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1975 BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The days leading up to the British Open Championships for men this year were reminiscent of the build-up last year to the Senior European Championships. We had our moments and there were a number of problems in the planning but despite everything I am happy to say that the event was very successful.

The number of entries to make application was again a record and I wonder if the Competitions Sub-Committee might have to recommend a grade limitation of 1st Dan for next year. The most impressive aspect was the large number of entries from overseas. As a result of my reading a number of articles recently from judo magazines of other countries I was tempted to ask around and the answers are quite flattering to British judo. Accepting of course that some people will be kind and tell you the things you want to hear I have always found judo people to be quite frank. We are, it seems, getting quite a reputation abroad for good organisation of events and for absolute fairness. We are perhaps not the best hosts in the world in that we do not lavish presents or fete the visitors around town but this is usually understood and accepted and even in fact respected in that we concentrate on the sporting event itself and nothing else.

A most gratifying aspect was the spectator interest. The main arena

was almost packed by early afternoon.

As is usually the case there were more entries than actually weighed in on the morning of the event, some being unable to make the weight they had booked into. The number to actually take part on the day per weight was as follows:

- Lightweights: 44 (16 from abroad)
- Light-middleweights: 64 (13 from abroad)
- Middleweights: 85 (21 from abroad)
- Light-heavyweights: 62 (13 from abroad)
- Heavyweights: 19 (3 from abroad)

Congratulations to the 1975 winners and runners-up. The results to the long arduous day were as follows:

Lightweight:

1. D. Hardy (1st Dan, Canada)
2. S. Proulx (1st Dan, Canada)
3. R. Neenan (3rd Dan, South)
4. P. Wiler (1st Dan, Switzerland)

Light-middleweight:

1. E. Mullen (4th Dan, Scotland)
2. W. Biedron (3rd Dan, Sweden)
3. Y. Melnik (3rd Dan, Israel)
4. A. Mainstone (3rd Dan, South)

Middleweight:

1. B. Jacks (5th Dan, South)
2. R. Inman (4th Dan, N.H.C.)
3. L. Hudspith (3rd Dan, Midlands)
4. D. Dreyer (1st Dan, S. Africa)

Light-heavyweight:

1. D. Starbrook (4th Dan, London)
2. R. Diebelius (3rd Dan, London)
3. R. Perron (2nd Dan, Canada)
4. F. Lejeune (2nd Dan, Belgium)

Report by

Tony Reay

Photographs by

David Finch



Dr. Ken Kingsbury receives The Vic Terry Trophy from B.J.A. General Secretary, Tony Reay.

Heavyweight:

1. A. Parisi (4th Dan, London)
2. E. Carnegie (2nd Dan, London)
3. P. Eales (3rd Dan, London)
4. H. Pleizier (1st Dan, Holland)

The finals in the evening commenced with the heavyweights. Earl Carnegie of London met Angelo Parisi also of London in the first bout of the finals. In the five fights to get there Angelo did not feel he had been over-taxed and his comment to me was that the heavyweights were not as strong as in previous years. With people such as Keith Remfry absent this must surely have been so. Sadly, Keith has been ordered not to enter competition for one year because of a back injury. Carnegie's power however is improv-

ing and he was a very formidable opponent. Much bigger and taller than Angelo he offered a tough battle. Despite Angelo's greater experience, faster movement and skilled attacks—he held out to the end of the ten-minute contest. The result however was a very fair one showing a superiority win for Angelo.

Half way through the contest Angelo scored a Koka with seoi-nage. He continued in every way possible to open up his opponent's defence and get the giant Carnegie moving. A series of attacks which included osotogari changing into tai-otoshi and attempts on both sides had no effect. At one point Angelo was able to pierce the defence and get right under Carnegie for seoi-nage which for a few breathtaking



Brian Jacks in the final seconds of this exciting contest attacks with a strangle, Jacks won but only after being a keikoku down until seventeen seconds from the finish.

moments had the heavier man teetering on the brink but Angelo collapsed to the mat. Carnegie followed him into groundwork attempting a shime-waza but Angelo skilfully controlled Earl between his legs and attempted shime himself. It must have been a good effort because Carnegie elected to stand up and get out of trouble. Angelo pressed home his attacks relentlessly and one mighty effort at osotogari had both fighters careering out of the contest area. Soon after this Carnegie was penalised with a keikoku for stepping out of the contest area but Angelo wanted a complete win and continued with his barrage with seoi-nage and o-uchi-gari, bringing the audience to their feet in the dying moments but with no further score.

And so Angelo Parisi, still a very light heavyweight, once again won the title. By comparison Earl Carnegie is a new boy on the scene although the avid fan will know him

quite well and is already familiar with his cool and determined application coupled with the unusual sight of his hair style which from a distance looks like a collection of sticks bobbing about on his head. Earl has lived in this country for some 16 years, coming to Britain with his family when he was just four years old. If we are looking for a new British heavyweight, Earl could be just the man for I like his sportsmanship manner both on and off the mat. Pity he has not got a British passport but I hope he will consider applying for one.

In the light heavyweight final Dave Starbrook met the younger European bronze medallist, Bob Diebelius. They both looked very fit despite their long day. There had been some doubt in fact whether Dave would appear that morning for he had just returned from two months training in Japan with the Japanese Olympic squad. Ever loyal to his followers

however, he made it, if perhaps a little reluctantly.

Dave had earlier dismissed John Hindley after four minutes with a very effective arm-lock. In the first two minutes of the final Bob attacked more but with little effect. It was at two minutes and twenty-three seconds that Dave brought off probably the finest throw of the day. A selection of delightful footwork had Bob retreating into a corner of the contest area. With a combination of ashi-waza by Dave, Bob was poised for a fraction of a second with his feet almost together in his attempts to avoid when Dave flashed in with left-haraigoshi which up-ended Bob high in the air bringing him crashing down for the most perfect throw. Some of my friends argue that it was left osoto-gari and I think Dave probably had this in mind but from where I stood it looked like left-haraigoshi. I think that Dave, superb contest man that he is, turned the action into harai in order to make absolutely sure that Bob landed in the

danger area and thus leaving no doubt of it being a throw well within the contest area. The applause from all round the stadium was deafening and lasted several minutes, starting up all over again as Dave bowed to all points of the compass as he stood on the winners rostrum. This win brought Dave Starbrook's tally of British Open gold medals to the record number of nine, covering middleweight, light-heavy and open categories over the years.

Compared to Dave Starbrook's path to the final, Brian Jacks' journey was somewhat more dramatic, peppered with controversy and spice for arguments that are probably still raging in dojos up and down the country. Brian has that flare for bringing out the emotions in people. His keen followers worship him but at the same time there are many I suspect who are just waiting to see him taken down a peg. Of all people Brian knows this and in fact plays up to it. I personally like to compare him with the great Muhammed

David Starbrook securely holds his Swiss opponent for 10 points.





Angelo Parisi knocks E. Carnegie to the ground for koka in their final heavyweight contest which Parisi won.

Ali—certainly he brings out the same feelings in people.

The middleweight final brought two great club-mates together, Brian and Roy Inman. Of all people Roy has probably got the greatest reason for hating Brian: 50 many times has Brian stopped Roy from snatching the prize of all national prizes. Yet to meet and see them together you would never believe that they could be such dynamic adversaries on the mat. Each of them respects each other too much to allow the ordinary human weaknesses to stand in the way of their friendship. Equally the fans of both are in a similar dilemma. One wants to see Brian stay at the top but also, knowing the sacrifices he has made, one wants to see Roy take that golden prize. Roy really is quite unique, most of the champions have got there and remained there because they have been able to devote all their efforts, time and money to that one aim. Roy has had to do it whilst supporting a

family and as any sportsman outside of football will tell you, that is not easy.

In this final Roy very nearly did it. But I should mention another unlucky middleweight who but for Brian could have had gold many times over. Brian's contest against Les Hudspith of the Midlands earlier in the day was a most incredible event. Very early on in the contest Les drove into Brian with an attempt at a rear throw which culminated with a scoop round the back of Brian's thighs as they crossed the danger area. The referee shouted "matte" at this point but the force of the action was such that Les continued through and lifted Brian into the air and dumped him on his posterior well out of the area. The referee called the combatants back to the middle and indicated they should kneel in order that he award a penalty. Quite honestly I really thought that Les would be given the penalty for having continued the

action after the call of "matte" but thought this would be very harsh considering the drive that was behind the action initially. However I was amazed when a score was given against Jacks, knowing I had clearly seen the referee's mouth open and a cry of "matte" had emanated from it. Worse to come dear reader, Brian obviously annoyed about the decision, promptly sat down refusing to continue the contest. By which time the judges had remonstrated with the referee and the referee scrubbed his earlier decision. Two points here. Many of the Midlands supporters had not heard the call of "matte" because the referee's back was to them, but the second point is much more serious in my opinion. I have often lauded Brian Jacks and what he has done for British judo, and will continue to do so as it warrants. However, I do feel that the same rules apply to everyone, be he Brian Jacks or an unknown. Brian should have been penalised for refusing to continue the contest and for sitting down. Referees will have to watch this one in future, for having seen the great Jacks do it and get away with it—we could have every competitor sitting down when he does not agree with a decision.

