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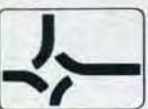


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Welcome. To all our new readers and subscribers in the Northern Home Counties who have now joined in helping produce the most, (in fact the only) informative monthly Judo magazine. Also a word of congratulation to the NHC Committee who have now done their best to provide their Member Clubs with the best newsletter-magazine service in the Association.

Let's hope that the individual members and club officials do their part by buying or selling as many copies as possible and sending in their contributions.

Welcome also to new Correspondents, Maureen Sutton and Karl Bacon who will keep us up to date with NHC activities. Karl will also be providing photographs and so taking some of the load off me.

To our established subscribers who have helped the magazine progress to this present improvement I extend my thanks for their continued support and now offer them increased content and information for their money.

We will continue to provide the most vigorous news and information service and our Editorials will continue to say what the members feel and want said.

John Beard tells me that he will continue his search for literary virility in his column and cartoons and he makes a promising start this month.

To new subscribers sending forms in for the September edition we offer a free car or bag sticker (state which) with their first issue.

Help us get even better and return the form now!

For Midland Area members, next month we will publish a 'pull-out' list of all the addresses of the Midland Area grading venues for 1980-81. Should you Club be interested in staging Promotion Examinations contact Joe Ekins, (09334 55673) NOW!

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PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS MIDLAND AREA

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

Boys, 6th Kyu and above Yarborough 10-30am.
Boys all Grades. Leasowes 9-00am.
Girls all Grades. Leasowes. 1-00pm.

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST

Men Kyu Grades. Nottingham (Hyson Green) 10-00am.

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST

Men Kyu Grades. Grimsby 10-00am.
Boys all Grades. Dudley L.C. 10-00am.
Girls all Grades. Dudley L.C. 12 noon.

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

Boys all Grades. Chapelhouse 10-00am.
Girls all Grades. Chapelhouse 12 noon.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Girls all Grades. Wellingborough 10-00am.
Women Kyu Grades. Wellingborough 12 noon.
Boys all Grades. Midland Arts Centre 10-00am.
Girls all Grades. Midland Arts Centre 12 noon.

SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Boys all Grades. Pontesbury 10-00am.
Girls all Grades. Pontesbury 12 noon.
Men Kyu Grades. Worcester 10-00am.

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Boys all Grades. Wellingborough 10-00am.
Boys all Grades. Bingham 10-00am.

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Men Kyu Grades. Coventry 2-00pm.

SPECIAL GRADING

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER

Owing to the difficulty of top Women's Grades and top Junior Grades in getting examined at Examinations where not enough high Grades turn up it has been decided to hold a special Examination at Derby J.C.

Women. 4th, 3rd and 2nd Kyu Grades 10-00am.
Boys. 14th Mon and above 12 noon.
Girls. 14th Mon and above 12 noon.

This is your opportunity to take that elusive Grading. Plan to be there.

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

Dan Grade Promotion Examination. Ryecroft Judo Club, Nottingham 10-00am.

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

The British Closed Championships for Men. Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barrs Road, Cradley Heath, Warley, West Midlands.

Re-arranged date.

Application forms from BJA Head Office or July Midlands Judo Magazine.

Enter now. Don't miss the closing date.

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

BJA Annual General Meeting Dinner. Wembley, Eurocrest Hotel.

SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

BJA Annual General Meeting, 2-30pm Wembley, Eurocrest Hotel.

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Hertfordshire Open Championships for Men and Women. At the Y.M.C.A. Watford.

In the normal weight categories split into three sections. Section A for Men up to 3rd Kyu. Section B for Men 2nd Kyu and above. Section C for Women all grades.

Tournament licence applied for.

Details from W. Gilbert, 26 Kingsfield Road, Watford, Herts.

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Midland Area Girls' Individual Championships Haden Hill. Entry form September. *Judo Monthly* closed to Midland Area.

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

N. H. Counties Area Referees Award.

There are still vacancies on the Course at Fairholme Judo Club for which there is no charge to NHC Members.

Qualifications Green Belt and above and minimum 16 years of age. For BJA Referee 3rd Kyu and above and 21 years of age. Applicants must be current members.

Theory and practical Examinations for both the Area and the BJA Award will be held on the same day.

Applications to Maureen Sutton, 107 Colvin Gardens, Hainault, Essex.

REDBRIDGE SPORTS CENTRE JUDO CLUB

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS—SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 5th AND 6th JULY 1980

For 1980 it was decided to extend the Redbridge Open to include Young Men and Women's Events and also Senior Men and Women's Categories. This gave us a two day Championship with Junior Girl's, Young Men and Senior Men on the Saturday and the rest on the Sunday.

