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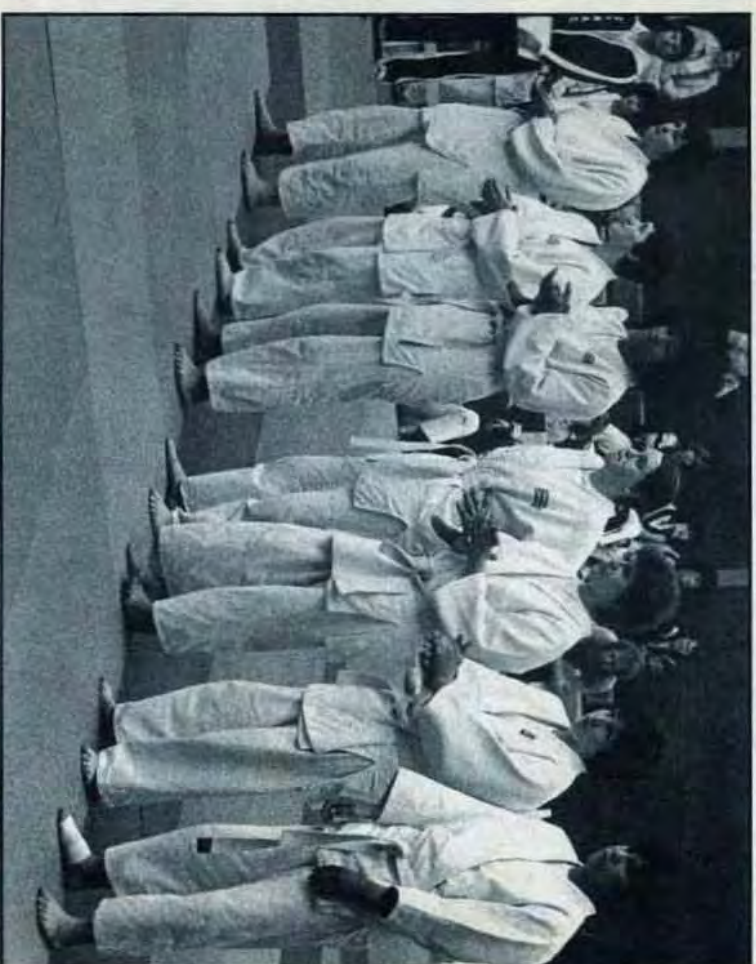
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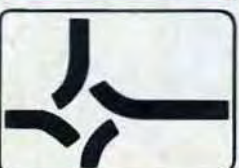
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Earlier in the Year, I, and a couple of thousand other people saw Peter Donnelly win the British Open Championship in great style.

What most of them didn't see that after the presentation fuss had died down, almost the first person Peter talked to and thanked was one of his original and most influential Coaches, Ken Webber.

Peter has achieved the pinnacle of recognition in the Sport and is now British Olympic Team Captain and whilst in the BJA has benefited from trips all over the World and become one of our hopes for Medals in the Moscow Olympics. His beginnings in the Sport were however with the A.J.A. as were Ken's and now with the unity in Judo that we have achieved in the Midlands both can enjoy the fruits of their labours.

Ken also has achieved recognition in having his 4th Dan confirmed and becoming a BJA Referee and Examiner all within a year of joining us. Administratively he has been elected by the Members to the Area Committee as has John Beard (who also came from the AJA) and has been appointed Referees Co-ordinator for the Area. Without exception all the people that joined us in the move from the A.J.A. last year have played their part in the activities of the Area, to such an extent that sometimes I don't know how we managed before they joined!

This is what I meant when on my appointment as Chairman, in a Newspaper interview, I said that I would work to see unity in the Sport. Unity is to pursue the furtherance of the Sport through individuals, Areas and one Association and help Members like Peter and Ken achieve the recognition that they deserve.

There isn't a more sincere man in Judo than Ken Webber and seeing Peter win and then recognise the contribution to his victory Ken had made must have made all the hard work and effort of the last year worthwhile. I hope that those still trying to cause division and dissension in the Sport will tell the children in their control what Peter and Ken have achieved and give them the choice of similar future success in preference to parochial isolation.

