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John Goodbody

reports on the

WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

with pictures by David Finch

We came, and although we did not conquer, we saw here in the vast Vienna Stadthalle a splintering of Japan's supremacy in world judo just as we had done at the Munich Olympics. The pattern, too, of the international sport for the next decade seems settled: a tremendous tussle between Japan and Russia who dominated the event in Austria and seem likely to maintain their grip on the sport at least until 1980. Japan lost the world light-heavyweight and welterweight titles for the first time since the championships were staged in their current form in 1967. They could easily have lost the Open category. The gold medallist, Haruki Uemura was hurled to the mat by Russia's Olympic gold medallist Shota Chochoshvili for waza-ari only for the Russian to hit his head on the ground with the effort, knocking himself semi-conscious, and allowing the Japanese to clamp on a hold-down. In the heavyweight final only a refereeing mistake allowed Sumio Endo to beat Russia's Sergei Novikov. And generally Japan lacked the brio and self-confidence that has been apparent in the past.

Charles Palmer, who was re-elected as President of the International Judo Federation at the Congress before the championships began, was explicit as to the reasons: "The Japa-

nese have not got the psychological dominance any more. They no longer treat the opposition like students at a Tokyo University—people to be used as training fodder. Now the gap



Charles Palmer O.B.E., President of the I.J.F.



Starbrook tries to throw Rouge with tai otoshi but does not succeed.

has narrowed with the rest of the world. They know they are going out for the fight of their lives and usually they get it". This, of course, is Charlie banging the big drum to tell the International Olympic Committee and the sports world that judo is not an event which one country dominates. His point was made at the Munich Games when the Japanese only took three of the six titles but the International Judo Federation must have been embarrassed at the 1973 World Championships when in front of the hierarchy of the I.O.C., Japan ruthlessly re-applied their grip on the sport by taking six titles and four silver medals. Now there has been another shift in the balance of power.

Although I concede Charlie's point over the last 10 years, nevertheless I am convinced that a significant reason why Japan did not do as well

in Vienna as they did in Lausanne two years ago was the absence of their successful trainer—Isao Okano, the dazzling winner of the Olympic middleweight crown in 1964.

The Japanese were smilingly disarming about Okano's current status: He is still officially one of the three team trainers but officials are never sacked in Japanese sport, they would lose face and that would never do. They are politely moved aside. Willem Ruska, the Dutchman who won both the heavyweight and Open titles at the Munich Olympics and is a close friend of Okano was less evasive. He told me that Okano had never got on well with the officials of the Kodokan and when Okano was photographed in "France Judo" earlier this year, advocating (together with Anton Geesink) that fighters should wear different-coloured judogi to distinguish each other in competi-



tion they seized the opportunity to discredit him. The Kodokan have always insisted that the traditional white suits should be worn.

Okano, who was brought in as trainer after the Munich Olympics and promptly inspired the team to their successes in Lausanne, was "over-looked" as trainer for Vienna. His training group, "seiki-juku", has had an enormous influence on Japanese judo in recent years by producing a stream of champions. Okano is still a formidable fighter, capable (as top judo coaches should be) of getting on the mat and working over a few people. This invariably brings the respect that Okano commands in Japan. When I was in Tokyo last year it was quite clear at the Kodokan who was in charge during a Japanese training session. Also his individual instruction on technique was painstaking and above all he instilled confidence in the fighters.

The position of trainer in Vienna was given to twice world champion Nobuyuki Sato who is probably still the best light-heavyweight in the world—he had finished second in the Japanese weight category championships—and he should have been grappling on the mat instead of shouting from the edge.

The Kodokan must surely consider giving Okano complete control of the team if they are to stand any chance of achieving their ambition of taking the six titles at the Montreal Olympics. And Sato should be urged to return to competition—after all an Olympic medal is worth having even for someone of his distinction.

However, this said, credit must go to the Russians and also to the Frenchman, Jean-Luc Rougé, whose

steadiness in the final against Japan's Ishibashi brought him his country's first world judo title (considering how much money France pour into sport it's amazing how bad they are, a point that was given grudging agreement by Robert Pariente, the famous sports writer of *Le Equipe* when I spoke to him during August's European Athletics Cup Final in Nice). However all credit to Rougé, whose style may please few and who was greatly aided by the efforts of Dave Starbrook, but who nevertheless took his chance sensibly. However, the European who impressed me most was Chochoshvili who has added a couple of stone to his weight over the last two years and is now a most formidable adversary. Technically he is very effective and also

Hisakatsu Iwata (Japan) struggles against Scott of Ireland in the light heavyweight category. Iwata won by waza-ari but was beaten in the quarter finals by David Starbrook and knocked out of the competition.



Opposite: Shota Chochshvili (left) of Russia throws Haruki Uemura of Japan with a tremendous hiza garuma. Chochshvili scored waza-ari but was immediately held for ippon by Uemura who eventually won the Open Gold medal.



Pitskelauri of Russia counters Algisi of France with a changing hip technique for ippon. Pitskelauri went on to be defeated by Kashiwazaki of Japan, the eventual silver medallist, but in the repechage was defeated by Reissman of East Germany.

attractive. He stands up straight, has a wide variety of throws and is deadly with his countering. Despite his defeat in Vienna he is the most likely competitor to succeed Ruska as Olympic Open champion.

Novikov lacks his compatriot's quality and skill but convincingly defeated Chonosuki Takagi, the defending champion, in the heavy-weight category. He caught the Japanese with a superb kosotogari and then using a fascinating version of kuzurekesagatame with his head almost on the ground (the strain on his arm must have been immense) held on to win the bout. In the final most observers thought he should have won but there was an officiating error. This left Sumio Endo as champion. The Japanese is an enthralling sight—five foot six inches tall and 18½ stone and a shaven black head which is as large as a cannonball. It must be unfortunate

to sit next to him on the Tokyo trains. But not only is he difficult to shift off-balance, he is also astonishingly fast (the British team coach said that he had never seen anyone do shuttle runs as quickly as he did) and skilful. The most colourful bout of the championships was his clash with the Korean, Gil Jong Pak, whose size was the great debating point of the championships. He was certainly taller than Holland's Pieter Adelaar who is six feet 10½ inches tall and most people assessed his weight at 21 stone. The crowd may have thought the sight of the pair advancing towards each other was the knock-about comedy contest of the championships—but Endo certainly didn't. With a brief flurry of his hands he grabbed hold of the Korean's lapels and threw him with a stupendous seionage for ippon.

The best Japanese was Shozo Fujii who won his third world middle-

weight title but he still had his moments of trouble, particularly against Jean-Paul Coche, the 1974 European Champion who was very formidable. But his explosive, supple use of seionage is destructive and together with lightweight Minami he must be his country's firmest hope for a gold medal in Montreal.

For once Britain did not figure among the medals — the first time that this has happened in a major event since the 1969 World Championships, a run of nine senior competitions. The bulk of the medals in this period (27 to be exact, out of 39) have been won by four fighters: Dave Starbrook, Brian Jacks, Angelo Parisi and Keith Remfry. In these championships for the first time in a major event since 1969 only two of them were competing. Parisi is taking out French citizenship although his future was not settled at the I.J.F. Congress—something that I will be discussing further at a later

date — while Remfry was only an observer at the championships. Keith is recovering from his back injury which has kept him out of major competition since the famous incident at last year's European Championships when he threw Sergei Novikov with osotogari in the last second of the team final. But the enterprise of his club, Ealing Youth, paid for him to make the trip to Vienna so that he could film and examine the men he is likely to be meeting in Montreal.

This left Jacks and Starbrook. Brian was thrown in his first contest — the first clean throw that has been scored on him in a major international event since he won his first European Championship medal in 1964—a series of 21 competitions. However it is too early to dismiss his chances for Montreal—how can you when he has surprised everyone so often in the past and he is a man whose collection of medals is second

In the final of the middle weight category Shozo Fujii (Japan) threw Yoshimi Hara (Japan) with tomoe-nage before trying to armlock him. Hara avoided the point by landing on his head and feet but eventually lost by a yuko.



only in number to Geesink? After all he didn't win anything in 1968 and 1969 but bounced back to take the European title in 1970.

