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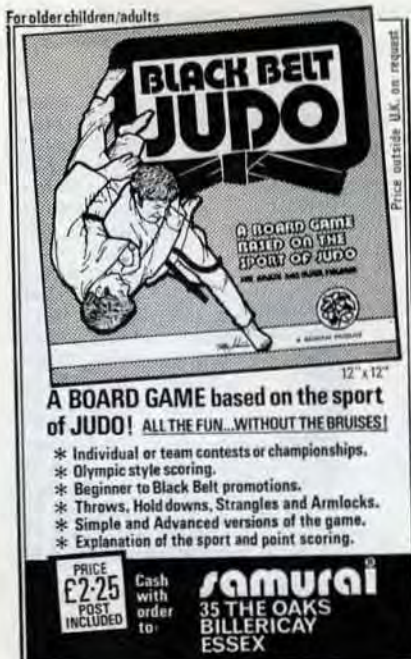
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# 1977 BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN

Strikes, go-slows, demonstrations and rail failures could not deter 174 judo fighters of the United Kingdom and 61 from overseas from taking part in these championships and making them a most memorable and successful event. More than 60 others, despite some incredible examples of initiative and fortitude, failed to make the early booking-in and weighing-in which is a 'must' in order to qualify.

The competition organisers did everything possible but due to the new rules which were bound to extend the contest times, they just had to prepare the pool sheets and get the event going in order to finish in reasonable time. In getting to the venue there were many annoying incidents that day and there were countless stories of frustration, but perhaps the accolade goes to British Rail for at first denying that there had been a points failure and then hours later having to admit to it. It seems that rail officials were not aware of what was going on in their own back yard.

Needless to say, the 235 competitors who stepped out onto the contest mats that day did not constitute a record entry but the event drew what must have been a record crowd for a British Open. The seating was almost full throughout the day and up to the finals.

Report by  
**TONY REAY**  
Photographs by  
**DAVID FINCH**

There was much good judo and many competitors helped to solve the schedule problems by either winning — or losing — well inside the distance. This resulted in an unusually high tally of ippons.

Commencing at 9.30 a.m., an hour earlier than in previous 'Opens', British competitors joined in battle with entrants from Sweden, Norway, Belgium, France, Canada, Denmark, Malta and Switzerland.

In his customary short and very much to the point opening speech, Charles Palmer O.B.E., Chairman of the British Judo Association, President of the International Judo Federation, Secretary of A.G.F.I. and now Deputy Chairman of the British Olympic Association, introduced for the first time in public the Association's recently appointed full-time Team Managers; David Starbrook M.B.E. and Tony Macconell, and also the new part-time Development Officer Keith Remfry. These introductions were met with tumultuous and long applause which left no doubt as to the popularity of these appointments. Following these introductions Mr. Palmer thoughtfully noted that the fourth member of British "greats" of the last decade was still competing and described him as the "... evergreen Brian Jacks". Brian stepped out of the ranks of competitors paraded for the finals to bow and wave to another great thunderous applause from the audience.

And so amidst this friendly and sporting atmosphere the stage was set for some interesting contests in the finals. There was that unmistake-

able hum of excitement around the arena as we all anticipated some lively action which just had to follow on from such a good day of judo.

As one of his duties as the new Development Officer Keith Remfry was the announcer for the evening. His clear and intelligent approach has already enhanced the image of judo on television and radio and now he will be a great asset at our national events. Not many sports can boast a well-schooled commentator with good presentation who is also an ex-international — but what other sport can boast an Olympic silver medallist doing such a job?

The Under 60 kgs category between Keith Cannaby and Andy Hough was tense and active with very little to show between them. If anything Andy revealed that he was the least experienced by his pointless habit of releasing one of his grips when attacking. Experienced old

hands at the game were amazed when at one point, without any indication to the referee and still locked in battle — he bent down to examine one of his feet. At that point, Keith ever the opportunist, swept in for an ashiwaza which had Andy tottering precariously for just a moment.

At half-way the smaller and younger Hough seemed to possess more energy but there was still very little difference to show. With three minutes to go Cannaby made a most impressive tomoenage attack but which was ruled "out" by the line judge. With just one and a half minutes to go the first score came by way of a penalty (chui) to Hough for pushing Cannaby out of the contest area. Cannaby used to have trouble keeping down to below 63 kgs under the old weight categories and his gaunt frame certainly showed it but getting down to below 60 kgs for this event must have been sheer murder for him. Just when we were beginning to think that the dieting and training was beginning to take its effect and after the referee had called for more action from him, Keith pulled off a kneeling seoinage which earned him a well-deserved koka. Such was the score when soremade was called at "time".

And so Keith Cannaby, after many battles over the years at these championships, sometimes getting into the medals, at last won the coveted prize of all national prizes — a British Open gold medal and the first of the super-lightweight titles.

Guest of honour at these championships was Andre Ertel, President of the European Judo Union. It was good to see him once again at a British event and both he and Charles Palmer presented the medals throughout the evening ably assisted by Caroline Dalziel a member of the Young Women's Squad.



Left: Neil Adams who won his first British Open in the under 71 kgs category.



The Under 65 kgs final was another all British final with Ray Neenan, last year's lightweight champion having now moved up to the new weight, and Seth Birch. Ray clearly dominated this contest in the last minute looking much the fitter and livelier of the two. Daniel Hardy of Canada, lightweight British Open Champion in 1975 and a bronze medallist last year, was again runner-up this year. Both he and fellow Canadian B. Farrow won the bronze medals.

The final between Neil Adams and R. Nilsson of Sweden in the Under 71 kgs was a real cracker with Nilsson opening with the attacks but Neil scoring within the first half-minute. Neil's taiotoshi attacks were really something to see for speed and pure skill. He attacked relentlessly with taiotoshi and kouchigari. The Swedish fighter responded with great spirit and courage which produced a really exciting action-packed contest. During this great battle Nilsson was

penalised with a chui for stepping out which displeased the crowd who booed the referee for his intervention. Fortunately this intervention did not affect the pace of the contest for too long and they were both soon in top gear. In a desperate effort to extricate himself from Neil's kouchigari, Nilsson conceded a koka and from then on Neil opened up the crack in the gallant Swede's armour. With just a minute to go he scored a yuko from a superb seoiotoshi and I could not help thinking that the referees these days seem to be getting tighter and tighter on the scores. This was indeed a glorious final with a well-deserved win for Adams who went through the day faultlessly and looking in the peak of condition.

Yet another all-British final was the Under 78 kgs with the Olympic stalwarts and club-mates Brian Jacks and Vass Morrison. Just when "hajime" was about to be called Brian drew the referee's attention to some mats which had been forced

Brian Jacks throws J. Redmond for ippon with uchimata.



Above Left: Arthur Mapp of the Army throws Martin Clark of the South for ippon from uranage. Mapp eventually won the bronze Medal.

Right: A tired Brian Jacks congratulates Vass Morrison on his win in the under 78 kgs category.

apart in the previous great battle. Immediately this brought derisive response from a section of the audience — for just as with Muhammad Ali — Brian has always attracted an army of followers and of course others who just seem to be waiting for his downfall. Little were they to realise that very soon they were about to see that unbelievable possibility.

With a great shout from both contestants symbolic of all those who have trained and suffered in Japanese university dojos, the fight was on with Jacks going immediately for grips and Vass circling around

warily determined not to be rushed. Soon came the action. With all eyes riveted to the centre mat Vass slipped in low and deep with a seoinage and Brian, seemingly contemptuous of the effort hopped around the wrong way only to be caught and lifted into the air. The referee had no hesitation in calling "yuko" and at that moment the stadium erupted with mixed roars of disbelief and cheers. Brian's contests are never boring and this one was certainly no exception, stung into greater effort he proceeded to work on every trick in the book but the big surprise was Vass himself. Undaunted by the



pressure he came back at Brian time and time again. So often in the past we have seen Vass crumble under such pressure, but not this time. He took it all and fought back almost causing yet another sensation.

Again and again Vass surprised Brian with the unusual and the unexpected. It was as much as Brian could do to twist out of a menacing katagaruma. Sections of the audience were screaming to Vass urging him on, even the Jacks supporters had to admire the tenacity and spirit. Brian tried desperately to get Vass into the ground having attempted every ploy up top but Vass wasn't having any of it, he knew he was better off. His experience is also considerable and he avoided every trap. At one point Brian seemed to be partially successful with a seoinage which brought a great roar from his followers but no score was given. The last minute of this epic contest saw Brian desperately searching for a way to even the score but Vass was determined to hold on to his lead. At one stage

with just half a minute to go it looked as if Brian was once again going to pull off one of his famous and sensational wins when he seemed all set to apply jujigatame, but Vass even foiled that attempt. Urging Vass to come back into the centre of the contest area and fight Brian was met with equal bombast, "You get back into the middle first" Vass seemed to be gesturing turning on Brian one of his own contest tactics every second being an advantage to him. Not that he looked as if he was flagging in any way as we have seen him do in the dying seconds of some of his contests. No doubt the pace was telling for both of them. What a great finish as the last seconds slipped away the crowd roaring as the battle raged. A truly great contest with Vass throwing his arms up in victory as the Klaxon went for "time". Brian — proving the great sportman that he is — caught Vass in a clinch and shook his hand congratulating him on winning the title.



Keith Cannaby wins the under 60kgs title with Andy Hough as runner up and J. Nixon bronze with J. Skoland of Sweden.



Charles Palmer shares a joke with Andre Ertel, President of the E.J.U.

The Under 86 kgs final was an anti-climax following the two previous finals. There was very little between Strom of Sweden and Limerick of Scotland. At half way Tommy secured what seemed to be a very good hold but Strom, extremely fit as were all the Swedish fighters, broke the hold at fifteen seconds. Another groundwork sequence followed and Tommy was turned again with Strom securing a very powerful yokoshihogatame to score a well-deserved ippon.