In a lighter vein, in the British National Championships for Women at Haden Hill last month there was a situation when FOUR Competition Controllers (including me) all wanted the Open Category run by a different method. To a certain extent each one had a point to make, but this was no consolation to the players who were delayed somewhat. Whilst not seeking excuses, it is interesting to note that these four between them have just about staged every major Competition in the Midland Area and Nationally in the last five or six years. So, if we can get it so wrong, imagine what can happen at your local Event!

This then is why the Tournament Licencing scheme has been introduced and the Tournament Handbook produced for the guidance of those people staging Events. If our four Competition Controllers (who wrote most of it) had paid some attention to what was written, we would have had no problems!

Lastly, a slightly changed format just for this month with no letters page or 'Close Up' feature and an extra eight pages to the magazine. The reason being, believe it or not, is that this is our 1st anniversary edition and we thought that we could afford something a bit special for this month. The extra pages would become a regular benefit if the Clubs that cannot find five Members or Officials to buy a magazine tried a bit harder and contributed to the effort the Area is making. Congratulations to everyone concerned and many thanks to all those who have helped in establishing 'Midlands Judo'.

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Late News . . .
MIDLAND AREA JUNIOR BOYS v FINLAND
Sunday 12th August 1979
(at 3-00pm)
Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

Local News and Competitions

Diary and Area Squads

LINCOLNSHIRE AND SOUTH HUMBERSIDE SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 20th MAY.

Scunthorpe Judo Club was the host of the Men's Championships for 1979 and provided us with some excellent Judo and a great day of Sport with some very close results at the end of it. May thanks to all who took part and the Officials who helped and Scunthorpe Judo Club for the use of their Dojo.

WALTER EDWARDS

Results

Under 60k	Gold	D. COOPER
	Silver	P. BRADLEY
Under 65k	Gold	T. MATHEWMAN
	Silver	N. FLETCHER
	Bronze	P. POUCHER
Under 71k	Gold	S. CLARK
	Silver	CHAPMAN
	Bronze	A. CURTIS

as follows . . . R. Holland, T. Barry, N. Truan, V. Bland, D. Eadie, A. Benjamin, B. McDougal, K. Broadbent, S. Biggs, D. Jackson, S. Wilson, A. Kirk, S. Bland, T. McInerney, D. Riley, S. Earls, D. Endersby.

Open . . . S. Earls, G. Dale, M. O'Shaunassy, C. Beggley, M. Hawkins.

Senior Team . . . Veraloy.

Sylvia Jones Award for Performance . . . D. Jackson, I. Gunter, P. Hodgson.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND SOUTH HUMBERSIDE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS SHIN WA KWAI 22nd APRIL

Heavyweight Teams

Gold..	SHIN WA KWAI A TEAM
Bronze.....	BOSTON

Lightweight Teams

Gold.....	BOSTON
Silver..	SHIN WA KWAI A TEAM

Ten Man Teams

Gold.....	SHIN WA KWAI
Silver.....	BOSTON

THE 10th SHROPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 10th Shropshire Championships took place on 6th May, at Sundorne Games Hall, Shrewsbury, and the contests provided many exciting bouts and quite a few surprises.

Pontesbury's Roger Houston decisively won the Dan Grade Section scoring Ippon in all his contests to win the County Title for the first time, whilst Mark Bowater pulled off a double by winning the Espoir Boys Under 70 Kilos and the Senior Mens Under 70 Kilos titles. Mark also rounded off his successful day by winning a bronze in the 1st Kyu and Under Open Category.

In the final medal table, WEM, with their strong junior section topped the medal table closely followed by Shrewsbury, GKN and Bridgnorth.

All the Shropshire clubs are eagerly looking forward to the next County Event, which is the Judo section of the Shropshire Mini-Olympics which takes place once again at Sundorne Games Hall, Shrewsbury, on 2nd September.