Altogether some 34 clubs from all over England entered players and spectators were treated to a weekend of fine Judo despite some delays caused by shortage of Referees for Women's Events. The Northern Home Counties new ruling that where armlocks and stangles are permitted it is necessary to have three officials did not help matters and cost the organisers about two hours in mat time.

This however did not seriously affect the timetable with the finals starting about 6-30pm preceded by a fanfare of trumpets from the Isle of Dogs Majorette Band and with Dave Starbrook presenting medals. First on were the Girls with the Gold medals going to A. Stuart (V. & E.), J. Western (Pinewood), T. Horsfall (RSC), M. Dixon (RSC), K. Elliott (RSC), L. Peskett (RSC), K. McNamara (RSC) and T. Harris of St. Mary's.

This provided a points total for the Junior Club trophy to be carried forward to Sunday with RSC leading by 21 points followed by Pinewood, 6 points, Stratford and St. Mary's with 5 and Tokel with 4. These would be added to the Boy's results after the events on Sunday. Medals in the Young Men's Events were more evenly spread around the Clubs with I. Sutton (RSC), T. King (Tokel), A. Sutton (RSC), L. Alexander (St. Pauls) and R. Deacon of Bromfords taking the titles. The Norman Book trophy for Young Men was awarded to the RSC Judo Club.

Another three of the Senior Men's titles went to the Home Club with I. Sutton getting his second Gold medal and brother A. Sutton picking up the 71k title. Other Gold medalists were T. Goody (Tokel), P. Knight (Pinewood), P. Bryan (RSC) and J. Hockley (Olympic).

SUNDAY

Despite the larger entry, events on Sunday went very smoothly and due to the very large entry in the Boy's Under 28k category, the Organizers decided to award two sets of medals for this Event with K. Roberts of Pinewood and N. Burnby also of Pinewood being the lucky lads winning the Gold medals.

These were presented by the Mayor and Mayoress of Redbridge and the finals were preceded by a display from the Ishinryu Karate Club which went down very well. The other Gold medalists amongst the boys were J. Rose (Pinewood), G. Dixon (Pinewood), J. Carter (Pinewood), K. Bradshaw (RSC), M. Goody (Tokel) and N. Swindells (Pinewood).

The Young Womens and Women's titles went to P. Johns (Tokel), S. Mercia (Pinewood), K. McNamara (RSC), C. Clarke (Pinewood), L. Jones (Stratford), G. White (Tokel) and T. Hayden (Highbury).

The Badgers Trophy for the overall winners went to RSC who pipped Pinewood by just two points.

Photographs—reading from top:

RSC Open Championships—5th July
A. Sutton (Kesagatame) holding an opponent.

RSC Open Championship Final—6th July
S. Cooper (RSC) v S. Smith (Tokel)

RSC Open Championships Final—6th July
Elizabeth Jackson v Teresa Finch

RSC Open Championship Young Women's Final—6th July
P. Johns (Tokel)—Gold v Kerry Elliott—Silver

RSC Open Championship—6th July
S. Edwards (Stratford) v D. Endersby (Bedford)



JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

Firstly, a special welcome to our new Northern Home counties readers. If you like what you read in *Judo Monthly*, write and let us know—better still tell your friends. If you don't like it—keep quiet—we're in enough trouble as it is.

Charles Palmer, OBE, President of the BJA wishes to make it known that he does not regard our magazines as 'scurrilous' and does not believe that we are guilty of 'yellow page journalism' (see *Midlands Judo*, July issue).

He states that any reference he made to those terms was only in jest but confirms that he wished only to defend the criticism levelled at the Financial Adviser and Finance Sub-Committee.

As a member of the Finance Sub-Committee I am very pleased—it's about time someone defended us. (Offensive letters will not be published).

When is a complaint not a complaint?

When it is verbal.

I have stated that I will be pleased to learn of complaints from any person having difficulties with BJA licence applications and renewals. I said write to me. What's happened since?

The world and his wife have burned my ears off. I've had more complaints than the BJA's got members, but only one person had bothered to put it in writing.

I've never known so many people moan and groan, but nobody is prepared to put the details on paper. If it's not worth writing about it's not worth moaning about.

Joint Men's Team Manager, Tony Macconnell criticises junior judo in the July edition of *Judo* magazine. He says, 'There are far too many competitions for players under 15 years of age... In France... juniors rarely compete before fifteen... there is a problem with facilities... all the competitions are organised for young people. I think this should be discouraged... The main problem with senior judo is junior judo... I think that's fantastic coming from an employee of the BJA. Does Tony not realise that without juniors there would be no BJA for seniors at all. 75% of the membership is under sixteen years old.'