The Under 95kgs final was a good contest. Two and a half minutes into the contest Paul Radburn was lifted into the air by Van De Walle of Belgium but he could not turn the action into a throw, however he stumbled Paul sufficiently to earn himself a koka. At four minutes the Belgian had to receive treatment for a rib injury. On resumption of play Radburn attacked non-stop but Van De Walle was able to chalk up another koka when he countered one of Paul's attacks. Paul nevertheless came back again and again with attacks and was again countered with

a de-ashiharai for another koka. With one minute and forty seconds to go Van De Walle pulled off a very fine hidari haraimakikomi which took Paul out into the safety area. There were many who felt that this throw warranted at least a waza-ari but a yuko was called. With just thirty seconds left on the clock the Belgian was penalised with a chui which resulted in a flurry of action in the dying seconds, but Paul, despite his constant attacks and relentless pursuit — just could not come from behind against a very good and experienced adversary.

The Over 95 kgs final between B. Drew and I. Thomson did not produce the interest and excitement of the other finals. Certainly with what we have seen in the other weights the future of British judo looks hopeful already when we are beginning to rebuild an almost new Olympic squad. If there is any other talent around that we have not seen at the Senior Trials or at these recent championships, the two team managers, Dave Starbrook and Tony Macconnell will want to hear about them. Once



again as was the case some full ten years ago, good heavyweights are very few and far between. Big men are attracted to judo in other countries but suprisingly they do not seem to take to judo here.

During the presentation Dave Starbrook received the Vic Terry Personality of the Year Trophy for the year 1976. At their first meeting of the following year the Executive Committee decides who warrants this award and the presentation was made amid loud and spontaneous applause.

### 1977 British Open Medal Results

#### Under 60 kgs

1. K. Cannaby, 3rd Dan  
Midlands
2. A. Hough, 1st Dan  
North-West
3. J. Nixon, 1st Dan  
Yorkshire and Humberside
- J. Skolund, 1st Kyu  
Sweden

#### Under 65 kgs

1. R. Neenan, 3rd Dan  
South
2. S. Birch, 2nd Dan  
Yorkshire and Humberside
3. D. Hardy, 2nd Dan  
Canada
- B. Farrow, 2nd Dan  
Canada

#### Under 71 kgs

1. N. Adams, 2nd Dan  
London
2. R. Nilsson, 2nd Dan  
Sweden

3. A. Cyr, 2nd Dan  
Canada
- A. Henderson, 2nd Dan  
Ireland

#### Under 78 kgs

1. V. Morrison, 3rd Dan  
London
2. B. Jacks, 5th Dan  
South
3. D. Nicolas, 1st Dan  
Belgium
- T. Tegelgard, 3rd Dan  
Sweden

#### Under 86 kgs

1. B. Strom, 3rd Dan  
Sweden
2. T. Limerick, 2nd Dan  
Scotland
3. L. Jani, 1st Dan  
Canada
- R. Diebelius, 3rd Dan  
London

#### Under 95 kgs

1. R. Van De Walle, 3rd Dan  
Belgium
2. P. Radburn, 3rd Dan  
London
3. G. Waters, 3rd Dan  
South
- R. Van Petegen, 1st Dan  
Belgium

#### Over 95 kgs

1. B. Drew, 3rd Dan  
Midlands
2. I. Thomson, 2nd Dan  
Midlands
3. A. Mapp, 2nd Dan  
Army
- K. Robinson, 3rd Dan  
North

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## 1977 INTERNATIONAL DUTCH WOMEN'S OPEN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Marie Fourt, Senior Women's Team Manager

Twenty top women competitors accompanied the official British Judo Association's Team of 7 players and 2 officials to the recent International Dutch Women's Open Judo Championships in Kerkrade, Holland, over the weekend of 2/3 April. The party travelled overland by coach, leaving London on Thursday morning 31st March and arriving in Kerkrade at 9.30 p.m. that night.

The entry for the event totalled 154 players from 7 countries, the largest entry that Holland have had so far for this, their fourth 'Open'. Six mat areas were used which made the whole event a bit hectic as at most times we had British girls on every mat.

The Under 48 kilogram class was an all-British affair, with Jane Bridge beating Carol Brooks to the Gold Medal.

Ann Hughes kept the British flag flying in the Under 52 kilograms class, though unfortunately most of her contests were against British players, but, undeterred Ann carried on to win a Bronze Medal.

Our next finalist in the Under 56 kilogram class was Nicole Coleman whose opponent was the very experienced Meulemans from Belgium. This did not bother Nicole too much as she had already eliminated the European Bronze medalist, Trucios from France in the previous contest. Meulemans experience proved to be something of a nuisance though Nicole certainly had her staggering a few times, and the Belgian went on to win the Gold with Nicole winning the Silver Medal.

Great Britain, in the person of Sue Evans, was fighting in the next Final; the Under 61 kilogram class, against

Thomas the European Open class Silver medallist from Holland. Sue put up a very brave fight against such a marvellous opponent, but eventually lost the contest which gave us another Silver Medal.

The next Final featured Maureen Bennett against Mil from Belgium, the European Bronze medallist. This was Maureen's first International though you wouldn't have thought so to see the way she made Mil work all the way through to the Gold Medal. Maureen earned herself a well-deserved Silver Medal.

The Under 72 kilogram Final was between Heather Ford and Vermeer from Holland. This was a very even contest between these two players and it was only in the seventh minute of this eight minute contest that Vermeer did any thing decisive which gave her the Gold and Heather the Silver Medal. Geraldine Harmon took the Bronze Medal in this weight, having earlier come up against Heather Ford.

The last weight group, The Over 72 kilogram class, was also an all-British affair between Ellen Cobb and Moira Howard. Ellen's greater experience told and she won the Gold, with Moira, in this her first International, winning the Silver Medal.

Medal winners were:-

UNDER 48 KILOGRAMS

Gold: Jane Bridge.

Silver: Carol Brooks.

UNDER 52 KILOGRAMS

Bronze: Ann Hughes

UNDER 56 KILOGRAMS

Silver: Nicole Coleman

UNDER 61 KILOGRAMS

Silver: Sue Evans

UNDER 66 KILOGRAMS

Silver: Maureen Bennett



#### UNDER 72 KILOGRAMS

Silver: Heather Ford.  
Bronze: Geraldine Harmon.

#### OVER 72 KILOGRAMS

Gold: Ellen Cobb,  
Silver: Moira Howard.

After a celebration meal on the Saturday night, straight after the event which didn't finish until

10.30 p.m. everybody eventually got to bed as we had an early start on the Sunday morning for home.

My thanks to Kodak Ltd for allowing us to buy cine film at cost price so that Elizabeth Viney could film certain contests in this Championships, and to Dynamo for providing us with a substantial amount of their products.

Medal Table	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	POSITION
Great Britain	2	6	2	10	1st
Holland	2	1	6	9	2nd
Belgium	2	0	2	4	3rd
West Germany	1	0	2	3	4th
France	0	0	1	1	5th
Sweden	0	0	1	1	5th
Turkey	0	0	0	0	6th

Note: The Dutch had 67 players competing against our 27.

## A Personal View

ALAN T. FRANCIS

Three separate and unrelated events recently caused me to look out a photograph taken in the early 1950's.

1. The letter in April/May "Judo" in which Mr. M. E. Carey of B.J.C. had described that he had decided to "go B.J.A."
2. The recently reported death of Mr. Otani.
3. Last Saturday, 14th May, was "founder's day" party at London Judo Society.

What, you may well ask, is the thread bringing these events together? In 1947 George Chew and Eric Dominy founded the South London Judo Society near Vauxhall Bridge. The word "South" was later dropped as the club grew in Stature.

Much progress was made in the early days and all profit was immediately ploughed back into new mats, showers, facilities, etc., and London Judo Society was a founder member of The British Judo Association. One important facet was missing at L.J.S. —high grade instruction for senior members. As a result of correspondence Mr. Kenshiro Abbe came to teach. His references were impeccable — senior 7th Dan, Japan, Universities champion, youngest ever 5th Dan, adviser to Japan television on Judo and so on. We met him at London Airport, and following a lunch at which the picture was taken he made his first appearance on the L.J.S. tatami. His brilliant Judo will be remembered.



Left to Right: Dominy, Chew, Abbe, Otani, Francis, Tori on the day of Mr. Abbe's arrival.

As time went by matters did not materialise as expected and Kenshiro Abbe moved into the club to reside bringing a host of tropical birds which flew about the dojo during randori and George Chew and Eric Dominy had little alternative but to call "enough".

What followed is now history but The British Judo Council was formed by Mr. Abbe and Mr. Otani and the L.J.S. remained loyal to B.J.A.

This story is recalled because it occurred to me that many present judoka were not born when all this took place. The British Judo Association has come a long way since the early 1950's and long may it continue to prosper.

**Karate.** The Scottish Karate Board is to be congratulated on an excellent course for European referees and judges held during 4th-9th April.

Congratulations to Brian Docherty on passing as a referee.

The organisers used Meadowbank and the final night produced an ex-

citing win for England in a match against Scotland. This was the first time an English team had won north of the border.

One sadly reflects that only one Englishman attended the course — we badly need more referees and judges so one hopes this will be put right in 1978, though at a price, for Scotland is far nearer than Europe and far cheaper! International travel for courses is becoming very expensive yet Germany sent 10 and Italy and Spain six each to Edinburgh.

#### Martial Arts Commission

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre was the scene of much success on Saturday, 23rd, April, when all seating and standing room was sold out for the Jubilee Appeal Display at which Japanese, Chinese and Korean Arts were demonstrated.

Mr. Arthur Rees, Chairman of the Queen's Jubilee Appeal (Sport) presented Jubilee medals and a most welcome guest was The Rt. Hon. Denis Howell, Minister for Sport.



Congratulations are due to David Mitchell who organised and staged the whole event in just eight weeks. Thanks are due to all who demonstrated: it would be true to say the large audience had a good pounds-worth in value.

The European Championships are to be held late in May and as "Judo" goes to press. We will report on the fortunes of England, Scotland and Wales hopefully in the next issue of "Judo".

#### BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SUMMER SCHOOL, 1977 Loughborough University, Sunday, September 11th-17th

This will be a week of instruction, practice and friendly competition for men and women of any grade designed especially to cater for student judo.

A number of instructors will be present offering a wide selection of techniques and styles. These will include the following:—

<b>Dave Starbrook, M.B.E. (5th Dan)</b>	Twice Olympic Medallist British Team Manager
<b>Tony MacConnel (5th Dan)</b>	British Team Manager Former Swedish Team Manager
<b>Tony Sweeney (5th Dan)</b>	National Coach International Referee
<b>Richard Barraclough (4th Dan)</b>	National Coach B.U.J.A. Team Manager

The range of university sports facilities that is available to those attending includes the swimming pool, athletics track and weight training. Video tape equipment will be used to assist members in the analysis of their techniques and fitness tests can be provided. Any interest in the medical aspects of judo can also be catered for by Dr. Phyllis Elliot who will be at the course.

Accommodation consists of single rooms and, in addition to a very large breakfast, a three course lunch and a three course dinner will be served each day.

The cost of this course, to include all instruction, use of sports facilities, accommodation and food will be £40.00. Due to the low cost it is anticipated a large number of applicants will make early booking advisable.

Please include the following information when applying:—

Name: ..... Grade: .....

Address: .....

Univ./Coll./Poly:— .....

I enclose deposit of £10.00 cheque/P.O. (Payable to B.U.J.A.) Summer School, together with a deposit should be sent to:— B.U.J.A., 17 Moore Park Road, London, S.W.6.

## CLUB FORUM

**HARLOW JUDO CLUB:** *From Cliff Baker-Brown:*— The next Promotion Examination at the Club will be on Sunday, 12th June, for Men and Women. No Theory. Venue: Harlow Sports Centre, Harlow, Essex. Please sign in as follows:— Men & Women: Novice, 9th Kyu, 8th kyu, 7th kyu — 10.00 a.m.: 6th kyu, 5th kyu — 11.00 a.m.: 4th kyu, 3rd kyu, 2nd kyu — 12.00 noon: 1st kyu — 2.00 p.m.: 1st Dan — 2.30 p.m.: 2nd Dan — 3.00 p.m.

Ladies, the Harlow Promotion Examinations are always well attended by girls of Kyu grade up to 3rd and 2nd Kyu, but 1st Kyus and above are scarce, so please try and get together. Examiners are Cliff Baker-Brown, 4th Dan, and Terry Adams, 3rd Dan, working in conjunction with Roy Inman and the N.H.C. plan of Promotion Examinations for 1977.

**BRACKNELL JUDO CLUB:**—The Club operates at the Bracknell Sports Centre which has enough facilities to make a family day's outing worthwhile. These include two 25 metre swimming pools plus a toddlers pool, Weight training room, running track, sauna bath, squash courts and a comfortable bar. It must be noted however that certain of these facilities are heavily booked at weekends.

Bracknell is within easy reach of London and is easily accessible from the M4 and M3 motorways. Tourist attractions within easy reach include Windsor Safari Park, Windsor Castle and the river Thames, Hampton Court, Virginia Water, etc.

Caravanners can be accommodated in the Sports Centre grounds if sufficient notice is given (a few days). Anyone interested in this should telephone Don Werner on Bracknell 20730. You could travel down

Saturday, use the swimming pool, take in a show in town Saturday evening, practise Sunday morning, do the Safari Park in the afternoon and travel home Sunday evening.

Mass training sessions are held on the first Sunday in every month. These sessions take the form of continuous change randori and to date over 60 clubs have had members visit us. Our visitors have frequently included national squad members. All are welcome. Times of the sessions:— Juniors 9.30-11.15 a.m. Seniors 11.15 a.m.-1.00 p.m.—Dojo fees are Juniors 20p, Seniors 30p.

**TOYAKWAI JUDO CLUB:** *From Allen Smith:*— There will be a promotion examination at the Club on Tuesday, 7th June, starting at 7.45 p.m.

The examination will be for competitors trying for promotion to a maximum grade of 1st Kyu.

We have just had laid a new 1,100 sq. ft. area, and would welcome players of any grade, both men and women, to our sessions on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., and Thursday, at 7.45 p.m. Our address is: Eton Mission Hall, Eastway, Hackney Wick, London, E.9.

**THE YOUTH JUDO CENTRE (Dulwich and Streatham):**—*From Bob Ash:*— Congratulations to our co-instructor, Steve Andrews, who gained more than the necessary points required for his 1st Dan, at the British Men's Open Championships at Crystal Palace in April. Two weeks later, Steve won a bronze medal at the Southern Area Championships and is now a member of their under-21 squad.

With the coming of the summer, we are looking forward to our own championships next month, and our Summer School in the long school



holidays, which we hope will be attractive to juniors in the London area. We have also been invited to give a display at a boarding school near Forest Hill, and are anticipating running classes there in the near future.

**JUDO SUMMER SCHOOL:** We are holding two 5-day courses for boys and girls 6-16 years old. Course 1: Monday, 25th July-Friday, 29th July; beginning up to 3rd Mon.

Course 2: Monday, 1st August-Friday, 5th August; intermediate and advanced players. Times for both courses are 10.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

Activities will include running, speed and endurance training, contest work and spacial awareness training using a crashmat. The course fee is £8, which should be sent, with details of age, grade and a stamped s.a.e. to Dulwich Judo Club, Bessemer Grange School, Dylways, North Dulwich, London, S.E.5. Book early as numbers are limited.

**CROYDON JUDO CLUB:** From John Bushnell:— On Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, the 24th of April along with Surrey Organiser Alan Rickard, we played host to the Surrey Girls and Boys Trials and with the help of Heath Clark School, Waddon, we had 4 mat areas running throughout both days. The School was an ideal venue as it was quite easy to get to and provided us with plenty of room for the event. The atmosphere throughout both days was great and it was most gratifying to have top Referees — Gordon Mortimer and Joe Rowe present. The Competitions were controlled by Alan Rickard, Jean McNaughton and John Bushnell and along with the help of many volunteers on the tables, they all went very smoothly. May we take this opportunity of thanking all the Table Officials and Referees who gave up their weekend to attend, and also to thank Mrs. Pat Parker for keeping the Officials fed and watered so magnificently.

On Saturday the Girls event drew 80 Competitors and saw Tora Kai take a good slice of the Medals. Well done, Adrian, on the achievement of your girls. The Girls Medal table reads as follows:—

Girls	Gold	Slv.	Br.
Tora Kai	3	1	3
Guildford	2	—	1
Minami Cho Machi	2	—	1
Croydon	1	2	2
LJS	1	—	1
Chertsey	—	1	3
Crystal Palace	—	1	2
Tokei	—	1	1
Mon Kwai	—	1	—
Ind	—	1	—
Heath Clark	—	—	2

On Sunday, 159 Boys took part and saw Tokei narrowly beating Tora Kwai by one Gold Medal to take 1st place in the medal table. The whole day saw some good Judo taking place in a super atmosphere and the placings went as follows:—

Boys	Gold	Slv.	Br.
Tokei	4	2	2
Tora Kai	3	2	2
Earnest Beven	2	1	—
Mon Kwai	1	—	1
Guildford	—	2	2
Crystal Palace	—	2	—
Heath Clark	—	1	2
Croydon	—	—	3
LJS	—	—	2
Chertsey	—	—	2
Minami Cho Machi	—	—	1
Individual	—	—	1

The Finals took place at the end of both days in a type of mini-Crystal Palace—with all the medalists marching into the main arena to the tunes of a military march followed by a short speech by Heath Clark Headmaster, Mr. Fulford, who summed up the events by saying "I am proud that Heath Clark School has been associated with an important event in the B.J.A. Junior calendar and it is most gratifying to see so many players and spectators thoroughly enjoying themselves in their chosen sport".

On May 1st in the Southern Area Championships at Basingstoke, five

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## THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter Supplement

## AS I WAS SAYING . . . . .

By TONY REAY

Congratulations to the new British Open Champions of 1977. They, the runners up, and indeed all who took part in the British Open Championships for Men gave us a good day's entertainment and a fair sized crowd came along to support them. A report and medal results appears elsewhere in this magazine.

### ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

I was unable to travel up to Kirby for this year's National Team Championships for Men which was held on the 26th March at Kirby Sports Centre but I have heard many good accounts. I'm told there was some very good judo throughout the day and certainly it seems that there is a heartening upward trend in the standard of judo with both the men and the women when we consider the national events over the last six months or so.

Both London and the South produced star-studded teams and it was inevitable I suppose that they should meet in the finals. The result was a 4-2 win for the South who must have

had a psychological advantage having already beaten London in a cliff-hanger of a match in the earlier rounds by 4 wins to 3. London were determined to make a strong bid this year to wrest away the title from the South, but to no avail. "The chances are we will win it . . ." reads the London Area News but which goes on to state that "... remembering that anything can happen in judo we will await the results". Brian Jacks must have been a tremendous influence to the South and it is great to see him still turning out for the home crowds, I'm sure everyone will agree except possibly Bob Diebelius.

Northern Home Counties and Scotland shared in the bronze medal honours and the line up of the medal winning teams was as follows: **South** — Bob Bradley of Margate; Glen Waters of Crawley; Brian Jacks of Orpington; Paul Brown of Horley; Chris Bowles of Tonbridge; Ray Neenan of Streatham and Mark Rooms of Orpington. **London** — Grafton Whyte of Lambeth; Paul



Radburn of Wanstead; Bob Diebelius of Newham; Vass Morrison of Tooting; Neil Adams of Hammer-smith; Tom Wynter of Stratford and Jeff Wagland of Collingdale. **Northern Home Counties** — Albert Johnson of Romford; Alex Ives of Bracknell; Jim Newlands of Isleworth; Mark Fricker of Crowthorne; Kirk Isichei of Brent; Lloyd Mentor of Wembley and Brian Korrison of North Harrow. **Scotland** — Hugh McGuinness of Blantyre; Tom Lime-rick of Blantyre; Douglas Borthwick of Edinburgh; Michael McLaughlin of Calderbank; Hugh Syme of Ham-ilton; Hugh McAree of Glasgow and Willie Buchanan of Glasgow.

