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1977 SENIOR MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by VIVIEN FRYER

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With their accustomed organisational ability, the West Germans put on an extremely well-run Championship in the same Friedrich Ebert Halle which housed the 1971 World Judo Championship. The British team, largely composed of relative newcomers to the international tatami, did very well by bringing home two bronze medals, and in fact came so near to more and better ones that most of us were very encouraged at the prospects this team has in the future. The retirement of the majority of the British Team which has won us so many medals and titles in the past years was viewed by many with great gloom, forecasting a long "famine" without the thought of a medal in sight. Not so, as it turned out, and if they could do so well this time, I am sure that during the next few years we can confidently look forward to being back among the top medal winners in the world.

For the first time in a major competition, the new weight categories were used. These are: under 60kg, under 65kg, under 71kg, under 78kg, under 86kg, under 95kg, over 95 kg and Open. The competitions were spread out over four days (the last day being the team event) with a day off for the Congress. Since under the new arrangement there is only one competitor from each country in each weight category, we found time to breathe. The eliminating rounds started at 3.30 in the afternoon except for the team event which began at 10.30, but any way it was a lot more leisurely than under old arrangements. Britain's

team was Keith Cannaby, under 60kg, Ray Neenam 60-65kg, Neil Adams 65-71kg, Vass Morrison 71-78kg, Bob Debelius 78-86kg, Paul Radburn 86-95kg, and Bob Bradley over 95kg.

I am now living in Canada, and was therefore not very familiar with the newcomers to the team; seeing it from the outside, I was especially impressed with Neil Adams who, I think, has enormous potential provided he keeps up the Jacks-style technique he seems to have gained by osmosis, and cures himself of Brian's bad habits which have unfortunately crept in. He has that same dedication and natural technique and I look forward to a great future for him in Judo. Paul Radburn, too, was new to me, and I was quite encouraged by his performance.

I would like here to add a word about the coaches. I am sure that no team could have a better combination of trainers than Dave Starbrook, who can inspire the team members through his own proven record, and Tony Macconnell whose training of the Swedish team resulted in their winning their first ever medal this year. Macconnell is a wonderful mat-side coach who can talk a robot through a match — as indeed he did for Frances latest acquisition, Angelo Parisi (haven't we seen him before somewhere . . . ?) in the final of the Open. Between them they are so good for the morale of the team, I hope they continue in this position for a long time.

Although this was not the order in which the competitions took place, I am going to relate them in weight-



Shota Chochosvili (USSR) throws Goran Zuvela (Yugoslavia) with Left uchimata in the open category.

order, as with so many categories it is hard to keep them distinct; I start with the under 60kg in which Britain was represented by Keith Cannaby. The old-time heavy opposition was in the persons of Mariani of Italy, Szabo of Rumania, Reinhard Arndt of East Germany. Added to this was Lebaupin of France and Pogorelov of the USSR both of whom were new to me. Szabo met Cannaby in Round 2; both of them had byes in the first round. It was a very active match with plenty of attacks. However, Keith got a shido for stepping off the mat area, and then a chui for falling onto his knees as a defence, which is against the rules. This was unfortunate, but then, when he did it again it was really stupid, and he deserved the keikoku he was given which at time gave the win to the Rumanian. Szabo went on to meet Lebaupin of France, an excellent judoka who showed a lot of style and ability. Szabo scored two kokas

against one koka, a yuko and a shido on the Frenchman's side. There was a great deal of to-ing and fro-ing to the officials' desk during the match as the score-boards were not registering the scores properly.

Lebaupin's win over Szabo put him in the final against Pogorelov of the USSR who had beaten Meszaros of Hungary, Arndt of East Germany and Burkhard of Switzerland.

So the final was to be between Lebaupin and Pogorelov, so those who had lost to them had their second chance in the repechage. Lebaupin's first opponent, Ugrinovic of Austria fared no better in his second match of the day, against Steidele of West Germany; but Steidele went on to lose to Szabo who thus won the bronze. In the other pool, Meszaros of Hungary lost to Arndt of East Germany, who then also beat Burkhard of Switzerland. Burkhard, by rights, should not



have been there. Through a disgraceful piece of refereeing, his second-round fight against Mariani of Italy resulted in his win instead of Mariani's. Mariani was given a quite undeserved penalty and was possibly robbed of a title through a really unwarranted action by the referee. Arndt received the second bronze.

So we came to the final. It lasted only 34 seconds. Lebaupin was injured quite severely. The French team doctor, former champion Brondani, came onto the mat and tried to fix the young competitor up to continue, but as soon as he tried to stand up his face was contorted with pain and he collapsed on the mat in tears, whether from the frustration of reaching the final and not even being able to compete, or from the pain, it was hard to say. It was quite clear that he could not go on, so the match was awarded to the Soviet competitor, and I hope Lebaupin understood the tremendous sympathy felt by the audience at his ill-fortune. Fortunately he is still very young and has many years ahead of him in which to make up for this missed opportunity.

In the Under 65kg category, we were represented by Ray Neenan. A bye in the first round was followed by a meeting with Walter of West Germany. Things were not looking too good to start with as the German scored a koka and a yuko; however, Neenan finally came out with a nice clean ippon and it looked as if he was in the medals anyway, since he was then to meet Delvingt and the winner had only a Swede to meet to finish the pool. Well, that should teach us not to count our chickens. Delvingt won the match on an advantage and then as expected, scored a koka to win against Biedron of

Sweden. However, it was not an easy match, and Macconnell's coaching has certainly had its effect on the Swedish team. Meanwhile, in the other pool, Szabo of Hungary (not to be confused with the Rumanian of the same name in the —60kg category) defeated Van Den Brand of Holland with a yuko, Chiadad of Israel with a strangle, scored ippon against Nicolai of Rumania and then after a gruelling fight won the decision against Reismann of East Germany. In the repechage Van Den Brand beat Chiadad but lost to Nicolai who in turn lost to Reismann. In the final, both Delvingt and Szabo got warnings for passivity; then Szabo got a yuko for what appeared to be a very good throw very close to the edge of the mat. Delvingt then got a rather questionable yuko to bring them even. Then, with just seventeen seconds to go to the end of the match, Szabo was given a chui, so Delvingt won the title. The audience was somewhat displeased with the outcome of the match.

In the under 71kg category, Britain was represented by Neil Adams. At 18, Neil has chalked up points for his third dan already and it looks as if nothing will hold him back. He won his first senior international medal at this competition, and looks all set for the World Championships in September. He started well by holding Brands of Holland for a point in 51 seconds. Nevzorov of the U.S.S.R. had had a harder time having met Molnar of Hungary whom he fought for 4½ minutes before managing to score a point with a holddown. After that he had another match, against Murillo of Spain in which he scored a holding in just over two minutes. When he met Adams, both of them started off by getting a shido then Nevzorov tried a hipthrow, but Adams slipped off and fell onto his knees. However, a further attempt netted Nevzorov a koka and at this time won him the match. Adams was

Opposite: Chochosvilli throws Waldemar Zausz of Poland with uranage for ippon to win the Open bronze medal.



Torsten Reissman (DDR) is thrown with uchimata by Krizz of Czechoslovakia but without score. Reissman won the contest and eventually a bronze medal in the under 65kgs division.

very disappointed, but the rest of us were quite pleased. If Adams could beat Landart of France he was in the medals. In the other pool, Talaj of Poland scored a yuko to beat Erikainen of Finland, a koka to beat Sapanja of Yugoslavia, and a yuko to beat Krüger of East

Germany — none of them very resounding wins. As could be expected, Krüger won the repechage after Erikainen won a split decision against the Yugoslav; Molnar got a decision against Murillo and met Adams. Neil got a koka and then a nice throw which first the referee

called waza-ari; however, he then changed it to ippon and Adams went on to meet Landart. Neil had been warned for passivity during an early bout of newaza; with 4½ minutes to go he was ahead with a koka, with a left taiotoshi. With 55 seconds to go, Landart got a keikoku for pushing Adams out of the contest area. Adams got the decision and must be proud of his medal; but it must also be said in all fairness that he was very lucky indeed. He got away with murder, and risked a lot of trouble by hanging on to his opponent with only one hand. For once the gods and the referee seemed to be turning a blind eye in our favour. I don't think such good luck can be relied on in the future, and Adams will have to avoid tempting Providence in the way he does if he wants to be sure of future medal wins.

In the final — it seemed an anticlimax after the Landart-Adams fight for us — Nevzorov was two kokas up when he scored a full point with three minutes left, to win the gold.