The slate having been wiped clean again, both Brian and Les got down to the serious business of fighting, at which both are quite adept. It was really an exciting battle and at one point it seemed that Les was going to do it, because for all to see he had Brian secured in a hold. But Jacks the extraordinary, and here he has no equal, repeated for the umpteenth time a strangle from underneath. Here again I was amazed at the time it took for the referee to decide the technique was really on, Hudspith's feet fairly drummed the mat for some considerable time and when the referee had decided it was ippon, Hudspith was clearly in great discomfort.

Getting back, or I should say, moving forward to the final. The

stage was set when both combatants being called out, sauntered to the centre mat. Brian just could not resist giving the crowd a laugh however and in passing the rostrum, paused to mockingly polish the surface of the number one stand. Roy was not amused. The contest opened with Brian on the attack. Roy injured his ribs after about 30 seconds, this was the result of one of his own attacks and clearly he was in discomfort for some time. Both attacked or countered with the deep knee seoi-nage which I understand the E.J.U. are getting quite worried about and are planning to introduce penalties if it does not work. Knowing each other so well there was no room at all for technique and much of the contest was taken up in a battle for grips. Fighting was mostly around the edges of the contest area and up to half way the contest had been pretty dull. It was when Inman was penalised with a chui for stepping out that the contest really livened up. Here I must say I sympathised with the referee. Had he gone by the book he could have dismissed one of the contestants very early in the contest simply on penalties. It was very difficult to decide with such experienced tacticians who was at fault, Roy for persistently stepping out, or Brian for pushing. Both are clever enough actors to make it look as if the other had been the cause. Fortunately for the audience, in this final alone they got their money's worth in excitement, even if actual technique was lacking. At half time there was a great amount of action going out of the contest area and it was really most difficult to decide whether one was pushed or that the other was going out of the area to avoid trouble. Such actions these days we are told should merit a keikoku, however neither contestant was going to stop and argue—they literally threw themselves at each other and the crowd had by now taken sides. With three minutes to go the pace was now really tremen-

dous, even a judge was caught out by the fury. He had moved quick enough but his chair hadn't followed him and Inman was dumped on to it completely. With equal score for both, Jacks was given a penalty for pushing Inman out which sent Jacks tearing in and the crowd now really behind each fighter. The atmosphere was electric with the audience caught up with the frenzy. Each time Jacks attacked Inman seemed to turn the tables with a strange new seoi counter he seems to be developing, though not dangerous as a counter it seemed to take the action safely out of the contest area. Jacks maintained the pressure but it was only with a minute to go that Inman was beginning to show signs of the strain. With just 17 seconds to go on the clock Inman was given the non-combativity warning and at just nine seconds to go was penalised with a shido which of course was not correct and after intervention by the judges he was penalised with a keikoku. There followed the most incredible five seconds, with Jacks attacking with a string of renzokuwaza (continuation techniques) which finalised with an attempt at shime. Some people swear they saw Roy tapping. In the words of Jim Coote of the *Sunday Telegraph*: "It was a text-book demonstration on how to get in the maximum number of techniques in the minimum of time". At time Jacks got the nod for his superiority and furious attacks, this was met with a loud but mixed reception from the audience. His supporters really cheered themselves hoarse but there were many who had not liked the decision of this contest. Perhaps some were still remembering the earlier battle with Les Hudspith but nevertheless I am sure Roy was the hero of many—certainly he had a lot more fans when he went home to bed that evening—had it not been for those last dying seconds he would have pulled it off and won that gold.

The noise from the previous final had still not subsided by the time the light-middleweight final had commenced. Both Jacks and Inman were still completely swamped by auto-graph hunters. Eddy Mullen of Scotland, fighting W. Biedron of Sweden scored a koka one and a half minutes into the contest but really very little else happened. Eddy looked the more lively with his bouncy footwork. Biedron was very confused and frustrated and was warned for non-combativity. At about half-way through the contest Biedron attempted tomoe-nage which Mullen easily avoided and at eight minutes Eddy attempted a tremendous pick-up action which stumbled his opponent and scored a koka. Soon after this it was Mullen's turn to be given a warning for non-combativity. With one and a half minutes to go Eddy was leading with four kokas and a shido with a shido to Biedron when the referee stopped the contest. From underneath the Swedish boy had attempted a sanku-jime (triangle strangle) and in avoiding Eddy appeared to leave the contest area although he could have been stumbled. After a get-together of judges and referee the contest was resumed with no further score being given up to time. And so, Eddy Mullen of Scotland won the middle-weight title.

It was a rare sight indeed to see two lightweights from the same country abroad in a final. S. Proulx and D. Hardy of Canada obviously knew each other so well that there was really very little to show the difference. There was no dramatic technique although both were very fast and nippy. Nevertheless they had both done very well during the day eliminating between them some very good opposition. At the end of the 10 minutes Hardy was given the nod and so the title with the silver went to Canada.



OFFICIAL NOTES

Jim Elkin

Annual General Meeting. Members travelled long distances to attend an A.G.M. which proved to be entirely uneventful in that there were no resolutions, no new nominations for the various positions open. However, we all had an opportunity to discuss various issues that could lead to changes in the B.A.A. policy. The following will serve on the Executive Committee for the forthcoming 12 months.

Midland/Northern Region Representatives: Brian Eustace, Esq., Ray Taylor, Esq., Mike Tracy, Esq.; Western Region Representative: R. F. Webb, Esq.; Southern Region: T. Jefferies, Esq., P. McGilly, Esq.; Chairman of the British Aikido Association: L. Mockford, Esq. General Treasurer: R. F. Bryant, Esq.; Auditors: Messrs. Baskett, Bryant and Wallis.

In the morning prior to the A.G.M. the National Technical Conference was held with excellent lectures given by John Waite, 4th Dan, Regional Coach to the Southern and Western Region, and Brian Eustace, 3rd Dan, Regional Coach to the Midland and Northern Region. Delegates to the Conference were able to debate the various issues raised in these lectures, and a great deal of good came from these. The Conference made clear the need for reappraisal of training programmes, and the need for a larger nucleus of

coaches and referees to fill the number of teaching posts available.

The National Coach informed the Conference of the changes and additions to the coaching scheme, emphasising the need for all coaches to attend refresher courses.

I found the comments by Mr. P. J. Sisk (April/May issue) most interesting and factual. He was right in saying that some of the aikido found difficulty in relating kata to shiai. I can assure Mr. Sisk that immediately after the Championships, our training programme was looked into, and I hope the changes that have been made will produce far better results than last time. But I would like to add that in Tomiki aikido we do use the basic kata (randori no kata) in attempt to relate the techniques into free-style situation. And that our previous Technical Director, Mr. Ehara, spent most of his time with us trying to get this aspect across.

Summer School. There will be a Summer School this year from Sunday, 31st August until Saturday, 6th September at the Linden Sporting Club, further details are obtainable from the General Secretary. Owing to accommodation difficulties in Bournemouth at that period of the year, only 20 places will be available for those who wish to stay in Bournemouth, of course anyone who has or can find their own accommodation is welcome at this course. John Waite, 4th Dan, will be responsible for conducting this School.

Mike Smith, 3rd Dan, has been made responsible for the affairs of all Ueshiba students within the B.A.A. He takes over as Senior Coach and Adviser to the B.A.A. for Ueshiba Aikido. Those wishing to contact him should write enclosing a s.a.e. to M. Smith, Esq., 6 Norton Crescent, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

Congratulations to the following members on attaining their 1st Dan. Eric Beake, Alan Segal, Hugh

Griffiths, and to Pat McGilly on obtaining his 2nd Dan.

I think it appropriate to mention Hugh Griffiths who at 61 years of age entered for his Dan grade examination only three weeks after leaving hospital after a hernia operation. His instructor tells me, that he would practise regularly up to the time he entered hospital, and in no time at all was back on the mat again. I think he could be called the "Iron Man" of aikido, as several of his club colleagues tell me that they considered themselves "hard nuts" until they met him. Anyway, well done Hugh, keep up the good work, if we all had your determination we'd all improve.

I paid a visit to the Trowbridge Tomiki Aikido Club the other week-

end, and was most impressed with both the aikido and the facilities offered. Anyone near Trowbridge who wants a good practise, contact their Secretary, Bob Brebner, at 5 Monkton Deverill, Warminster, Wilts.

Aikido at the Winchester Club (The Lido) is flourishing under the instruction of Bob Webb, but of course he gets a great amount of support from those two stalwarts of ladies judo, Liz Viney and Marie Fourt. Again, anyone around there who wants a lively practise at most martial arts, has only to call in.

Keep a look-out for dates and times of your regional Championships, the organisation wheels should be turning by now.

AIKIDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Midland and Northern Area Championships of the British Aikido Association are to be held in the North this year for the first time, as part of the Knowsley Sports Festival, and will be staged by Hi Aikido Kan as host Club. The venue, subject to confirmation, will be C. F. Mott College of Further Education, Prescott, adjacent to the Prescott turn-off from the Liverpool outer ring-road M57 (which links with M6 via M62).

Briefly, aikido is based on defence against knife, sword and staff fighting and although chiefly used as a sport, is beginning to be taught to the Police as a method of control and defence. Events in the Championships will include contest against knife, contest without knife, three-man team contest in which one defends against two, formal demonstration of techniques, etc.

