proper supervision and then Wu Shu will face the problems Karate had before the BKCC and the admirable work of Alan Francis who richly deserved his O.B.E.

Judo

The crisis that left judo marking time this year was L'Affaire Gleeson—a major row between the ex-national coach and the B.J.A. executive that has been threatening to surface for some time.

When Geoff was sacked in July he appealed to an Industrial Tribunal and at the time I am writing this (early January) the results of this tribunal are still not known. This means that much that could and almost certainly should be written about the affair cannot be in case the hearing is prejudiced—although I have my own views that lawyers are by nature over-cautious in such matters. I have a lengthy interview with B.J.A. Chairman, Charles Palmer—done nearly five months ago—still waiting to be published which will help set straight a number of things and I think shows the dilemma the ebullient Mr. Palmer had to personally face.

Far too much time has been spent in the last six months by B.J.A. staff—of whom there are too few anyway—working on the Gleeson case. Time that could have been spent promoting judo. Suffice it to say that I am convinced the B.J.A. will emerge in 1975 as an even stronger, healthier organisation than before. Finance for two national coaches should go some way to achieving this.

Back in January and February the B.J.A. very commendably weathered the financial problem that occurred with the loss of sponsors and Joseph Saunders and Partners made life a good deal easier with their support of the European Senior Championships at Crystal Palace—the undoubted judo success story of the year.

But before this splendid event we fared rather badly at the Ten Nations Tournament in Paris in February when only Angelo Parisi got a bronze.

There were no real surprises at the British Open Championships just 12 days before the European but the results were clearly of little real help to Ray Ross.

Don't overlook the success of the Junior Boys' Individual Championships, also back in February, when 342 youngsters between eight and 15 took part, had a ball and turned in some enormously promising judo. Throughout the year, despite an occasional complaint that they sometimes seem to be forging an empire of their own, the organisers of these junior events have done a splendid job.

Before the Europeans in May, and thanks to cash sponsorship, Ray Ross and our top men spent 30 days in Japan being "gruelled" and learning how expensive life is over there. There can be no doubt that the team benefited from this strenuous trip and equally that this form of lightening visit is the thing of the future. It's going to be the very rare person who will go to Japan for a couple of years and he'll probably be as interested in Zen or learning the language if he does so.

I was personally in Japan for a short holiday so sadly missed the European Championships but John Goodbody, despite us losing to the Russian team in the final after a 2½-2½ draw; enthused at the time "What does matter is that a capacity crowd saw judo at its best and most dramatic." I forgive him a little poetic licence about it being our finest hour but despite the team silver, Starbrook took a light-heavyweight bronze, Debelious a middleweight bronze and Da Costa a splendid and unexpected lightweight silver.

On a more mechanical note, the new electronic scoreboards were introduced at Crystal Palace and proved most successful.

The B.J.A. women got a hatful of medals at a Dutch tournament in April and although we haven't heard quite as much about them this year there seems a good chance that very soon we shall hear about a Women's World Championship — and that should really do more for ladies' judo than anyone can imagine.

The national team championship for men was won by a strong Scottish side who beat the West, and even though London went missing and lost by default I couldn't see them beating the Scots. Once again the North-West showed well. Without wishing to be unkind I have never understood why the Army team — with all their facilities—is usually so weak.

I was delighted to see the 1974 National Kata Championships go ahead in June—despite a stunning lack of publicity—and let's hope that if there is enough support this year we'll have a little more support from the B.J.A. (hint, hint) and potential National coaches who should have good kata themselves! Dare I suggest regional kata contests?

The Seventh National Women's Team Championship was won by London A, who beat Southern A and the growing strength of the ladies has also been exhibited by the formation of a new young women's squad.

Three Britons went to Rio de Janeiro for the first World Junior Judo Championships and Ives came back with a heavyweight bronze. Perhaps not surprisingly the Japanese were very strong but this was certainly a notable first.

At the latter end of the year the National Young Men's Championships produced good judo and heavyweight Alex Ives must have a bright

future judging by his improvement throughout the year.

It was interesting to glance at my Review of 1973 and see how often the names Starbrook, Jacks and Parisi cropped up. The Big Three are still at it of course even though Angelo seems to be commuting from the sunny South of France, but new names are coming through. It's all surprisingly hopeful now I take a second look . . .

The Rest

As there are only about 300 people in the U.K. practising Kendo perhaps they don't rate too much space but it was rather disturbing to learn back in March that the British Kendo Renmei had been formed by the Dean of home-grown Kendoka, Roald Knutsen, former chief of the British Kendo Association which is the officially recognised body.

Fifth Dan Mr. Knutsen's break-away B.K.R. is strongly opposed to professional Kendo teaching unlike the B.K.A. and it is to be hoped the formidable Mr. K. will eventually come back into the fold, although knowing him there's a fair chance his "fold" will be the biggest soon.