The main problem with junior judo is that there are not enough seniors to support the kids and the kids are the backbone of the Association.

How many clubs would survive if the senior section were to be removed?

In France, there is far more money spent on Judo and other sports, than there is here.

Perhaps, after the Olympics, Tony might lend some of his expertise to the British Schools Judo Association, who are fighting an uphill battle to foster interest in Judo.

Recently the Kent LEA has sacked all of their schools judo coaches because they cannot afford to pay them. What do we say to children? Wait till you are fifteen before you start to fight. There endeth the BJA.

It is the general consensus of opinion that referees fulfil a most thankless task—whatever the sport, and understandably so. I should think 75% of the referee's decisions are considered wrong by 50% of the players.

So—who wants, but really wants, to be a referee.

Obviously, Belinda Petty does.



According to some newspapers, the BJA's reasons for refusing to allow her to referee male contestants are unjustified—and maybe the newspapers are right, but have you ever seen Belinda referee?

The last time I saw her officiate in Crystal Palace, there was far more time than is conducive with interesting contests, spent in discussion and argument, and the audience frequently expressed disapproval of the manner in which she conducted the contests.

If I were told that my services were undesirable—for whatever reason—I wouldn't wish to force anyone to accept them—and I certainly would not waste other people's money by dragging the thing through costly, time consuming legal proceedings.

All I can say, with apologies to Shakespeare "Belinda, by any other name, would be just as Petty."

QUOTE

"A committee should always consist of an odd number of members and three is too many."

WATCH OUT BJORN BORG!



Roy Inman, star of stage, screen and junior Syllabus books said, "I did not realise how skilful tennis was, until I started to teach it."

The Midland Area LOWER GRADES JUNIOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Saturday, 12th July 1980—Haden Hill Leisure Centre

Somewhere recently someone said that Competitive Judo wasn't good for young children and that consideration was being given within the BJA to discontinuing Junior Championships.

If these people had attended this, so called, Low Grades Tournament and seen the interest, dedication and skill of some of the 400 competitors perhaps they would have seen where the future of the Association lies.

With Events in weight categories for Boys and Girls and a Grade restriction for Boys of 9th Mon and Girls 12th Mon it gave an opportunity for Club Coaches to introduce their newer players to contest knowing that as the Event was a knockout there was little chance of anyone suffering from receiving successive beatings.

Entries came from all over England with Little Bonnie Lush from Torbay the longest traveller which seemed to have no effect at all on her skilful performance. North Western Area travellers also had a good day with Maghull players featuring in most of the final rounds and picking up a few medals as did some Northern Home Counties Clubs.

The two lightweight Boys' Events had by far the largest entry with almost two full knockout sheets (64) in each category whilst the heavyweight girls competition had a meagre entry which only required six fights to decide the medal placings.

Notable performances from Kevin Hewitt (Derby) who for once stayed calm enough to win the title from Club mate M. Smith at Under 30 kilos and also from Glen Forde of Monks Park who scored a variety of throws and holds to take the Under 35 kilo Gold. The Broadbent brother and sister from Coventry did well with Karen losing to Peb Johns from the Tokel and brother G. Broadbent winning the Under 40 kilo title to go with Karen's Silver. Peb Johns was really too good for this Tournament and took the title with ease looking as fresh at the end as she did at the beginning.

Beverley Binner at Under 28 kilo did well to beat Bonnie Lush who is quite the most skilful young girl I have seen, to then lose to J. Robinshaw of S.K.K. and then to come back through the repechage for a Bronze medal.

Many thanks to all the Officials and hard working referees and everyone else who helped stage the Event.



TANIA FISHER (Milton Keynes) holds KATIE KILGALLON (Coventry) in the repechage



A. CHAMBERLAIN (Wolverhampton) looks on as HICKS (Pershore) receives attention



BONNIE LUSH attacks J. ROLLINGS with Tomoenage



A. BINNER KKK versus N. ASHMAN also KKK



'PEB' JOHNS
Tokai



MELANIE HEMMINGS
(Pershore)



D. STEVENSON
versus P. AMISS

GIRLS

Under 28k
Under 32k
Under 36k
Under 44k
Under 48k
Under 52k
Under 56k
Under 60k
Under 40k

Gold

J. Robinshaw
S.K.K.
H. Kilgallon
Coventry
Denise Jackson
Milton Keynes
P. Johns
Tokai
L. Noble
Tokai
Y. Guest
Wen
T. Edwards
Maghull
A. Caisley
Milton Keynes
A. Harris
GKN

Silver

J. King
Hardy Spicer
H. Grocott
Bridgnorth
T. Purcell
S.K.K.
K. Broadbent
Coventry
K. Wilcox
Tubes T.I.
K. Hollington
Milton Keynes
S. Gunter
Milton Keynes
J. Priddin
Northfield
D. Robinshaw
S.K.K.