A demonstration of kendo (the art of Japanese sword-fighting) will be given during the day by members of the Hi Aikido Kan.

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DAVID WHITE talks to CHARLES PALMER

A number of people have been expecting comment from British Judo Association Chairman and International Judo Federation President, Mr. Charles Palmer, about the sacking of National Coach, Geoff Gleeson.

However, after speaking with Mr. Gleeson and Mr. Palmer I have withdrawn the parts of my interview with the latter that referred to Mr. Gleeson, leaving the article that follows with no reference to the Gleeson affair.

Comment on the Gleeson affair from the principals would have been valuable six months or more ago when I first did the Palmer interview and he spoke frankly about the sacking. This article was held up because of appeal by Mr. Gleeson to an Industrial Tribunal.

However, now that Mr. Gleeson has accepted compensation for loss of job the affair has been concluded. A controversy about who was right or justified might make interesting reading but would not serve any good purpose—when in fact all should be looking to the future and getting on with judo rather than playing politics.

My inclination as a journalist is to print and be damned. My responsibility as a supporter of the B.J.A.—which is bigger than any individual and holds the key to the future of British judo—is to see that judo as sport always takes precedence over judo as politics.

I might just add that as, from time to time, I have not exactly been

uncritical of the B.J.A. Executive, I hope my plea for unity within the judo world will be considered in this light.

I sincerely hope that no B.J.A. club will feel it is in the members best interest to withdraw from the B.J.A.

Having got that off my chest I will remind you that when I last spoke to Charles Palmer about three years ago he had just told the British Olympic Association that our judoka would win three medals at the Olympic Games. He was dead right.

"This was no surprise to me. The problem is going to be to stay there. Many other countries are coming up to a similar judo level where at one time there used to be only a few star nations.

"I am still convinced that one of the main reasons for our success was the appointment of Ray Ross as team manager", says Mr. Palmer. "He did an enormous amount to create the right atmosphere and spirit for the fighters".

The second "momentous" happening has flowed from this. The B.J.A. as founder members of the European Judo Union always maintained that the team event was the most important at a championship and the best men were always put into the team event. That thinking has now changed and Britain has permitted the E.J.U. to change its rules that placed the team event before the individuals.

This means that no longer are we left with tired or even injured men

who have already been in the team event competing for individual medals with Russians or Frenchmen who were not in the team event.

Charles Palmer puts it nicely when he says: "We have now come around to thinking that being able to say 'I am a champion' is perhaps not so bad for a man's ego as the Technical Board once thought it might be. The individual championships are held first at the big competitions and then managers are free to pick their team from those left in one piece."

"I think we have always had the potential to win events it's just that it was asking too much from our five or six men".

Most people seem to agree that the European Championships at Crystal Palace were more interesting to watch than perhaps ever before. I was in Japan at the time so am unable to comment on this. However Mr. Palmer reckons this is because the new rules were beginning to be applied properly for the first time.

"Judo is becoming more attractive and will be even more attractive. But there is a large body of tradition and reluctance to change to be overcome."

"What I really want to do is to make judo as interesting in competition as it is in the dojo where things happen, people get thrown and there is lots of action. I want contests to resemble hard training and referees must make it not worth a man's while to play defensive uninteresting judo."

"I think it's important to interest both youngsters and parents and it's very hard to get interested in something that doesn't excite you. Our championships should publicise our sport by making people want to take part", says Mr. Palmer.

"I have resisted the efforts to increase the number of weight categories but I would not resist efforts to spread them wider apart. I don't think anyone should worry at a five or six kilo body weight difference."

But a 93 kilo man fighting a 135 kilo man does seem a little illogical.

"I am pretty sure judo will be in the next Pan-American Games and am confident judo will be in the next but one Commonwealth Games. The programme for the next has already been decided unfortunately. The only thing that makes me unhappy is the thought that it might take the place of another sport."

"Judo was included in the Olympics because I persuaded the other sports I wasn't after their spot on the programme but that I wanted the programme increased. We want to be accepted on our own merit but one of the problems has been that the Commonwealth Games has only 13 or 14 sports and the Olympics had 21."

"The I.J.F. agreed that as soon as three Continental countries held a women's championship there would be a women's world championship and I have told the International Olympic Committee to expect women's judo events definitely by the 1980 Games".

Mr. Palmer says he has high hopes of the three or four European squad training sessions that the E.J.U. are to hold for the top squads of several countries together. This must improve the standard of everyone and it's just a question of getting the cash to get our boys to Paris or wherever the sessions are held.

Mr. Palmer is also in favour of honorary grades despite the row this has caused in recent months. He points out that in Japan all 6th dans, and many 5th dans, are not awarded for competition. "The object of our syllabus was to ensure that everyone who reached black belt had an acquaintance with certain techniques and knew how to teach them. We further up the grade scale you went the more items of knowledge you had to know. Even in Japan today the government will not allow you to start a dojo unless you are 4th dan."

Experience deserves to be rewarded", he points out.

A few years ago Mr. Palmer put his "considerable weight" behind the move to take judo out of the circus like atmosphere of shows at which karate, aiki, kendo and the rest were also demonstrated. He was clearly right to do so. Judo would never be an Olympic sport if we had continued on the old lines, but I must admit I rather enjoyed the old-style mixed shows. I put it to him. "Yes, they were fun but the problem of skilfully performed demos was that it made everything look so easy. Then you saw a contest where none of the things you had just seen happened and you might well have thought . . . well, what's all that about."

"I was at the European Karate Championships and I made the same observations to Alan Francis, O.B.E., B.K.C.C. Chairman. The demos gave the impression that the people doing them were infinitely better than the competitors."

"I really think Dr. Kano would be much happier than he would have been see today than he would have been 10 years ago when he'd probably have been turning in his grave at the static, don't lose at all costs judo. He produced a high-activity sport, let's keep it that way."

It's been said before but Mr. Palmer has probably seen as much Japanese judo as anyone in recent years and he is pleased to see them

reverting to skilful techniques. "A few years back the Russians achieved success with strength and ultra fitness. Both the Japanese and some of the European countries began to copy, but at the World Championships last year it became very clear that skilful judo pays off. I told them that if they played European type judo they would lose. Now the Russians are playing Japanese style judo and last month at their National Championships in Riga they were clearly doing their utmost to produce really fast skilful men and it will pay off."

"This may have something to do with the fact that the Japanese only entered three competitors in the World Junior Judo Championships in Rio. We don't really know why but it may be they only think they have three people capable of winning medals."

And finally Mr. Palmer is opposed to changing the basic kata in any way. "One of the great uses of kata at club level has always been to teach left and right throws. Remember that originally moves were not written down and kata was the only way to record the moves from generation to generation."

"By all means start new kata but the basic ones should not be changed or modernised or they will lose their point. They are a living record of what happened hundreds of years ago and should be performed the same by everybody".

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1975 International Dutch Women's Open Judo Championships

MARIE FOURT

BJA Women's Team Manager

Seventeen top women competitors accompanied the official British Judo Association's Women's Team of seven players and three officials to the recent International Dutch Women's Open Judo Championships at Kerkrade, Holland, over the weekend of 5th-6th April. The party travelled overland by coach, leaving London on the Friday morning, 4th April and arriving in Kerkrade just after 9 p.m. that evening.

The entry for the Women's event totalled 111 players from six countries, and most of these were quickly eliminated by the British contingent during the day. The finals in the evening were dominated by Great Britain, as we had players in five of the seven weight classes.

Christine Presswell, our finalist in the Under 48 kilo class, was beaten by Nanlohy of Holland, so Chris took a very deserved silver medal.

The next final with British interest was in the Under 56 kilo class, and featured Lauren Pearman and Meulen of Holland. Lauren, a truly great tactician on the mat, outmanoeuvred her opponent and won our first gold medal.

The final of the Under 61 kilos was all-British, between Lynn Tilley, European gold medalist, and Kathy Nicol, Scottish and Welsh middle-weight champion. These two very experienced players gave us a most exciting display of moves and counter-moves, which resulted in Lynn Tilley winning the gold medal by three points.

A newcomer to the British women's team, Geraldine Harmon,

was our finalist in the Under 72 kilos. Her opponent, Vermeer of Holland, who has a vast amount of International experience, was completely outclassed when Geraldine neatly deposited her for a full ippon after only six seconds of the contest had elapsed.

With three gold medals to our credit, we then had the last final in the Over 72 kilos between Margaret McKenna and Liotard of Holland. This proved to be a very exciting contest to end the Championships as both players were very evenly matched and neither conceded a point. With just 15 seconds to go to the end of the contest, Margaret produced a series of dynamic attacks which resulted in her scoring sufficiently to win Britain's 4th gold medal.