Since 1956 when the National Team Championships were first held (under the title of Inter-Area Team Championships in the earlier years), London have won the title seven times (the last time in 1970), Mid-lands, the South and Scotland four times each and Wales, Northern Home Counties and the North-East once each.

The new Team Managers, ever watchful and anxious not to miss any possible potential, were very impres-sed with Alan Kilvert of the Midlands at this competition and as a result of their recommendation Alan has been co-opted onto the national squad.

#### TEAM MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

The two team managers have launched themselves into their work with enthusiasm and tell me that they are doing a lot of travelling around the clubs betwixt their national commitments. If your club is interested in a visit from one or both of these gentlemen, write to Head Office asking the General Secretary for details.

Squad training has been stepped up and there has been plenty of activity in the last two months, the programme is designed to get tougher still and every squad mem-ber no matter which squad will be

needing every encouragement from friends, family and employers. The new system of weekend squad train-ing whereby squads train non-stop Friday evenings and all day Saturday is proving much better and popular. This allows the team managers to take advantage of the weekend accommodation bookings by bring-ing special Sunday training for 'possibles' and 'probables'. It has also given them an opportunity to try out one of their pet schemes designed to encourage schoolboys. The first such session was held at Crystal Palace N.S.C. on the 1st May. All Areas were invited to send 10 schoolboys each and accommo-dation was arranged at both the centre and at the London Judo Society. Unfortunately the response by the Areas on this initial venture was very poor. Only 40 boys atten-ded when it was hoped that 100 plus would be able to take advantage of this scheme. There were nine each from North-West and Midlands, seven from the West, five from the South and ten from the Northern Home Counties. However, undaun-ted — the team managers have pre-pared for another such session to take place during the next squad weekend on the 28th and the 29th May. Areas have been sent the de-tails so let's hope they push this one for if they don't they can never again complain that nothing is being done at national level to help the Areas develop their aspiring young fighters.

During an Espoir squad session on the 23rd April the training weekend was highlighted by a competition with a visiting Dutch team in which our squad members and then an Area group were victorious.

Squad members living within easy reach of the Renshuden can take advantage of a special training session for them every Tuesday evening at that club under the direc-tion of Dave Starbrook.

On the 21st May there will be a Schoolboy international match be-tween Great Britain and Belgium

and seven lucky lads have been selected to represent Britain and travel to Belgium.

#### BOOST FROM R.A.F. SEALAND

Once again R.A.F. Sealand have donated a handsome cheque to the British Judo Association Squads Fund. This year £170 which was really greatly appreciated and arrived just in time to kit out our seven-man team for the European Champion-ships with suitable track-suits. Spon-sorships for track-suits had fallen through at the last moment and the Squad Fund was able to save the situation at the last moment thanks to clubs and groups such as R.A.F. Sealand. Can we ever thank them enough? They put in much hard work each year organising events from which the proceeds go to the Squads Fund.

#### CLUB EVENTS

Organisers of events are again asked to ensure that any event they organise is publicised with the words "UNDER BRITISH JUDO ASSO-CIATION RULES". Whilst on the subject I should point out that the Executive Committee is taking a hard look at clubs which continue to contravene the ruling that Member Clubs should not take part in any event organised by a non-BJA group. Such involvement only serves to help dissident groups to survive and de-lays the day when they might make approaches to join the only official organisation for judo in this country. Many groups and individuals have seen the light and joined us within the last year and have merged successfully and happily within our organisation — this we have found through long and bitter experience is the only way to get complete unity along with properly upheld stan-dards.

#### REFEREEING SUB-COMMITTEE

Will referees please note that as from the 26th April, 1977, the new secretary to the Refereeing Sub-Committee is J. Peter Bent. All

matters concerning refereeing, i.e. re-validation of British Judo Asso-ciation; Provisional National and National referees; Courses; Exami-nations or any queries, please contact Mr. Bent direct at 450 Eastcote Lane, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 9AN.

#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Individual Mem-bership are still going to the wrong address causing great delays. Please ensure that your application, initial or renewal, senior or junior, goes direct to the Membership Secretary, British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1DR.

#### A GOOD COVER

If you are a qualified coach or registered instructor, that is to say if you are listed in the British Judo Association Register of Instructors, you should take advantage of the Association's Third Party Liability Insurance.

For just a £1 per year you can rest easy, safe in the knowledge that you are covered for up to £250,000 should any accident befall your charges whilst you are conducting a class, course, or indeed any judo event. An accident, need not be connected with judo itself. Providing it occurs when the coach, instructor or official is participating officially in Member Club, Area or Association affairs—then the insurance will be operative.

Something like this scheme has been needed for a long time, I know the anxieties of an instructor and I know many who have either restric-ted their teaching or who have paid out small fortunes to cover them-selves for what this scheme has to offer.

If you are not covered my advice is send £1 today along with your In-dividual Membership number and coaches card number to: Mr. D. Hall, Finance Officer, British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road,



London SW3 1DR. Even if you are covered with insurance through other bodies such as Teacher's Unions or Education Authorities such insurance might have limitations which might leave the judo coach without cover at the time of the accident. What better bargain can you get for £1 these days?

### NATIONAL TIMEKEEPERS AND RECORDERS

I have recently received from Alan Reed of the Competitions Sub-Committee a list of qualified National Timekeepers and Recorders. There are however a number of people on that list who now need to revalidate and these have been indicated by an asterisk alongside their name. I mention this because I know how busy these people are and how easy it is to run out-of-date when there are not enough weekends in the year. Application for revalidation should be made direct to Alan Reed, 218 Fir Tree Road, Epsom Downs, Surrey KT17 3NL.

### Timekeeper/Recorder Award Scheme Qualified Officials

#### AREA NOT KNOWN

Mr. D. Aris—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mrs. S. Aris—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. G. Bullock—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. P. Holme—Comp. Rec.\*

#### EAST

Miss V. Broomhead—Sen. Rec.\*

#### LONDON

Mr. M. Lewis—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. R. Williams—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. G. Yeorghaki—Comp. Rec.\*

#### MIDLANDS

Mrs. K. Ling—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. G. Minshall—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. S. Minshall—Comp. Rec.\*  
Miss K. Perkins—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. B. Regan—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. J. Thompson—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mrs. D. Wetton—Comp. Rec.\*

#### NORTH

Mrs. J. Colquhoun—Comp. Rec.

#### NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES

Mr. T. Adams—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. A. Bartom—Comp. Rec.

Mr. M. Beauchamp—Comp. Rec.  
Mrs. R. J. Burns—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. D. Butler—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. M. Darlow—Comp. Rec.  
Mrs. J. Evans—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. D. J. Farr—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. A. Ferrary—Time. Scorer  
Mr. R. Gell—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. A. R. George—Time. Scorer  
Mrs. J. Gilfour—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. E. Goreing—Time. Scorer  
Mr. D. Green—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. C. Hampson-Evans—C. Rec.  
Mrs. Y. Hurwitt—Time. Scorer  
Miss R. Kendall—Comp. Rec.\*

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Mrs. M. Bauman—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. J. Brady—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. J. Carabine—Comp. Cont.  
Mrs. M. Carabine—Comp. Rec.  
Miss U. Carabine—Time. Scorer  
Mrs. C. Castles—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. G. Castles—Comp. Rec.  
Miss M. Egan—Comp. Rec.  
Mrs. A. Fulton—Sen. Rec.  
Miss V. Hamilton—Time. Scorer  
Mr. D. Harpur—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. H. Harrup—Comp. Cont.  
Miss D. Kerr—Comp. Rec.  
Miss M. McCluskey—Time. Scorer  
Miss M. McConnell—Time. Scorer  
Mr. J. McGinley—Comp. Rec.  
Mrs. M. McGrellis—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. K. McKenna—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. P. McKie—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. G. Nevin—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. I. Rudd—Comp. Rec.  
Mrs. A. Watt—Comp. Rec.

#### SOUTH

Mrs. R. Alcock—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. S. Brooke—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. J. Bushnell—Time. Scorer  
Miss E. Cobb—Comp. Cont.\*  
Miss J. Crowder—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. P. Crowe—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. S. Ellis—Sen. Rec.\*  
Mr. M. Good—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. R. Johnson—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. I. McCallum—Comp. Cont.  
Mrs. J. McNaughton—Comp. R.\*  
Mrs. C. Morgan—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. J. Pluckrose—Comp. Cont.\*  
Mr. R. Pluckrose—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. S. Pluckrose—Comp. Rec.\*

Mr. A. Reed—Comp. Cont.  
Mrs. L. Rickard—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. B. Sentinella—Comp. Cont.  
Mrs. F. Stanley—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. J. Tyler—Comp. Rec.\*  
Miss S. Watson—Comp. Rec.\*  
Miss C. Wilkin—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. D. Yeomans—Comp. Rec.\*  
Mr. R. Yeomans—Time. Scorer\*

#### WALES

Mr. N. Atkinson—Time. Scorer  
Mr. A. Bentley—Time. Scorer  
Mr. R. Boland—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. J. Butler—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. C. Cassar—Time. Scorer  
Mr. G. E. Davies—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. T. Fish—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. C. Hargreave—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. S. P. Hulton—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. M. Lewis—Sen. Rec.  
Mrs. K. McQuire—Time. Scorer  
Mr. J. R. Perrin—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. D. Perry—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. G. K. Rhodes—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. D. W. Roberts—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. E. Stephens—Comp. Rec.  
Mr. M. Thomas—Comp. Cont.  
Mr. G. Woodworth—Sen. Rec.  
Mr. G. Wright—Comp. Cont.

#### WEST

Mr. P. Murphy—Comp. Cont.

#### YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

Mrs. B. Birkinshaw—Sen. Rec.