Bronze

L. Adams Pirelli
B. Binner K.K.K.
J. Staines St. Mathews
S. Jennings Leasowes
S. Cosnett Pershore
R. Aldrich Pirelli
T. Fisher Milton Keynes
C. Turner Worcester
A. Wyatt GKN
S. Hockenhull Maghull
F. Grogan Hardy Spicer
D. Hamilton S.K.K.
S. Lee Wem
K. Elleman Chapelhouse

M. Bowater Bridgnorth
J. Lloyd Dudley L.C.

BOYS

Under 30k
Under 35k
Under 40k
Under 45k
Under 50k
Under 55k
Under 60k
Under 70k

Gold

K. Hewitt
Derby
G. Forde
Monks Park
G. Broadbent
Coventry
D. Carter
Bridgnorth
A. Llewellyn
G. Anderson
Wolverhampton
G. Mapp
GKN
S. Gately
Maghull

Silver

M. Smith
Derby
M. Richardson
M. Parker
Wem
B. Forde
Monks Park
D. Jelles

N. Murdock
Bridgnorth
M. Tate
Maghull
M. Edwards
Wem

Bronze

M. Murdock Bridgnorth
A. Chamberlain Wolverhampton
T. Penfold Kettering
M. Woods Tubes
K. Dodd Wolverhampton
P. Morgan Bridgnorth
D. Hemmings
I. Guise
S. Gough
P. Gupwell
R. Holmes
S. Fencott
J. Royal
L. Cartwright
P. Skone
R. Motamen Wem

CHAPELHOUSE BOYS CLUB



The Chapelhouse Club is not just a Judo Club but a Boys and Girls Youth Club affiliated to the National Association of Boy's Clubs and consequently has a varied programme of activity.

In March 1978, Dave Anderson was asked to add to the programme by introducing Judo and despite having been retired for some ten years Dave agreed and roped in his next door neighbour John Gay to assist. After a short while, they had managed to scrounge ten mats and used the boxing Club canvas to cover them and so managed to start practising. Initially response was very good but after a few weeks, the faint hearts dropped out leaving just a dozen regular members.

Bit by bit, the Club began to improve and soon the mat area was far too small to practise on so the Club Committee took a gamble and invested £250 in a new mat area which soon had the effect of attracting more interest especially from the girls who now form an integral part of the Club.

Early in 1979 the first medals came to the Club with a Silver and Bronze in the Three K's Tournament followed by a couple of Bronze in the Sandwell Knockout and the Girl's Heavy-weight Team winning the Bronze in the Jack Law Tournament. Another Silver and Bronze medal in the Middlesex Boy's Club Tournament has increased the tally to ten medals but with Gold medals still being elusive.

Kim Elleman has represented the Midland Area in Inter-Area matches and was one of the girls selected for the National Championships and is probably the Club's most successful competitor and is shortly to attend the Northampton School of Sport for a week's Residential Course with Roy Inman as Coach. Current membership of the Club is about 200 with about 50 turning out for training nights, and Area Grading are held at the Club about every three months.

Despite having a Club age limit from 9-16 years it is hoped to start a senior section in the near future of the the older members so that their training can continue and future Club Instructors can be groomed.

Training times are Thursdays from 7-00pm to 10-00pm and Sunday mornings 10-00am to 2-00pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Meet the Editor...

Born in Manchester, Frank Smith, after leaving the RAF found himself living and working in Blackpool, where he first took up Judo, whilst in his late twenties, under the cruel eye of current British team manager, Tony Macconnell.

His other sporting interests have included tennis, football, motor rallying and golf, however judo became his first love.

About 13 years ago, he sought political asylum in the Midlands, working for a well known departmental store, in which he founded a judo club which soon became successful and was regularly frequented by many of the well known 'characters' of judo.

In 1975 he was elected to the Midland Area Committee and held the chair from 1976 to 1980 during which time his dedication to judo, commercial acumen and innovative flair combined to make the Midlands the most successful area of the BJA.

Amongst many other achievements he is responsible for the establishment of *Judo Monthly* (formerly *Midlands Judo*), our Centre of Excellence, and it is he who caused the opening of the Midlands Area Marketing Division.