Starbrook was criminally unlucky—and that's not because we all desperately wanted him to win the title. Everyone in the hall said the same thing: "Starbrook did all the hard work for Rouge". But having defeated the Korean, the reigning European Champion, Dietmar Lorenz (Rouge's bogey man) and the Japanese Iwata, he lost on a counter to the Frenchman, whose style presents Dave with considerable problems. In the repechage Dave was so let down by his disappointment in not reaching the final that Ramaz Harschiladze, a sturdy Russian, caught him unexpectedly and Dave could not make up the difference. However he remains an excellent bet for a medal in Montreal to add to the silver he obtained in Munich.

Of the rest of the British, the pick was unquestionably Peter Donnelly, who did quite magnificently in his first major international event. Although he didn't beat any outstanding competitor he won his first three bouts with rugged competence and against Ishibashi he only lost on a "koka". But it was the way that he fought that impressed me—he looked capable of upsetting anyone. He has two prime abilities for success in modern judo—a big throw capable of picking someone up and banging him on his back and deep-rooted fighting spirit. It was pleasant also for a new face to emerge. He is unquestionably a "find". Provided he can continue training steadily there is no reason why he should not be a most worthy successor to Starbrook.

There are, of course, some mean-minded men in this country (believe it or not) who are so envious of the deserved success the present squad have earned in recent years, that they will be pouring scorn on a failure to win a medal in Vienna. However, it is worth remembering that until 1971 only one Briton

(Jacks) had won a medal in either the World Championships or in the Olympics. We have been astonishingly lucky to have this squad's services for so long. It is worthwhile to look at other countries as a comparison. West Germany is an interesting parallel. During the middle and late 1960's they had a most successful team; European Team Champions in 1967; the superb Klaus Glahn, winner of two Olympic medals; Alfred Meier, the 1965 European Open class champion; Peter Herrmann, twice World Championships bronze medallist; Miebach, Egger, etc. And since their retirements . . . hardly anything—no medals in the 1973 World Championships, no medals in last year's European Championships, nothing in this year's European Championships and nothing here in Vienna. Or take Holland—where are the successors to Geesink, Ruska, Poglajen and the Snijders brothers? We may be entering a similar phase.

What is clear is that for consistent success in international sport now and in the future, a country will have to be increasingly "professional" — in other words have the financial support that will enable a national squad to allow nothing to interfere with his sport. And judo is no different from any other sport.

Ray Ross, the Olympic Team Manager, is thoroughly realistic about the situation. "It is now coming down to a matter of money and although we are eternally grateful for the support of the B.J.A. and Joseph Sanders, the Investment Advisers, many other countries have seemingly limitless financial support from their government. For instance in these championships we could only bring a squad of six. The French not only brought a full team but also all their reserves just for the experience of being at a major event. And in the long run this must pay off. We have monthly National Squads. The Koreans came to Europe six weeks before these cham-

pionships and the whole squad spent the period training and competing together. They are virtually full-time athletes. Six nations in Vienna were going to Tokyo to train. We'll do well to send a few people.

"The real truth is that we have done fantastically well in the last few years with amateurs fighting squads who have become increasingly professional as the years have gone by. We still have great hopes for Montreal and I'm sure we could get

medals but we have done well in recent years despite the disadvantages we face. No one is to blame. But in the end it's a question of how much support the individual governments are prepared to put into sport".

An interesting slant on the position was put to me by Ruska. "When a young judo competitor comes to me and says, 'Should I concentrate on judo or my studies?' The coach in me says 'judo' but the person in me says 'your studies'."

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—I was greatly amused by Danny Da Costa's recent article regarding the refereeing system. I only wish he had gone to Meadowbank for the Junior Boys' Championships. If he had, I feel he would have been tempted to write a follow-up article. It would appear that the first thing the referees and judges did, prior to the commencement of the contests, was to throw the I.J.F. rules out of the window. Some of the rules were broken left, right and centre, with no penalties given. I will give two examples:

1. Osaekomi was called, and the contestants looked like going out of the area. The referee called Sonomama and pulled them back into the area when, in fact, he should have called Matte.

2. Dropping onto the knees for seoi-nage, and then grabbing the leg, one contestant practically got into the finals continually doing this, the referee awarding kokas when, in fact, he should have been penalising him.

These are just two examples. Leg grabbing and passivity also went unchecked. One referee I spoke to told me that they had discussed the seoi-cum-leg grab on the morning and had decided to allow it. In that case why did they not inform the coaches about it? It could have made

a big difference to some competitors, many of whom had travelled hundreds of miles.

Meadowbank are to be congratulated on their very fine organisation of this event, each year it gets better. The standard of judo was also very good. I only hope that next year we will be able to say the same for the standard of refereeing.

P. E. DICKENS
B.J.A. Referee

Sir,—I have been receiving *Judo* for two years now, and I wish to offer my opinion that your magazine is consistently interesting and informative. Some of the articles, such as one last year entitled "The Great Lineups", have been especially memorable. My wife, who is active in the sport, likes reading *Judo* as much as I do. She particularly enjoyed some stories by Sally Watson, describing tournament competition, and hopes her articles will appear again soon. My wife says Miss (or Mrs.) Watson is one of the relatively few people who have a good understanding of judo and also the ability to write well.

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Fifth British Open Championships for Women

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Report by Gillian Kenneally

This was the 5th British Open Championships for women and attracted the largest number of entrants yet seen at a British Open event—some 165, the overseas entrants outnumbering the home contingent slightly. There were representatives from Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, United States of America and New Zealand.

The organisation was of the high standard one has come to associate with the British Judo Association and as well as the competitors there were delegates from the European and Oceania Judo Unions whom we hope made notes with a view to a future world event for women. Special thanks must go to all the officials who volunteered their services free of charge and who worked right through the day without a break in most cases in order to deal with the large number of contests.

The event got off to a prompt 10 a.m. start. As usual the first round was in pools of three or four, with two winners from each pool going through to the next round which was straight knock-out with repechage. Obviously space will not allow a detailed run through of the many exciting contests that so many entrants provided but with the first European Championships looming ahead in Munich next month, each contest was keenly fought.

—48 KGS.: There were 19 entrants 13 from overseas. Homminga (Holland), Richardson (U.S.A.) and Hrovath (Austria) were the most

well known competitors from abroad, with Presswell (N.H.C.) and Brooks (Wales) both being Senior Squad members, providing the main home interest. All these five came through their pools and with the exception of Richardson who did pull off a few good throws and a waza-ari from harai-goshi by Presswell, all the pool winners won their contests on the ground. Hosteler (U.S.A.) a 16-year-old 1st kyu, then impressively made her way through to the final by defeating Portillo (West Germany), Nanlohy (Holland) and Lof (Sweden), again all on the ground. In the other half, Richardson went through to the final beating Presswell with kesa gatame for ippon, Hrovath with a yuko and Homminga with a shime waza for ippon. It was interesting to note that in last year's Open, Richardson won a silver medal in the under 56 kgs. category and she certainly looked a very large under 48.

In the repechage, Hrovath defeated Presswell by a hold-down and Homminga also with a hold-down to take one bronze medal and Lof defeated Nanlohy to take the other bronze medal.

It would have seemed to the casual observer from Mars passing by that throws did not form part of the under 48 kgs. repertoire. After scoring perhaps a koka there was a tussling on the ground until a result was achieved. Most people I think do expect the lighter weights to produce more spectacular judo, sadly this was not the case. For the first time

since the event started there were no British medallists either.

-52 KGS.: Here there were 22 entrants, 12 from overseas. Of the British entrants, five were medallists from the Junior Championships and the passing Martian would have definitely been more impressed with the judo performed by this weight category. Some of these very young players will surely be champions in the not too distant future, and one hopes that a few of them will be able to keep within the weight limits for the lighter categories.

Easily through the pools came Bridge (N.E.), Coleman (London) and Hughes (N.W.) all of the Junior Squad and Caldwell (West), Tysall (London) and Entwistle (Wales), all Senior Squad members, joining Matteman (Holland), last year's gold medallist and Staps (Holland), a bronze medallist last year in the 48 kg. category.