Unfortunately Vass Morrison did not fare so well in the Under 78kg category. In his first contest he met Berta of Czechoslovakia who defeated him with a koka and then was knocked out himself by Adamczyk of Poland also on a koka. That Adamczyk went on to beat Tchoulouyan of France with an ippon was scant interest to Vass who had no come-back in the repechage. Heinke of East Germany won the other pool, defeating among others the great Marhenke of West Germany, who has been in international competition so long it is amazing he has not yet retired. Marhenke, however won the repechage, as did Tchoulouyan, and in the final, Adamczyk scored a koka and a waza-ari for the gold against Heinke, a 21 year-old from Leipzig who I am sure we shall see more of.

We did no better in the Under 86kg with Bob Debelius. He lost in the first round to Vecchi of Italy who

threw him, half way through the contest, for ippon. Vecchi then scored a yuko to beat Ström of Sweden, and was then beaten by Volossov of the U.S.S.R. with an armlock. Volossov then beat Ultsch of East Germany; Ultsch later won a bronze when he threw Vecchi in 23 seconds with a seoiinage. Meanwhile, a series of wins by Rothlisberger of Switzerland was sending the officials to ferret out one of the lesser-used flags. He beat Bosman of Holland with a koka, Decherchi of France went for another koka, Hergesheimer of West Germany lost to a koka also, as did Bielawski of Poland. Not a crushing win, but not an easy path either. It was a pleasure to see a Swiss flag flying so high; it is some years since the last time it flew. Inevitably, Volossov won. The contest for the final lasted only 27 seconds. Bielawski of Poland won the other bronze beating Decherchi with a koka.

Fate must have been laughing up his sleeve when Paul Radburn drew Angelo Parisi in the first round of the Under 95kg category. Radburn won with a koka, and I am sure that Angelo had a hard time convincing his team-mates that he had not given it away to his old friends. Radburn went on to meet Ahdesmäki of Finland. The Finn got a shido for passivity, and Paul scored two kokas and a yuko. Then he met Van De Walle of Belgium. It was an irritating match for competitors and spectators alike, as the referee, who seemed to think it was a fashion parade, kept stopping the contest to make them re-tie their belts, adjust their judogis, etc., thus losing all continuity. Radburn fought very well and scored a koka. The Belgian scored a koka and two yukos to win the match, and then went on to defeat Pujso of Poland. His win of the pool put Radburn back in contention in the repechage. He scored a koka early in his match against Ipacs of Hungary; then both got a shido for passivity, then the referee



Angelo Parisi after throwing Shota Chochosvili for ippon. A week later Angelo returned to the Budokwai and thanked Brian Jacks and the Club for all the tuition that had set him on the road to success.

and judges had a long conference after which the shidos were cancelled. Then Radburn scored another koka with kosotogake. With 15 seconds to go, the referee stopped the match for adjusting the judogis, after which the two threw themselves into the last desperate struggle; but at the bell it was 21 year old Radburn who had defeated one of Europe's most experienced judoka.

Radburn next met Pujso and scored a yuko for what was worth a waza-ari with a very nice left taiotoshi in the first minute. He tried several times to get into newaza, but each time the referee stopped them. Then with 33 seconds to go he scored a koka and at time it was a bronze for Britain.

In the other pool Lorenz of East Germany beat Köstenberger of Austria with a koka, Atanassov of Bulgaria with a yuko and Schnabel

of West Germany with a full point. Schnable won the bronze defeating Atanassov with a holding. The final was shortlived. Lorenz scored ippon against Van De Walle in 46 seconds with utsurigoshi.

In the Over 95kg category, Bob Bradley of Britain met Rougé in the first round, which put him in the repechage without too much energy wasted. However, Rougé only managed to score a koka against him, so it was not exactly a thundering success. He defeated Zuckschwerdt of East Germany on a disqualification, and got a decision against Petrovski of Hungary. In the other pool Nijeradze of the U.S.S.R. beat Adelaar of Holland with a holding, the same on Kocman of Czechoslovakia, and the same on Smets of Belgium. In the repechage, Adelaar beat Kocman and Smets for one bronze, and the other was won by Zuckschwerdt who beat Bradley

with a point and Petrovski with a holding.

In the final, Nijeradze started off well scoring a koka in the first half minute. Then he got a shido for passivity. Rougé scored a waza-ari for a left haraigoshi, and then Nijeradze got a chui after grabbing Rougé's leg, and coupled with the waza-ari Rougé already had, this gave him the point to win the match and the gold medal.

The Open is always the category which arouses the greatest interest and excitement. However, it often produces the most boring judo. Bradley met Chochosvili in the first round, so he was wisely withdrawn, Chochosvili then disposed of Zuvela in one minute and twelve seconds with uchimata. Chochosvili then met Angelo Parisi in what was

really a very unfortunate match. Angelo was thrown with a really beautiful throw worth all of a full point. However, it was only given a waza-ari and seconds later Angelo himself managed a good throw, it could not be faulted, putting Chochosvili flat on his back. He deserved his full point for it, but had Chochosvili's earlier throw been awarded the ippon it really merited, the match would already have been over and Chochosvili would have been en route to the title he deserves. When Angelo is on form, he is very good, but Chochosvili is a judoka par excellence, whose technique is superb, whose manner is faultless; he is not guilty of the common Soviet fault of doing Sambo instead of Judo, he does not deliberately break rules or resort to tricks. His judo is straightforward, technically perfect



The British Team at the 1977 European Championships Ludwigshafen
Left to right; Keith Cannaby (u. 60kgs) Vas Morrison (u. 78kgs) Paul Radburn (u. 95kgs) Tony Macconnel (Joint manager) Neil Adams (u. 71kgs) Ray Neenan (u. 65kgs) David Starbrook (Joint manager) Bob Bradley (over 95kgs & Open). Bob Dibeilius was not available for the photograph.

and yet success is always eluding him. Frequently the U.S.S.R. team manager has withdrawn him, or made him give up without a fight to another team-mate in a final. Now, with success almost at hand, a quirk of fate robbed him again. I do not wish to detract from Parisi but I really feel that Chochoshvili was robbed.

Of course, he got the bronze, taking just over a minute to fell with uranage, twice; first only a yuko, the second ippon; Zaus, and Van De Walle got the other bronze beating Verga of Hungary.

Zuckschwerdt did almost nothing during the final except counter

Angelo's moves. Angelo, coached carefully by Tony Macconnell in the stands, attacked often and although he only scored a yuko, his was a deserving win. Zuckschwerdt is not an easy opponent even when he refrains from direct attacks, and while technically Angelo belongs to France now, it was in a way, also a victory for Britain seeing Angelo on the podium once again European Open Champion, a judoka trained in Britain, now winning for France.

As I risked having to leave the Team Championship before it ended, I left the reporting of the entire day to my colleagues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As intimated last month it is with much regret that we have had to increase the price of this magazine to 45p in order to cover our costs, which will commence with the October issue. This is the first increase for two years, and we can no longer absorb the many increases which have taken place in the cost of publishing.

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Report of the Judo Section of the Twin Town Multi Sports Visit to Laval BOSTON J. C. (LINGS.) v. LAVAL, FRANCE

By Ray Topple

I had thought that midnight was an unearthly hour to commence a coach journey to France as we had done previously, but the new time of 2 a.m. was infinitely worse. However, the Mayor stayed up to see us off, and who can ask more than that.

The team was rather depleted this time, consisting of Dave Lovelace, Tony Matthewman, Ted Cook, Keith Atkinson, Charlie Py and Ray Topple. Holidays had interfered with the turnout, but this team were looking forward to showing the flag on Bastille Day.

The weather for the most part was fine, even though we did have visible proof that it does occasionally rain in France. The food was at its most excellent, and served in profuse amounts, but then this is normal in this land of gourmets. The greetings after two years, were as warm as ever, and it was surprising to note how some of the juniors of previous years had blossomed into young adults. (It became even more apparent on the Judo mat.)

We were beautifully entertained for the week, with no sign of austerity on that side of the Channel. We had a seaside outing to La Baule for a day in the sea and the sun, and an evening training session and competition. Here we found that it's still a small world, when we were most surprised and pleased to find that Angelo Parisi was conducting a week's course at the town's Sports Stadium. He very kindly agreed to choose a team from his charges, in liaison with Laval's coach, Georges Benoit, 5th Dan, so that we could have our first contest of the week. The refereeing of this competition by Mr. Fukami, 6th Dan, left a little to be desired. Some of the calls were rather dubious, and I don't think that many of our side at least,

understood his calls of "Jogai". Even the writer with a perfect, if unorthodox, yoko-shiho-gatame on, could not elicit an osaekomi call. As a result, the hold was tightened, and uki very kindly submitted and retired hurt. The result was a win to Boston by 5-0 with one draw.