He describes himself as a 'workaholic'. Apart from running his own successful business, he teaches judo in a local school, writes for a national magazine, produces this journal, administers the Centre of Excellence, manages the M.A. Junior Girls Squad, organises and controls all of the competitions in the very busy Midlands calendar and manages the Marketing Division. In addition he is a BJA Examiner and Referee.

Photography is his hobby, and almost all of the pictures in the journal are taken by Frank. He has written and produced two books and is now working on a third.

Never have I met anyone more dedicated to judo. Neither have I met anyone who suffers fools less gladly—and this latter point coupled with his characteristically Northern bluntness and 'special' sense of humour has often caused him to be labelled as "controversial and militant".

Nevertheless, Frank Smith is the mainspring of the Midland Area, and whilst he certainly will not appreciate the appearance of this article, the Midlands certainly owes a great deal of appreciation to him.

JOHN BEARD

Northern Home Counties

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

22nd JUNE 1980

BARKING SPORTS CENTRE—DAGENHAM

Despite entry to the Inter-County Championships being free, once again some Counties couldn't be bothered to get together a representative Team which as a result left Berkshire and Essex as the favourites for the final repeating last year's placings.

With Don Werner in his lucky old leather jacket and stopwatch at the ready and Terry Pumfrey from Essex both getting 'wound up' at the competition, it was obviously going to be an exciting day with some really outstanding contests.

In the Girls' Event, Hertfordshire and Essex were level, right up to the last fight with Jenny Short (Essex) and Cullen (Herts) matching score for score until Short secured yoko-shiho-gatame to win with just seconds to go and so clinch the match for Essex. Berkshire came out overall Junior winners after taking the Gold medals in both the Boys' and Girls' Events with Essex as the runners up. Bronze medals went to Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

In the Senior Men's Events only three Teams entered with Hertfordshire admirably entering a Team despite being short of players and Middlesex surprisingly not turning up despite having players like Blewett, Ischei and Donald.

Essex had a formidable Team with the Sutton brothers, Tommy Wynters, Pat Bryan, Bill Ward and Ian Dalziel (on special leave from the Navy) and 3rd Dan Albert Johnson who was making a come back to get his 4th Dan. Even at his age (not revealed) 'Big Albert' makes a menacing opponent and his sense of humour is terrific even (especially) when he's breaking your arm.

The Berkshire line up was Martin Jones, David Rance, Michael Merciaci, 'Moose' Paul Knight, John Pont, P. Eastwood and no openweight player. These were the Teams that met in an exciting final with Essex winning 4-2 with one draw. Winners for Essex were Sutton at 60k, Wynters, Ward and Johnson. Rance and Pont scored for Berkshire. Thus Essex retained the Men's Event trophy perhaps next year the other Counties can give them a bit more opposition.

Big ALBERT JOHNSON following through after throwing **P. RYMILL**.



PAT BRYAN (Essex) versus **A. WEBSTER** (Herts.) executing his well-known pick up in the Championships.

BITS AND PIECES

...NEWS AND COMMENT IN BRIEF

Tony Reay, BJA Development Officer, recently said, following my retirement as Area Chairman, that he was glad to see that the Midlands Area were continuing with their 'Rotating Chairman' policy of the Deputy Chairman becoming Chairman after two years in Office. Apparently it has always intrigued the Association that continuity and future policies can be established so smoothly and added that 'some people' would be only too pleased to see the new Chairman, John Beard rotating . . . on one of his own spits!

N.B. — John sells and distributes barbecues.

John Murphy of Essex won the Junior Dutch National Championships at Under 58k last month at Rotterdam Sports Centre. In the final he fought three times Champion and the current title holder winning by a score of a yuko and koka. John was staying at a Dutch Judo College training full-time.

The Northern Home Counties at the National Team Championships. From . . . Sheila Croton.

the Area entered two Teams in this year's National Team Championships with the 'B' Team drawn with the North West, the North and Midlands 'A'. Despite beating the North 4-3, the 'B' Team could not progress into the next round leaving the 'A' Team to top their Pool beating the West 5-2, the Army 6-1 and London 4-2. Unfortunately, in the quarter-final, they were defeated by Yorkshire and Humberside 4-1. Better luck next year.

Thirteen players entered the North West Open on the Sunday with Liz Jackson getting a final place at Under 52k in the 2nd Kyu and below Event whilst Lisa Peskett earned a Bronze medal. Sharon Keeble also took a final place at 52-60k as did Jackie Malone (60-72k) and later in the day Mandy Bell reached the finals at Under 52k (1st Kyu and above) and Deanne Hiskey managed a Bronze at 60-72k.