In the knock-out Lewis (U.S.A.) went through to the final defeating Hughes with kesa-gatame, Gorsele (Holland) with a clean harai-goshi for ippon and Matteman by a decision. Staps (Holland) went into the final by defeating Walsh of Canada who incurred a chui for stepping out and Moos (West Germany) by good constant attacking which scored three kokas. Staps is only 14 years old and showed great promise. In the repechage, Moos defeated Walsh to take one bronze medal and Matteman being the vastly more experienced player, which certainly showed, defeated Hughes to take the other bronze. So again no British medallists.

-56 KGS.: Out of the 29 entrants, 16 were from overseas. The reigning champion, Lauren Pearman (South) decided to retire "undefeated" and so there were many eager British players chasing the title. Through the pools came, Wolff (West Germany), a very well known player and medal winner at many events, Pierce (U.S.A.) last year's silver medallist

in the under 52 kgs., Callu (Belgium) and van Beek (Holland) joining British players Burlands (N.E.), Bolton (N.), Coward (N.H.C.), Maxwell (N.H.C.), Hogg (Mid.). Wolff went through to the final defeating Burgmans (Holland), Reifgraber (Austria), Delias (France) and Callu (Belgium), all with ippon. Bolton also went through defeating Armstrong (U.S.A.), Steiner (Switzerland), van Beek (Holland) and Pierce (U.S.A.), none with ippon but all convincingly. In the repechage Callu (Belgium) ended up the winner of one bronze and van Beek (Holland) the winner of the other.

-61 KGS.: This category had the largest number of entrants, 32 — 17 being from overseas. Through the pools came Herman (Switzerland), Bamberg (Sweden), a medal winner last year, Winklebauer (Austria), Mil (Belgium), Thomas (Holland), a gold medallist in the under 48 kgs. category a few years back, and British players Nicol (S.J.F.), a Senior Squad member, Kearsley (N.), a Junior medallist, Greenhalgh (N.W.), Brown (N.H.C.), Foster (N.H.C.) and Wayman (South). The knock-out proved a particularly tough affair with Steiner (West Germany) going into the final with Thomas (Holland). The only British player to get past the first round was Foster. Mil (Belgium) and Hilger (West Germany) were the bronze medallists; all the repechage contestants being overseas players. My interest in this category had dropped slightly and I took a break to indulge in Crystal Palace's special doughnuts which must have been a strange treat for the foreigners, and a great surprise for the visiting Martians.

-66 KGS.: This was one of the few categories with more British than overseas entrants, 16 as against 13 overseas players. Last year's gold and silver medallists, Boileau (Canada) and Korte (U.S.A.) were amongst the well-known foreign entrants who made it through their pools and who were joined by Kendall (N.H.C.),

Gruczkos (N.W.), Earlham (N.W.), Redmond (South) and Bogie (London), among others in the next round. Into the final swept Boileau and Korte both players with judo worth watching. We were very pleased, and somewhat relieved to see Redmond and Bogie fight their way through the repechage to win well deserved bronze medals.

-72 KGS.: Seventeen players contended this category, nine from Britain, Cobb (South), having won a medal in every British event she has entered, kept our hopes high and Harmon, the Squad number one, was also a force for the foreigners to reckon with. They were joined after the pools by Gribben (Canada), Aka (Holland), Simpson (N.) and Goransson (Sweden), among others. During the pool's contests, we had the unusual sight of seeing Cobb thrown for a full ippon with o-goshi by Gribben of Canada which certainly woke up some of the sleeping audience; however, Ellen convincingly made her way to the final as did Harmon. (Gribben (Canada) and Aka (Holland) were the bronze medallists after the repechage contests.

+72 KGS.: Although there were only eight contestants, interest was keen since Christine Child and Margaret McKenna were once again contesting against each other and also Christine had announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year and so was naturally keen to retire as reigning champion. As if there was any doubt—she made short work by holding down Malley (N.I.) and Lestrangle (Canada) and getting an ippon with a shime-waza on Liotard (Holland) in her pool and another shime on McKenna for 10 points to take her through to the final. The other finalist was Kieberg of Germany who held down Malley for ippon. This left McKenna and Malley the bronze medallists.

The **Open category** had a massive entry, with many competitors who

had been knocked out of their weight class trying their luck. There being 55 entrants, the pools were dispensed with and the event went straight through with knock-out and repechage.

In the first half, Bogie (London), looking as strong as ever made her way to the final defeating Goransson (Sweden) with kesa-gatame for ippon, Edwards (N.H.C.) with an armlock, Kieburg (West Germany) for kiken-gachi and Cobb by a yuko. In the other half McKenna defeated Snee (Midland), a Junior medallist, with a 10-point shime-waza, Vringer (Holland) with a yuko, Ford and Harmon with decisions. In the repechage, Ford (South) had three hard fights against Vringer (Holland), McDonald (Canada) and Harmon (Midlands), whom Heather managed to hold-down, to win one bronze medal. Cobb being further up the line, defeated Goransson (Sweden) and Bonn (Holland) to take the other bronze.

Barely had the repechages finished and it was time for the evening's events. There was a parade of the medal winners and a speech from the Chairman, Charles Palmer, who gave us all great hopes by saying that it was likely that there would be judo for women in the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games which brought a cheer from the audience.

The first final was the 48 kgs. and was an all U.S.A. affair, Richardson the experienced player taking on the 16-year-old, Hosteler. Try as she did Richardson could not get close to Hosteler and the contest went the full six minutes, Hosteler getting the decision at time.

Next came the under 52's with Lewis (U.S.A.) and Staps (Holland) fighting it out. Staps gave away her inexperience by stepping out of the contest area and incurring a chui and although she managed to keep Lewis out and kept up a barrage of attacks,

none scored and so at time Lewis was the gold medallist.

Our interest was sharpened in the under 56 kgs. with our own Winn Bolton taking on Elizabeth Wolff of West Germany. Winn started off with good attacks but suddenly Wolff dropped underneath her and after a brief battle on the ground, managed to hold Winn down for ippon. But a very well deserved silver medal for Winn in her first year "at the top".

No home interest in the under 61 kgs., since Steiner (Germany) met Thomas (Holland) and it did seem rather a pedestrian affair with lots of scrabbling on the ground to no effect. At time Steiner was the winner with the sole koka of the match.

Again no home interest in the under 66 kgs., with Boileau (Canada) and Korte (U.S.A.) meeting, but personally I found this the most interesting final of the whole Championships. Both players produced some fine judo well worth watching and which proved that women can play interesting judo. Eventually Korte managed to secure a hold on Boileau which terminated in ippon and we had a deserving champion in Bonnie Korte of the U.S.A.

At last an all British final with Harmon meeting Cobb—was this to be a repeat of the Trials when Harmon beat Cobb? Or would Cobb triumph? Although not the most scintillating of finals, the crowd seemed to enjoy it and after dropping to the ground, Ellen managed to strangle Geraldine for ippon and take the gold.

In the over 72 kgs., Child met Kieberg and although everyone felt sure of Christine's victory, a few of us knew she had suffered a knee injury during one of her earlier contests which had caused her to withdraw from the Open event and so we had our fingers, toes and knees crossed that it would last the distance. However we need not have worried unduly since it did not last

the distance. After a few flurries Chris held Kieberg down for ippon and took the title for the fifth year running.

The "final" final of the evening was also an all British affair, Bogie meeting McKenna. Although Maggie tried very hard indeed, Bogie kept her cool and dominated through much of the six minutes scoring koka by a counter-attack, so at time Cydaty was the winner and very pleased she was too.

So ended another thrill-packed day—some surprises among the medal winners but I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves, and the Martians passed bemusedly on their way home, joining all those foreigners overseas (or skies) for another year.

Medal Table :

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Great Britain	3	3	6
U.S.A.	3	1	0
Holland	0	2	3
West Germany	2	1	2
Canada	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	1
Belgium	0	0	2
Austria	0	0	1

Stop Press : Team announced for first Women's European Championships.