JOHN EMBREY

NEW CITY JUBILEE CHAMPIONSHIPS 12th MAY.

The New City Championships were held at North Bucks Youth Sports Hall, Wolverton, with no less than 12 sponsored trophies in a very well organised Event.

Whilst we have insufficient space to report all the medallists, the Champions on the day were



BSJA AND UNSS FRANCE . . . VALLIER HALLE, MARSEILLES, 26th MAY

The return match against the French Schools and Universities side following their visit to Haden Hill last year meant an exciting trip for the BSJA Schoolboys to Marseilles in May.

Great efforts had been made to equip the boys and sponsors had been found to provide track-suits, shoes and bags, eventually the teams were very nicely presented.

There were two categories, with a team in each—16 to 18-year-olds and over 18 to 20 years of age, with seven weight categories in each Event.

The first team did very well managing to draw the contest on three wins each but lost on points, whilst the older boys lost four wins to two, with one drawn.

There was considerable Midlands representation in the British Schools side and congratulations to everyone selected, especially to Densign White who won the best stylist trophy.

16 to 18 Years Team

OWEN PINNOCK	Wolverhampton
JOHN SWATMAN	Wolverhampton
KERRITH BROWN	Wolverhampton
ANDREW MORTON	London
DENSIGN WHITE	Wolverhampton
DOUG NAISMITH	London
JOHN CERRATO	London

18 to 20 Years Team

NIMAL EHADKA	London
MAXWELL ZAILLE	London
DAVID WHITTINGHAM	London
GARY MILES	Wolverhampton
TONY COLSTOCK	Sandwell
STEPHEN WILKINSON	London
DENNIS STEWART	Sandwell

SQUAD NEWS AND REPORTS

Junior Girls

Next Squad Session—26th August, at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, at 11-00am prompt—*don't be late*. Sponsorship money still outstanding should be collected for this session. Remember the Junior Squad is for Girls up to 18 years of age, on 12th November 1979. To be considered for selection for the National Championships you must attend the Squad Session.

Senior Women's Squad

Haden Hill on 26th August, at 1-00pm. All Area Medallists should attend and any Women wishing to train with the Area Squad are welcome. Please be on time. **ROY MULLER**

Men's Squad

The next Midland Area Men's Squad will be at Coventry Judo Club on 26th August, at 11-00am prompt. Remember a Squad Member must have four attendances at Squad Sessions before being considered for team selection. The August meeting is the first for 1979-80 season. **BILL DAVIES**

Junior Boy's Squad

Coventry Judo Club on 12th August, at 10-30am prompt. All young men under 18 years of age on 11th November should attend as well as all Area Medallists. **BRUCE NEWCOMBE**

News that the Centre of Excellence arrangements have been finally approved by the Sports Council Nationally and grant aid for 1979 and 1980 has been fixed, albeit not yet received. Funding arrangements will be discussed with Squad Managers as and when the cash is available.

Dave Francis who was the Sports Council representative for Judo has changed his responsibilities somewhat and will no longer be involved with the C of E. As Dave was instrumental in helping set up the scheme, the Sport owes him a great deal of thanks for all the help and assistance he gave to us.

Footnote . . . Some months ago I graded a young lightweight to 1st Kyu, jumping a couple of grades in the process, and fearing the wrath of the Director of Examiners, I had a word with the young man to ask him not to let

me down. Since then he has become Midland Area Champion at Under 60 kilos, second in the British Open—beating the number one and two in the National Squad—and has now had his 1st Dan confirmed. It was, of course, Kerrith Brown of Wolverhampton, and to coin a phrase . . . Didn't he do well!" **F.S.**

News that Dale Best, manager of Haden Hill Leisure Centre, has left to take up a new appointment with Warwickshire County Council and has been replaced by Mr Terry Fox. We wish them both the best of luck in their new jobs and offer our thanks to Dale for all the help and friendship he and his staff have showed to us in the last year.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

★ August

Sunday 26th . . . Boys All Grades, Wellingborough 10-00am . . . Mens Kyu Grades, Worcester 10-00am . . . Girls All Grades, Midlands Arts Centre 10-00am . . . Womens Kyu Grades, Midlands Arts Centre 1-00pm.