Unfortunately it was not our lucky day and all our finalists had to be content with the Silver medals giving us a final tally of four Silver and two Bronze medals.

The Midlands Area recently held a Course for the new Area Referees Award which the BJA have been advertising through various letters and publications. Naturally, the organisers wanted a number of copies of the I.J.F. rules for the candidates so John Beard telephoned Head Office for 50 copies.

"But we only have 18 and we need them" was the reply, which means with the present membership there is about one per two thousand members.

Consideration has been given to serialization of the Rules in JUDO MONTHLY or even daily readings of important text outside Birmingham Library but instead we have managed to secure several mint copies for hire.

Unfortunately, they are all out at the moment and two have been damaged by having cornflakes and coffee spilt on them but we expect to have several back for the beginning of the contest season. Apply now.

By the time you receive this issue, the results of the Olympic contests will be well-known but at the time of writing, the opening has not yet taken place.

Irrespective of opinion about whether we should be involved or not, JUDO MONTHLY wishes all our Team members every success and hope that next month we can feature the British medal winners.

The Team is John Holliday, Ray Neenan, Neil Adams, Chris Bowles, Peter Donnelly, Gwyn Davies, Paul Radburn and Arthur Mapp. Good luck to everyone.

The Sandwell Evening Mail sponsored 'British National Championships' for Women, reported in this issue, suffered from a drop in entries, mainly because the entry forms were not distributed around Member Clubs in time due to them being overlooked by Head Office administrators.

Last year they managed to lose them altogether, including the Hotel Booking cards and already I have received some queries about the British National Championships for Men which have been referred to me by Head Office.

Now they have had the entry forms for this Event for distribution since 6th July, so if you haven't got one . . . give them a ring. The Championships are on Saturday, 30th August 1980.

Theory Examinations for both Junior and Senior Syllabus may now be conducted by Club Coaches who are holders of the Club Coach award provided such Coaches are recognised as such by the Area and are only permitted to examine on Theory up to one Grade/Colour below the Grade/Colour held by the person concerned. Contact Bryan Rowland to determine the Area requirements for recognition of your award.

Midland Area Clubs wishing to host Area Promotion Examinations for 1981 should inform Joe Ekins by 1st October 1980. Give full details of requirements . . .

1. Type of Grading (Men or Women—Boys or Girls).
2. Start times. Should be 10am if possible.
3. Dates with alternatives.
4. Name and full address of venue.
5. Name and address of person organising the facilities at the Club.

Contact—Joe Ekins, 50 Headingly Road, Rushden, Northants.

It seems that since handing in his notice, Graham Perkins (CEO) has re-discovered his sense of humour.

In order to complete the entry form for the Midlands Area Junior Girls' Championships for this magazine, I had to telephone Head Office for a definite statement as to whether the National Championships would be for Under-16 or Under-18 years of age and what was happening about armlocks and strangles.

Not really expecting a conclusive answer to the question I have been asking for six months I was somewhat surprised when Graham gave the Over-18's ruling as decided by the Management Committee on Wednesday 16th July.

On offering my congratulations for the surprising alacrity of reply Mr Perkins said, "Well, Charles Palmer said I should try and do something right before I leave!"

LETTERS

No doubt you will censor this letter to suit the 'Frank Smith' view but frankly speaking I think you should publish the facts concerning the clash of dates of National and Midlands Area Squad training dates.

As I have explained to you on many occasions, we book venues in various parts of the country and always bear in mind the Area and National calendars to avoid clashes. However, I have to gear my training programmes to the International programme and unfortunately that programme is, to put it mildly, chaotic. We (the BJA) are advised of some Events literally three weeks before they take place.

Regarding the Young Womens' German Open Championships. I was reliably informed that this Event would be held on 14th June and did not receive confirmation contrary to this until three weeks before the event—then I was informed that the date was 7th June, which clashed with the National Team Championships.

Concerning the clash of dates between National and Midlands Area training sessions, I would agree that on the odd occasion this has happened. The problem has been that I have booked dates only to have them later cancelled by the Sports centres. However, I would point out that the sessions at Crystal Palace and Lilleshall were booked many months in advance and all Areas were sent the calendar for the National Squad early in 1980. So if the Midlands Area still go ahead and organise their training sessions on the same dates that is

their choice. I feel that it is most unfair for you to criticise in your column without presenting the full facts.

Roy Inman—National Team Manager.

Well, Roy you should know that unless legal reasons require it, we do not censor letters in this magazine.