This event will take place in Munich on Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th December and Marie Fourt, the Women's Team Manager, announced the team to represent Great Britain as follows, subject of course, to all the players being fit:

- Open: C. Child and H. Ford.
 - + 72: C. Child and M. McKenna.
 - 72: E. Cobb and G. Harmon.
 - 61: K. Nicol.
 - 56: W. Bolton and J. Scattergood.
 - 48: C. Presswell and C. Brooks.
- Results in next issue.



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION Newsletter Supplement

AS I WAS SAYING

By TONY REAY, General Secretary

A number of sports have been hit badly by raging inflation and the general economic recession. Sportsmen and sportswomen will continue to practice their chosen sport regardless and so there is really no question of sports going to the wall as a business can do. Nevertheless, curbs that are necessary can restrict the sport very much and there was the very real possibility that the Association would have to cancel national events and participation in international competitions. Fortunately so far this has not been necessary and thanks to the wonderful support of our officials on the one hand, and friends on the other, such drastic action will not be necessary in the immediate future.

The response to an appeal to Association referees, timekeepers and recorders to officiate entirely voluntarily at the National Schoolboy's Championships on the weekend of the 18th and 19th October was overwhelming. As a result the Competition was a resounding success and on behalf of all the youngsters from all over Britain who took part

I wish to thank these loyal members most sincerely. I was indeed proud to be in their company and judging by the ovation they received when I referred to them in my opening address just before the finals of the first day—so were the spectators.

In view of the success of our international fighters over the last few years could anyone imagine Britain being absent from the 1975 World Championships? That would have been the case were it not for the financial and moral support of Joseph Sanders. I say 'moral' support because with the Olympics being less than one year away our fighters need all the experience they can get and they also need to know that the country is behind them and outside their circle of Judo friends there are people who really do care. Influential people, politicians and businessmen in Britain do not have a good reputation for supporting their sportsmen and Joseph Sanders and Partners have had their own struggle this year; many of their competitors have gone to the wall. But they are fighters and have survived in

the harsh world of business. Typical that they should be supporting other struggling fighters.

Our Under-20's team have been training very hard this year and much effort and time has been put in to help them. It would have been a great shame if they were to finish the year without a major international competition to take part in. This also would have been the case had not other friends responded. Trevor Williams the Geemat manufacturer joins Joseph Sanders and Partners along with Midland Area, Southern Area, The Budokwai Judo Club and others who wish to remain anonymous, in ensuring that we send a fair size team to the Junior European Championships to be held in Turku, Finland in November. Their collective effort will not only ensure that we will be represented, but that our young men will be prepared to take over the 'star' spot when the time comes.

Mr. President

Charles Palmer, the Chairman of the British Judo Association, must surely now be Britain's leading representative in international sport. On the 21st October, against strong opposition, he was re-elected to the Presidency of the International Judo Federation for a third consecutive term of office. The voting was 47 to 28, a truly remarkable feat. Not many people survive two terms of office, let alone three. Just two weeks earlier he had also been appointed General Secretary to GAIF, the world organisation of sports federations. The awe and respect held around the world for his integrity and statesmanship is I feel sometimes not fully appreciated back home.

Planning for the Future

Officials of all the major sections of the Association have been asked by the Chairman to produce recommendations as to how they would like to see their particular section develop during the next five years.

These recommendations will be co-ordinated by the officers of the Association and then after discussion by the Executive Committee, will be presented to the next General Meeting for approval.

If you, as a member, have any ideas that you think will improve the Association—or even an idea as to how the Association can make more money—please send your suggestions to the following address: The British Judo Association, (Thoughts for the Future), 70 Brompton Rd., London SW3 1DR. Your ideas will be studied by the officers in relation to the proposals submitted by the people responsible for the major sections of the Association's activities and we hope that some of them can be integrated into our future.

There is just a personal note I would like to add to this request. In submitting your ideas, please give a plan as to how that idea—in your opinion—would be best put into effect. I say this because in looking through the files, minutes and reports down the years, some fine schemes and marvellous ideas are propounded but seem to have been lost because, generally, there was no back-up plan supporting such a scheme or idea—that is, rarely do I see a clear indication as to WHO or HOW the scheme is to be put into effect.

To Absent Friends

Sadly I must report the passing of two wonderful people who, unknown to many, gave so much of their time and effort to the British Judo Association. Mrs. Hogg, mother of the previous General Secretary, a few weeks ago passed on peacefully having never fully recovered from the tragic death of her daughter Pam in 1970. In my opinion Pam was the best secretary the Association ever had. She lived for the Association, but being a woman, in those less enlightened years, she could not command and depend upon much support in dealing with

the work the Association demanded. When it came to turning out circulars, reports and etcetera 'Mum' was always there. In the late hours of the evening she would be helping her daughter collating, stapling and so on. At weekends she would be turning the handle of the ancient duplicating machine at Head Office. When everybody else in the building had long since departed to their homes, Pam, Mum and Sam (the faithful dog) would be there.

Reg Webber was always there also. He was involved with every British Judo Association event staged at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. It was his job to see that everything we needed for an event was laid on. In particular he did us proud last year when we staged the Senior European Championships. He worked for the Centre and he was the Association's link-man with the Centre. I can hear him now, "Tony, you just say what you want and we will do it." Is it too late Reg and 'Mum' to say, "Thank you for all you have done for us"? On the 13th October Reg Webber went on to his next important position to tell them just how exactly, an IJF contest area could and should be laid out.

Junior Badge and Certificate Scheme

Our Coventry office informs us that because of increased costs it has been necessary to raise the cost of the various items obtainable under the Junior Scheme. There is therefore a 5p. increase on all items and from the 1st January, 1976 these items will be charged as follows: Registration and Certificate of Promotion and Record Book Slip—30p. Track Suit/Judogi Badge (available at each colour level, i.e., white, yellow, orange, green, blue and brown)—30p.

Metal lapel badge (also available at each colour level)—30p.

Record Books for new members—30p.

Lotteries Bill, 1975

We have received from the Central Council of Physical Recreation some advice regarding this Bill and knowing that some club and Area officials have been concerned about the interpretation I thought it might help to re-produce the CCPR circular on the matter in full.

The Statutory Instrument No. 1413 1975 which brings into operation some provisions of the Lotteries Act 1975 came into effect on 5 September.

From that date, the limit on ticket prices for lotteries promoted under section 45 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 has been raised to 25p and that on a single prize to £1000. The maximum permitted turnover is increased to £5000 and the limit on the proportion of the proceeds which may be appropriated in respect of expenses is raised from 10% to 25%. The Order also increases from £10 to £50 the limit on the sum which a promoter of a lottery under section 43 of the 1963 Act may spend on purchasing prizes.

At a later date, probably in the new year, following discussions on a Home Office Consultative Document and subsequent Parliamentary approval, local authorities and societies will be empowered to run a weekly lottery with turnover of up to £10,000. Further information will be circulated regarding local authority lotteries.

The general requirements of section 45 of the 1963 Act are still in effect: they cover, for example, the sale and distribution of lotteries tickets, and the necessity for a society to be registered with the district council within whose area the office of the organising society is situated.

CCPR strongly advise all local sports clubs and associations as well as local sports councils to discuss with their local authority the prospects for a local authority lottery

Special Announcement

On the 31st of December this year the General Secretary's contract will expire. Tony Reay, the present General Secretary, has informed the Executive Committee that as he has now completed five years in the job he feels it is time he made a change and he will not be entering into a new contract for this post. Applications are therefore invited from anyone who may be interested in filling this post. Applicants will be expected to have some Judo knowledge. Other qualities which will be considered an advantage are: Evidence of administrative experience; knowledge of and ability to use foreign languages; a willingness to work unusual hours — particularly at weekends. Details of salary and conditions of employment which will form the basis of an eventual contract will be provided upon application.

Mr. Reay wishes to stress that he retires from this post for personal reasons and has indicated that he is prepared to help the incoming officer as much as his time will permit until he has settled into the new post. I am happy to say that I do not think we will be losing Tony's services altogether since he has indicated his willingness to remain with us on a part-time basis — in perhaps a development capacity. The Executive Committee have already given this suggestion some favourable preliminary consideration.

The Executive Committee has appointed a selection panel of four people and successful applicants will be asked to present themselves at a preliminary interview from which the said panel will select a short-list of a maximum of three for consideration and possible appointment by the Executive Committee.