I owe a small apology for suggesting we'd have trouble beating the French and Swedes at the European Kendo Championships at Bletchley in April. Despite the split the B.K.A. slaughtered the opposition and without being too rude it probably shows the general weakness of European Kendo rather than our real supremacy.

It seems to have been a poorish year for Aikido too with a curious controversy about the validity of Dan certificates awarded before the formation of the British Aikido Association. A more sterile subject

it would be difficult to think of.

There are something like 3,000 people doing Aiki in the U.K., mostly Tomiki style, and one of the most encouraging things I have seen personally during the year has been the number of women doing Aiki and getting a great deal of satisfaction from a healthy, useful sport.

I know General Secretary, Jim Elkin, and others are worried about lowish standards on the whole, dare I wonder aloud if the emphasis on Tomiki rather than Ueshiba techniques is one of the reasons for this?

Karate has probably benefited most of the Japanese martial arts from the burgeoning interest in the Chinese hard and soft arts (although it is nice to see people seriously practising ta'ichi chuan, the king of them all) and although it doesn't honestly seem too significant the Welsh Karate Board of Control came into being the day before the European Championships at Crystal Palace.

The Europeans were won by France who beat Belgium in the final. The Scots were eliminated by Holland, Wales beaten by Italy and Luxembourg beat England after our boys managed a little too much body contact. In the individual middleweights Billy Higgins took the gold, Scotland's Robbie MacFarlane won the heavyweight gold with Fitkein (England) the bronze, and O'Grady (England) got a well deserved bronze in the Open category.

I was surprised that at the recent Kyoku Shinkai Championships the old tilebreaking, ice-breaking, wood-clonking stuff was churned out for the cheering multitude. Maybe I'm getting too sophisticated but I thought we'd got out of that era for good.

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OFFICIAL NOTES

Jim Elkin

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting will be held on **SUNDAY 6th April 1975** commencing at 2.00 p.m. The venue this time will be **ST. MARY'S TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE, WALDERGRAVE RD., STRAWBERRY HILL TWICKENHAM MIDDLESEX**. All resolutions etc must have reached the General Secretary by the 1st March, so as to allow those members who are unable to attend to use their proxy vote. Remember all current members may attend the A.G.M. but only 'Full Members' are entitled to a vote. All Regions should have held their general meetings before this date.

Some of the older members, will remember Hiroaki Kogure 5th Dan, who did so much for us in our early days. I have heard from him a couple of times since he moved away, and set up business in Houston Texas. During the last couple of months correspondence between us seems to have increased, and we are communicating regularly now. He asks me in his most recent letter to give his regards to all his friends here, he continues that he is hoping to return to Japan in the near future, when he does he will be responsible for Aikido internationally, and he looks to us to support him all we can. He has been busy with Aikido in the United States, and by his letter they run into the same problems we do over here.

Another friend of ours who keeps in touch either by telephone or letter is Testsu Ehara 5th Dan. He phoned me just after Christmas to tell me that he was getting married on the 17th. January. I am sure that all our members wish him every happiness. He is spending his honeymoon in Paris, but tells me he will first pay us a visit to look up old friends. I am sure he will have plenty of news for us, so I will report in the next issue.

Practioners of Aikido should read David White's article on Judo injuries, as similar injuries can relate to Aikido. His remarks on rest and diet seem sound. For those of you who did not get that particular issue it was the November/December one.

In Tony Reay's news letter, he mentions the need for more recorders and timekeepers, I am sure he would welcome the assistance of any Aikido player who has some spare time.

Also it will give good experience to do the same job at our events. You can contact Tony Reay at B.J.A. Headquarters, or Bryan Perriman at Coventry Judo Club, Kenpas Hall, Kenpas Highway, Coventry, Warks.

Several non-martial art magazines have been giving coverage to the Martial arts of late, and although the information given in such articles is quite good, I sometimes wonder if I am missing out on some of the things people can supposedly perform. In one such article it gives an Aikido parlour trick where 'aikidokus' can by use of 'chi' extinguish a candle in a draughtless room, simply by pointing a finger at it. I personally perform this 'parlour trick' by placing my tongue between the index finger and thumb of my left hand, then whilst they are still moist, rapidly squeeze the wick of the offending candle. But then I have a great deal to learn about Aikido.

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to join a club following a different style. This works both ways because you are just as unlikely to gain members from karateka trained elsewhere. I find it far more easy to see the disadvantages. In many sports standards which not so many years ago would have broken world records are now quite common and all sports have changed and progressed over the years. This progress is only made possible by constant thought and experiment by coaches and those taking part. At times wide differences of opinion developed but this was only so because every one was thinking and experimenting. The sports lived and developed.