Miss K. Booth—Sen. Rec.  
Mrs. P. Brady—Time. Scorer  
Mrs. S. Clarke—Time. Scorer  
Mr. T. Oakes—Time. Scorer  
Mrs. D. Peake—Comp. Cont.  
Miss J. Shaw—Comp. Cont.

I should point out that the closing date of the 1st July has been fixed by which time Areas should have nominated their officials for awards under the Timekeeper/Recorder Award Scheme without examination. After this date, awards will be by examination only or in the case of Competition Controllers — by interview. Competition Controllers authorised to carry out examinations under the scheme should apply to J. Ekins, 50 Headingle Road, Rushden, Northants, for examination papers. Each application must be accompanied by completed application forms and the appropriate fees.

The Association is keenly aware of its responsibilities in seeing to it that Judo is run on proper lines and that fair all-round standards are met. We owe it to our members and the competitors to see to it that the best possible trained officials conduct our events. Areas who appear to be lagging behind with this scheme are evident by the above list !!

### B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

#### Appendix 4/77

Promotions confirmed by the Executive Committee 1/4/77 to 30/4/77

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA & DATE OF PROMOTION	
Andrew, S. R.	LJS	L	17/4/77
Bryan, W. N.	Gloucester YMCA	We	17/4/77
Campbell, A. Mc. W.	John Mains Comm. C.	SJF	30/4/77
Campbell, G. H.	Glasgow	SJF	6/3/77
Chadwick, S. A.	YMCA Liverpool	NW	24/4/77
Coleman, W. R.	Antrim Forum	NIJF	3/4/77
Counter, B. J.	Truro	We	17/4/77
Feeney, A.	Leeds Athletic Inst.	Y&H	30/4/77
Fosterling, K.	Star	We	16/1/77
Gallagher, B.	Star	We	23/4/77
Gardner, D. P.	The Archer	NHC	17/4/77
Goodwin, K. R.	Shin Wa Kwai	Y&H	3/4/77
Haynes, N. C.	Wadham Lodge	L	30/4/77
Henderson, J.	Cwmbran	WJA	30/4/77



Hendy, P.	Newton Abbot	We	17/4/77
Howarth, M. J.	Huddersfield	Y&H	17/4/77
Hughes, S. A.	Bristol	We	17/4/77
Lewington, T.	Hantei Kwai	NHC	17/4/77
Lewis, B.	Plymouth	We	17/4/77
Lynch, K. P.	YMCA Liverpool	NW	17/4/77
Mayo, P. J.	Rotherham	Y&H	10/4/77
Meadows, R. N.	Alton Guildford	S	30/4/77
Muckley, D. W.	Ford	NHC	30/4/77
McDonald, W. B.	Antrim Forum	NIJF	3/4/77
McFadden, M.	Belfast YMCA	NIJF	6/3/77
McGarvie, W.	Neyland	WJA	30/4/77
O'Flynn, T. J.	LJS	L	10/4/77
Quigley, B.	Hamilton	SJF	17/4/77
Skoglund, J.	?	Sweden	17/4/77
Stuart-Buttle, H. S. J.	Tonbridge & Dist.	S	17/4/77
Walker, W. G.	Stratford	NHC	17/4/77
Wilkins, N. D.	Monks Park	M	17/4/77

MEN TO 2ND DAN			
Burns, D. M.	Bedford	NHC	5/3/77
Crowe, G. B.	?	We	6/3/77
Dewhurst, D. M.	Blackburn JS	NW	24/4/77
Hunt, A. S.	?	RAF	20/4/77
Knowles, D. C.	Mid Sussex	S	17/4/77
Kokotalo, N.	Denton	NW	17/4/77
Mapp, H.	Wadham Lodge	L	27/2/77
Moore, B.	Bacup	NW	20/11/76
Mullen, P.	Cambuslang	SJF	30/4/77
Nolan, T. D.	Thanet	S	17/4/77
Nunnari, G.	?	NHC	5/3/77
Salter, P. G.	Cheltenham YMCA	We	27/3/77
Scott, R.	Loughboro College	BUJA	20/3/77
Taylor, C. K.	?	RAF	20/4/77
Urbaitis, J.	Scunthorpe	Y&H	17/4/77
Whyte, G.	Battersea County	L	24/4/77
Wright, R. W.	Regent St. Poly	L	24/4/77

MEN TO 3RD DAN			
Berry, W.	Aberdeen	SJF	30/4/77
Cooper, P.	Worcester	M	24/4/77
Gee, H. J. G.	1st Queens Dragoon Guards	Army	30/4/77
Harban, R.	Steer	M	24/4/77
Lomax, R.	Star	We	30/4/77
Lydon, J.	Pretoria	L	16/4/77
Murphy, P. J.	Starcross	We	30/4/77
Rogers, S. F.	Coventry	M	27/4/77
Walker, E. D.	Solihull	M	26/3/77
Ward, W. L.	Romford & Hornchurch	NHC	17/4/77

MEN TO 4TH DAN			
Bradley, R. J.	Midsussex	S	17/4/77
Bull, A.	Meadowbank	SJF	30/4/77
Kane, E.	Hamilton	SJF	17/4/77
Thomas, R.	Paisley Samurai	SJF	30/4/77
Watt, T.	Brooke Park	NIJF	26/3/77

MEN TO 5TH DAN			
Allan, G. M.	Meadowbank	SJF	30/4/77
Cassidy, E.	Cluarankwai	SJF	30/4/77
Inman, R.	Fairholme	NHC	16/3/77
McIver, C. A.		SJF	30/4/77

WOMEN TO 1ST DAN			
Armstrong, C.	Bracknell	NHC	17/4/77
Maguire, C.	Underwoon	WJA	16/4/77
McElhone, D. M.	Koizumi	N	17/4/77
Martins, J.	Norwich YMCA	E	24/4/77

WOMEN TO 2ND DAN			
Dimmick, D. A.	Sittingbourne	S	17/4/77

### CORRECTION — MR. JOHN JACKSON

We wish to point out the error that appeared on page 17 in Judo Magazine in August 1975 which stated: 'I should point out that Mr. John Jackson is no longer a member of this Association and is not entitled to officiate at any British Judo Association activity whatsoever'. This information at that time was incorrect and we are pleased to confirm that Mr. John Jackson was and is a fully paid up Individual Member of this Association.

## AREA & CLUB RESULTS

### SCOTTISH JUDO FEDERATION

#### LOTHIAN & BORDERS REGION OPEN YOUTH TOURNAMENT

#### WOMEN (Under 21)

##### Under 61 kgs — Caroline Balderstone Trophy

<b>Gold:</b>	C. Barwick	Crawbrook
<b>Silver:</b>	C. Prendergrast,	S.K.K.—Newton
		le Willows
<b>Bronze:</b>	S. Kearsley,	Yoshin Ryu
	D. Stark	Tora Scotia

##### Over 61 kgs — Peebles Bowl

<b>Gold:</b>	L. Gunn	Etassa
<b>Silver:</b>	P. Taylor	Tora Scotia
<b>Bronze:</b>	A. Taylor	Tora Scotia
	J. Cook	Sen-I.

#### ESPOIR (Under 18)

##### Under 54 kgs — Trophy, Judogi and Book (donated by Colin McIver)

<b>Gold:</b>	P. Ferguson	Centar
<b>Silver:</b>	P. Gardiner	Edinburgh Club
<b>Bronze:</b>	I. McMonigle	Centar
	J. Adams	Centar



**Under 65 kgs—Meadowbank Bowl (donated by Meadowbank Sports Centre)**

<b>Gold:</b>	W. Buchanan	Centar
<b>Silver:</b>	J. Lipsett	Sen-I
<b>Bronze:</b>	G. Leck	204 Scouts
	R. Kerr	Centar

**Under 75 kgs — Davina Gall Trophy**

<b>Gold:</b>	A. McKendrick	Sen-I
<b>Silver:</b>	F. McDonald	Edinburgh Club
<b>Bronze:</b>	D. McGregor	Weirs
	J. Gold	Edinburgh Club

**YOUTH (Under 21)****Under 65 kgs — Lothian Cup (donated by Reg Tether)**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Brown	S.K.K.—Newton le Willows
<b>Silver:</b>	J. Purves	Yoshin
<b>Bronze:</b>	R. Fraser	Yoshin
	J. Folek	Bathgate

**Under 86 kgs — Peebles Cup**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Fitzsimmons	Irvine
<b>Silver:</b>	F. Cahill	J. Murray Sports Centre
<b>Bronze:</b>	P. Campbell	Edinburgh Club
	G. Cooney	Dundokwai

**Open — George Thomson Trophy**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Neilson	Fauldhouse
<b>Silver:</b>	J. Brown	S.K.K.—Newton le Willows
<b>Bronze:</b>	S. Kelly	Edinburgh University
	J. Fitzsimmons	Irvine

**WELSH SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDIFF, MARCH 1977  
MEN'S RESULTS****Under 60 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	A. Kilvert	Solihull
<b>Silver:</b>	R. Kenny	Scotland
<b>Bronze:</b>	R. Young	Wales
	P. Kane	Ireland

**Under 65 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	K. Cannaby	Solihull
<b>Silver:</b>	S. Lynas	Scotland
<b>Bronze:</b>	S. Sharland	London
	J. Feenan	Scotland

**Under 71 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	E. Kane	Scotland
<b>Silver:</b>	N. McCarthy	Tower Hamlet
<b>Bronze:</b>	A. Konderla	Wales
	T. Lowe	Solihull

**Under 78 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	D. Walker	Solihull
<b>Silver:</b>	D. Watts	Wales
<b>Bronze:</b>	W. Ward	Romford
	D. McManus	Ireland

**Under 86 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	D. Bortwick	Scotland
<b>Silver:</b>	L. Hudspith	Solihull
<b>Bronze:</b>	R. Knight	Solihull
	P. Cooper	Fisher & Ludlow