★ September

Sunday 2nd . . . Boys All Grades, Dudley 10-00am . . . Mens Kyu Grades, Stafford 10-00am.

Saturday 8th . . . Boys to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am . . . Girls to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am.

Sunday 9th . . . Boys to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am . . . Girls to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am . . . Boys to 5th Mon, Tubes Judo Club 10-00am.

Sunday 16th . . . Boys to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am . . . Girls to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am . . . Womens Kyu Grades, Burton 10-00am.

Sunday 23rd . . . Men's Kyu Grades, Grimsby 1-00pm . . . Girls All Grades, Linton 10-00am.

Saturday 29th . . . Boys Beginners, Quorn 9-30am . . . Boys 1st to 6th Mon, Quorn 11-30am . . . Boys 7th to 10th Mon, Quorn 1-30pm . . . Boys 11th Mon and above, Quorn 3-00pm . . . Boys All Grades, Jukuren 2-00pm.

Sunday 30th . . . Women's Kyu Grades, Birmingham Athletic Institute 12-30pm . . . Boys 6th Mon and above, Yarborough 10-30am . . . Mens Kyu Grades, Coventry 2-00pm.

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN Haden Hill Leisure Centre, 9th June 1979



L. Stuart against K. Briggs (Y & H) in the deciding contest in the National Team Championships.

With a tremendous performance against the 1978 Champions, Yorkshire and Humberside, the Midland Area Ladies' Team emulated the Men's Team by winning the Silver in the National Team Championships held at the Haden Hill Leisure Centre in June. In an unforgettable final with everything on the last fight Linda Stuart of the Shin Wa Kwai lost to K. Briggs by a Koka, just ten seconds from the end of the contest when a draw would have given the title to the Midlands on points.

What is all the more surprising is that up until about 8-00pm on the Friday night before the contest, Roy Muller wasn't even sure what his team would be due to a number of absentees but once again he chose a line-up to get amongst the medals for the fourth year in succession.

In the first round the Midlands girls topped their Pool by beating Wales and the Northern Area quite convincingly and then went into a tough quarter-final against the South which they won 3-2 with two drawn. The semi-final was against Scotland, Champions just two years ago, who had a disastrous bout losing 7-0 without even managing to get a single score. Good wins here for Geraldine Harmon against Kathy Nicol, and Moria Howard beating Maragret McKenna by a Koka.

Congratulations to Roy and all his squad, sooner or later you are bound to get that elusive title. Congratulations also to Yorkshire and Humberside in contributing to the best Women's Team Final for years and for their success for the second year.



Yorkshire and Humberside . . . 1978 and 1979 National Team Champions.

Midland Area Promotion Examination

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Nottinghamshire

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Burton-on-Trent

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Great Barr
Birmingham

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Coventry

Corby Judo Club
Corby Youth Centre

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Northants

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West Midlands

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Oldbury Road
Worcester

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St. James Street, Wednesbury
West Midlands

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Smethwick, Warley
West Midlands

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Worcestershire

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Northants

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Kettering Road
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Sutton Coldfield

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Old Drill Hall
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Northants

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Worcester

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INFORMATION SHEET AND ENTRY FORM

The British 'Closed' Championships are again at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, this time sponsored by *Debenhams* as part of their £100,000 Sports Sponsorship Scheme with the trophies kindly donated by *Charglow*.

The Event, which is a BJA Four-Star Licenced Tournament, is Promotional Points Scoring and there will be Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in all categories, with the returnable trophy going to the Champion. There will be prizes in all categories.

Accommodation has been reserved at the *Europa Lodge Hotel*, West Bromwich (Exit 1, M5 motorway), at advantageous rates and booking forms, to be sent direct to the hotel, can be obtained only from Frank

Smith, address as below.

Weighing-in will take place between 8-30pm and 10-00pm on Friday 14th September at the *Europa Lodge Hotel*, and between 8-30am and 9-30am on Saturday 15th September at Haden Hill Leisure Centre.