Medal winners were:

Under 48 kilos:

Christine Presswell — Silver medal
Carol Brooks — Bronze medal

Under 52 kilos:

Della Tysall — Bronze medal
Jean Hawkins — Bronze medal

Under 56 kilos:

Lauren Pearman — Gold medal
Carol Entwistle — Bronze medal
Julie Scattergood — Bronze medal

Under 61 kilos:

Lynn Tilley — Gold medal
Kathy Nicol — Silver medal

Under 72 kilos:

Geraldine Harmon — Gold medal
Ellen Cobb — Bronze medal

Over 72 kilos:

Margaret McKenna — Gold medal

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THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

Newsletter Supplement

AS I WAS SAYING

By TONY REAY, General Secretary

Personality of the Year

The Vic Terry Trophy for the 1974 Personality of the Year was kept a secret up to the last moment from the person to whom it was to be awarded. Earlier in the year the Executive Committee had decided unanimously that the man who deserved this honour was Dr. Ken Kingsbury. Normally this trophy is presented by the donor but in his absence it was my great honour to be asked to present the "Doc" with this fine piece of workmanship. I know that the members of all the squads were delighted and going by the ovation at the British Open so were many others.

OO-BE-EE

You might have read in the last issue of this magazine the short piece about Marcus Kaye, O.B.E., President of The Budokwai. Another presentation just before the finals of the British Open was an Honorary Life Membership to Mr. Kaye. This was presented by the Chairman of the Association, Mr. C. S. Palmer, O.B.E., on behalf of the Executive

Committee for long service and dedication to the sport.

B.J.A. Squads Fund

This fund was given a great boost through the efforts of two of the girls at Head Office. They organised a raffle at the British Open Championships and prizes towards the raffle were received from the following:

WILLIAMS SPORTS—1 Geemat, 2 junior judogi; RUCANOR (MATSURU)—3 judogi holdalls, 3 judogi, 2 squash racquets, 2 table tennis bats; WATNEY MANN—1 case of Schlitz beer; THE RENSHUDEN JUDO CLUB—1 bottle of Johnny Walker whisky; THE BUDOKWAI—1 bottle of Dimple Haig whisky; MARTIN LEWIS—1 bottle of whisky; MITSUKIKU JAPANESE SHOPS—2 Japanese Happi coats; JUDO LIMITED—1 judogi; J. MILOM LTD.—1 judogi; FINCHES SPORTS—1 Big League football game, 1 pair of junior boxing gloves; WENDY NOLAN—Assorted pottery; KATHY LING—1 glass vase, 1 bottle of homemade wine; MRS. GULLIVER—2 soft toy

animals; LYNNISIT DESIGN CO.—1 judogi; SHOGUN BRAND EQUIPMENT—1 judogi, supply of assorted coloured belts.

On behalf of the Association squads I wish to thank all those who made contributions. The proceeds of the raffle to the B.J.A. Squads Fund, which was held and drawn at the British Open Championships, swelled the fund by £149.40. Most of the prizes were collected on the day but three have still not been claimed. Would the owners of the following tickets please contact The British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1DR (Telephone: 01-584 3273).

Green ticket (CVO 165) No. 377 (Name of Phil Johnson of Derby written on the back).

Green ticket (CVO 170) No. 301.

Green ticket (CVO 165) No. 218.

Further to donations to the fund published in the last issue of this magazine further donations received since are as follows: A. Kirkham £1; A. Smith £1; Cambridge University Judo Club £50; G. Wall £1; B. King £1.25; R. Marcroft £8.

The response to this appeal has been most encouraging and there has been great initiative. An instructor for example who takes one junior class a week is donating his fees to the fund. We have received further anonymous donations amounting to £4. Gordon Mortimer is running a referees course in London and is donating his fees and proceeds to the fund. His club, the Tokei Judo Kwai, situated at 45 Albany Road, London, S.E.5, is arranging a Grand Dance and Social in support of the fund. Once again many thanks to all those people who are trying to help. We are already beginning to use the fund and the British team going to the Senior European Championships will be the first to derive some benefit.

In passing I would like to thank Rucanor for once again supplying a

judogi to each of the ten team members taking part in the Senior European Championships. They do this every year and it is a great help to the lads.

Hands Across the Channel

A French boy is interested in coming to England in July to improve his judo and his English. Would anyone interested in helping him please write to him at the following address: Bruno Clarys, 20 Domaine De Fayet, Fayet 02100, France.

Food for Thought

A new section of the American Ohio State criminal code ordains that anyone caught cheating at sport is liable to go to jail for a period of 30 days to one year.

Scotland Score Again

The European Judo Union Referees Course was held at Meadowbank Sports Centre this year during the first week of April, involving some 80 participants. By all accounts the organisation and conduct of this course was a resounding success and I have it from a senior E.J.U. official that it was by far the best ever held in the 18 years that these courses have been running. In his words, "... I pity the organising committee of the next country to take this course on ..."

Another feather in Scotland's bonnet. Congratulations also to Willy Thomson of Scotland for achieving his E.J.U. Referee's certificate. On a more humorous note a little birdy tells me that all the referees on that course have been told that there are too many flat feet, paunchy stomachs and the like and that the order has gone out to all of them to "get fit".

Junior Competition

I am instructed by the Executive Committee to point out that to enter any junior competition organised by a Member Club, Area or a National competition—a junior must hold an Individual Junior Membership Certificate.

Scotland Again

—have undertaken to host the 1978 Junior European Judo Championships and in supporting this application the Executive Committee have asked me as delegate, to present this application to the forthcoming E.J.U. Congress.

Scunthorpe Judo Club

—have applied to return to the Midlands Area and with the agreement of both the North-East and the Midlands Areas this has been approved.

The Salt of the Earth

Midlands Area are fast losing working volunteers. In a speech recently, Prince Philip stated that "... we must retain the voluntary spirit because sports would collapse beyond rescue without this free help ...". Such people are hard to come by these days but despite everything, the results can be rewarding. Midlands would like to hear from anybody in their Area who is prepared to "do" and not just "talk" to help administrate the Area and organise events.

Wales

—have made application for the employment of a full-time administration officer and I hear that the famous competitor of the 50s, Alan Petherbridge, has been asked to get a grip on the Welsh squad and try to restore their competitors to their former standing. At one time hardly a year went by without a good sprinkling of Welsh fighters in British teams.

Northern Ireland

—have been without a President for some time but just recently elected Gerry Nevin to that post. Also, many new clubs have been formed recently there and a number of new centres are being constructed.

National Promotion Examination

The annual National Promotion Examination in the north will be

held once again at Cheadle Hulme on the 8th June, 1975. This will be organised by North-West Area.

North-East Office

The North-Eastern Area now have their own office and correspondence to any Area official should be sent there. The address is: The British Judo Association, North-East Area, c/o The Huddersfield Sports Centre, Southgate, Huddersfield.

National Coaches

The National Coaches appointed to date are as follows: Honorary: A. J. Sweeney; R. Ross; B. J. Coldwell; Miss E. Viney; R. Barraclough; B. Daly. Part-time: S. R. Hoare; G. Glass; P. Brown.

Further applications for both Honorary National Coaches and Part-time National Coaches will be accepted and considered by the Executive Committee.

National Referees Course

Please note that the date for the National Referees Course this year has been changed from that which was previously published. This course will take place at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on the 27th/28th September, 1975.

Coaching Scheme

Records at Head Office showed that at the 30th April this year there were 1,072 qualified coaches in Great Britain. Lists of coaches per Area are available from Head Office upon a simple request accompanied with a stamped and addressed envelope. The breakdown is as follows:

Men :

827 Club Coaches
89 County Coaches
3 Senior Coaches

Women :

136 Club Coaches
16 County Coaches
1 Senior Coach

Record Books abandoned by their owners at National Promotion Exam

Will the following please send stamped self-addressed envelopes to the National Dan Grade Registrar (Dr. P. Elliott, 35 Fountside, Oakdale Road, Sheffield, S7 1SN) for the return of their record books and points cards which they omitted to collect after the National Promotion Examination at Crystal Palace on 20/4/75.

McCall, D.	1D	Budokwai
Emery, B. J.	1K	Nandokwai
Foster, M. A.	1K	Bedford
Bryson, A.	1D	Stanwell
Hewish, P.	1K	London Univ.
Starr, C. C.	1D	Reading

Judo Around Europe

In the next issue of the *Judo* magazine we shall be reading reports of the 1975 Senior European Judo Championships which were held in Lyon, France, on the 8th, 9th and 11th of May.

The results were dismal for the Western European countries. Of the 28 medals available in both the individual and team events, the Eastern Bloc won 23.

The championships were hosted and organised by the French Judo Federation whose official title is the Federation Francaise de Judo et Disciplines Associees.

With the question of the Common Market hanging over us this is probably a good time to have a look at other countries in Europe and their problems.

Starting with France, Judo has certainly more followers in that country than in any other in Europe. To practise Judo one must have a licence just as one must have a licence to practise any other sport in fact. This is a French government regulation and the licence must give details of the holder which stops any unscrupulous person purporting to be something that he is not officially recognised as being. Through this

licence scheme the government know how many Judo players are in every city, town and village and so can assess the number of coaches needed in each area. Soccer tops the sports in France with Ski-ing second and with 400,000 members Judo comes a remarkable third. The French organisation is confidently predicting that by the time of the 1976 Olympic Games they will have half a million members.

The top French fighters are idols of the public and their record, background, even family life, figure in every issue of the large full-colour magazines. There is, it seems, no limit to expense for training and competitions and upon retirement Judo can be very lucrative—I heard of a case of one man earning £600 per week. Besides getting the best of attention and time off for training, the fighters themselves seem fairly affluent compared to the competitors from other countries. Though little is said of this I have heard that the fighters jokingly make reference to the "black book" when a loan is needed for a new car or a mortgage.