Please write for application forms to: The Chairman, The British Judo Association, 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1DR.

May I take this opportunity to wish all members the compliments of the season and that our New Year will be prosperous and fruitful.

Charles S. Palmer OBE.,
Chairman,
The British Judo Association

with a view to ensuring that the proceeds of such a lottery are directly available in the form of increased aid to local sports clubs.

The services of the CCPR are available for enquiries of a general nature. Specific problems should be referred to: E1 Division, The Home Office (01-233 5092).

References:

Statutory Instrument No. 1413
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries
(HMSO 6p)

Lotteries Act 1975 (HMSO 20p)

The Russians Are Coming

Every year we send out invitations to other countries inviting their competitors to take part in our Open Championships. Very often the response depends upon the fixture list of that particular country. Both the British Open for Men and the British Open for Women are attractive events to those of our members who never normally get the opportunity to see fighters from overseas. The 1976 British Open Championships for Men will take place at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Saturday, 19th April and the Russians have accepted our invitation and will be there. Not only did they accept our invitation but they honoured us with extreme courtesy by replying in English (thank goodness because the extent of my Russian is just two words).

At the 1974 Senior European Championships, British judo fans were delighted with the skills shown by the Russians and the final between Russia and Great Britain was a most exciting spectacle resulting in a fight-off. The Russian fighters had been a little perplexed with the audience reaction common to British spectators and just could not understand the "booing". By the finals however they had cottoned on but even they learned how fair the British spectator can be when they "booed" a questionable decision by a referee which had in fact favoured the British fighter. The fight-off led

into the very late hours when many of the spectators had to think about getting home in order to be at work in the morning—but they hung on. The ovation, or salute, to the Russian team as they wearily stepped out on to the mat for the fight-off was appreciated when each one of them returned the compliment in that traditionally beautiful Russian custom, by clapping back to the audience. It will really be something to see them again at Crystal Palace.

Just The Ticket For You

The season ticket I introduced for this year was a little late but season tickets for ALL NATIONAL EVENTS AT CRYSTAL PALACE FOR 1976 are now available. Do yourself a favour and help the Association by buying one now. If you attend all or most of the events you will be making quite a saving. They are available from Head Office. Adult tickets £5 each, schoolchildren £3 each. As an added bonus, if you can get your order to us by the 8th of December, a similar ticket for both days of the Senior Trials for Men on the 13th and 14th December will be thrown in. Score now and don't wait for "hantel".

A Change In Name

The North-East Area Committee presented a very good case for the change of name of their Area. There was frequent confusion with people as to the exact area of land that was encompassed. With the Executive Committee's blessing and the goodwill of the neighbouring Areas, the Area is now known as the Yorkshire and Humberside Area. The Yorkshire and Humberside Area covers all of North Yorkshire, all of West Yorkshire, all of South Yorkshire and all of Humberside. The Area enjoys its own office facilities and correspondence to the Area or any officer in the Area should be sent to: B.J.A., Yorkshire and Humberside Area, c/o The Huddersfield Sports Centre, Southgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Final Comment

In the years that I have been responsible for a lot of the writing that goes into this magazine I have tried to refrain from getting involved in the "personality" clashes that all too frequently appeared years ago and which really the average reader just does not want to read. A judo magazine should be just about judo

and goodness knows there is enough material that our members want to read and enough about the sport that they are interested in learning about. I notice that David White has thrown out the bait but I'm afraid I won't bite. There is really too much important work to be getting on with. Who is David White anyway?

B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

Appendix Four

Promotions confirmed by Executive Committee on 22nd December, 1974

We regret that these names were omitted from the list published in our Jan./Feb. issue.

MEN—1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA & DATE OF PROMOTION
Miller, R. G.	Cwmbran	Wa 5/9/74
Mitchell, K. W.	Olympic	NHC 1/12/74
Mitchell, P. J.	Spen Valley	NE 2/12/74
Moore, F.	Neath YMCA	Wa 22/12/74
Moore, J. S.	Midsomer Norton	We 10/11/74
Murdock, A.	R.U.C.	NI 27/10/74
Neal, H. C.	Oxford City	NHC 14/9/74
Oliver, T.	Nechells Judokwai	M 22/12/74
O'Mara, W. P.	Grange	NE 10/11/74
Paul, C.	Fairholme	NHC 27/10/74
Payne, B.		Wa 7/12/74
Ramsey, A. C.	Newham	L 7/12/74
Roberts, C. J.	Leyton	NHC 1/12/74
Rogers, S. F.	Coventry	M 3/11/74
Rooney, S. S.	Mid-Sussex	S 10/11/74
Shute, B. J.	Derby	M 10/11/74
Sleet, M. W. J.	Ko-Saru-Kai	NHC 13/10/74
Stanley, D. J.	Crystal Palace	L 10/11/74
Starr, C. C.	Reading	NHC 10/11/74
Timms, C.	Glacier	NHC 27/10/74
Wahl, F. D.	Reading	NHC 10/11/74
Warren, P.	Porthcawl	Wa 7/12/74
Webb, P. J.	Guildford	S 10/11/74
Whittet, J.		SJF 22/12/74
Wiles, M. J.	Commandokwai	S 4/10/74
Wright, M.	Premier	M 10/11/74
Wrobel, W.		We 12/10/74
MEN—2ND DAN		
Baldock, B. A.	Renshuden	NHC 10/11/74
Beck, R. J.	YMCA Liverpool	NW 27/10/74
Bennett, G. R.	Derby	M 3/11/74
Burridge, J. L.		L 3/11/74
Campbell, A.	Kendal	N 25/8/74
Cowell, M. A.	L.J.S.	L 13/10/74
Cox, J. A.	Romford/Hornchurch	NHC 1/12/74

Dorning, J. A.	Ryu-Setsu-Kwan	NW	28/10/74
Ellis, S.	Guildford	S	3/11/74
Ennew, T. P.	Guildford	S	3/11/74
Field, T.	Olympic	L	22/12/74
Lawrence, R.	Royal Navy	RN	3/11/74
Lowe, T. A.	Jukuren	M	3/11/74
McCarthy, M. A.	Pretoria	L	29/9/74
McQuade, J.	Sen-I	SJF	7/6/74
Perrin, K. A.	Ealing Youth	NHC	27/10/74
Reynolds, R.	Caedmon Hall	NHC	29/9/74
Rooney, J. M.	Furness	NW	27/10/74
Sayers, A.	Croydon	S	3/11/74
Vidler, A.	Olympic	S	29/9/74
Walsh, P. J.	St. Michaels	NHC	22/12/74
Wright, D. H.	Bushido	Wa	27/10/74

MEN—3RD DAN

Bent, J. P. S.	Kensington Inst.	L	22/12/74
Burr, M. J.	Matsumachi	S	7/12/74
Cox, B.	Kendal	N	8/1/75
Davis, P. G.	L.J.S.	L	22/12/74
Ives, A.	Bracknell	NHC	3/12/74
Mainstone, A. S.	Matsumachi	S	10/11/74
Nurse, D.	Deva Judokwai	NW	8/1/75
Taylor, J. D.	Keidokwai	NW	27/10/74

NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES v SOUTH

Richard Cullen,

N.H.C. Area Team Manager.

The much awaited match between the N.H.C. and the South took place at the rather inaccessible venue of Harlow Sports Club on the afternoon of Sunday, 5th October, 1975. As far as the N.H.C. team was concerned we were all rather shocked at the cramped conditions in which the team had to fight; with walls and radiators protruding at odd angles around the mat one could easily foresee numerous injuries.

The match commenced at about 1.30 p.m., both teams missing several of their players for one reason or another. The N.H.C. fielded 13 judoka and the South 10, it being eventually reached that three of the South's judoka would fight twice. The teams and results were as follows:

	N.H.C.	South
Under 63	B. Korrison.	R. Neenan, win 10 pts.
Under 70	M. Fricker, win 10 pts. P. Blewett, win 3 pts.	D. Harpur. P. Keevil.
Under 80	J. Pont, draw. W. Ward, win 5 pts. F. Wald, win 10 pts.	S. Ellis, draw. A. Sinfield. R. Yeomans.
Under 93	P. Radburn, draw. S. Collier.	N. Chittenden, draw. R. Woodhams, win 10 pts.
Over 93	D. Croton. A. Ives, win 10 pts.	R. Bradley, win 10 pts. P. Usher.