Entry Fee, £2.50, which is non-returnable and BJA Licences are required. Any Competitor not producing a licence will be required to pay a fine of £3.00, which is non-returnable.

All weight categories will be on a First Round Pool and then Knock-out and Repechage. The 'Open' category will be a straight Knock-out and Repechage. All other details as per a BJA Four-Star Tournament.

★ ENTRY FORM ★

CLUB AREA

Name and address to whom Competitors Cards should be sent

Event 1 — Up to and including 60k

.....	Grade.....	Grade.....
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Event 2 — Over 60k to 65k

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Event 3 — Over 65k to 71k

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Event 4 — Over 71k to 78k

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Event 5 — Over 78k to 86k

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Event 6 — Over 86k to 95k

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Event 7 — Over 95k

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Event 8 — Open

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You MUST enclose your Entry Fee of £2.50 per Event, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and Entry Form.

The closing date for entries is 10th September 1979. No late entries accepted. Accommodation booking forms from Frank Smith, to be returned direct to the hotel by 6th September 1979. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made out to: The BJA Midland Area, and crossed Championships Account. Entries to Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

BRITISH NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN

HADEN HILL, 10th JUNE, 1979

A much larger entry for the 2nd British 'Closed' Championships with over 150 entries and despite some administrative problems, a very good event with the Southern Area coming out on top with three Gold Medals.

As most of the girls had been fighting in the National Team Championships the day before, the Welsh-in was quickly over with and the contests started exactly to time which was about the only thing that went right administratively during the day. There were some problems with the seeding in that the representatives of the Competitions Sub-Committee wanted all the rounds seeded (where possible) to keep National Squad Members and players of the same Areas apart whilst in the Midlands we have only ever seeded the first round. (The Pools).

This was eventually overcome though not entirely to my satisfaction as I still think it is slightly immoral to seed the best players so that they cannot meet until as late in the contest as possible. Whilst this is fine for them, it is nearly always to someone else's disadvantage and always leaves the way open for the unscrupulous Competition Organiser to seed his own players more advantageously. After the Pools, a knockout and repechage should be just that, with the best one winning through.

However problems aside, C. Brooks of Wales became the



first Welsh National Champion by winning the Under-48k class from K. Briggs of Yorkshire and Humber-side with Ippon from Kesaogatame with M. Harrison and J. Brace getting the bronze. Good performances from several Midlands Area Junior girls who had entered this category for experience and very nearly got amongst the Medals. Event 2 was the 48-52 Kilo Category and this went to Loretta Doyle of the South for the Second Year by means of a win over S. Ley also of the South by a hold. A. Bell (N.H.C.) and T. Arrand, were the bronze medalists. Winn Bolton was favourite for the 52-56k Title, but it almost went astray in her contest with Chrissy Brennan (Midlands) who gave her a real scrap with Winn getting a one point decision on a hantel. Yorkshire picked up another Medal with J. Thorpe getting the silver and Ann Hughes (NW) won one bronze with Chrissy Brennan deservedly getting the other.

Julie Cross provided the Midlands's only Gold Medal by beating Sally Peake (Y & H) by a shido whilst team mate Dawn Neithwood took one bronze with Lynn Tilley of the South winning the other. When Kay Greenhalgh (N. W.) withdrew from the final repechage fight.

The 1978 61-66k Champion, Maureen Bennett (Y. & H.) did a double by beating Lorna (Rocky) Lancaster by a koka in a tremendous final and Scotland captured another bronze through R. Gilmore whilst H. Cox of London beat Sally Cohen for the other. Sally had eliminated Berni Ring earlier in the contest which ended the Midlands interest in this Category so there was no way back through the repechage. Geraldine Harmon came within a hairbreadth of a second title for her and the Midlands when in her fight against Sandra Bradshaw she was miles ahead on attacks when she incurred a chui for putting her hand out of the Competition Area whilst attacking. Despite Sandra getting a shido for passivity Geraldine lost on that single penalty which was a hard way to lose when obviously superior on the day. C. Wardle (N.H.C.) and S. Oxford (N.W.) got the bronze.