By our standards the Federation enjoys a lavish suite of offices in Paris employing some 18 people. In nearly every city there is a local office, for example in Lyon there is an office employing a couple of staff.

The organisation of the Deutscher Judo Bund is very interesting in that it is run on the same lines as the Federal Republic government. Like the French their organisation includes the other Budo activities such as Karate, Aikido and the mystical Ju-jitsu. The country is made of 14 areas which in turn have three to seven regions depending on the size of area and the population.

There are 150,000 licensed members in the German Federation and the Deutscher Judo Bund is the only organisation. However, there is a problem which is causing some trouble between the organisation and

clubs in that some clubs do not force the issue and there are therefore some 50,000 judoka who are not buying licences. Head Office is responsible only for national matters and does not deal with clubs direct. The chain of command being; national to area—area to region—region to club. There is a condition that the programme of events is fixed one year in advance and nothing can be introduced within that year. This way, officials, referees, coaches and the like can see well in advance the events they are involved in and for the purposes of re-validation must then make their own arrangements. The national Executive Committee meets once a year and give the General Secretary his policy and programme for the following year for which he is left free to deal with being answerable only to the President, there are also a number of Vice-Presidents. The biggest current problem seems to be within the organisation itself. There is contained within it an organisation known as the Black Belt Association and there is I understand some friction between the mother organisation and this group.

The top class fighters enjoy every financial assistance but the Technical Director's biggest problem is not money but obtaining time off for his Squad members to train and compete. Being a highly commercially competitive country, employers it seems are reluctant to allow much time. Robert Heil has also the problem of building up a new team almost entirely from nothing. The only veteran in his existing team is Fred Mahenke, the others being quite young and in fact there were four juniors in his team at these championships. Although very keen, they need "lifting" as the saying goes and here one would have thought that the retired competitors might have been encouraged to help. The great stars of the sixties such as Klaus Glahn, Wolfgang Hoffman,

Peter Herman and Ferdi Mieback are now all retired and the officials involved at the time of their supremacy did not look to the future and prepare young hopefuls. Robert Heil feels confident that in time his juniors will become winners but is worried that he may not be given the time to do this. It takes years to build up a champion.

Sweden is small in population (8,000,000) and has approximately 10,000 members in the Svenska Budoforbundet but it should be mentioned that this also includes Karate and Aikido enthusiasts. Though small in population they do produce world class athletes regularly. A Judo club with at least 250 members can claim grant aid from the local government to employ a full-time coach. The organisation itself is able to employ a full-time General Secretary. There are roughly a hundred clubs in Sweden and the local government provides all the equipment needed and premises of such clubs are rent free.

In Finland a passport system was introduced last November and so far there are 3,000 holders. The Judo organisation, the Suomen Judoliitto, employs a full-time General Secretary, one full-time National Coach and three part-time National Coaches and receive 20% grant aid from the government. The voting system is interesting at general meetings, the voting is by club but they have so many votes depending on the members and the grades of the members, i.e., Dan grade — two votes, a club with five 1st kyus—one vote, a club with 20 blue or green belts one vote, etc. The club itself has one vote.

A report of all the countries would run into thousands of words. I think in covering the four that I have done we get a good idea of both the large and the small population countries. It is of course very difficult to understand the workings of the organisa-

tions in the Communist countries as they are closely linked with the State. There are many stories and it is difficult because of politics to separate truth from fiction. There is however no doubt that a coach in such a country has no difficulty in getting sufficient time off for his squad members to train. Also that a successful competitor is helped very much because of his performance to obtain a Master of Sport Certificate whereby he is assured of reasonable future employment. I think one should not listen too much to some of the stories that are told but should think of the very basic ingredients needed for success in sport which are simply — hard work and a good spirit.

In looking around and talking to people one very important aspect seemed to come through to me time and time again. It seems that all the successful fighters in this competition train at one special place and with one special group. All the Polish fighters for example, who did very well at these championships, train at

one centre. The Russians we know train together at one centre and so do the East Germans. The Yugoslavs who took the accolade at this event for sheer spirit, train at one centre just north of Belgrade. One coach I spoke to was amazed when he heard that our top competitors train very often at local clubs with lower standard people and lower grades. "How can they possibly improve" was his comment. It seems that in the countries where the top competitors are most successful internationally, they never allow the national squad to train with people other than those of their own standard. If the group is small, then they organise training camps with top competitors of neighbouring countries.

One good thing that comes through from these championships is the spirit of friendliness between competitors and officials of all nations and one realises the important part that sport has to play in the understanding of others and the importance of good relations between all.

B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

Appendix Eight

Promotions confirmed by Executive Committee on 5th/6th April, 1975

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Adams, A. N.	Coventry	M	2/3/75
Anson, F.	Inverness	SJF	2/3/75
Black, P.	Renshuden	L	12/3/75
Bricknell, R. J.	Exeter	We	5/4/73
Bryson, G. R.		Army	8/3/75
Cooper, A.	Northampton	M	2/3/75
Evans, C. F.	Gloucester YMCA	We	22/3/75
Fairlie, J.	Caithness	SJF	5/4/75
Farr, C. J.	Hogarh	NHC	5/4/75
Farrow, W. G.	St. Austell	We	23/2/75
Groves, C. W.	Bridport	We	22/3/75
Holmes, T. A.		NHC	2/3/75

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Johnson, B. E.		NE	5/4/75
Legg, G. G.	Bridport	We	23/2/75
McGowan, J.	Irvine	SJF	2/3/75
Otterburn, R.		NE	5/4/75
Painter, W. G.	Konakan	M	29/3/75
Pilgrim, F. G.	Waterloo	NW	6/4/75
Reeves, W. G.	Bridport	We	22/3/75
Salmon, H. J. N.	Star	We	22/3/75
Salmon, M.	Cotham Grammar	We	23/2/75
Swann, N. A.	Exeter	We	2/3/75
Vaughan, G. D.	Mansfield	M	2/3/75
Walker, M. J.	Swindon	We	22/3/75
Wheeler, B.	Manadon	RN	15/3/75

MEN TO 2ND DAN			
Card, I. J.	Penarth	Wa	6/4/75
Cole, J. R. F.	Woolwich	L	2/3/75
Johnson, P. C.	Matsumachi	S	15/3/75
Roberts, G. E.	Deeside	Wa	21/2/75
Smith, D.	Cwmbran	Wa	8/3/75
Wakeling, C. A.	Mid-Sussex	S	2/3/75

MEN TO 3RD DAN			
Frith, P.	Sutton-in-Ashfield	M	1/4/75
Marr, H.	Kodokwai	N	5/4/72

WOMEN TO 1ST DAN			
O'Dwyer, M.	Kawamurakwai	N	9/2/75
Rickard, L. J.	Royal Elsewood	S	16/3/75

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Appendix Nine

Promotions confirmed April-May 1975

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Adams, C. R.		L	23/3/75
Ashley, D. W.		L	23/3/75
Atkinson, D. J.	Kinmel Park Camp	ARMY	2/3/75
Aucoin, M.	Croydon & District	S	23/3/75
Benn, W. D.	North London	NHC	20/4/75
Challis, P. D.	Bridport	We	20/4/75
Chamberlain, A. J.	Northampton	M	4/5/75
Coulthurst, R.	D.K.H.	L	20/4/75
Davies, V. T.	Haywards Heath	S	23/3/75

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Drilmsa, L. M.	Liverpool Y.M.C.A.	NW	6/4/75
Findley, D. A.	Brampton	N	2/2/75
Forman, B.	Pretoria	L	23/3/75
Gannon, M. J.	Kettering Premier	M	19/4/75
Groombridge, T.	Olympic	NHC	4/5/75
Harrison, J. G.		ARMY	20/4/75
Healy, A.	Renshuden	L	20/4/75
Hunt, A. S.		RAF	20/4/75
Jackson, K.	Judokan	NHC	4/5/75
Johnston, J. H. A.	Bridport	We	20/4/75
Langstaff, J.	C.M.F. Institute	L	23/3/75
Mathews, T.	Newham	NHC	23/3/75
Mayes, V. A. D.	Bedford	We	4/3/75
Millard, J.		E	20/4/75
Mokhtari, M.	Commandokwai	RN	15/5/75
Newton, R. G.	Newham	NHC	23/3/75
Rowles, C. F.	Olympic	NHC	4/5/75
Scott, R. J.	Antrim Forum	NI	12/4/75
Stevens, R. A.	Swindon	We	20/4/75
Taylor, C. K.	R.A.F. Halton	RAF	20/4/75
Vickers, J.	Star	We	13/4/75
Waller, P.	Ruston	M	2/3/75
Watson, D. T. S.	Toyakwai	L	23/3/75
MEN TO 2ND DAN			
Cullen, G. T.	Renshuden	L	20/4/75
Johnson, K. D.	Yoshin Ryu	N	13/4/75
Lyon, D. W.		ARMY	15/4/75
O'Connor, S.A.P.	University of London	BUJA	23/3/75
Pittman, J. G.	Aces Bristol	We	20/4/75
Ward, W. L.	Romford & Hornchurch	NHC	21/4/75
MEN TO 3RD DAN			
McWhirter, A.	Ryecroft	M	20/4/75
Tilley, R. L.	Bracknell	NHC	7/12/74
MEN TO 5TH DAN			
Kaye, M. M.	Budokwai	L	5/4/72
WOMEN TO 1ST DAN			
Edwards, S. M.	Redbridge	NHC	20/4/75
Johnston, L. J. H.	Bridport	We	13/4/75
Jones, S.	Highbury	L	20/4/75
WOMEN TO 2ND DAN			
Bolton, W.	Kawamurakwai	N	9/2/75

Please note: The *Dan Grade Registrar* will be away July 4th—21st, 1975, and applications for promotion sent during that time will therefore be subject to delay before being acknowledged.