The important match, Boston v Laval, to earn points for the Twin Town Cup was arranged for Wednesday. It was quite an interesting event. We had a warm-up, and then girded our loins for the battle. Red and white belts were tied, a standing bow was made, and presents exchanged. Then, the inexplicable happened — the French team was ushered off and a new team made its appearance. We made a query, without effect, but were not unduly perturbed, as we wished to fight the best team available. The result of this contest, a win for Boston, 5-0 with one draw, does not truly portray the hard work that brought it about — the team was drained. The piece de resistance was then introduced. The French team we had just beaten went off, and the original team appeared once again. The explanation was then given that the first competition was a warm-up for us, and the official match was to take place immediately. Protests were of no avail, and the match followed. Boston lost this competition by 5-0 with one draw. Even the French spectators complained about the tactics. The local newspaper the following day carried reports of the Boston Judo Team being "annihilated without pity".

The rest of the week however more than made up for our disappointment at losing, and the time for the journey home came as usual — all too soon. It was a lovely trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all who made it.

CLUB FORUM

THE YOUTH JUDO CENTRE (Dulwich and Streatham — *Bob Ash writes*: Congratulations to Steve Andrews, who has gained the points for his 2nd Dan at a recent promotion examination.

Our Summer School was a great success; boys and girls from clubs over South London as well as many beginners took part in the great variety of training that had been prepared. The agility training was especially popular, combining cartwheels, somersaults and twisting movements, using our newly acquired crashmat. This training should prove quite useful in the future, giving players greater self-confidence and awareness whilst flying through the air, and the ability to turn out of a throw.

Streatham Judo Club has just purchased a new mat area, to replace a set of old Japanese tatami. Just before these were sold, they were hired from us by a television company, requiring them for a play about 17th Century Japan.

Our outing to Richmond Highland Gathering proved a very popular event, with a coachload of over 60 members attending. Instead of judo players being thrown about, it was the caber, shot and weight that were projected through the air. We spent our time trying out modern army weapons on display, and looking at the numerous displays and events that filled the day, which ended with a performance by the massed Pipes and Drums. If any other clubs are interested in a good day out next year, the London Highland Gathering is to be held at Crystal Palace on 17th June.

TOKEI JUDO KWAI — *From Doug Marks*: July was another interesting if not too busy a month at the

club with guest instructors Paul Radburn and Danny Harper adding interest and flare to the teaching side. It was nonetheless good to have chief coach Ray Neenan back after his nose operation, unfortunately the surgeon failed to improve his looks, but knowing Ray it will help him become an even greater fighter than he already is.

We are pleased to report another good months competition, winning 4 gold, 2 silver, and 4 bronze in the Inner London Education Authority Championships, and a further 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze in the Kent Open. To put the icing on the cake Trevor King was selected to represent Great Britain against Belgium. Well done Trev. we are all proud of you.

Our fast growing competition squad now numbers around 35 members of whom around half regularly win medals; we have great depth and potential among the lighter weights, but where are all the big lads?

The Club was privileged to accommodate the London women/girls squad on the 24th of July and looks forward to being of service in various ways and as often as possible in the future. Hopefully the squad will be given every encouragement and support by all.

Predictably, with holidays etc., July's junior grading did not attract the support of previous months, less than 40 children taking the examination. Our next grading will not be till after the holiday season when club activities are back in full swing.

KOBAYASHI-KWAI, CARLISLE. Carlisle Sports Council recently organised their annual "School for Sport" in which judo was included for the first time, and 14 school children were able to attend a 4-day course run

by Mr. S. Cartrill. This was a great success, and we hope judo will be included in future years.

The time is also approaching for the Carlisle Championships — this year they are being held on 27th November; the usual categories being an Open Individual; a Kyu grade Individual; and a team event. Further details can be obtained from S. A. Rogerson, 65 Scotby Road, Carlisle CA4 8BG.

CHALKHILL JUDO CLUB—*by Chris Read*:—We are proud to announce that all seven members of the team representing the London Borough of Brent at the Silver Jubilee Games held at Crystal Palace on Sunday August 7 were from Chalkhill Judo Club. The team won the judo section of the games collecting seven enormous gold medals with the Queen's head in relief. The team, one member in each of the new weight categories, was, in ascending weight order: S. Parvin, K. Isichei, N. Hawkins, J. Alveranga, A. Hughes and M. Kane.

The team had previously won the North-West London Area Eliminations held on July 24 at South Ruislip for a place at Crystal Palace. At Crystal Palace, after an easy first round victory, the team faced a good team from Redbridge in the final. After losing the first two fights, Brent won the next three (two by

ippon) and needed one more to win. With 70 kg Mick Kane fighting heavyweight, the team's future hinged on Alan Hughes. He was given a doubtful keikoku for supposedly stepping off the mat, but with only a few seconds to go, Alan scored ippon with a brilliant tomoe-nage to clinch the gold. The final score was Brent 35, Redbridge 16.

The only disappointment of the day was that the announcer had obviously not done his homework, since despite information and compliments about the promising judo careers of the members of the running-up teams, he had nothing whatsoever to say about any of the members of the winning team! This may have lead the spectators to think that the promising judoka from the other teams had been beaten by a bunch of 'dough-boys'. This, of course, was not the case since the team included two second dans, one, Kirk Isichei, a member of the National Under-21 Squad, and a first dan, and whose achievements have included medals at Northern Home Counties and numerous other championships.

Chalkhill Judo Club practises at Chalkhill Youth and Community Centre, Poplar Grove, Wembley, Middlesex every Monday and Friday evening and Sunday morning. Visitors are always welcome.

REFEREES COURSE

A referees course for non qualified people and B.J.A. and Provisional National Referees who, in the near future will be trying for promotion will be held over the two week-ends 8th and 9th October and 5th and 6th November at South Ruislip Leisure Centre, Stonefield Way, off Victoria Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex, commencing at 13.00 on Saturday 8th October. The Theory Exam will be taken at the end of the course in preparation for the Practical Exam. It is intended to introduce at this course a London Area Referees Award for people who have not yet reached the age of 20 or, attained the grade of 3rd Kyu.

For further details please contact Peter Bent, International Judo Federation Referee, on 01-864 5703 who will be conducting the course.

1977 Meadowbank Open Junior Judo Championships 8th October 1977

With enquiries from as far afield as Sweden, Austria and Yugoslavia already being received, the seventh Meadowbank Open should be the most international one to date.

**Ensure that the date of this years championships
is put on your CALENDAR NOW**

Rules of Entry

- 1) **JUNIORS** must be under 16 on the day of the Championships
- 2) **ESPOIRS** must be under 18 on the day of the Championships
- 3) **PLAYERS** can only enter for one of the above two categories
- 4) **PAYMENT** of entry fee of £1.00.

WEIGHT CATEGORIES Junior: Under 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65; 70 and over 70 kilos
Espoir: Under 58, 65, 75, 85, and over 85kgs.

TROPHIES Gold, silver and bronze medals for each weight category

Further information and entry forms available from-

Mr. R. Kenny

MEADOWBANK SPORTS CENTRE

139 London Road, Edinburgh EH7 6AE

Telephone: 031-661 5351

Closing date for entries Monday 26th September 1977



THE BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

Newsletter Supplement

AS I WAS SAYING

By TONY REAY

Leaving no time to allow the grass to grow under their feet the Care-taker Management Committee have got down to dealing with the affairs of the Association and are also preparing for the postal vote election for a Management Committee proper.

It has been decided that the theory syllabus is most definitely "in" and as from the 4th July, 1977 all senior promotion examinations will include the new theory syllabus as published earlier in this magazine. With regard to Kyu grade examinations up to 2nd Kyu, Examiners will be responsible for their own mark-up sheets for theory. Senior Examiners who are dealing with examinations for 1st Kyu and Dan grade promotions can obtain special mark-up forms (BJA/1/JULY/77(D)) from their Area Recorder or the National Dan Grade Registrar.

FUTURE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The standard format for future National Team Championships will

be continued to be used but with a modification of the pool system which will be as follows:

- Gold medallists from the previous year will head Pool 1.
- Silver medallists from the previous year will head Pool 4.
- Bronze medallists from the previous year will head Pools 2 and 3.