Unfortunately in presenting the facts (as you put them) you appear to have put the cart before the horse. Midlands Area Squad sessions for 1980 were notified to all concerned along with our 1980 Championships programme in September 1979. SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE YOU PLANNED YOUR PROGRAMME.

National Squad sessions were not arranged until 1980 and I did not receive notice of any until May 1980.

It is also an unfortunate description to say that you were 'reliably informed' about the German trip when the converse applies!

There is a local saying from the Black Country dialect which when written in English goes something like this—

'Make a mistake once and that's an accident. Make the same mistake twice and that's stupid . . . Now if it happens for a third year . . .'

Frank Smith.

Dear Editor,

This will be the last time I write to your magazine as for some reason or other, my BJA Diary does not extend beyond September. Unfortunately I didn't notice the pages were missing when I started it.

Fortunately this also coincides with the termination of my tour of duty as Administrative Advisor to the BJA and I am shortly to return my Regiment, the Yorkshire Bluejackets. It should have been Greenjackets but somehow I ordered the wrong material, which, as you know isn't easy to do.

Still, I have had quite a bit of success during my last few weeks, once again managing not to send out the entry forms for the British National Women's Championships until it was too late to return them and by encouraging Grand Metropolitan to sell the Hotel where the AGM was to be held. Unfortunately that bit went slightly wrong as the delegates to the AGM were meant to be in it when it closed down!

Unfortunately, my heart hasn't been in the job for obvious reasons and regrettably most things have gone right, but then I have been discouraged by the suggestion I heard that perhaps all the things that had gone so brilliantly wrong were not entirely caused by me. There was even the suggestion that someone else in the administration was instigating a great number of the disastrous events that have (or haven't) taken place and that I was taking the credit. As you know, this is just not true and it is quite libellous to suggest that I have been assisted in my most significant failures by some third (or fourth) party.

Still, the truth will come out when I've gone, you'll soon see who was responsible . . . Good luck to your magazine, I've enjoyed writing to you.

Captain Featherhead. BJA Head Office.

And we've enjoyed your letters. Good luck. —Editor.

THE THIRD

SANDWELL EVENING MAIL

British National Championships for Women

HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE, BARRS ROAD, WARLEY — SATURDAY 5th JULY 1980



BERNIE RING
Under 72k Champion

It was unfortunate that once again administrative errors meant that entries to the British Closed were not all that they should be and it was doubly unfortunate that this was the first year when just about every available Member of the BJA National Squads entered. When we manage to get everything right, there is little doubt that this will be the foremost domestic Championship for Women and will sooner or later justify our Sponsor's faith in its continuation.

Having said that, there was no category, except perhaps the heavyweights, which was not adequately contested and with most of last year's Champions plus European Champion Jane Bridge as entries, then the standard was high and the judo entertaining. Due to the fact that there was a National Referees practical Examination taking place during the day, it admittedly looked sometimes as if there were more Officials than Competitors and to all intents and purposes they were suffering from the same nervous anxiety as the players.

The Under 48k category was a well contested Event with Junior Midland Area Champion Denise Jackson fighting in her first 'Closed' Championships and meeting Jane Bridge in her first fight and Susan Goodwin in her second. Sandy Fry didn't have things her own way in Pool One where she dropped a fight to L. Wood of the South by one point to go into the semi-finals as second place player and so get a match against the European Champion. What a fight it was with Sandy getting in some very good early attacks and maintaining the momentum right through the fight to finally get the decision on hantei. Goodwin had lost to Wood in the other semi-final by an armlock which gave us a repeat of the Fry-Wood Pool fight for the final. This was certainly not going to go to Wood with Fry now fighting extremely confidently and scoring three kokas to take a secure lead until disaster struck just seconds from the end. In executing another scoring make-kome Sandy put her elbow to the mat outside the contest area to incur a chui with no time left at all to recover and in an emotional scene surrendered the title to an embarrassed Wood.

No such drama at Under 52k where Bridget McCarthy and Bernie Alltoft came First and Second in their Pool and went on to eliminate Jackson and Harrington to meet again in the final where once again Bridget proved to have the edge taking the title on a koka. So into the Under 56k Event which had by far the largest entry with Griffin, Bell, Doyle, Smeal, Brennan, Chamberlain, Hicks and Ripsher making the split into the knockout round. Loretta Doyle met Diane Bell in the final with Loretta winning by a yuko to take her third National title, this time in a different weight from her first two.