Neenan, who fought the other N.H.C.'s lightweight A. Walters, once again gained a 10-point win. Harpur fought K. Murphy, which after a good contest produced another draw, as did the contest between P. Knights of N.H.C. and Woodhams. Therefore the N.H.C. won by 5 contests to 4 with four contests drawn.

Although it is difficult to single out any one contest, the match between Radburn and Chittenden had the spectators and team mates on the edge of their seats. After four minutes of non-stop aggressive judo the referee gave a draw. A special word must go to Martin, who had the previous day several stitches removed from an injury in his knee. However he fought on even after the wound re-opened.

After the match was over there was a general practice session, followed by coffee.

CLUB FORUM

LONDON JUDO SOCIETY: The next Gradings at L.J.S. are as follows: 1st Kyu to 1st Dan on Sunday, 14th December at 2.30 pm. Novices, 9th, 8th, and 7th Kyu on Sunday, 11th January at 10.30 am and 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd and 2nd Kyu at 2.30 pm. Current B.J.A. Licences must be produced.

On the 29th October we had a welcome visit from John Pluckrose and some of the lads from Crawley Judo Club. After a general randori we had a friendly match which all enjoyed. A really good evening was had by all.

Congratulations to John Waite on his promotion to 5th Dan for Aikido. Well done, John!

At the moment Eric Dominy, our secretary, is ill and confined to bed. All at L.J.S. wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the club.

BEDFORD JUDO CLUB: from Peter Thornton: Very fresh in our minds is the latest instructional visit from

Brian Jacks, and the sense of fulfilment of a few hours well spent.

The impact of Brian's style, techniques and sheer judo knowledge is being made full use of in the club and we are looking forward to his next visit.

The quarterly gradings went like clockwork and, despite record entries, finished well on time thanks to some meticulous organisation by our new secretary Mr. Tom Bland, backed up by a hard working team of referees, clockwatchers, bell pushers, mat lifters and willing horses generally. We even seem to find time for referees examinations.

Our juniors went to an event recently and were there eleven hours!

Don't forget the transposition of the Dan and Kyu gradings for December as given in the last issue of Judo magazine. The wit and wisdom of our changing room continues. One of our Dan grades, twenty-seven years a judoman, confessed recently that the only use he had found for judo was in making love.

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GREAT BRITAIN BEAT THE WORLD



After coming third in the first and the second World Championships, Great Britain have at last proved that they have the best karate men in the world by beating the Japanese National Team in an exciting final to become the World Karate Champions.

Held this year at Long Beach, California, the Third World Tournament attracted karatemens from 38 nations and both the team and individual events saw some exciting and even surprising results.

Great Britain took over an official party of 18, ten of whom were fighters. These were:—

Billy Higgins: A 29-year-old karate instructor from Wigan, who is currently European Middleweight Gold Medallist.

Brian Fitkin: A 28-year-old instructor currently teaching in Sweden.

Eugene Codrington: A 22-year-old electrician from Birmingham and current European Heavyweight Champion.

Ticky Donovan: A 27-year-old current B.K.C.C. Champion. Ticky has now represented Great Britain at the three World Karate Championships.

Hamish Adam: A 28-year-old instructor from Edinburgh and current Scottish Champion and like Ticky this is his third appearance at the World Championships.

Terry O'Neill: A 27-year-old editor and publisher of *Fighting Arts*. Terry is also completing his hat-trick of World Championships.

Bob Rhodes: A 28-year-old instructor from Leeds who has represented Great Britain on numerous occasions.

Gene Dunnett: A 23-year-old karate instructor from Dunfermline and runner-up at the Scottish Championships.

David Coulter: A 22-year-old Scot from Kilmarnock who represented

Scotland at the last European Championships.

And last, but not least,

John Moreton: A 24-year-old karate instructor. Was a team member that won the European Wado Championships in 1975.

Arriving nearly two weeks before the event Steve Arneil, the team manager, kept the boys well conditioned and fit with a 7.30 a.m. run and light training every morning and a two-hour session every afternoon and on the Friday the team was named as: B. Higgins (Captain), B. Fitkin, E. Codrington, T. Donovan, H. Adam, G. Dunnett and T. O'Neill.

Great Britain had a bye in the first round so we had a chance to look at how the other teams fared, particularly in our pool.

The tournament started early and was fought on a knockout basis. The results of the first round were: Sweden 3, Saudi Arabia 2; Dominican Republic beat Spain 2-2, with more points scored. Argentina 2, Venezuela 1; Ireland withdrew so Switzerland went through. Japan beat New Zealand 4-0, and the first major surprise of the day was that France, the reigning World Champions, went out to Australia. The match was very closely fought and the French team consisting of Valera, Sadiane, Abderaman, Paschy and Mami drew 2-2, but Australia went through on more points scored. Also in the first round Singapore beat Paraguay 2-1, and Guatemala beat

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**Brian
Hammond**





Eugene Codrington v Tsuchiya of Japan.

Hong Kong. Other results: Italy 4, Bermuda 1; Philippines 3, Germany 0; China 3, Trinidad 2; South Africa 3, Mexico 2; Canada 2, Panama 0; and the next surprise of the day, Belgium beat the host country, the U.S.A., 3-1.

In the second round Holland, looking very formidable, beat Sweden 4-0. Argentina beat Dominican Republic 2-1, Japan beat Switzerland 2-1 and Australia, the giant killers, went out to Singapore 2-2. In our pool the results were Guatemala 2, Italy 1; Philippines 2, China 1; and South Africa 3, Canada 1. The last team match in round two was Great Britain against Belgium.

First man out, **Billy Higgins**, who was also chosen as Captain, had no trouble with his opponent, Manpay, and soon scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki and he clinched the match with Jo-Dan Tsuki. **Brian Fitkin** v. Soly, plenty of action here

with Fitkin continually attacking with foot techniques, but at time with no score the result was a draw.

Eugene Codrington could not quite pin his opponent, Aerden, down in the two minutes, but at time won on superiority.

Ticky Donovan had a hard match with BonnHomme and succumbed to a Mae Geri for waza-ari halfway through the match. Ticky soon equalised with Chudan Tsuki and with no further score the result at time a draw, we were by this time leading 2-0 so Adam did not extend himself with his fight against DeWilde and drew his match. Great Britain went through into the third round against South Africa. In this round Holland again showed their superiority by beating Argentina 3-0. Japan beat Singapore 2-1 and Philippines beat Guatemala 3-2.

In the last fight in this round and for a place in the semi-finals Great

Britain and South Africa lined up on the centre arena. **Higgins** met D. Geyer and was soon scored on with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. Billy wasted no time in equalising also with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki, but try as he might he could not tie the South African down and finished the match with a draw.

Fitkin wasted no time with Salima and scored with a foot sweep and punch to the face, but unfortunately only scored waza-ari. There was no further score here and at time Brian was awarded the decision. **Codrington** scored on K. Geyer with Gyaku Tsuki and soon after Geyer got through also with Gyaku Tsuki and this match ended up as a draw.

Donovan had a tough fight with Owen who was over 6ft. 6in. tall and a very awkward opponent. In one encounter Owen hit Donovan rather hard to the head and surprisingly was given only Hansoku Chui. Ticky kept away from the South African's long legs and arms and tried a succession of foot sweeps, but to no

avail and at time was awarded a well deserved draw.

The last match **Adam** against Laubscher was very critical. Hamish only had to draw and we were through. He did better than that and scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki and kept his lead until time when he was awarded the decision. Great Britain went into the semi-finals by a 2-0 win to meet the Philippines.

The first semi-final in the evening was **HOLLAND v. JAPAN**.

Reeburg countered Yonemitsu's maegeri and scored with Gyaku Tsuki and at time was awarded the decision. Roethof drew with Ono, and Keozebue lost to Hamaguchi by two waza-ari. Millerson drew with Tsuchiya and De Mory drew with Murakami, the score being 1-1. Japan went through by the closest of margins scoring one waza-ari more, a relief for Japan as they certainly found this match the hardest so far.