KARATE INTERNATIONAL

Report and Photographs by **Brian Hammond**

A triangular match between West Germany, England and Iran was held in Berlin on Saturday, 1st February, 1975.

Being the start of the pre-World Championship training programme every member of the current English team is naturally a potential member of the World Championship team. As experience in an International match is more beneficial than several squad training sessions, the B.K.C.C. spared no expense in sending the team to Germany.

Captain for this match was Billy Higgins who needs no introduction as European Middleweight Gold Medallist. Billy, who is 29 and a 2nd Dan, comes from Wigan and studies Shotokan and is now a full-time karate instructor.

Jim O'Grady, a 27-year-old steel erector, from Huyton, also did very well in the European Championships and will be remembered for his win over Kallenback, the eventual gold medallist of the open weight category. Jim finally finished joint third.

Brian Fitkin, also 27, is at present living and teaching in Sweden and is a Kyokushinkai stylist. Brian was captain of the British team at the first world tournament in Tokyo.

"Ticky" Donovan, 28, veteran of the team not in age but in experience, is the present B.K.C.C. champion and has just received his 4th Dan from Dominique Valera. "Ticky" has represented England and

Great Britain on about 20 occasions and came second in the South African games in 1969. He was a member of the British team in the first and second World Championships. His ambition now is to make it a hat-trick.

Bob Rhodes, 28-year-old karate instructor from Leeds, was runner-up in the B.K.C.C. championships and, unfortunately, had to retire in the European Championships with a bad cut inside the mouth. He is one of the Shotokans top men.

Stan Knighton, 25, and a Shukokai 3rd Dan, has been a British team member for over six years and was 1973 European Shukokai champion. He also was a member of the first and second World Championship team.

Eugene Codrington, 21-year-old 2nd Dan from Birmingham, is a newcomer to the team but will certainly keep his international status for many years to come. He seems to move very slowly but when the opportunity arises, suddenly pounces like a cat to completely outmanoeuvre his opponent, a style somewhat similar to Valera's and, indeed, a pleasure to watch.

The first round of England v. Germany saw Higgins against Mohv, a pretty even bout with Mohv keep-away from Billy's gyaku tsuki. Higgins, tired of waiting for his opponent to advance took the fight to Mohv but the German counter-



The English Team sightseeing in East Berlin.

attacked with chudan gyaku tsuki for waza-ari. At this point the bell for time sounded and the German got the decision. O'Grady next v. Messmer. Unfortunately the English boy couldn't settle down and got caught with a jodan mawashi geri to the neck for waza-ari, no further score here and at time Messmer was awarded the decision. Fitkin made short work of Ziebart, scoring with chudan gyaku tsuki for waza-ari and following it up straight away with another chudan gyaku tsuki for the match. Donovan's experience showed in his fight against Friedack the junior European heavyweight gold medallist, scoring with mae-geri and chudan gyaku tsuki. Last man out, Rhodes, had an unfortunate clash with Voss scoring with jodan tsuki; he had to withdraw as he received a bad cut from Voss's tooth, although not a mark on Voss, Rhodes was taken to hospital, his cut required stitches. After the first round the score was Germany 3, - England 2.

The second round continued straight away.

Higgins match against Messmer didn't last too long as he soon scored with jodan tsuki and clinched the match with tetsui to the head. O'Grady was beaten by Ziebart with foot sweep followed by kakato geri (stamp kick), which was a little slow but nevertheless scored waza-ari, soon after Ziebart scored again with mae geri.

Next man out Fitkin, overwhelmed Friedack and scored again with two chudan gyaku tsuki to make the overall score even 4-4. Donovan countered Voss' mae geri with chudan gyaku tsuki for waza-ari, Voss evened it up with chudan tsuki; at time—a draw. It all rested with Stan Knighton, who dominated his match against Mohv but towards the end Mohv "scored" with a very weak gyaku tsuki and at time the referee awarded Mohv the decision, as two judges had given a draw

and two had favoured Germany. The overall score: Germany 5 - England 4.

England stayed on the arena for the first round against Iran.

Higgins drew with Mochfeh. Next man out, Codrington, scored on Deylami with jodan tsuki and kept his lead until time and was awarded the decision. Fitkin was all over his opponent, Etehad, and scored first with mae geri and although losing his balance the kick had gone in and he was awarded waza-ari. He quickly followed up his advantage with gyaku tsuki for the match. Donovan drew with Faghani and last man out, Knighton, had a controversial fight with his opponent, Aryankhou, and although beating his Iranian opponent, with two chudan tsukis, at the end of the match the Iranian team manager, Verasteh, came over and said he disagreed with the score and wanted Knighton and Fitkin to fight again.

In all my years of karate, I have never come up against a situation

like this before; not only did the Iranian manager want an "action replay" but he wanted the scores reversed as he thought his men had won, otherwise he would withdraw his team.

The German referee was so disgusted that he wanted nothing more to do with the match. After some time had elapsed and with 2,500 spectators wondering what was going on, Steve Arneil suggested that for the sake of the sport and as it was only a "friendly", perhaps Stan Knighton would refight his match again—Stan could have refused but like the rest of the English team, thought more of the sport than the scores and went out again against Aryankhou (the referee having been persuaded to come back). At the end of this fight the referee gave the decision to the Iranian (the two English judges had given draws and the two Iranians gave it to their countryman).

Round two, with the score 2-1 to England. Higgins drew with Deylami.

Members of The English Team watch Steve Arneil during a coaching session.



Next man out, Codrington, made short work of his opponent, Etehad, when he scored with a brilliant jodan mawashi geri for Ippon. Fitkin lost to Faghani with gyaku tsuki and toko geri.

Donovan strengthened the lead when he beat Aryankhou with jodan tsuki for waza-ari and chudan gyaku tsuki to win his match. Knighton was beaten by Mochfeh who scored with gyaku tsuki for waza-ari. The final score being England 4 - Iran 3 (although it should have read England 5 - Iran 2, but we won't dwell on that).

The final match was Germany v. Iran, the result of the two rounds being Germany 5 Iran 1.

The total tri-match score was 1st, Germany with 10 wins - 5 losses; 2nd, England with 8 wins - 8 losses; 3rd, Iran with 4 wins - 9 losses.

The English referees for this tournament were P. Rousseau, J. Lowcock and B. Hammond and without trying to be biased, showed

themselves to be far superior than their counterparts both in procedure and fairness. It was noticed that when the English fighters were scored on, the English judges were always the first to indicate a score. The Iranian judges were very inexperienced and were continuously indicating scores when it was obvious that not even a technique had been attempted. On various occasions this lack of knowledge made some contests a farce.

In one particular fight the German judge, although not too sure, indicated a score. The two Iranian judges supported the German although from their position they could not have seen the technique.

The referee knew in his own mind that it was not a score, but he was overruled by three judges and had to give the point. Enough said!

The hospitality given to the teams was first class and the day following the match they were treated to a fantastic tour of West Berlin.



Donovan of England in action against Friedack of Germany.



Higgin scoring on Messmer of Germany.

With about three squad training weekends and as many International matches pending between now and the World Championships in Oct-

ober, Steve Arneil has a virtually impossible task of selecting a Great Britain team from the many potential karateka he can choose from.

DANGER OF EXPLOITATION

Minister of Sport, Denis Howell, speaking at the British Karate Control Commission Press conference in London on May 15th, asked local councils to help stop unauthorised people teaching Karate and Kung Fu. He said that council and educational facilities together with church halls should only be made available to approved groups.

Mr. Howell also suggested the setting up of a British Union of Martial Arts, to act as an umbrella organisation. He felt that there was a danger from unscrupulous people who might wish to exploit these sports.

'Legislation may be necessary, but I hope not. I hope that a British Union of Martial Arts will have sufficient influence and that local authorities will deal only with them' he said.

The conference launched the publication of a new B.K.C.C. guide for local authorities. Walter Winterbottom, Director of the Sports Council said 'Combat Sports like Karate and Kung Fu are exciting, but potentially dangerous activities if they are not properly supervised. The Publication of this new guide is a major step forward and given local authority support will do much to ensure the sound growth of Karate and Kung Fu in Britain'.

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MARTIN LEWIS LOOKS BACK....



These days, everyone is looking back. Maybe because the past always looks better than the present, or nostalgia obliterates the unpleasant, leaving only the better happenings as memories. If you are reading this, you may well ask, "Who is Martin Lewis, and why is he looking back?" Well I am a judoka like thousands of others, one who has been involved not only with "on the mat" activities, but some of the administration behind and sometimes, in front, of the scenes. There are many who have had the privilege of working for the sport and I do not claim a monopoly in any way, but perhaps my own personal recollections might be interesting because they span a particularly significant period in the development of judo.