The standard format then is:

Quarter Finals

- Winner of Pool 1 meets second in Pool 2 in Quarter Final A.
- Winner of Pool 2 meets second in Pool 1 in Quarter Final B.
- Winner of Pool 3 meets second in Pool 4 in Quarter Final C.
- Winner of Pool 4 meets second in Pool 3 in Quarter Final D.

Semi Finals

- Winner of Quarter Final A will meet winner of Quarter Final C in Semi-Final 1.
- Winner of Quarter Final B will meet winner of Quarter Final D in Semi-Final 2.

It has been decided that the Association will sponsor future National Team Championships in order to assist Areas hosting such an event. However, any financial aid from the Association for such an event will be administered from Head Office.

NATIONAL KATA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately there have not been any applications from Areas to host the 1977 National Kata Championships therefore this event will not take place, however applications for 1978 would be most welcome.

ALL-ENGLAND MEN'S JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1977

This event will take place at Harrow Leisure Centre on the 1st October and will be televised on "Grandstand". Further enquiries should be made direct to: John Higgins, 47 Lea Holme Way, Ruislip or telephone during business hours 01-841 4488.

CANADA CALLING

The First International Quebec Open Championships for Men and for Women will be held at the Centre Pierre Charbonneau in Montreal in October this year.

This stadium, built for the Judo and Cycling events in the 1976 Olympic Games, will accommodate the Men's event on the 8th October and the Women's event on the 9th October. The Men's event will be open to 1st Kyus and above of 16 years and over and the Women's event will be open to 1st Kyus of 15 years and over. Proof of grade and membership to the official national organisation will be requested at the time of registration and applications must be made by the 30th September with a registration fee of five dollars. Not much time for interested British competitors to make arrangements I'm afraid but this information has just been received by

me at the time of going to press with this issue.

LOST PROPERTY

A bag containing a judogi with a black belt and a list of names has been found and handed into Kentish Town Police Station. The name heading the list is McKinney and could be the owner of the bag and judogi, however whoever it might be is requested to get in touch with Kentish Town Police.

CHRIS CHILD COMEBACK

Chris Child is Britain's most successful female Judo player ever with an unrivalled record of gold medals in national and international competition for women. She has done much to enhance the reputation of British Judo at home and abroad with her frank and cheerful approach. Since her retirement last year from competition we have not seen or heard much about her but I understand the Women's Sub-Committee have asked for her help in raising funds for the Women's Squad. Chris is organising a raffle to take place at the Women's British Open Championships this year. Anyone who would like to donate any 'goodies' for this raffle can do so by sending them to Chris care of the British Judo Association Head Office. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL TIMEKEEPERS AND RECORDERS

Further to the information published in the June 1977 issue of this magazine on pages 18 and 19, I have been asked to point out that the revalidation of awards fee for National Timekeepers and Recorders is 30p.

THE NATIONAL COURSE FOR CERTIFICATION REFEREES

The above course will be held on Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th September, 1977, at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood, London, S.E.19.

The course fee will be:— Non-Residential £6.00; Residential Saturday night only £12.00; Residential Friday and Saturday night £18.00, 27 Residential places only.

Attendance at this course is part of the revalidation requirements for National and Provisional National Referees.

Please send your name, address, grade, refereeing status and cheque, made payable to J. P. Bent and not the British Judo Association direct to Mr. J. P. Bent, 450 Eastcote Lane, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 9AN with a S.A.E. for receipt and particulars of the course as soon as possible.

B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

Promotions confirmed 1/6/77 to 30/6/77

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Beckett, C. W.	Maidstone YMCA	S	29/5/77
Blacker, D. J.	Star	West	11/6/77
Bornowski, R.	Meadowbank	SJF	15/5/77
Campbell, J.	Boglestone	SJF	19/6/77
Cornford, A. J.	Ramsden School	S	19/6/77
Costello, S.	Huddersfield	Y&H	14/5/77
Cousins, S. D.	Metropolitan Police	L	29/5/77
Davis, G. K.	Kendal	NW	5/6/77
Dickman, W.	Hamilton	SJF	4/6/77
Dunn, G.	Loughborough	BUJA	8/5/77
Dwyer, J. A.	Hutton Eagles	NHC	19/6/77
Evans, S.	O'Oshimeyo	WJA	5/6/77
Forrest, J. W.	Judokwai Leicester	M	19/6/77
Gainard, J. J.	Star	West	5/6/77
Garnett, J. R.	Aireboro/Wharfedale	Y&H	19/6/77
Goldsmith, B.	Rochdale	NW	8/5/77
Hart, R. E.	Haverhill	E	14/11/76
Hayman, K.	?	S	19/6/77
Judge, B.	?	S	19/6/77
Kreckeler, J. W. L.	Tokui Judokwai	S	30/4/77
Leightley, G. A.	?	N	5/6/77
Love, E. W. D.	?	S	19/6/77
McGhee, J.	Bellshill YMCA	SJF	4/6/77
McGowan, J. T.	Leicester Judokwai	M	19/6/77
McIver, D. A. C.	Worcester J.S.	M	19/6/77
McLatchie, M. G.	Folkestone	S	2/6/77
McLean, A.	Beehive	SJF	4/6/77
Mundin, S. W.	Stainforth	Y&H	19/6/77
Murray, D.	Ashington Welfare	N	5/6/77
Murray, G.	Eurokwai	NHC	3/6/77
Peal, R. C.	?	S	19/6/77
Richardson, P. W.	St. Chads	M	19/6/77
Sands, R. C.	?	S	19/6/77
Sciubba, R. A.	TAVR Llandaff	WJA	12/6/77
Seacombe, T. J.	Budokwai	NHC	29/5/77
Simpson, A. J.	Judokan	L	29/5/77
Sinclair, A.	L.J.S.	L	29/5/77
Smale, R. S. J.	Bristol Judokwai	West	12/10/75
Smith, S.	Bexley Judokwai	S	29/5/77
Snutch, P. R.	Carmel	S	19/6/77

Stephen, S.	Alloa	SJF	15/5/77
Szumskyj, S.	Cherry Leaf	NW	19/6/77
Taylor, J. W.	Wellingborough	M	4/6/77
Thomson, J.	Allan	SJF	4/6/77
Thorn, R. B.	?	S	19/6/77
Tupling, B.	Scunthorpe	Y&H	21/6/77
MEN TO 2ND DAN			
Collison, H. K.	?	S	19/6/77
Cooper, R.	?	Y&H	9/6/77
Ellmer, A. A.	Southwick	S	29/5/77
Ferrary, A. J.	V&E (Cheshunt)	NHC	19/6/77
Greaves, A.	Huddersfield	Y&H	19/6/77
Marcroft, R. T.	Tonbridge	S	29/5/77
Saville, V. A.	Pretoria	NHC	29/5/77
Slater, H.	Scunthorpe	Y&H	19/6/77
Williams, M. D.	Beachley Judokwai	Army	2/6/77
Woods, S. C.	Ryokuh	S	2/6/77
MEN TO 3RD DAN			
Brumfield, B. R.	Coventry	M	6/5/77
Chittenden, M. T.	Olympic	S	19/5/77
Clarke, M. W.	Sittingbourne	S	16/4/77
Garland, C. R.	Guildford	S	25/6/77
MEN TO 4TH DAN			
Walker, P.	Pretoria	NHC	19/6/77
WOMEN TO 1ST DAN			
Anderson, P.	Judokan Hull	Y&H	12/6/77
Baldwin, F. H.	?	S	19/6/77
Dickinson, P.	Wakefield	Y&H	19/6/77
Dunscombe, R. M.	Starcross	West	11/6/77
Sands, S. A.	?	S	19/6/77
WOMEN TO 3RD DAN			
Ford, H.	Guildford	NHC	3/4/77

PLEASE NOTE that the National Dan Grade Register, to which the above forms an appendix, is now available from Head Office (cost 20p). If you obtained your present Dan grade before July 1973, make sure that you check that you are included; if not, the introduction tells you how to ensure that you are in next year's issue.