In karate this development is forbidden and in my opinion this makes progress and improvement slow if not impossible. May be this is how Britain defeated Japan in the Championships not so long ago.

Coaches and instructors should be allowed to think for themselves, learn from what they see, develop on their own lines and make karate the living sport it deserves to be.

REPORT ON VISIT TO CARMARTHEN JUDO CLUB by John Perrins:

Colin Givelin and myself visited the above club on the 18th October, 1974, this being a new club, application for membership received June 1974.

The Club Founders Terry Edwards and Gwilliam Vanderbrink commenced their judo career during a short judo course held by a Youth Centre in St. Clears near Carmarthen, following this they joined Llanelli Judo Club. Terry Edwards has subsequently been promoted to 1st Kyu.

During September 1973, the founders were able to have the use of a small building near the Labour Club in Prior Street, Carmarthen. Following repairs, clean-up, face-lift and mats borrowed from Trinity

College, the club was formed. A committee was elected and constitution written and fund-raising schemes were started to purchase their own mats. At this point, help was applied for, to the Local Authority but was not granted due to lack of funds. Not daunted, this enthusiastic committee raised approximately £350, and were able to purchase mats during August this year and now the club has a mat area of 18 x 24 including red safety area, changing rooms and reception area.

The present membership exceeds 60, comprising 36 juniors and 24 seniors and they are anxious to participate in coaching, referee courses and other activities.

Colin Givelin gave a talk on refereeing and was referee whilst a Mon and Kyu examination was conducted. A good standard was apparent from the judoka.

The club meetings are Monday to Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday to Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 and 2-4 p.m. Juniors—boys and girls; seniors—men and women.

Secretary's address: Mr. T. Edwards, 3 Union Street, Carmarthen, Dyfed. Telephone: Carmarthen 5949.

ASHINGTON WELFARE JUDO CLUB:
G. E. Henderson writes:—

The Club extend their thanks to all members and associates who have helped us through 1974. Successful competitions during 1974 were — Stockton Teeside Championships: J. Lyall - B. Hutton - S. Simpson. Newcastle Junior Championships: Craig Ford - Les McGowan - John Kirkup. Ashington Best Club Members: 1. J. Kirkup, 2. J. Lyall, 3. S. Simpson.

Regarding the appeal by the Northern Area Committee requesting clubs to publish their calendar of events for 1975, Ashington Welfare have now arranged dates for their forthcoming events.

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have to be seen to be believed! Atrocious refereeing (anyone who is a "black belt" automatically qualifies as a referee), chaotic organisation, and armlocks and strangles allowed for juniors. Anyone who sees this so-called "judo" would not be aware that the shambles he sees is not the genuine article, and consequently decides to take up another sport, e.g. squash, fencing, karate, etc.

The National Sports Centre for Wales, at Cardiff, gives grant aid to the W.J.A. but allows non-official groups the full facilities of the centre, all types of judo groups use the place. Such a centre should allow only official groups the use of the facilities, people expect to see the genuine article at a National Sports Centre.

The "live and let live" attitude of the B.J.A./W.J.A. should be changed, and a more positive stand taken to reduce the credibility of non-official groups, to ensure that the public get a true idea of modern judo, and that cash inflow to the B.J.A. and affiliated groups is not used to support the "splinter" groups. I hope you will print the above as it is about time the whole subject of "judo" politics was given an airing, our area, i.e., South-East Wales has at least five different groups in existence, including the official Welsh Judo Association, we have for example the B.J.C., the Amateur Judo Association, and Budokan Wales and the West, to name three of them, and the layman

is not aware of the fact that only the W.J.A. has any credibility.

BARRIE J. WITCHARD,
Cardiff.

Sir,—Towards the end of the recent Extraordinary General Meeting I wanted to make, what I considered was a relevant point. Time, however, was not in my favour and, therefore, the statement went unsaid. I am now taking the opportunity of making the point to you, and you may publish it should you consider it necessary.

Danny Da Costa told us about a very interesting dream that he had had. Well I too had a dream; it was, in fact, a day-dream because it occurred during the meeting.

I dreamt that Charles Palmer, Geoff Gleeson, Tony Reay, Jerry Hicks, John Ryan, Ray Ross, Andy Bull, etc., had for the past couple of months, worked together for the good and continuing success of the British Judo Association. I dreamt that their efforts had culminated in bringing together delegates from all over the British Isles so that these delegates might themselves offer advice and suggestions in the context of what is good for the Association. I dreamt that we all parted sincerely wishing each other a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

I dreamt . . . but alas, it was only a dream and the reality was—and is—a nightmare.

A Happy New Year to the staff of *Judo* magazine and to the staff of B.J.A. Head Office.

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