In around 1960, as a new orange belt at the Budokwai, I was seized, very literally, by a large fierce black belt called "Curly" Bernard, who wanted a doughboy to throw about at the next "Open Day" which was a first-Saturday-in-the-summer-month event at the club. I asked him what he had in mind, and he told me. He caught me at the end of Gilston Road, and dragged me back to the mat! Without rehearsal, and with no script, the next Saturday I appeared, playing to a packed house of my wife and a few friends, a drunk who had fallen out of the "Goat in Boots" across the road, and one or two proud mums and dads. An hour and

25 uchi matas later, I left the mat, and decided that if display judo was for me, I was going to be organising it, and not taking part, and that is where it all began.

Without a centre like Crystal Palace, there was no central venue where any major events could be held in ideal conditions. The Areas of the B.J.A. staged events of various sorts, and for the time, and with the facilities that they had available, they did a very creditable job. Players occasionally got speared on scaffolding holding up the mat area, which in those days, quite often was on a raised platform. You did not need a one-metre-wide red band to tell you you were near the edge, you just looked down into the chasm...

The annual event of any real size was the Budokwai "Black Belt Judo Show" which ran for about 50 years. The Albert Hall in London was usually more than adequately filled with people who did not really know what was going on, and the first item, after "Opening Randori" was something often called "Rules-Points-Signals". As there were no written rules at the time, every year produced a different piece, based on the comments of the most-recently returned-from-Japan dan grade!

The Executive Committee decided that for the England-France International Match in London in 1962, the Albert Hall should be the venue,

and as the then London Area representative, I should involve myself in its organisation. Working with the late John Capes, who was General Secretary at the time, was a great pleasure, and he is one of the too often forgotten men to whom we owe so much. He steered my enthusiasm along well chosen paths, advising me how the various personalities of the sport should be handled, and believe me, some of them needed very careful handling. (Some of them still do...) So, on the night, with all the organisers in dinner suits, the International match was duly held, and with the stars of the day doing their thing, the fair crowd had an enjoyable evening.

However, to me, it was evident that we lacked at that time, any form of pattern to which we could work. There were no sub-committees as we have today, covering the various supporting activities, and officials at events were quite often found on the day of the event itself.

The next major happening for me was the pre-Olympic Trials in early 1964, which were held at the Army P.T. School H.Q. at Aldershot. A two-day event, we had to search for fighters who had completed their bouts to referee. The two famous Japanese instructors who were at that time in England, Hosaka and Watanabe helped considerably, but as every call they uttered on the mat sounded exactly the same, there was some confusion! Supplied with tea from the NAAFI, which to me, tasted as if it had been in the pot since my last visit to Aldershot, in 1945, we managed to keep up the pace. No loudspeakers, and two battery operated loud hailer that did not, we seemed to spend most of the two days screaming at people, but with the enthusiasm of all concerned, we completed a busy weekend without too many problems.

Later in 1964, we acquired accommodation for our National events at the new Crystal Palace Sports Centre,

and for the first time, all the people from various areas got together to organise what was then a very slim calendar. First event was the Olympic Trials, and they were a good opportunity for the organisers to get to know each other, and for us to see the best competitors of the day under one roof, with decent facilities. I met people like Bryan Perrieman, with whom I have worked ever since, who at that time, seemed to be the only one who had any real idea about how pools and things should be done. Alan Menzies, who we sadly no longer see at our events, was another regular organiser. With John Capes and Pam Hogg, who succeeded him as General Secretary, until her own sad death, we managed to put together a format that was to become what is now the Organisational Code for National Events. We were not by any means the only workers. All the Areas had keen and efficient men and women who had worked in their own and other Areas for many years before, and many who still do. Some of them came to the National Events, and many of them have stayed at the front. Many others, however, dropped out of the National scene, to continue Area work which is so vital.

My own personal opinion was that judo events were primarily for the fighters, and not for the gratification of officials. I think that this view was shared by all those who have worked to make the Crystal Palace events the efficient and exciting happenings that they are. However, at the beginning, officials did not get paid, and the organisers had to rely on goodwill to get events going to time. If we wanted referees, we had to call on fighters who were either waiting to fight, or who had finished. There were no other people who competitors would accept as referees, because there no refereeing system, and still no written rules nationally accepted.

Timekeeping and recording was also a great problem. We had no

clocks of any sort, and used borrowed stop watches, until Bryan produced his giant Egg Timers. All the results sheets were ruled the wrong way, it seemed, and there was no overall code of marking. The disparity of ability of referees was appalling, and many contests were won or lost on outrageous decisions. In those days we used to have an umpire, often Charlie Grant. Obviously, he could not be everywhere, and an appeal to him resembled Sunday morning in Petticoat Lane, with at least 50 people shouting at once. Charles Palmer had the best advice to give to all fighters. He used to say, "If you want to win, bury your opponent six inches deep in the mat, then there will be no doubt at all".

In 1967, and to prepare for the staging of the European Junior Championships, I accompanied the British team to the Senior Europeans, held in Rome. This was a great occasion for me, as it was the first time I had travelled with the team (the first of many trips that were to follow). I was exposed to the problems that internationals have to face, without having to do the actual fighting. Believe me, it's a very good way to learn about the real thing, and to see how the stresses build up.

I will now reveal a great secret that I do not think anyone else has ever found out. As assistant to the then Team Manager, John Ryan, which I became during the fighting part of the trip, I was at the mat-side with the First Aid Box. I was watching a fight between one of our men and a large Russian when, following a clash of bodies, one of the fighters was laid out cold. I knew so little of procedures, and so little about our fighters that my first thoughts were to assist the injured, and without waiting, I went on to the mat and gave first aid—to our opponent . . . The Russian doctor stood by in amazement, and then pushed me out of the way. Very red faced, I returned to my seat, getting filthy looks

from our fighter, who was convinced that I was completely mad.

Six days, and three tons of spaghetti later, we returned to England, with a few medals, and for me, experience of how to run a Championship. We staged the Juniors in 1968, and managed a reasonable job, but it nearly made the B.J.A. bankrupt. I think that being able to travel with the British team on so many occasions to other countries has helped me a great deal. To see how government supported sports organisers can really make an event hum just by the addition of money, to provide those little extras, like food and beds for the fighters, etc., etc.

Another big problem was medical assistance. Without any official doctor, and at that time, the St. John Ambulance did not have a unit at the "Palace" we had to take pot luck. There were some doctors who used to come along, and one in particular will be well remembered for his sense of fun. Maldwyn Hopkin-Thomas came up from Wales quite often, and helped us a lot in those days, but he could not resist the opportunity to play the odd practical joke. Very seriously one Saturday morning, he handed out to a carefully chosen group, some little shiny round tablets, saying that he was carrying out a test on some pills. We all asked what they were supposed to do, and he told us all separately and privately a different story. I do not know every story that he told, but he told me that mine were a very powerful aphrodisiac . . . I waited all day for something to happen, and when nothing did, I thought it must be my age. One famous international, a right hander, was told that he could do all his favourite techniques left handed. He went on the mat and tried left harai, and bombed an astonished opponent for ippon. We found out afterwards that the pills were in fact cake decorations . . . Amongst the officials there was Phyllis Elliott, who is a doctor, and very often she would have to leave

a recording table to answer a call for medical help. The worst feature of this lack of medical help was the danger of untrained but well-meaning officials or trainers trying to cope with injuries, and we were very lucky that no problems of a serious nature were made worse by this kind of thing. Older black belts, with some katsu training (Katsu-type of resuscitation method taught at one time to dan grades) would rush on and do funny things to people lying flat out. Very often the urge to escape the treatment got the fighter back on his feet very quickly.

With the passage of time, things began to take on a pattern. Sub-Committees were given the task of running the National events. We had been working together for some years by the time we became a Committee, and it was no problem to formalise our ideas. One of the hardest workers on this Committee was, strangely enough, a non-judo-man. Richard Williams came to the scene first as a recorder/timekeeper/dogsbody, like all the other officials, prepared to do anything to help. He stayed a long time, and only recently due to change of job, has had to retire for the time being. I hope he will find time later on to come back.

Following the growth of our sport, we have been able to decentralise some events, now that we have a written Code. Area Team Championships are again held away from London, and most Areas now have access to new sports centres where the necessary facilities can be provided. We now have 16 National events a year, and can be proud to have acquired the status that our medal winning fighters have brought us.

Have no doubts about it, without the fighters, and the International and Olympic medals, all the officials in the world do not make a sport, and we organisers must never lose sight of this fact. It grieves me to witness the political ravings that we have recently experienced from some

of our top officials. Support of one man's creed against another, one man's system against another, and all influenced by self-seekers, who have completely lost sight of the fact that sport is for the benefit of the fighters, and not to provide a platform on which to cry one's wares.

It is sad that this political blow-up came so soon after the holding of our biggest event ever, the European Senior Championships, in 1974. This was the most exciting period of my own judo career, and I got great delight with the fantastic co-operation that was given to Richard Williams and myself by absolutely everyone. Countless people gave time, travelled long distances, and worked incredibly hard to cope with all the planning and execution. It was not the best Seniors that has been held, but I think the fighters enjoyed it, and we certainly filled the Centre. A good one on which to finish.