Heather Ford retained her Over 72k title by beating M. McKenna (Scotland) by a koka in an unimpressive final though both girls are obviously so strong and aware of each other that good Judo must be almost impossible. Another bronze to N.H.C. through Sheila Croton and yet another medal for Y. & H. from Maxine Field.

More problems in the 'Open' with now fewer than four Competition Controllers all wanting to stage it differently and a false start actually being made. However, we eventually ran it as advertised with Heather Ford and Geraldine Harmon being the expected finalists. Unfortunately, these two met in the quarter finals with Heather winning by Geraldine's keikoku penalty to go into the final against Lynn Tilley. Somewhat of a strange final with Lynn winning on a hold from Kesaogatame which Heather should have got away from with ease, Lynn being far from a heavy-weight.

So, the Open Championship to Lynn Tilley and a silver to Heather Ford with C. Wardle N.H.C. beating Geraldine Harmon, again on a penalty for one bronze with Sheila Croton getting the other. Geraldine, in all the two days of the Championships only lost fights on penalties which either makes her very unlucky or slightly careless. What one cannot dispute is that for her endeavour and ability she more than deserved the medals she won.

Many thanks to *Debenhams* for sponsoring the Team Championships on the Saturday and the *Sandwell Evening Mail* for helping with the Individual Event.

Because of their help we were able to put on a Disco at the *Euroa Lodge* on Saturday which apart from an acute shortage of Men was a great success and the medalists were all given an attractive prize, presented by Jim Waters the Editor of the *Sandwell Evening Mail* who confessed that he was quite surprised at his first Judo contest and kindly offered to help at future Events if possible.

Also many thanks to all the Officials and Referees who worked so hard over the two days and to Haden Hill Leisure Centre for their help and enthusiasm.

LEFT...

Geraldine Harmon is presented with her Silver Medal by Jim Waters, Editor, *Sandwell Evening Mail*.

BELOW...

Julie Cross (Midlands) 1979 Under-71k National Champion.

TOP RIGHT...

Geraldine Harmon attacking Sandra Bradshaw (London) Under-72k Final.

MIDDLE...

Julie Cross attacks with Uchinate.

BOTTOM RIGHT...

Chrissy Brennan receives her Bronze Medal.



JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

It must be very encouraging for those people in BJA Headquarters to know that the Midlands Area, being the second largest in the country, is quite satisfied with the Association's affairs, and the manner in which they are handled.

"Whatever gave you that idea?" somebody is surely asking.

Well, it must be the case, because only ten or so members from the Midlands attended the Annual General Meeting on 17th June 1979, and it is not unreasonable to assume that the remainder did not feel the need to attend as everything is quite satisfactory.

I was going to write about the apathy of some of our members, but I cannot be bothered, so, as you stayed away in your droves, I will tell you something about what you missed.

The AGM took place in the Rembrandt Hotel, London, which is almost opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the thought did cross my mind that there were certain delegates who would have been better placed across the road.

The meeting opened with a brief address from the Chairman followed by apologies from some absentees. By the end of the day I thought that some folk should have apologised for being present, however, the fun really started with item Five on the Agenda—The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1978—of which it was said by one discerning delegate, "These accounts are like a bikini. That which is revealed is quite interesting, but that which is concealed is vital!"

It was learned that owing to the departure of the Association's Book Keeper, the Accountants actually drew up the books and then proceeded to audit their own work. Not surprisingly, the Auditor's Report was not critical. This did not apply to some members of the meeting, however, and there was a classic display of filibustering when Messrs Regan and Perriman asked what had happened to the surplus in excess of £3,000, made by the Junior Award Scheme when handled from Coventry, which, it had been agreed, should be divided amongst the Areas and Head Office after the Scheme had been removed from Coventry. To the relief of the assembly, the accounts were accepted subject to a proposal from Frank Smith, that the whereabouts of the £3,000 should be investigated.