B.J.A. NATIONAL DAN GRADE REGISTER

Promotions confirmed 1/7/77 to 31/7/77

MEN TO 1ST DAN	CLUB	AREA	DATE
Childs, A.	Coleford	West	17/7/77
Davies, A. F.	Kwai Kan	WJA	16/7/77
Davies, T. J.	Australia		19/10/72
Ford, L. A.	Exeter	West	2/7/77
Funston, B.	Ards Arena	NIJF	18/6/77
Hawes, D. D.	GCL Montem	NHC	29/5/77
Hughes, J. M.	Ren-Bu-Kan	NIJF	18/6/77
Hutchins, R.	Coleford	West	11/6/77
Jones, L. W.	Neyland	WJA	17/7/77
Konderla, D.	I Kuei Kan	WJA	17/7/77

Lewington, R. W.	Frobisher	L	26/6/77
McLaughlin, J. G.	Queens Univ.	NIJF	18/6/77
McNeill, B. L.	Kingspark	S	24/5/77
Seghers, G. W.	Renshuden	L	26/6/77
Sharp, D. M.	YMCA Maidstone	S	29/5/77
Siddell, G. M.	?	Army	29/4/77
Strickland, R.	Basingstoke	S	26/6/77
Tier, D.	Newham	L	26/6/77
Walters, K.	Afan Lido	WJA	9/5/76
MEN TO 2ND DAN			
Alveranga, J.	Chalk Hill	L	26/6/77
Howard, T. M.	Newton Abbot	West	9/7/77
Johnson, P.	The Acorns	NHC	2/7/77
McCann, H. C.	Kosaka	NIJF	2/7/77
Mathews, T.	Tower Hamlets	NHC	26/6/77
Mentor, L.	Brent	NHC	26/6/77
Sowerby, K.	?	N	2/1/76
Tether, R.	Tora Scotia	SJF	2/7/77
MEN TO 3RD DAN			
Williams, L.	Liverpool YMCA	NW	29/4/77
MEN TO 4TH DAN			
Wood, W.	Meadowbank	SJF	13/12/75
MEN TO 5TH DAN			
Glass, G. N.	Renshuden	S	2/7/77
WOMEN TO 1ST DAN			
Howard, M. A.	Erdington Konakan	M	12/3/77
Pearce, R. A.	Newquay	West	2/7/77
Williams, E.	Winchester	S	26/6/77
WOMEN TO 2ND DAN			
McGrellis, M.	Kosaka	NIJF	2/7/77

JUDO COACHING COURSE LILLESHELL

By Elizabeth Viney
(B.J.A. Hon. National Coach)

The handout said, "Coaching Course", and not having had a chance to attend a one-week one for seven years (apart from those I've taken) I thought here's a golden opportunity to update myself.

Unfortunately I arrived a day late due to attendance at a B.J.A. Care-taker Management Committee Meeting, plus a long-standing commitment — a Sunday demo! On arrival

I was met by our coach Peter Barnett, who promptly gave me a book on aerobics to study, announcing that early morning 2-mile runs started at 7.30 a.m.! So for those who thought coaching courses sit-down affairs you've been enlightened, and for those who've suffered at my hands in the past "morning wise" . . . stop laughing, I did just manage to survive!



LILLESALL HALL NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

Members attending the Coaching Course: Photograph by courtesy of Roger Price Ltd.

Only eighteen places on the course, one player being unable to attend at the last minute. Such was the interest in the course that a number had to be turned away. The judo people on it, as always, were a great group. Marie Fourn and I being the only women, were very well looked after . . . as can be imagined.

Keith Cannaby paid a visit to the course on Sunday, setting the scene well with his fine style and approach. One comment he made which had a profound effect on the course was, "that when a fighter is in trouble he goes back to basics" . . . therefore if he's badly trained to start with he's in double trouble.

The week went by all too quickly. Sessions were lively, thought provoking affairs and immensely interesting. We examined coaching at all levels, from training at club level to

preparing players for National and International Competition.

Keith Ellingham (Yorkshire and Humberside Area Coach) and Chris Johnston (Army Coach) were among those on the course, and they too assisted with sessions. Mid-week we were treated to a talk on "the Perils and Pains of Mountaineering" by Jim Johnson one of our course members. The same evening saw two top players pay us a visit, Dave Walker and Stan Cantrill, to show us their skills and to give some excellent instruction.

Despite all the judo involvement our group managed to challenge and beat all the other courses at a number of activities, with the exception of rounders (we were outnumbered and not really warmed-up . . . of course!) We even tried our hand at croquet, something I've always wanted to learn.

Facilities were provided for those wishing to take a coaching exam, so congratulations to Ian Thompson of Solihull and Ray Lane of Hereford on their success in obtaining the B.J.A. Club Coach Award.

Our thanks are due to Keith Ellingham for providing us with the chance to see the judo coaching films. Players rarely get the opportunity to see these outstanding films which are obtainable from Messrs. G. Holdsworth Productions Ltd., 31 Palace St., London SW1E 5HW.

Not only did we see them, but we invited other sportsmen and women at Lilleshall to see them too. They proved so popular that we gave a special film show of the complete series on the last evening. 50 players from other sports attended, and we really took the opportunity to "educate" the other groups — our people taking it in turns to answer their questions during the lively dis-

cussion period which followed. It was a fascinating evening with all members doing a great "public relations" job!

Those fortunate enough to have been on this course owe a debt of gratitude to Peter Barnett for such a first-class week. We are lucky to have such a refreshing, practical visionary in our Association. His range, depth of knowledge, of both training and coaching, seemed inexhaustible.

The excellent facilities, good food, and very helpful staff at Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire were the final ingredients making this "a week to be remembered" and one of the best courses I've yet attended.

One thing is certain it will be even more popular next year . . . so when the date is announced . . . book early!

AREA NEWS

SOUTHERN AREA

From Cliff Baker-Brown

Our programme of Area Championships to be held at Crystal Palace during 1977 is as follows:—

8th/9th October

Schoolboys (Under 16) Championships.

Saturday 26th November

Area OPEN Schoolgirl's Championships.

Sunday 27th November

Area Senior Men's Championships (1st Kyu and above) PLUS Kyu Grade Championships (9th kyu to 2nd Kyu).

Next Senior Promotion Examinations Southern Area:

Sunday 2nd October

Men and Women. Bowaters, Gillingham, Kent. Examiners: Cliff Baker-Brown, Mick Leigh and Jim Hallington.

Signing in times:
Ladies

Novice up to 2nd Kyu. 10.30 a.m.
Men

Novice-9th Kyu. 11.15 a.m.
8th-7th Kyu. 11.45 a.m.
6th-5th Kyu. 12.15 p.m.
4th-3rd Kyu. 12.45 p.m.
2nd Kyus. 1.15 p.m.

Men and Women

1st Kyu. 2.00 p.m.
1st Dan. 2.30 p.m.
2nd Dan. 3.00 p.m.

Players from any Area are welcome.

An invitation has been received from the Malta Judo Association by Jack Cook, Southern Area com-

mittee member, to send a team of seven players and three officials to Malta in November to take part in a three way tournament with teams from Italy and Malta. The three officials attending the Italian team suggests that they will be sending their national team and out of courtesy to the Maltese and Italians the invitation was offered to the national team or squad but was declined as it could not be budgeted for at such short notice.

The Southern Area has accepted and will be sending a team out on the 14th of November, the contest will take place on the 19th and the team will be returning on the 21st.

Arrangements have been made for supporters to travel and train with the team, accommodation will be in self catering apartments in Marina Court, Ta'Xbiex. Please support the best national team in Great Britain over the last two years. (National team champions 1976 and 1977.)

Alpine Holdings, Malta, will take one team member out free of charge for every ten supporters travelling with the party, should you not be able to come for a unique type of holiday please send any donation possible, from either your club or yourself (the total cost will be about £1,150.00p) to Mr. G. Taylor, Treasurer, Southern Area, 76 Tankerville Road, London, SW16.

Late News.

Further details have now been received from the Malta Judo Association regarding their First Invitation Open Championships to be held from 14th to 21st November 1977. Open grade and age with seven weight categories. Countries invited will be England, Italy and Malta.

1. INDIVIDUAL EVENT—3 Medals.
2. TEAM EVENT—Trophy and 3 Medals.
3. ANGLO ITALIAN EVENT—Trophy and 2 Medals.

Medals presented by the Maltese government.

Team Event. A team will be selected from the individual event players supporting the Southern Area team to compete in a Triangular match with Malta National Team and a team selected from the Italian supporters.

No players representing the Southern Area or Italian Representative Team will be permitted to participate in Events 1 and 2.

Only B.J.A. Licence holders permitted.

Please send s.a.e. to Jack Cook, 13 Cherboung Crescent, Chatham, Kent ME5 0HL. Telephone 0634 45653.

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

The 1977 North of England Young Men's Championships will take place at the Centre of Sporting Excellence, Carnegie School of Physical Education on Sunday, 27th November. The Centre is situated at Beckett Park, Church Wod Avenue, Leeds 6.