**Under 95 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	T. Limerick	Scotland
<b>Silver:</b>	I. Card	Wales
<b>Bronze:</b>	K. Walters	Wales
	N. Gillespie	Shrewsbury

**Over 95 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	D. Watmore	Romford
<b>Silver:</b>	M. McLatchie	Folkestone
<b>Bronze:</b>	—	—

**Open**

<b>Gold:</b>	T. Watt	Ireland
<b>Silver:</b>	L. Hudspith	Solihull
<b>Bronze:</b>	D. Walker	Solihull
	J. Dennis	Ireland

**WELSH SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDIFF, MARCH 1977  
LADIES' RESULTS****Under 52 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Bridge	Bolton
<b>Silver:</b>	C. Armstrong	Bracknell
<b>Bronze:</b>	C. Brooks	Wales
	E. Foley	Ireland

**Under 61 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Arms	Wales
<b>Silver:</b>	E. Tyrer	Preston
<b>Bronze:</b>	G. Wallington	Wales
	K. Kane	Scotland

**Under 72 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	M. Curran	Scotland
<b>Silver:</b>	A. Bamberg	Wales
<b>Bronze:</b>	L. Gunn	Scotland
	M. Howard	Solihull

**Open**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Bridge	Bolton
<b>Silver:</b>	J. Arms	Wales
<b>Bronze:</b>	A. Bamberg	Wales
	M. Curran	Scotland

**WELSH JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDIFF, FEB., 1977  
BOYS' RESULTS****Under 25 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	W. Wardsmith	Bracknell
<b>Silver:</b>	G. Dickson	Bracknell
<b>Bronze:</b>	L. Adams	R.S.C.
	S. Lighten	Tokei



**Under 30 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	D. Paton	S.K.K.
<b>Silver:</b>	M. Emery	Devizes
<b>Bronze:</b>	T. Robinson	Yiewsley
	D. Welsh	Bracknell

**Under 35 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	M. Jones	Bracknell
<b>Silver:</b>	D. Walker	Fairholme
<b>Bronze:</b>	L. Lighten	Token
	M. Goff	Torakai

**Under 40 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	T. Prescott	Token
<b>Silver:</b>	I. Sutton	Redbridge
<b>Bronze:</b>	J. A. Hearne	Cardiff
	T. King	Redbridge

**Under 45 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	G. Thompson	Token
<b>Silver:</b>	M. Reynolds	Afon Lido
<b>Bronze:</b>	D. Fletcher	Bracknell
	M. Nutall	Droylsden

**Under 50 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	S. Clarke	Tubes
<b>Silver:</b>	D. Kavanagh	Yiewsley
<b>Bronze:</b>	J. Cullen	Cardiff
	M. Evans	Bracknell

**Under 55 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	D. Rance	Bracknell
<b>Silver:</b>	A. Morton	Bletchley
<b>Bronze:</b>	A. Callan	Fairholme
	G. Thomas	Brecon

**Under 60 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	M. Mercieca	Bracknell
<b>Silver:</b>	K. Harrison	Droylsden
<b>Bronze:</b>	P. Paice	Token
	N. Smith	Bracknell

**Under 65 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	R. Naismith	Bexley
<b>Silver:</b>	R. Fincil	Redbridge
<b>Bronze:</b>	T. Davies	Caldicot
	S. Williams	Bexley

**Open**

<b>Gold:</b>	R. Smart	Fairholme
<b>Silver:</b>	A. James	Carmarthen
<b>Bronze:</b>	C. Diamond	Cardiff
	G. Percy	Cardiff

# **WELSH JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDIFF, FEB., 1977** **GIRLS' RESULTS**

**Under 25 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	C. Inwood	Tubes
<b>Silver:</b>	C. Illingworth	Bracknell
<b>Bronze:</b>	J. Harris	Merthyr
	Y. Wallace	Redbridge

**Under 30 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	S. Goodhall	Newbury
<b>Silver:</b>	S. Mercieca	Bracknell
<b>Bronze:</b>	N. Goodhall	Newbury
	D. Paton	S.K.K.

**Under 35 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	R. Gorben	Torakai
<b>Silver:</b>	S. Ward	Yiewsley
<b>Bronze:</b>	W. Prosser	Merthyr
	M. Edwards	Yiewsley

**Under 40 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	L. Merchant	Tubes
<b>Silver:</b>	L. Wilson	Redbridge
<b>Bronze:</b>	T. Simmonds	Northway
	M. Hooker	Yiewsley

**Under 45 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	E. Brindley	Yiewsley
<b>Silver:</b>	H. Evans	Afon Lido
<b>Bronze:</b>	S. Thomas	Merthyr
	M. King	Cardiff

**Under 50 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Thorpe	Droylsden
<b>Silver:</b>	B. Tyrer	Preston
<b>Bronze:</b>	R. Inwood	Tubes
	D. Harrington	Yiewsley

**Under 55 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Allan	Brecon
<b>Silver:</b>	W. Goodhall	Northway
<b>Bronze:</b>	C. Clew	Tubes
	D. Wood	Sukeyama

**Under 60 kgs**

<b>Gold:</b>	J. Hudson	Bracknell
<b>Silver:</b>	J. Evans	Newport
<b>Bronze:</b>	S. Brooks	Cotswold
	S. Collum	Token

**Open**

<b>Gold:</b>	W. Goodhall	Cotswold
<b>Silver:</b>	C. Weston	Hartridge
<b>Bronze:</b>	J. Allan	Brecon
	S. Brooks	Cotswold

## **AROUND AND ABOUT**

NEWHAM YOUNG MEN'S 11th Open Individual Judo Championships will be held on Sunday 26th June 1977 at the Pretoria Sports Hall, Hilda Road, Canning Town, London E16. Categories will be: — 11-16 years, 5

weights; 16-18 years, Open weight; 18-20 years, Open weight. All enquiries should be made to Mr. C. Gilbert, 152 Blackburne Road, Dagenham, Essex. Telephone 01-592 2086.



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of our Members entered and we returned with three Medals. Congratulations go to Gold Medallist Steven Smith, in the Young Men's Under 71 Kilo event, Silver Medallist Edwin Hughes in the Young Men's Under 78 Kilo event and Bronze Medallist Steven Brown in the Espoirs Under 75 Kilo event.

Our next gradings in Croydon are:— **Junior Girls**—All Grades—Wednesday 22nd June at 6.45 p.m. **Junior Boys** — Novice to 3rd Mon—Friday 1st July at 6.45 p.m. **Junior Boys** 4th Mon and over—Friday 15th July at 6.45 p.m. **Senior Men & Women's** grading on 17th June at 6.45 p.m. up to and including 2nd Kyu going for 1st.

Further details of gradings can be obtained from the Club on 01-688 0842 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

**LONDON JUDO SOCIETY.**—*Bill Barritt writes:*—The sponsored Judo event undertaken by our Juniors at Easter raised a total of £225. We are very pleased with this result and particularly for the fact that all the Juniors completed the maximum of ten hours. The trophy, named the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trophy, is, we believe unique. The trophy, designed by L.J.S. members, is a twenty four inch shield with a solid silver centrepiece bearing a portrait of the Queen, and all around the shield, evenly spaced, are twentyfive Jubilee Crown pieces, mounted in special plastic cases, set into the wood. Each Crown piece carries beneath it a small plaque for the year and winners name.

The next examinations at L.J.S. are as follows: Sunday 31st July at 2p.m.—1st Kyu's trying 1st Dan. 1st Dan's trying 2nd Dan. 2nd Dan's trying 3rd Dan.

As with all L.J.S. examinations this is for men and women. Examination Fee L.J.S. members 50p; visitors £1.00. Current B.J.A. Licences must be produced.

**REDBRIDGE SPORTS CENTRE, BARKING-SIDE.**—*from Dave Jenkins:*—On the 24th April David Starbrook, M.B.E., conducted a two-hour training session for the nearly thirty juniors who were able to get hold of a ticket. Unfortunately the local press had informed the public that it was to be 'open house' and consequently several aspiring juniors were disappointed.

Our squad of juniors have been training well under Pete Gatesbury, Team Manager, and recently brought back a good tally of medals from Kent and Essex. We now look forward to the Essex Championships. The seniors continue to put their considerable weight forward at the bar (where beer is cheaper than most places) and four are even daring to enter the N.H.C. championships. More of that next time.

We do hold gradings over here, so if anyone is interested give me a buzz at 501 0019 and I'll let you know about dates and so on.

**TOKEI JUDO KWAI**—*from Doug Marks:*—The club was delighted to play host to Wadham Lodge J.C. on the 21st April. Wadham has a strong junior section which brought out the best in our youngsters and helped to put a fine edge on them in readiness for the county trials.

Regrettably the confusion as to who could compete, and in what county, deprived a number of our juniors of the opportunity of fighting in any trial at all. In spite of the mix up from which, unfortunately only the kids suffered the TOKEI managed to win 12 medals including 5 gold out of an entry of 16. Let's hope that the who's eligible to fight in what county business can be cleared up quickly so we can get on with some judo.

Congratulations Ray Neenan, Neil Adams, and Vass Morrison for their fine victories in the British Open Championships. Ray and Neil are permanent members of the

Tokei teaching staff and Vass an occasional guest instructor who trains regularly at the club.

Following the British Open we were fortunate enough to entertain most of the competitions foreign entries. The visitors included those from Canada, Belgium and Norway, plus a most welcome British team manager Dave Starbrook. On what someone called "not a bad night" there were nearly 80 players on the mat over 50 of which were Dan grades.

In theory the club closed down for 24 hours on the 7th of May, we now have a new entrance, next door but the same address. To celebrate getting our very own front door at long last, we are offering during the

month of July a free practise to juniors and seniors, members and non members. All B.J.A. licence holders welcome.

**WADHAM LODGE JUDO CLUB:**—The club invites entries for their Fifth Competition for Girls to be held at Picketts Lock Sports Centre N.9 on 3rd September 1977, under British Judo Association rules.