For the **GREAT BRITAIN v. PHILIPPINES** match, manager Steve Arneil



Ticky Donovan against Owen of South Africa.



Hamish Adam attacking Murakami of Japan.

had put in newcomer **Gene Dunnett** in place of Donovan.

First pair out, **Higgins** v. Baula, not much action here and at time a draw. **Fitkin** soon scored on Torres with maegeri. Torres then equalised with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki, but Brian clinched the match with a strong Gyaku Tsuki. **Codrington's** match with Dumagsa was full of incident; first Codrington was given a Hansoku Chui for contact to the face then after another strong attack was disqualified for further contact.

Dunnett gave his man, Obcoma, no chance and soon scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki then went in straight away with another Gyaku Tsuki to take the match. **Adam** drew with Dela Paz which made the score 2-1 putting Great Britain into the final against Japan.

In the fight-off for third place, Holland beat the Philippines 2-2, scoring more points.

JAPAN V. GREAT BRITAIN

At precisely 10.30 p.m. both Japan and Great Britain lined up to decide who would be World Champions. The last time these two teams had met was in Paris in 1972 at the last World Championships when Japan suffered its first and only defeat, could we do it again?

The referee, Frank Novak from Australia, lined up the teams and the first two fighters went out to a hushed crowd. **Billy Higgins** went out first against Yonimitsu — both were very cautious and then Higgins attacked and scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. He stayed in front until about two seconds from time

when the Japanese equalised with Gyaku Tsuki and the judges decision was a draw.

Brian Fitkin had a difficult time with Ono and when the Japanese scored waza-ari with maegeri Brian trying to equalise attacked with more zest and perhaps with less caution, as he was countered by Ono with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki for the match, 1-0 to Japan. Next on was **Gene Dunnett** with Hamaguchi, a fast counter puncher, but not fast enough as Dunnett went straight in and scored with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki for waza-ari. He again wasted no time and completely demoralised his opponent with another fast Chudan Gyaku Tsuki, which was well worth ippon — nevertheless waza-ari was awarded which was sufficient to win the match and put the score at one match each.

Eugene Codrington met Tsuchiya and soon had the measure of him scoring with Chudan Gyaku Tsuki. The Japanese tried to equalise but could not get past Eugene's long reach and at time with no further score one more win for the British team, making the score 2-1 to Great Britain. The last match was therefore vital and once again **Hamish Adam** was the only man who could influence the result. If he lost by ippon we were out, but if he lost by waza-ari we would draw and if drew or won then we would be the World Champions.

His opponent, Murakami (later to take the individual title), could not make any impression on Hamish and after some very hair-raising attacks by both Adam and Murakami, the longest two minutes in the history of British karate were over with the



Brian Fitkin v Torres of the Philippines.



Left to right: Dunnet, O'Neill, Adam, Donovan, Codrington, Fitkin, Higgins.

result a draw. Great Britain had again beaten Japan by two matches to one to become World Champions—a title they will keep for the next two years.

The excitement and jubilation from the audience was unbelievable and naturally indescribable. Captain, Billy Higgins, was then presented with an enormous trophy by Richio Sasagawa the President of W.U.K.O. After about an hour of posing for

photographers, the jubilant team and supporters made their way back to their hotel for a meal and quiet celebration.

Next month Brian Hammond reports on the Individual Titles and gives his observations on the Championships.

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POLICE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL POLICE JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 1975

by G. A. FREW

The 19th Annual Judo Championships were held on Saturday 6th September in Pontypool, South Wales.

This is the first time Wales have played host to these championships and the organising body of the Gwent Constabulary went to great lengths to ensure a warm welcome to all participants to the degree that the Chief Superintendent personally greeted each contingent on arrival; this set the seal on what was to come.

Due to the number of Police Forces involved, a day prior to the contest had been set aside to allow players and officials to settle in to their accommodation at the Gwent Cadet Training School.

The competition itself was to be staged a few miles outside Cwmbrant at Pontypool Sports Centre, set in the heart of the beautiful countryside of Wales; and as we leisurely drove down through the valleys we were constantly being overtaken by track-suited Police—in early competition against the scales. With the excellent facilities the centre offered and the efficient work of the officials it was not long before the contests got underway. Due to the number involved, 149 in all; it was decided to arrange two pools for each category, to give the first and second places and a straight repechage system bringing forward the bronze medallists.

This straight knock-out system produced a keen contest spirit, for each individual gave of his best in each contest that he entered. The

two mat areas offered the spectators and players alike some fine Judo. With the Cadets on Mat One, each four minute contest offered adequate opportunity for players to settle in and gain each his advantage, unfortunately the referees felt this delay tactic unacceptable and numerous "passivity" warnings were given.

There were very few 10 point wins from the cadets unless resulting directly from ground work action.

At the opposite end of the hall, Mat Area Two sported the senior members of the constabulary, wearing darker belts, they gave of their best with a greater emphasis on throwing technique, but still very few 10 point wins due perhaps to the skill of their opponents.

Throughout the day schedules were generally adhered to, due mainly to those unknown faces behind the tables with mounds and mounds of paper going back and forth. The defeated contestants by this time had swelled the already busy hall, and with the dignitaries prominently seated, the finals got under way.

The cadets were the first to take to the mat and with their team mates vociferous support. Deserving wins were awarded to S. East (Metropolitan) U.70 kgs. with A. Hollies Silver and A. De-Haven Bronze:

H. Campbell (Metropolitan) U.80 kgs. with R. Walker Silver and M. Cambridge Bronze.

N. Stannart (Metropolitan) U.93 kgs. with P. Mitchell Silver and F. Jacas Bronze.

Robins v Sweetlove U.70kgs. — Final

Robins, favourite for the title was always in command, but in saying that it no way derides Sweetlove's performance, whose exciting and aggressive judo rewarded him with the Player of the Day Trophy.

1. Robins: Gt Manchester 10 point win — groundwork action;
2. Sweetlove: Bedfordshire;
3. Matthews: Strathclyde.

Gould v Wyld 70-80 kgs.

Gould was disappointing and suspect due to all the organising he was involved with — nevertheless he pulled off one brilliant application of O-uchi-gari to clinch the title for the fourth year running.

Mike is now retiring from contest and I am sure those who have been enthralled by his judo over the years will join with me in thanking him for the enjoyment he has given.

1. Gould: Gwent;
2. Wyld: Sussex;
3. Preston: Metropolitan.

Harker v Surgett U.93 kgs.

This contest was very closely fought with no player wishing to attack. Harker, well aware of last year's defeats, seemed determined not to give his opponent any chance of scoring. Both men were warned for non-combat. Harker, sensing this lack of spirit, put in a multiple attack to upset Surgett and score Yuko. Things quietened down again and the referee penalised both men with Shido.

Harker never looked to be in trouble and had the experience to finish the contest with a beautiful Seoi-otushi.

1. Harker: Metropolitan;
2. Surgett: City of Leeds;
3. Naughton: W. Yorkshire Met.

McNeil v Brumfield over 93 kgs.

From the start Brumfield, last year's winner, was under constant pressure and it took him until he was a Waza-ari and Yuko down before he came back into the contest with a grand series of attacks to

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THE BRITISH KARATE CONTROL COMMISSION

The B.K.C.C. team, having won the World Championships in Long Beach, California, has been grateful for the many telegrams and messages of congratulations, including the Minister of Sport, Mr. Denis Howell; the Director of the Sports Council, Mr. Walter Winterbottom; the British Judo Association; the Football Association and many others. All the messages have, or will be, acknowledged.

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members of the B.K.C.C. team who demonstrated on the float.

On Friday, 14th November, the members of the B.K.C.C. team were accorded the honour of being selected "Team of the Year" by Sir Max Aitken of the *Daily Express* at the Sportsman of the Year lunch at the Savoy. This was indeed a much appreciated honour and one notices the previous year's winner's name on the trophy—"British Lions". We hope to see British Judo Association there too before long!