This event is open to North-West, North, Yorkshire and Humberside, Midlands and Eastern Area members as follows: Espoirs — Competitors must be of 6th Kyu (green belt) grade (or the equivalent Mon grade) or above, and be born on or between 1st January, 1960 and 31st December, 1961. Juniors — Competitors must be of 2nd Kyu (brown belt) grade or above, and be born on or between 1st January, 1957 and 31st December, 1959.

Entry forms, maps, information sheets, etc., are obtainable from the organiser, Mr. Keith Ellingham, 405 Lovingsstone Road, Wrose, Bradford 2. Entry forms must be completed and returned to arrive not later than Monday, 21st November, 1977. Late entries will not be accepted.

LONDON AREA

From John Higgins

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE — JUBILEE YOUTH GAMES

The London Celebration Committee organised these games which

took place at the National Recreation Centre at Crystal Palace over the weekend of 6th and 7th August. The 32 London Boroughs contested the title of Top Sports Borough from 17 sports which earned it the tag of the Mini Olympics.

Judo took up its rightful place, using the eight IJF Junior Weight Groups with ages 16 years to 21 years. We appointed four Regional Organisers in groups of eight Boroughs.

MR. JOHN HIGGINS, N.W. LONDON, Enfield, Barnet, Harrow, Hillingdon, Brent, Camden, Haringey, Westminster, Kensington/Chelsea.

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MR. A. RICKARD, SE LONDON, Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Bromley, City of London.

What at first sight looked to be a straight forward event soon started to become difficult — it was a bad time of year — the weight groups were wrong — the age groups did not suit — residential qualifications were not convenient — all of which in their own way are relevant points but in truth I feel that the greatest single fault lies with ourselves. We simply do not do enough for this group of Judo players, but more of this later.

The regional finals went well in the north with Redbridge topping the pool in the NE and Hackney second, the North West region produced Brent first and Barnet second. The south proved to be more difficult to organise but Hounslow claimed first place followed by Ealing. In the SE it was Croydon and then Lambeth.

With teams and players dropping out due to holidays in August five Boroughs met to contest the finals. Brent and Croydon in one half of the draw with Redbridge, Barnet and Hounslow making up a pool of three in the other. This was a close run thing, each Borough had one team win, six contest wins, leaving the points to decide the finalists, which were Redbridge, by only three points from Hounslow. On the other side the London Borough of Brent always looking impressive scored an easy win against Croydon.

As fortune would have it and we hope a little bit of good organisation, the final was about to start when our Royal party arrived — the audience and players gave them an impressive royal reception. With Alan Sutton being presented to the Right Honourable Angus Ogilvy who expressed his admiration and appreciation of the success of our sport.

In the final Redbridge started well with Gudgeon and Sutton giving them a 2—0 lead but Brent then took the next four bouts with wins by Ischei, Alveranga, Hawkins and Hughes to take the title, Ouri of Redbridge brought the final score to four wins to three to Brent. John Ryan former International and now in his final year of teacher training emerged from his books to present the medals, they could only be described as magnificent.

Our Referees and Officials were once again expertly organised by Mr. Peter Bent.

A look back at the games through the eye of Judo — The Competition was clean, quick and a delight to watch — far too long this group of players has been ignored. There simply is not enough being offered to keep them within the Sport, we as administrators, Club Secretaries, Trainers and Coaches, etc., must re-examine our attitudes, our clubs must be better balanced to provide a service to all persons wishing to take part in JUDO.

THE MARTIAL ARTS SCENE

by Alan T. Francis

The past month has seen a lot of activity, especially from members of the Martial Arts Commission in connection with Jubilee events. At Hyde Park at the end of July there were demonstrations of Aikido, Karate, Tai-Kinon-do, Kendo, and Kung-Fu. During the Kung-Fu demonstration the Chinese group were performing when H.R.H. Princess Alexandra visited, showing much interest in the demonstration and in martial arts in general.

At Crystal Palace an intensive day of karate activity during the London Borough Games brought competitors into side-by-side touch with tennis, squash, volley ball, cycling, judo etc. and The London and South East Region Sports Council must be well pleased with the splendid turnout and enthusiasm. I am not sure of the collective noun for Mayors, but there were plenty present throughout the day. Thanks are due to David Mitchell and Paula Canney for helping to co-ordinate the many karate bouts. The British Kung-Fu Council group performed a lion dance at the closing ceremony.

The Martial Arts Commission has received substantial support from many quarters and a letter addressed to Chief Executives of Local Authorities from the Minister for Sport reads as follows:

"As I am sure you are aware, there has been over the past few years a rapidly growing interest in the oriental martial arts. Certain forms such as judo have been popular and accepted for a long time. But the bewildering variety of some of the newer arts and of the styles within them has caused a good deal of public confusion. There has been financial exploitation of the public

due to the high demand for instructors. It is equally important that the martial arts are taught in a highly disciplined and responsible manner. Otherwise there is a risk of their becoming an excuse for violent and anti-social activities — which are quite alien to the traditions of these sports. The Government is of course directly concerned that this does not happen, and the most effective counter measure is an effective control organisation for the martial arts in Britain.

"Some years ago the Government and the Sports Council assisted in the formation of the British Karate Control Commission. This has done excellent work. In 1975 I was very pleased to write a foreword for its booklet — 'The Ugly Shadow' — which was circulated to local authorities and contained a powerfully presented and telling message about the potential dangers of unsupervised and unrecognised instruction.

"More recently we have seen the development of interest in yet other martial arts and styles from Japan, China and Korea, which has led to an increasingly strong feeling among martial arts people that the time has come to set up a wider control body for all the oriental martial arts in Britain. To this end the following organisations joined together on 1st January 1977 to form the Martial Arts Commission:

British Kung Fu Council
British Association of Korean Martial Arts
British Aikido Association
British Jiu Jitsu Association
English Karate Board
Scottish Karate Board
Welsh Karate Board
British Kendo Association

"Though independent, the Martial Arts Commission was set up with the support of the Government and the Martial Arts Association themselves. It has my wholehearted support. It is also recognised by the Sports Council as the official control body of the martial arts and as such receives grant aid.

The Commission's basic function will be to maintain high standards of instruction and to safeguard the public. In particular it will, through the governing bodies:

(i) Licence all approved martial arts exponents, using one overall easily recognised licence embodying the MAC symbol.

(ii) Issue uniform standard certificates of proficiency to approved instructors designed to allow easy verification of validity.

"The MAC are also introducing an insurance system which will provide cover for third parties as well as for instructors and participants while engaged in martial arts training and

competitions. Local authorities will, I am sure, find this a most valuable safeguard. The Commission will also provide expert advice to central and local government and to the Sports Council on martial arts control matters. Technical and sporting matters such as international competition will of course remain the responsibility of the individual martial arts associations which are members of MAC.

"The response to the message contained in previous publications was very encouraging and reflected a widespread recognition of the importance of a responsible and controlled approach to the development of the martial arts. I am confident that you and the other local authorities will continue confining their co-operation to clubs and instructors approved by the Martial Arts Commission. I also hope that your authority will make full use of the Commission's expertise by contacting its General Secretary, David



It looks as though Jim Elkin, Chairman of MAC, is describing "the one that got away". He is in fact explaining part of the Kung Fu demonstration to H.R.H. Princess Alexander at Hyde Park Jubilee Sport for All

Mitchell at 4-16 Deptford Bridge, London SE8 4JS (01 691 3433), whenever you need advice on any martial arts matters, and will give the Commission its full support."

All concerned will be grateful to The Rt. Hon. Denis Howell for this support, the result of which will be a cleaner, healthier scene from which the public will benefit.



DAVID WHITE COMMENTS...

Judo is still very much in its infancy in the West. Think of yourself as a pioneer and a lot of things begin to make sense — and I might add it can be a great encouragement to disillusioned administrators, competitors and particularly coaches "hacking their way through the undergrowth" to see themselves and our sport in these terms.

During the course of a particularly interesting long conversation with Trevor Leggett about Zen — I was planning an interview for the Middle Way, the journal of the Buddhist Society — he made the point that Zen has only just been born in the West and is starting to grow apace. Our Judo in the West is very much at the beginning too.

Let's not get discouraged in any way. Judo has made fantastic strides in a very few years. Look how long most sports have been played in the West and already Judo is taking over from wrestling and boxing.

We're still some distance away from Venusian Aikido (circa Mr. Spock in Star Trek for the uninitiated) but we are going to see closer links between all the martial arts. I hope this shows I am in no way opposed to our own Martial Arts Commission.

Not enough people realise that the lines dividing Karate from Judo from Aikido from Wu Shu etc. are very blurred indeed. All — even Karate — owe a great deal to the Chinese Arts although the ancient Chinese would be horrified by some Karate training, i.e. the hardening of parts of the body.