Another large entry at 61 kilos gave us a second round of class players which progressed to semi-finals of Janet Thorpe v Anne Hughes and Lisa Jones v K. Gray of Northern Ireland who was having a very good day. Anne Hughes scraped through against Thorpe by the odd koka whilst Gray came to a stop against Jones



JAYNE BRIDGE
European Champion

losing by a koka in a good contest. Anne Hughes again in the final this time edging out Lisa Jones by the one point decision on hantei. Anne had also gone up a weight this year and succeeded in taking the National title.

Another 'class' entry at 66k gave us a semi-final round of Peake against Netherwood and Clayton against Reilly with Netherwood going on to win her second title from Reilly with a hold, whilst Bernie Ring turned the form books upside down by armlocking Joyce Malley with an expert juji-gatame to take the Under 72 kilo title with Theresa Hayden and Loren Gunn sharing the Bronze medals.

At 72 kilos a sparse entry gave just one Pool to fight which came out with Heather Ford winning yet again and Helen Wantling picking up the Silver, which looked like being repeated in the 'OPEN' category until Sally Peake beat Helen with a good strangle only to lose to Heather in the final when injury forced her withdrawal. Bernie Alltoft and Helen Wantling got the Bronze medals.

The Sandwell Evening Mail sponsorship of the Event gives nice Championship Shields as well as Medals but unfortunately some of the last year's winners did not return them on time and so a couple of Champions had to wait for their trophies but despite the problems, a nice Event with for once the Referees suffering more anguish than the players.



HEATHER FORD versus LOREN GUNN
'Open' Category



DAWN NETHERWOOD
receives her Trophy from Charles Palmer, OBE

PICTURE PARADE



Dr Ken Kingsbury

Ken Kingsbury, the British Olympic Squad Medical advisor is probably one of the foremost Sports associated injury specialists in Britain and is Consultant to several London Hospitals. Ken, a familiar figure at all BJA Events at Crystal Palace offers his services on a voluntary basis to the Association and his assistance not only with injury problems, but in designing Coaching programmes for the National Squad is invaluable.

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17th AUGUST
Boys', Hardy Spicer.
Women—To be notified.

24th AUGUST
Girls', Hardy Spicer.

NOTE:

GIRLS CHANGE OF DATE...

from 30th August, which conflicts with the British Closed Championships at Haden Hill.

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Please send Europa Lodge booking form for.....persons.

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ENTRY FORM

Event 1—Under 60k

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Event 3—Over 65k Under 71k

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Event 5—Over 78k Under 86k

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Event 7—Over 95k

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Event 2—Over 60k Under 65k

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Event 4—Over 71k Under 78k

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Event 6—Over 86k Under 95k

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Event 8—Open Category

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RICHARD ARMSTRONG

Richard, a British International was actually born in Munster, West Germany in 1959 whilst his father was serving with the British Army of the Rhine and stationed there, and his cosmopolitan youth continued into his start in Judo which was at Rowcroft Judo Club in Singapore. Here he was graded to 1st Mon!

Back in England, Richard joined the Army Club at Aborfield which unfortunately soon disbanded due the death of the Coach, Tug Wilson which indirectly led to him joining Bracknell Judo Club. (Now Pinewood).

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

At Tug Wilson's funeral, Richard's father Dave met Don Werner and as a result of the ensuing conversation Richard moved to Bracknell in 1970 and soon started to progress. In 1971 he won nine Gold and three Silver medals and was a quarter-finalist in the Junior National Championships which was the start of a succession of 33 medals through 1972-3-4 until in 1975 Richard started entering Senior Events with considerable success.

In March he won Middlesex Junior and Senior Titles in successive days and went on to better this by winning two Gold medals on the same day in the All England Junior Championships. 1975 also saw Richard win his first National Junior Championship which he improved on in 1976 winning the National Espoir Championships and also becoming Scottish Espoir Champion.

In August 1976 Richard won his 1st Dan which was withheld until he was 16 and in September followed his father's footsteps by joining the Army as an Apprentice Technician. September was an eventful month with International recognition and a trip to Hungary to earn a Bronze medal in the Multi-Nations and then in November a Silver in the European Espoirs in Poland.

Successes continued despite some health problems and a knee operation through 1977 and 1978 in which year he won the British National Title and the Silver medal in the All England until in 1979 he won the Senior trials and joined the Olympic Squad and then was our only medallist in the Junior European Championships. Now a 2nd Dan, Richard lost the Olympic place to Chris Bowles by the narrowest of margins and was thought by many to have clinched it by getting a decision over Chris in the Dutch Open.

During June, Richard has been training with the Olympic Squad in France and is obviously a star of the future and a fair bet for the Los Angeles games.



Richard Armstrong seen surrounded by young admirers at the Junior European Championships 1979.

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