So, to conclude. My memories of the last 13 years involved with judo events are all happy ones. Everything now goes to a pattern, and it is time for new faces to get a look in. Joe Ekins and Tony Johnson have replaced Richard and I on the Competitions Sub-Committee and I wish them, and my former colleagues good luck and continued success.

The Head Office led by Tony Reay, now does much of the routine work. Irene, the General Secretary's Assistant, whose surname, for the record, is spelt, HATZINIKOLAOU, attends to this aspect of things, a facility that was lacking in days only recently gone by. This support from Head Office to most activities is something very solid on which to lean.

At the end of the recent British Open. Sue Coxhead, the announcer, said some kind things about me, and one or two people clapped (they obviously misheard, and thought that I was emigrating . . .) I have also had a fan letter. This then, is

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AREA NEWS

ROYAL NAVY

Peter Brown, R.N. Coach

The R.N.J.A. E.C. have already made plans to ensure that all categories of judoka in the Navy and Royal Marines are able to develop successfully in 1975. The second R.N.J.A. Newsletter will shortly be sent to all R.N.J.A. clubs outlining latest developments.

Coaching / Proficiency Courses. Congratulations to the nine members of the current R.M. Physical Training Instructors Course on recently grading and passing the B.J.A.'s "Club Leader" Award. Cpls. Marcantonio, Barker, Green, Paul, Gunning, Cooper, Smith and Fairweather. A modest but sound start. Two of the course are from Belize (British Honduras).

Courses/Championships for 1975. The following courses will be held at The Depot Royal Marines, Deal, Kent.

May 5-14: Advanced Proficiency and Dan Grading (Dan grading planned for May 10 — 1400).

May 14: Inter-Service Championships (Aldershot).

June 22-24: R.M. (Commando-kwai) Championships.

September 8-20: Beginners, Club Coach, B.J.A. Referee, Examiners and Dan Grading. (Dan grading planned for September 20 — 1400). This course includes a match in France.

November 10-14: Intermediate Players and County Coach Preparation Course.

November 19-20: (H.M.S. Sultan, Gosport) Navy Championships (to include match v. Dutch Navy).

Matches. A 10-man (Senior and Junior) triangular match between Southern Area v. Pas De Calais (France) v. Navy, will be held at The Gymnasium, The Depot Royal Marines, Deal, Kent, on Saturday, 31st May at 1430. Spectators are very welcome both to the match and to the discotheque in the evening.

Women. Any frustrated female judoka who feel they are being ignored should join the W.R.N.S. as I am trying to build up a women's team at present. The women train alongside the men on all training sessions and courses.

Karate. A strong karate club exists in The Depot Royal Marines, Deal, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays at 19.00. The instructors are ex-P.T.I. Sgt. Paul Evans and S.P.T.I. Ted Kelland — a turnout of 50-60 strong is normal. The Depot Judo Club meets on a Monday night at 19.00 and is the training ground of novice Junior Marines in the 16-18 age group as well as the senior and female grades. All are welcome.

Distant News. The R.N.J.A. is widely spread with many judo players in unusual places. Sgt. Alf Borg is busy starting a club in Malta and Marine Jimmy Green is starting one in the Falkland Isles — meanwhile Petty Officer Jesse James recently helped to coach in Mosjon, Norway. Big trees from little acorns grow . . .

Obviously none of our news is going to shake the foundations of British judo — but we are out to ensure that all Navy players **enjoy** their judo — and that we double our numbers in 1975.

NORTH-WEST

Peter Holme, P.R.O.

The North-West Area Junior Championships were the main competition this month with over 180 boys taking part. The system of knockout and repechage was used to decide the winners and the day

produced some really good contests particularly in the finals.

Results:

Under 30 kilos. Gold: N. Eckersly, Walkden; Silver: P. Blood, S.K.K.; Bronze: P. Chaplin, Irlam J.C. and A. J. Hodgkiss, Otanikwai.

Under 35 kilos. Gold: S. Raven-croft, Irlam J.C.; Silver: A. Farri-mond, Saints J.C.; Bronze: G. Courtney, A.J. Leigh and K. Green, S.K.K.

Under 40 kilos. Gold: D. Hughes, Waterloo; Silver: B. McHale, S.K.K.; Bronze: A. Petho, Leyland Motors and M. Fessey, Waterloo.

Under 45 kilos. Gold: G. Mang-nall, Saints J.C.; Silver: S. Hough, Bolton J.C.; Bronze: C. Davis, A.J. Leigh and T. Lawrence, S.K.K.

Under 50 kilos. Gold: D. Arm-strong, Walkden J.C.; Silver: S. Giles, Droylesden J.C.; Bronze: G. Williams, Y.M.C.A. Liverpool and M. Molloy, Cherry Leaf J.C.

Under 55 kilos. Gold: K. Harrison, Droylesden; Silver: P. Connor, Waterloo; Bronze: A. Carlisle, Swin-ton and G. Wilkinson, Droylesden.

Under 60 kilos. Gold: J. Rickard, Walkden J.C.; Silver: S. Pullman, A.J. Leigh; Bronze: G. Simms, Droy-lesden and D. Owen, Waterloo.

Over 60 kilos. Gold: G. Roberts, Saints J.C.; Silver: C. Howard, Waterloo; Bronze: G. Dolton, Otanikwai and M. Jacobson, Waterloo.

The Area A.G.M. on March 23rd saw 31 people, representing clubs from all over the Area, attending and discussing various topics from increase in Area Newsletter subscrip-tions to trying to sort out junior grading problems. The committee, with two exceptions, were re-elected en bloc. The two exceptions being John Dorning as sub area rep for Wigan, Warrington, Irlam and Lym and our social organiser is now Frank Fairclough.

A new idea was introduced by our Chairman, Arthur Tomkinson,

and that was the awarding of medals for service to judo and the Area in particular. Divided into three groups, the first, which Arthur called "The Meritous Service Medal", was for those people who did not necessarily sit on committees but who, when looked for, could be found doing something useful and constructive for the Area. This award he made to Charlie Williams of the Cherry Leaf Judo Club, "Pedro" Amoro of the Red Triangle J.C., Norman Bennett of Warrington J.C. and Dennis Wrightwebb of Furness J.C.

The second award, "The Disting-ished Service Medal", was for those who had served on the Area Committee for a number of years and could also be found frequently at National Events. This he awarded to Dave Peppi of Bramhall J.C., Ann Atkinson of Wallasey J.C., Aidrianne Coy of Deva Judokwai and Harry Wakelin of Sealand J.C.

The "Distinguished Service Order", which Arthur said was the highest award to be given was for excep-tional service to our sport at all levels and over a long period of time. This he awarded to Denis Murdey of Lym and Derek Stephenson of Bury. Before Arthur could sit down, Derek stood up and presented him with a Distinguished Service Order, a unanimous decision made by the committee and one with which everybody at the A.G.M. agreed.

MIDLANDS AREA

F. J. Smith

The Senior Mens Kyu Grade, Under 21's and over 35's Champion-ships were held on Sunday, 27th April at the Harry Mitchell Recrea-tion Centre and attracted 119 com-petitors for five events. The medal table was headed by the Kodokwai with a silver and three bronze with Kettering second with one gold and two bronze. Shrewsbury J.C. won two gold and the Jukuren two silver.

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Individual medal winners were as follows:

1st Kyu and under

Gold: D. Harris, Erdington.
Silver: R. Alltoft, Shin Wa Kwai.
Bronze: M. Gannon, Kettering.
J. Darlington, Michelin.

5th Kyu and under

Gold: W. Ingram, Shrewsbury.
Silver: B. Moreton, Kodokwai.
Bronze: K. Blower, Kodokwai.
M. Warrington, Kodokwai.

7th Kyu and under

Gold: B. Leese, Michelin.
Silver: A. Worrell, B.A.I.
Bronze: P. Dobbinson, Kodokwai.
P. Mathew, Edgbaston.

Under 21 years Open Grade

Gold: S. Travis, Kettering.
Silver: H. Gilbert, Jukuren.
Bronze: N. Adams, Coventry.
C. Douglas, Kettering.

Over 35's Open Grade

Gold: G. Ashton, Shrewsbury.
Silver: A. Dabbs, Jukuren.
Bronze: F. Smith, Lewis's.
G. Lyons, Rendokan.

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where I can say thank you to all those who have helped me, who have co-operated with my sometimes abrupt requests to do this or that, and most of all, to the many, many competitors who have provided the

combat with which I was very happy and proud to have been associated. Good luck to you all. It only now remains for me to learn the Rules so that I can continue to attend events as a referee!

DUTCH WOMEN'S JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS — Continued from page 14

The medal table from all six countries participating was as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Great Britain	4	2	6	12
Holland	3	3	3	9
Belgium	0	1	0	1
West Germany	0	0	1	1
France	0	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	1	1

It was a very happy and successful British party that boarded the ferry

at Ostende on the return journey, little realising what a nasty, rough crossing it was going to be. Sea-sickness soon brought us all down to earth. . . (and up to the sky again, and down, and up . . .), and all our thanks must go to our doctor, Phyllis Elliott, who proved to be just as good for curing sickness as for all the other ailments that she had attended to throughout the weekend.

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