Weights under 16 yrs. Under 25 to Under 55 kilos in 5 kilos steps and open. Weights 16—18 yrs. under 50, 55 & 60 kilos and open. Entry fee will be £1 per competitor per weight group. Details and entry forms are available from: Mr. G. Gordon, 78 Templeton Avenue, Chingford, E.4. 6SP Telephone 01-524 2914.

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# IN AND AROUND THE DOJO

by TONY REAY

One man's meat is another man's poison which is really a very good thing for all of us. It wouldn't do for each one of us to have the same interest to the exclusion of all others, the same goes for sport. Judo, as we know, does not attract everybody by any means, although those of us who are addicted feel that it is a pity that not everybody gets a chance to really get to know what Judo is all about. This is where a qualified instructor and proper conditions are so important *right from the very beginning*.

Novices who do become hooked on the sport want to know as much as possible and there really is much to learn. Those of us who have been in the game some time tend to forget what a completely new and bewildering world judo really is. Indeed, if it was part of our heritage the general public would know much more about

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it and then it would be more popular as a spectator sport. I have played very little cricket or rugby but because they are traditionally English sports I know very well what a "silly mid-on" is or when the bowler is bowling "over" or "around" the wicket, or as with rugby I know what "selling a dummy" means and the function of the "quarter-back" as opposed to the "wing-half". As a result — although not my sports — I can appreciate and enjoy good moves in both. So it would be with

judo if judo had been a traditionally English sport — we would all have understood the basic rudiments at school.

As with all sports there are many unwritten rules and the judo beginner is mystified, at first, by it all. To some, this mystery adds to the enchantment of the game — they want to learn about something that is not obvious to the man in the street. To others, particularly the aggressive competitor element, it can be a bore — something which stands in the way of his own particular goal. But even he, in an orderly club set-up, has to learn the ground rules — for whatever aspirations he might have — he, like all of us, has to start right at the bottom of the ladder.

## Starting Judo

Proper qualified instruction in a club registered with the official organisation for judo is a "must" if you want to start out on the right road. Most clubs stock judo kits (Judogi) in all sizes and because they are usually amateur clubs with a big turnover of stock, they are usually the cheapest. Apart from the fees for a beginner's course, or ordinary club fees, this is the only initial outlay. A good well-made judogi will last quite a while. Possibly the only other extra incidental would be a pair of zori (Japanese style slippers). It is essential to wear something on the feet from the dressing-room to the dojo or mat edge. Cleanliness is a golden rule in any club and feet and hands should be washed before entering the dojo. The judogi itself is a simple arrangement but it is surprising how many people (especially children) get

into a pickle when putting on the trousers and belt if they have not been shown. The loop, or on some kits loops, through which the draw-strings or tapes go are at the front of the trousers. The trousers are secured by pulling the draw-strings to the front, passing them through the loop or loops and tying a bow.

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The belt goes around the middle twice and is secured with a reef knot or square knot at the front. The jacket is like a double-breasted jacket and left side passes over the right side and is secured by the belt.

To avoid unnecessary cuts and abrasions the finger and toe-nails should be pared back close to the skin. The violent tugs in judo can cause the finger-nails to be torn out which is very painful or can cause cuts on the partner or opponent you are with on the mat. Another good reason that the hands and feet should be clean, for the cuts can turn poisonous if not.

The beginner should make himself aware of the club rules which are designed for, not only his safety and well-being, but also the safety and care of others.

## Dojo etiquette

Dojo etiquette is very important if we are to keep judo as something more than just a sport and is vital in this day and age if we are not to return to the hooliganism and break down of society that we are seeing around and about. Apart from that it teaches us respect for others and the values they hold dearly to. By observing this rule we find that very quickly the same respect is returned. Bowing at the beginning and end of the class and upon entering or leaving

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ing a dojo is part of dojo etiquette but there is really much more to it as one progresses.

## Learning judo skills

The fascinating thing about judo is that there are so many different ways to beat an opponent and there are so many different skills by which this can be done with throws, holds, arm-locks or strangles. One can never really learn enough of these skills and one can never really perfect any one of them too much. The result is hours and hours of training and study. In the course of study we learn the many terms in the glossary. Japanese is used because Japan is the country of origin of judo and although many attempts have been made to simplify things it has been found that people do really like to use the original terms. This is very useful when travelling abroad and a judo enthusiast can go to any dojo or contest held in another country and understand exactly what is going on.

## Putting those skills to the test

Having learned a few of those skills we soon find we need to put those skills to the test, and the only real test is competition. Competition brings to the fore other qualities and weaknesses in our make-up, and in competition we learn how to exploit those qualities and try to eradicate those weaknesses. In judo we have two aspects of competition; grading competitions where we try to reach up to a higher level of grade standard by competing against people of our own level regardless of weight or size; and championship competition where within set rules and conditions (weight categories, etc.) we try to win titles, medals or trophies.

## Contest tactics

History has shown many times that it is not much use to a general if he has better material than his opponent such as tanks or guns and he doesn't know how to deploy them to the best of advantage. So it goes with judo, the throw you have developed in training may have developed to be a real "classic", but it



"... The only real test is competition ..."

is not much good if you cannot goad your opponent into a position to be able to use it. One has to learn "lead-in", "combinations", "continuations", "slip-actions" and so on. He also has to be aware of the opponent's advantages and weaknesses and relate these with his own. "What is his favourite throw? (tokuiwaza). Is he good in the ground? Am I better than him in the ground?" These questions race through the

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mind before or during a contest—and you have to learn how to assess and know the answers.

In a judo contest you are on your own, no matter how good your coach has been, no matter how much encouragement you have had from friends, family or clubmates—you have to work out for yourself your own destiny. A really good coach will have trained you to think for yourself—he would not get much satisfaction out of having created a zombie.

"Psyche" has become a very important part of contest tactics in recent years. Muhammad Ali in boxing has exploited and taken advantage of "psyche" to the full both before and during a contest. Some people would consider this to be an ugly side to tactics but nevertheless it is upon us and very much with us. Probably it has always been there but never so much evident in sport as it is now.

In judo contests at a high level, "psyche" is beginning to emerge. Extroverts and introverts have generally different ways of using "psyche". But it is becoming very much a part of tactics. It is all part of the battle of wills, one mind trying to dominate

the other and the other mind making believe that his mind is being dominated, and so on. The very crudest form of "psyche" is the very old trick during practice in the dojo—your opponent diverts your attention by suddenly asking you a question—

"... Cleanliness is a golden rule in any club ..."

momentarily your mind rests on the question, and during that moment of distraction he crashes in and wheels you over with an absolute "beauty" which you know he would have never caught you with had you been concentrating on your judo. That's why it is even a good rule not to even talk during practice. It's all a battle of skills, strengths, wills, etc., but a bit of cunning can always tip the scales in the end.

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# THE RE-ORGANISATION

**RICHARD WILLIAMS**

Tempted by David White's temptation in his look back at 1976 (Judo, March 1977), I thought that I might take a look at the organisation in 1976 and at the proposals for reorganisation.

Having been out of touch with judo circles for some months, I found myself in the position of looking in on the BJA rather like an outsider. Even though I am an individual member of the BJA I felt that I did not know what had happened since the last AGM.

That individual members of the BJA tend to be ill-informed is, I know, something that has concerned the EC for many years. I also know that there are good reasons—not least financial—which have prevented the EC from developing a direct channel of communication. But there are other channels open to the EC and individual members. Probably the most accessible is the BJA Newsletter Supplement. I reckon that this is the most accessible because the Supplement is printed in this magazine which goes to all Member Clubs, is available by subscription, and from booksellers and newsagents.

So, I sat down to read again the Newsletters which have been published since last June. I wanted to see what changes the EC had introduced affecting the majority of individual members or Member Clubs or the management and organisation of the BJA as a whole. I have disregarded references to the various competitions (well-reviewed by David White) or individual Areas and the like, not because these are unimportant but because they tend to affect relatively minor parts of the Association's membership.

## July 1976

Roy Inman was appointed as Hon. Nat. Coach. Two papers by Peter Barnett, Co-ordinator of Nat. Coaches, were approved by the EC. One was on the role of Nat. Coaches and the other on the range of coaching awards. It is interesting to note that these papers were approved, but would it not be more interesting to have a summary of what they said? Did they recommend new policy? If so, what was it? Is it to be implemented? And when?

## Aug./Sept.

Members of the Association's Sub-Committees were appointed by the EC, and a new Sub-Committee appears on the list—the Organisation Sub-Committee. This, perhaps, was the most significant development in 1976, but can more properly be attributed to the AGM than the E.C.

## November

We learned that at its September meeting the EC decided to re-introduce theory into the senior syllabus. The new theory requirements, reprinted in the Newsletter, were due to come into force on 1st January 1977. Applications were invited for the posts of Team Managers. A policy statement, said to make clear the aims of the Association and giving reassurance that the sport of Judo is in good hands, was printed. I was not reassured.

## January 1977

The new theory syllabus should have come into force. The Appendix to the theory requirements was printed (6 of the 8 Newsletter pages).

## February

The theory syllabus did not come into force last month, but it will in July. The good news was that the finances look better, individual mem-



bership is being administered well, and club membership figures look good.

#### March

Modifications to contest rules and appointment of full-time Team Managers announced.

#### April/May

Club posters now available. Re-organisation proposals published.

Almost certainly, the EC spent time doing more than this. But what, I wondered? If this was all that the EC did for the Membership perhaps we should ask ourselves if this was enough. And could not the EC have anticipated in September that more than three months might have been needed before implementing the new syllabus? A strange feeling that we had been here before crossed my mind!

So, it seems (to me anyway) that the management and organisation of the BJA has not changed over the past year. Things have got no worse, but nor have they got any better. However, a resolution passed at the 1976 AGM has enabled us to move towards changing things for the better. The Organisation Sub-Committee has now reported; we must seize the opportunities that their recommendations for change present.

#### THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Many arguments in support of change are presented by the Organisation Sub-Committee in their papers. As they rightly point out, the EC has failed to carry out AGM instructions (and, incidentally, seems to be quite unrepentant). Also, AGMs have frequently shown their dissatisfaction with their lack of control over the composition of the EC.