It makes sense to study and become proficient in one art or sport but we must not be too proud or insular to avoid taking good things from another. For instance, Aikido locks could cause havoc in Judo randori if applied properly at the moment your opponent came to grip your judogi. As Mr. Leggett puts it: "All one wants to know in any field is whether a thing works". He was referring to Zen in relation to his Judo.

Mr. Leggett was pre-war one of the first foreigners to visit Soji-ji, the Soto Zen monastery near Yokohama, and evidently they were not overjoyed to see him even though they tolerated him. When I was last in Japan I visited Soji-ji and received a cordial welcome. Times change, and in Judo and the Martial Arts we must change too. But please don't lose faith in our splendid — and young — sport.

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IN AND AROUND THE DOJO

DRIVING OFF THE BACK FOOT

by TONY REAY

Photographs by DAVID FINCH

Kouchigake (minor inner hook) is a good throw to attempt against the taller and heavier opponent, but once committed there is no turning back and commitment means "total" commitment. There therefore has to be a powerful drive off the back foot — one has to launch oneself bodily into the attack.

Just as a boxer is taught to punch his weight off the back foot — so the judo competitor must drive his

weight through the middle of his opponent and off the back foot to get maximum power for this type of throw. Launching one's body weight into a throw is a difficult thing to grasp and that is why I myself favour 3-man uchikomi for this throw. This throw can produce a heavy fall as tori (the thrower) launches himself in to his opponent and follows through down on top of him. In 3-man uchikomi we can practice total commitment without





the aggravation of tori and uke having to pick themselves up time and time again off the mat. A third man holds uke around the middle and supports uke as tori practices the "drive" and "lock-in". It is important for tori to remember that at all times with such a throw he must keep his own body-weight very low and not allow himself to "ride-up" on meeting the resistance of his opponent. If he "rides-up" in a contest his opponent, especially if he is heavier and stronger, can counter the move with an uchimata (inner thigh throw) type of action or just stumble him around onto his back.

The power of tori's launching action and drive should be such that uke breaks or bends in the middle. In one action tori should drive his right leg through and between his opponent's legs and snatching free from the grip on his own right sleeve should drive his right arm down and through between his opponent's right arm and body. His right leg should snake around and lock behind the right knee of his opponent at the same time gripping the trouser leg

with his right hand. This ensures that the opponent cannot step back out of the hook until the full force of tori's lower right shoulder has been felt. See figure 1.

Tori continues the drive being completely locked in to his opponent and he follows through to the ground. It is very important that tori should look into the part of the mat towards which his opponent is falling and not turn his head to look back. He should also maintain a strong left-hand grip on the sleeve at his opponent's right elbow and pull down and into his own abdomen. If he turns his head or looks back and does not have control of uke's right elbow he could easily be strangled in the ground if his throw has not warranted "ippon" (10-point score).

Sometimes the opponent can step back with the leg that is not being trapped and turn out of danger, tori should then start hopping off the drive-off leg and corkscrew his hooking action in a tight turn to his left and this will bring his opponent down on the spot.

International Judo Tournament at Coventry

Report by Tony Reay

Photographs by David Finch

Since 1972 the British Judo Association has been consistently successful in obtaining reasonably good sponsorship in support of major competitions and in assisting squad training. On the 30th July it was Debenhams again in their second year of massive sponsorship to a number of sports who made possible another attractive and valuable Judo event, and this time the venue was Coventry Sport and Recreation Centre.

As a planned policy of involvement in sports sponsorship, Debenhams having supported also the British Open Championships for Men at Crystal Palace in April and have undertaken to support the Senior Women's British Open Championships at Crystal Palace on the 22nd October and the Schoolboy's National Championships at Crystal Palace on the 12th and 13th November. Their involvement and interests in other sports has included extensive help to Athletics, Badminton, Cricket, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Motor Racing and Squash. More recent ambitious projects have included sponsorship of John Ridgway's boat in the 1977/8 Round-the-World Yacht Race and Debenhams will be covering some of the costs of preparing the boat and participating in the race. With successful business people such as Debenhams lighting up the way British sports such as ours can at last feel confident that there are indeed some business people who care that our sportsmen and sports-

women are prepared and are given a fighting chance.

The Coventry tournament was the first full International Competition involving Senior, Junior, Espoir and Schoolboy teams in one event and what a great idea this is particularly for the younger ones being blooded for the first time.

The recently opened main hall was an ideal venue for such an event although the seating capacity is very limited. I was surprised though that even this was not filled to capacity. Many people clamour for events to be staged away from London yet very few people are there in support when we are able to manage this. There was good television coverage however and the BBC produced an excellent fifteen-minute programme one week later on 'Grandstand' showing the highlights of the tournament.

The first team match was the Schoolboy's event. Great Britain versus Belgium, and here we saw some very good spirited Judo. Using the standard weight system this was a ten boys a side match, with the level of Judo shown though I think I should describe this as a ten men a side.

The lightest weights, Trevor King of Woodbridge High School and Stephane Segers from Schaerbeek were the first to battle. Trevor had a hard fight on his hands against the Belgian champion but he did well to notch a first-time win to set his team-mates on the road. Daniel

Russell of Wanstead High School forced a draw with regional champion Jean Frederic Massart and then Michael Rea of Southway School and current Western Area champion put Britain further into the lead with an ippon (ten-point) win against Geert Callaert the Belgian Championships silver medallist. Melvyn Brookes from Wolverhampton drew with Belgian champion Claude Segers. Gavin Bell from Glasgow lost by a waza-ari (seven points) to Philip Laats who is also Belgian champion at his weight. It was Kevin Moriarty of Trinity High School, Northampton who started a run of wins with a five-point decision over Christian Devos of the Judo Club Louvierois. Kevin McGuire of Formby High, Liverpool then scored a cracking ten-point win over Michel Melchior who is another Belgian champion. Thomas Brindle of Heath Park School and who hails from Wolverhampton was another maximum scorer defeating Alain Vallot, champion of Belgium; his brother Marc Vallot also lost, but by just a koka score to our own Densign White of Heath Park School, Wolverhampton. The last contest was a koka (three point) win for Belgium with Stany Paoloni, champion of Belgium, defeating Mark Robertson of Riverside School, Thamesmead. The overall result was Great Britain six wins (41 points) and Belgium two wins (10 points) which must have been a great encouragement to Britain's Espoir, Junior and Senior teams.

The very young Mark Beeston who features in Judo magazine's Junior Corner started out nervously in the first of the seven a side Espoir event and was almost caught in shimewaza (strangle technique) by Anders Kristianson, the Swedish Champion. Beeston soon recovered and went on to dominate his opponent, scoring a koka from seoinage (shoulder throw). John Holiday from Harlow with a score of yuko and a koka putting his harai-



Neil Adams throws his Swedish opponent for ippon.

goshi (sweeping loin) to good effect against Jari (Johnny) Aunola secured another win for Britain. It was Per Andersson of Sweden who stopped Britain's run by getting a three point win on David Rance. Richard Armstrong was perhaps too confident at the beginning of his battle against Swedish champion Philip Morotti who caught Richard with a superb haraigoshi to score waza-ari. Regaining his composure from such an upset Richard battled furiously and in an exciting groundwork tussle was able to score yuko from osaekomi-waza (holding technique) before Philip was able to struggle free. This was a crucial battle for both fighters who seemed to know that their result would effect the fortunes of

their respective teams. It was Richard who broke through with another hold which this time was well and truly on. And so with a 10 point win from kuzurekamishihogatame (broken upper four quarters), Richard put Britain well on the way. Per Kjellin scored Sweden's first full 10 point win with a shimewaza on John Neilson from London and Stephen Callender did well to extricate himself from a jujigatame (cross armlock) attempted by Fredrik Sporrang who eventually won the contest with two kokas and a yuko against a yuko from an uchimata (inner thigh throw) by Callender. Despite being caught with a left tsurikomi-ashi (drawing ankle throw) knock-down, Mervin Bowditch from Dorset recovered sufficiently to dominate the contest against Gunner Karlsson, champion of Sweden. He attacked with a number of left haraigoshi but losing his grip each time.

However, one of these attempts was sufficiently successful to get his opponent into groundwork with a powerful kesegatame (scarf hold). Karlsson then achieved what seemed the impossible, almost twisting himself in half he was able to break the hold at 27 seconds. There followed a fantastic groundwork battle with Bowditch showing sheer determination to win, it was however a classic oguruma (major wheel throw) which wrapped up the contest for Bowditch to give him waza-ari-awasete-ippon (two seven point scores for a maximum 10 point win). What a match and what a fantastic win this was to give Britain four wins with 28 points against Sweden's three wins with sixteen points.