Mr. Tatsuo Suzuki of United Kingdom Karate-do Wado Kai has been awarded his 8th Dan from Japan — Congratulations.

The situation in Ireland is confusing with regard to karate and one hopes they will soon get together to form a united front. England, Scotland and Wales are soon to have further joint talks to make more progress in national development and Ireland needs to follow this example of unification.

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1975 NATIONAL SCHOOLBOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Tony Reay

There were many problems which threatened to mar these championships. The overall result, however, was a thoroughly successful event with the two days passing off smoothly and efficiently.

In all, 397 youngsters ranging from the age of eight to fifteen took part. In the previous months they had all fought their way through elimination competitions in their respective Areas. There was this year also a contingent from Judo clubs in army establishments.

With the British Judo Association having to make an appeal to its officials for voluntary help because of financial difficulties, it was not at all certain that the sixty officials comprising referees, timekeepers and and recorders would be available. The response, however, was magnificent. Bearing the cost of travel and everything else there were sufficient officials from all over Britain to deal with every facet. Everyone who had informed Head Office they would be there was there bright and early on the appointed days.

With the new mats still not installed at the venue, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, a different layout conforming with the minimum IJF contest area had to be used. With the mats available it was possible to make up just the four contest areas that the Competitions Sub-Committee said would be necessary. The smaller areas in fact allowed for a much better arrangement in the main arena with ample room along each side of the three linked contest areas and an orderly seating arrangement at both ends

for the young competitors. On the north balcony where the fourth contest area was situated there was sufficient room for the spectators which with the larger area at other events has not been the case.

The first day, Saturday 18th of October, involved the lighter weights up to 50 kilos. In the early rounds there was much action and some good throws but it was clear that such a long day's event leaves the younger ones very tired if they are lucky enough to get right through to the finals. There were not in the finals of the first day any big throws to speak of and there were very few decisive results. The second day, with the heavier weight categories and older boys, showed more decisive results but even then very few throws and mostly knock-downs into holds.

An effort was made this year to make the presentation more in keeping with adult events and more prestigious for the boys; was greatly appreciated by the audiences of mostly parents and relatives. Just prior to the finals the finalists were paraded to music and prior to each fight the commentator gave a resume of the background of the boys involved.

In the Under 30 kilo event, T. Begbie of Centor Judo Club, Scotland and I. Landicombe of the West won bronze medals. It is a remarkable achievement for one club to have both fighters in the final of such an event but this was the case with Martin Jones and Darryl Hampson-Evans, both of Bracknell Judo Club. Earlier this year Darryl

had beaten Martin to win a gold medal in the Berkshire Championships. In this final there was really very little to show between them. There were spirited attacks from both, but the older and taller Martin seemed to come off better simply because he is bigger. However I would not like to have had to make a decision either way and the referee did not get any help from his judges when they threw up opposite flags at hantei. The referee gave the nod to Hampson-Evans and perhaps the impartial members of the audience felt as I did that with such a close contest, the smaller boy should get it. However, with both boys having left the mat, the referee had second thoughts and upon calling them back to their positions, reversed the decision in favour of Jones. "I made a mistake" explained the referee to me afterwards, "I saw one flag only out of the corner of my eye and I thought both judges had given the contest to Hampson-Evans. It was only when I realised the judges opposed each other that I decided I should stick to my original thought as to who had won." An honest and very brave admission, particularly when we all love to knock the poor old referee. And so young Hampson-Evans was British champion for just about one minute flat. Disappointed but young as he is, he bowed respectfully and took the decision like a man. It took a 9½ year-old boy to remind us what the true spirit of Judo is all about and shamed many adults not only in Judo but in other sports who tend to throw tantrums when they think they have been given a rough deal. Despite this, young Martin Jones was a worthy winner.

In the U.35's, A. Saddleton of the North and K. Green of the North-West secured bronze medals. In the contest for his bronze, K. Green executed a fine morote-seoi-nage action which seemed to warrant more than the koka he was awarded. The final was between Ian

Sutton of Redbridge Judo Club in the Northern Home Counties and John Mosley of Huddersfield Judo Club in the North-East. Within half a minute Ian secured a very firm but unusual hold with a kind of Waki-Gatame (arm-pit hold) lying right back across his opponent's chest with his head held right back looking up to the ceiling. Not only did Ian win the gold but paved the way for a remarkable family record as we shall see.

Dean Fletcher of Bracknell and John Nevell of Swanscombe, the Southern Judo Club, won bronze medals in the U.40's. In the final Mark Hannon of Plymouth Judo Club countered an attack by Jeremy Marcroft of Tonbridge Judo Club to give him the koka needed for a decision at time. And so Mark has now a national gold medal to add to his other 29 medals.

In the U.45's A. Morton and S. Corben of the South won bronze medals and in a very lively final R. Jay of the Midlands, despite having four kokas to his credit, lost to M. Callen of the Northern Home Counties because of a penalty.

Alan Sutton made it a remarkable family double by winning the gold medal in the U.50's event beating D. Patterson of the Northern Home Counties. The two bronze medallists were J. Holiday also of N.H.C. and P. Glyn of the North.

In the first final of the second day another famous Judo family added to an impressive tally of medals with Andrew Marcroft and his cousin Mark Marcroft, both of Tonbridge Judo Club, battling it out for placings. It was Andrew who stood on the winners rostrum and Mark who took the silver.

In the U.60's, S. Lee from Newcastle beat D. Wilkinson of the South to take the title and J. McGee of Scotland and Alan Wilson of the Midlands took the bronze medals.

In the U.65's Carl Hefford of Judokwai, Leicester and John

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Nielson of Newham Judo Club won bronze medals and the silver went to Graham Roberts from St. Helens in the North-East having lost in the final to Richard Armstrong of N.H.C. who became the champion of that category.

Stephen Brown of the South and A. McKendrick of Scotland achieved bronze medals in the U.70's and in the final C. Deacon of the Midlands beat K. Hall of Newcastle with osaekomi-waza (holding) to win the title for that weight.

In the heaviest weight category of the competition, the Over 70 kilos, Terry O'Neil of Brent Judo Club won the title getting the decision of the final against C. Leonard of N.H.C. M. Bowditch of the West and R. Johnson of the South won the bronze medals.

The medals on the first day were presented by the General Secretary of the British Judo Association assisted by Miss Jane Enkel who practices Judo at Acorns Judo Club, Billericay. Brian Jacks, Olympic bronze medallist presented the medals on the Sunday.

There have been many compliments and encouraging remarks

about the organisation of these championships. I myself am always hyper-critical during an event but I must say the entire event was superbly managed and it went like clock-work. We have the Competitions Sub-Committee to thank for this, they all work like a team, each complimenting the other without any one of them overshadowing the rest. There are some recent additions to this committee and the line-up of this hard working group is as follows: Bryan Perriman, Tony Johnson, Joe Ekins, Phyllis Elliott, Bernard Sentinella and Brian Regan.

About the Judo there are some points that instructors and coaches might do well to consider. In both these championships and a similar event for youngsters one week earlier at the Meadowbank Junior Open, it was noticeable that generally, youngsters are just not trying big throws and it would seem that they are not being trained to do them. This is a pity, because the boys that really do win convincingly are those few who really attack big. The other aspect I noticed was that in attempting a technique, many lost their grip at the crucial moment and the result is a floundering melee into ground-work.

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score himself a Waza-ari. McNeil composing himself kept up the number of attacks forcing Brumfield to be careless and step off the area which resulted in a Keikoku. From then on it was the Scots lad's contest and he kept attacking, scoring two more Kokus before time was called. A well deserved victory to Scotland.

1. McNeil: Strathclyde;
2. Brumfield: W. Midlands;
3. Dawe: Avon and Somerset.

Murdoch v Lunn Open

The open category rounded up the day's events with Murdoch (Royal

Ulster) gaining a victory over Lunn (Derbyshire).

The day's proceedings over, we adjourned to the Gwent Constabulary Headquarters where we were received with hospitality which will be remembered with pleasure by all of the party

A harmonious and fraternal evening, where discussion flowed freely, and many fights re-fought and many referees decisions re-directed.

Next year will now be looked forward to in pleasant anticipation.

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