But it is not just in not carrying out AGM instructions that the EC has failed us. Over the years, the EC has demonstrated lack of foresight and poor decision-making (the timing of the introduction of the new theory syllabus being the most recent example) and, most important of all,

the EC has shown no inclination to plan for the development of our Association.

As I have tried to argue before, individual EC members are well-intentioned men and women. This is not to say, of course, that they are entirely without blame but it is the framework within which they have to operate that presents them with many of their difficulties. The basic problem lies in the very size of the EC. Quite simply, it is too big to efficiently carry out its major task of day-to-day management. The large size of the EC also costs a lot of money. So, we need something that will work better and cost us less — something smaller, perhaps.

#### THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL

The Organisation Sub-Committee have proposed the establishment of a seven-man Management Committee to take over all the executive functions presently carried out by the EC. All Member Clubs will be able to participate in the election of Management Committee members who will be nominated by Areas. This move thus meets the AGM desires for more direct control.

But where does this leave the EC (renamed the Council)? Undeniably, the new Council has no power in the sense that the present EC has. But this does not mean that the Council has no part in the future development of the Association. The new Council will be an advisory body to the Management Committee and as such it represents a forum for Area representatives. But this is not all, since it is proposed that the Council can *recommend on policy and executive matters to the AGM*. Areas concerned about the changing role for the EC must not lose sight of this recommendation.

Nonetheless, Areas may well feel that they will be able to exert less direct influence than at present. But we are, after all, constituted as an Association of Member Clubs, not

an Association of Areas. Areas still have a part to play: Council members will be appointed by Areas and Areas will be responsible for nominating Management Committee candidates. So, Areas should not feel that the potential value of their contribution has been forgotten.

#### AREA ADMINISTRATION

The changes described above are not the only source of consternation in the Areas. The Organisation Sub-Committee has made recommendations affecting Area administration.

The first of these concerns the appointment of full-time paid officials. This, surely, is a desirable aim but, realistically, it is one which cannot be achieved overnight. But it deserves our wholehearted approval. However, it would be appropriate for the Management Committee, in close collaboration with Areas, to work out plans for the fulfilment of this aim.

The proposal to rearrange Area boundaries and align them with Sports Council Regions will inevitably create problems for some Areas. In the short-term, this reorganisation may result in some disorganisation, but I am sure that the longer term benefits will far outweigh any immediate disadvantages. The prospect of increased financial support for Areas (to be renamed Regions) is an especially compelling argument for this change, and Areas would be well-advised to bear this in mind when considering this recommendation. The present Areas must put aside short-term self-interest and think of the good of the Association as a whole.

#### FINANCES

We must support the general recommendation to review membership schemes, and we must leave it to the Management Committee to carry out the review and report back

to us with more information on the possible systems they outline. Being recommendations to do with finance we can reasonably expect to have some financial estimates presented to us. And the Management Committee needs to be given a deadline for completing their review.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

I touched on this earlier, and you might guess from what I said that I support the recommendation that there should be regular and direct communications with individual members. We can not do this overnight, so we need the Management Committee to set itself some more objectives. But in the meantime, better use can be made of the existing channels of communication.

#### BUT IT ALL TAKES TIME!

I have not mentioned specifically each and every recommendation, so I should state here that I believe we have to support them all. Taken together they set out a framework for the development of the Association. In themselves, they do not guarantee that the future will be any better than the past, but we do know what will happen if we do not change. So, the recommendations have to be brought into action and made to work. For this to happen, plans and objectives have to be made.

Many of the recommendations will take time to implement. We have to recognise this and we must make sure that the Management Committee will establish a comprehensive calendar for bringing about change. Some can be introduced relatively quickly: the recommendations about the Management Committee, the Council, and the President fall into this category.

In my next article I hope I can say that these changes will happen. But why wait to read about it. Get your Club representative along to the AGM and vote to make it happen.





## DAVID WHITE WRITES...

### Brian Jacks

I really must take issue with my colleague John Goodbody who, writing in the Sunday Times about the British Open, suggested that most of the crowd seemed joyous about his defeat by Vass Morrison.

As far as I am concerned most of the crowd seemed to be willing Brian to win, they enjoyed the bit of "needle" when he wanted a gap in the mats corrected, and gave both fighters a great ovation at the end of the contest.

Equally there is the distinct impression that Brian does not want a B.J.A. job yet. John may know more than I do about this and it would be a tragedy not to make the most of Brian's enormous gifts and tremendous enthusiasm for Judo, but like Ray Ross perhaps he needs a break from competitive Judo at the top level before he is prepared to come back and take another coaching post. But for pity's sake we must not let Brian go abroad.

I might just point out what a tremendous job Tony MacConnell has done in Sweden, taking them from a ninth rate Judo power up to a position where they can take on any nation on equal terms.

Apart from the Morrison-Jacks battle the Open Championships were decidedly mediocre, particularly in the two heavyweight categories.

### Refereeing

There is however absolutely no doubt about the enormous improvement in refereeing and judging in the last couple of years. If the

contests were mediocre the refereeing was in my opinion of the highest class. Throughout the whole day at the open I only saw two possibly contentious decisions and on both occasions I would certainly give the ref the benefit of the doubt. Would it be too jingoistic to suggest that British refs and judges are now the best in the world? I certainly get the impression from foreigners that they breath a sigh of relief when they see a "Brit" take the mat because they know they will get a fair deal.

### Coaching

Chatting to Dave Starbrook I was decidedly encouraged by the way that he and Tony MacConnell clearly see their duties as Joint Team Managers.

Not only do they intend to make regular visits to all the regions but they know it is vital to get high-standard Judo going from 15 years upward. There has to be a continuity from school to squad so that we avoid the current difficulty where a few top men retire and there is a temporary dearth of "great" judomen.

Roy Inman is even more strongly of the opinion that we must have more regional competitions and championships for schoolboys and teenagers. He tells me the EC are coming round more and more to his way of thinking. I hope he is right.

### Summer School

The Liu Academy are to hold a Ch'An (Zen) and Taoist Arts Summer School from July 25-31. It is the first time that the martial arts of Japan and China, Ikebana, tradi-

tional medicine methods, calligraphy and a host of other arts will be discussed and demonstrated all together. Students will of course be able to participate. The fees are very reasonable and details can be obtained from 13 Gunnersbury Avenue, Ealing Common, London W5.

### Kata

The fretful subject of Kata is increasingly exercising the minds—if not the bodies—of judoka at the moment judging by comment.

An interesting letter from Margaret Johnson, Midland Area Coach for ten years and Secretary of the National Women's Council for five years, implied that she thought I did not appreciate what had been done in the past to bring about change and inject new thoughts and ideas into an old "but far from fully appreciated facet of the sport".

Margaret goes over old ground when she talks about the antagonism that existed between the coaching fraternity and the players, but suggests that now the dust has settled "everyone can look at things with more balance."

She wants a new era of kata, and of course she is right. There is no question that the standard seven katas are partly "potty" and partly boring as hell. However there is absolutely no reason why they should not be maintained in their traditional form to satisfy those who wish this—there are some excellent

things in the katas that should be preserved.

There is however nothing sacred about the seven. The Gokyo—that curious, illogical and decidedly patchy and outmoded compilation of Judo techniques—badly needs revising. I'm open to correction but the Japanese don't seem inclined to do this so perhaps like the Aikido people we should have a look ourselves.

Personally, as I have suggested to Margaret, I favour having the best of both worlds. Let's keep the traditional katas under the banner of Kata. And let's have a new subject with a new title as a link between Kata and randori. I have mixed feelings about watching some of the extraordinary new katas brave souls make up, although it can indeed be great fun and very interesting. But we could have linked movements done as fast as possible to left and right, or say fifteen throws with Tori not telling Uke which he is going to do. That should keep Uke on his toes!

There are dozens of possibilities, stimulation etc, that the new subject could throw up. I rather think Dr. Kano would approve. Contrary to popular belief he was no blind traditionalist—he was an innovator with a due appreciation of the past and its values.

Margaret Johnson wants to see a Kata Certificate Scheme endorsed nationally. Why not?

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The Army Judo Team brought this season to an extremely successful close on May 7th with two resounding wins, both nine contests to nil, against the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, thereby retaining a firm grip on the Inter-Services Trophy.

It is always hard to single out individuals in what was a comprehensive team effort, but the following performances were worthy of special note. In the match against the R.A.F., Pte Arthur Mapp brought off two good waza-ari (7 point) throws to win his contest in only 1½ minutes. L/Cpl Henry Prow, who appears to gain in strength and technique with each contest, convincingly beat his opponent with a submission, whilst WO2 Dave Lyon won with a combination of ground work holds, which were an example to all less experienced contestants. Another Army team veteran S/Sgt Gordie Bryson brought off an excellent reverse strangle to win his bout in only 1 min. 40 secs. Finally in this match, I must mention L/Cpl Jeff Archer's performance. He produced a dazzling run of throws to gain a koka (3

points), yuko (5 points) and koka in quick succession. He finally threw L.A.C. Frey to gain a waza-ari (7 points) and followed up with a ju-jigatami (arm lock) for ippon. Devastating stuff for a brown belt.

The match against the R.N. was more memorable, largely due to some extraordinary refereeing. This started in the first contest when Arthur Mapp was penalised with a kei-koku (7 points) for stepping off the mat. This seemed excessively hard as no previous warning had been given, and meant that Mapp had to produce an ippon (10 points) to win. He duly obliged with a valley drop throw (7 points) and a lifting hip throw for an ippon. In the second contest Sgt Terry Dolan produced one of the best throws of the day with a shoulder throw — exceptionally good for a heavy contestant. Henry Prow, Dave Lyon and Gordie Bryson again won convincingly with 10 point wins, but top honours went to our lightweight brown belts Jeff Archer and L/Cpl Tony Franklin who both beat black belt opposition in close contests.

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