In the Junior 18 to 21 year olds match, Andy Hough lost to Robert Roth of Sweden but this was the only loss Britain suffered in this seven a side match. In the next weight up Tom Wynter put Britain ahead with a 10 point win from a strangle on Ronald Johnson, champion of Sweden. The contest

between Mark Foster and Ove Riter was very lively with fierce attacks coming from both, a neat pick-up counter by Foster scored koka. Left hander Riter attacked desperately in order to make up and after a warning to Foster for more action from the referee, Foster then seemed to encounter some trouble with a gumshield he was wearing as protection for a newly capped tooth. On resuming the contest Riter attacked and either threw himself or was brilliantly countered by Foster, the action was so fast one was not really sure. The powerful Swede tried again and again to make up ground and Foster clearly the more tired was just able to hang on to his lead. This was really a very good battle which the crowd appreciated. Riter's desperate attacks seemed to get him more and more into trouble but he just never stopped attacking right to the end. British Junior champion Chris Bowles seemed to be dwarfed by Michel Grant, Chris looked the sharper but there was very little in this contest which was another tremendous battle to watch. The result was a draw. Tom Lime-rick made no bones about his contest against Larry Wallman, efficiently and effectively he went to work and within the first half minute won the contest with a shimewaza. Peter Mitchell then dealt with Berrgt Nilsson similarly scoring a 10 point win with kesagatame. Edward Ferrie wrapped up the final contest with a yuko win against Joahn Lopez giving the British Junior team their fifth win with 42 points as against Sweden's one win with five points.

In the seven a side Senior match first man on for Britain was local hero Keith Cannaby. Every move he made was met with a roar from the local fans — but at one minute there had not been that many moves from either him or Roland Roth of Sweden — for it was then that the referee indicated that he wanted to see more action from the two of



Russell of the British Schoolboys beats his Belgium opponent with a clean technique.

them. There was really very little in this match and despite the enthusiasm of the Cannaby fans there was nothing much to report. At time Keith got the decision for a three point win having scored two kokas. The next match was also very close with Seth Birch also getting a three point win from four kokas over his adversary Alf Persson. It was Neil Adams who set the competition alight with his skill and mastery, his opponent, Ronny Nilsson scrambled desperately from Neil's taiotoshi attacks which Neil seemed to be

going in for too deep, the very fit Nilsson also treated Neil's kouchi (minor inner reaping) attacks similarly although this was sheer brinkmanship. It was a devastating uchimata perfected very low and with the stamp of Jacks all over it which scored ippon for Neil. The crowd roared their approval and were delighted with their Coventry hero, for although Neil has been training now in London for nearly three years — Coventry Judo Club was where he started and developed up to Dan grade. Obviously Nilsson



A clean ippon from seoinage by Moriarty of the British Schoolboys.

knew Neil's stock throws and moves and he defended superbly, but there was just no answer to the techniques that Neil can now hold in reserve and is steadily building upon. Vass Morrison, the Senior Team Captain, played his match very warily. One felt that with his vast experience he could have opened out more against the lesser known Tegelgard. However, Tommy Tegelgard as with all of the Swedish fighters, fought his

heart out and gave not an inch, the result was a three point win for Vass. Bob Diebelius had a similarly difficult opponent in Claes Hall, Scandinavian champion and Swedish champion and the result was a draw both having been penalised with a chui for non-combativity. Alex Ives knew he would have a real battle on his hands with Bertil Ström the Swedish Team Captain, British Open champion and Swedish champion.

I was really impressed with Alex who thought out his contest intelligently and took advantage of every opportunity. It was such an opportunity which gave him his first score of yuko from ushirogoshikaeshiwaza (rear loin counter technique). With an additional score of koka Alex had the contest wrapped up for a five point win. In the final contest of the day Ali Reunenen of Sweden stepped out of the contest area in his battle with Peter Donnelly and was penalised with keikoku (seven point penalty) for doing so. Just a few seconds later Donnelly followed up with a good haraigoshi attack but which produced no score as they both fell into the safety area. At just before two minutes into the contest Donnelly gave his home crowd a real bonus with a superb left tsurikomigoshi which rounded off the day for Britain and particularly for the locals. Ali went over with such force that he was left gasping on his back.

What a great crowd this was who stayed for the presentation of medals to each of the sixty-two fighters and gave each one a great ovation. Certainly this was a day to remember for the schoolboys, each resplendent with a special schoolboy international badge which had been provided by the members of Tokei Judo Club.

This was an interesting day of competition; here we could look at and assess Britain's future from the whole age range. I think the summing up is best left to Honorary National Coach and Ex British International Richard Barraclough: "This kind of competition is ideal for our lads, we have seen how they always seem to be better in the second or third contest of European and World events, but this kind of team event teaches them to come out fighting from the start. With one contest each they have no time to waste in settling in — it's simply a case of win or lose . . .". With

regard to the schoolboys Richard had this to say. "... in a number of instances there was a lack of originality . . . there were a number of examples of missing out from groundwork opportunities . . . the lack of an ingrained instinct among the boys is no doubt because they have not had experience of international competition such as we have seen today . . .". About the Espoir match Richard felt that there was a general lack of awareness but which was countered by a very good team spirit — of course this is the main ingredient to build upon for an up and coming squad. Fantastic team spirit was the essence of the British teams throughout the day and on that basis the Team Managers have something to build upon. But the road ahead is not going to be easy. Nothing that is worth achieving is achieved by travelling the easy path and all the squad members of all the squads are going to find this out. We are now getting

them the opportunities to improve which they need — but this is not going to be wasted on those who do not want to work hard enough for the rewards.

Many people will be disappointed that they were unable to attend this tournament, there was very little time to organise the event let alone to publicise it the way we would have liked to. Despite the enormous problems Brian Regan took on the whole thing and did a fantastic job, Midlands Area officials had nothing but praise for his frantic efforts the result of which was a thoroughly well organised and successful event. The British teams and the visiting teams were given every consideration and their programme was well organised. Of great support on the day was Bryan Perriman, Kay Perkins and Bryan Regan's wife Maureen — they all did a great job and I know that all the fighters appreciated it.



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MAC

My old friend Jim Elkin has taken me to task for my criticism of the new Martial Arts Commission. I have done my best to explain to him my reservations and I think he is going to respond in the magazine. The wider discussion we get on the purpose and work of the MAC the better. Perhaps we could also have had earlier warning and discussion of the new structure of the BJA.

I think Jim rather objected to the phrase about the MAC "staggering into existence" that I used recently. I always did have a nice turn of phrase, but I hope this will not detract from the real issues! The MAC can have a very useful purpose in controlling the more disparate elements of the martial arts scene, but I'm not yet convinced that Judo needs the MAC.

BBZJA

You will doubtless be pleased to hear that a new association — the Bring Back Zen into Judo Association — has been formed. There is no membership list, no membership fee and there will be no meetings of the association. Would you like to be "enrolled"?

But seriously . . . if anyone is interested in Zen and wants information about training centres, meditation, books or just plain un-Zenlike gossip I will be happy to act as a 'clearing house' and can be contacted through the magazine or direct to 77 Jessop Road, Stevenage, Herts.

Referees

It was good to hear from Ray Mitchell following my brief mention of the high standard of our home-grown refereeing. Ray is quite right when he says this is because of three factors. Our mental characteristics and temperamental belief in fair play. Our sound structure at all levels from Area up to IJF refereeing standard. And the sheer hard work allied to succeeding in any facet of Judo.

It is worth adding that the really hard work comes from a few dedicated people like Ray. There are no substitutes for these people and no success without them. We all owe them a considerable debt and as I mentioned to Ray I hope our referees will — even though it's a bit un-British — blow their own trumpets more.

Universities

It was pleasing to see a more substantial article on University Judo in last month's magazine. I had a couple of letters from University Judo people after my review of 1976 and they insisted that there is plenty happening — perhaps they'll keep letting us know about it. The standard is clearly rising judging by what I saw when I was a student, but I do not accept the point that in these academically competitive times students cannot spare the time for Judo. It just isn't a good enough excuse — everyone I know finds it "impossible" to find time for the thing they do! Students in fact can find more leisure time than most people if they want to.

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EDITORS NOTE: If you have some-one in your family or practising at your club who warrants being mentioned in 'Junior Corner' send us a photograph and let us know all about him — or her.

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