Incidentally, apart from two resolutions from the Management Committee, of a technical nature, Mr Smith's was the only one passed by the meeting. There were twelve resolutions proposed by the Areas, two of which were never even heard—not that it mattered—because the proposer and seconder were not present. Out of the remaining ten, only three were taken to the vote—and failed—the others being withdrawn by the respective proposers.

What is the point of proposing a resolution and then withdrawing it? Either the authors had not seriously wanted their resolutions passed in the first place, or they had devoted insufficient thought to their arguments. They succeeded only in wasting the greater part of the debating time, which could otherwise have been used to discuss some issues of real importance.

The majority of resolutions, had they been accepted, would undoubtedly have opened up cracks in the structure of the Association, leading to its disintegration. I am very pleased that the meeting was ruled by common sense on the part of the majority, and no such resolutions were adopted. I am also happy in the knowledge that the less selfish of the membership will oppose any attempts to fragment the Association. The strength of the BJA and Judo in this country lies in unity and those who devote time and effort in attempts to split the ranks would be well advised to channel their energies in the cause of unification.

I got carried away there a bit . . . now to continue. Two tellers were positioned either side of the room to count the votes when required, and on each occasion when they did so, they differed from the Chairman's own count. Maybe there's a moral there.

Some resolutions were classic. The Southern Area wanted to change the rules governing the selection of the Chairman. Mr Palmer left the room during this debate as it was largely about him personally. He forgot to take his tape recorder with him though.

The same Area wanted three months to consider the Tournament Licensing Schemes because there were some things in it that 'required very careful thought'. Some people might deem that a very reasonable proposal, after all, the Scheme has only been in circulation for about 12 months.

The same Area also wanted to run their own Junior Award Scheme, issue its own licences and take 50% rebates from Headquarters licences. Their proposals were in the form of three separate resolutions. None were adopted.

The London Area had two beauties. The first one had it been passed would have effectively dissolved the BJA as we now know it and the second one would have alienated Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The speaker, whose name escapes me, in the second resolution, announced that they wished to change it because it was unfair on the Irish. When told that, constitutionally, resolutions could not be changed, he changed his mind about the change, and hoped that Ireland were not offended, and if the resolution was passed without the change, maybe they could change it later. I wonder if he had a good look under his car before he went home.

After lengthy discussion, focusing mainly on the grant aid that Scotland managed to procure for themselves—good luck, Scotland, say I—the speaker was asked if he would like to withdraw the motion. He said "Certainly not," but if it was passed he would like it to be shelved. Figure it out for yourselves.

I was a candidate in the Management Committee election. I polled 133 votes and failed. To those that voted for me—thank you. To those that did not vote for me—maybe I should thank you even more.



THE VERY FIRST TEAM CONTEST

By I. T. Salie

Based on a published report by Bruce Cain

The Ailsorts Judo Association decided to hold their first Team Championships in between Chairman at one Sunday afternoon Executive Committee Meeting on 29th February.

No effort was to be spared to make this the showpiece of Judo in the Area and to confound all the critics in another Judo Association, a large financial commitment was made out of National Funds. Unfortunately as the Treasurer could not be contacted at his Bahrain address a whip round was ordered by the new Chairman and the magnificent sum of £17 1s 4½d was collected.



The RAF were kind enough to loan the use of derelict Nissen Hut for the Event and after the lock had been broken off the door, delivery of the mats collected from all 11 clubs in the Association was made by Alf Coggins, International Haulage Company Limited. At least most of them were, as one Dormobile had broken down and the AA did not have spares for that particular vintage vehicle.

However, by skilful application of scientific principle two mats were cut in half and a 16½' x 9½' area was laid out and an enormous crowd gathered in the 13 seats and behind the two crash barriers.

The two teams to initiate this Grand Contest were to be the famed Koffokan Crushers and the Suzuki Strangers and I was lucky enough to be present, having received a Guest Ticket on payment of just 10/-.

There was a brief moment of confusion when the 13 members of each team (one per weight category) all appeared in red belts but this was resolved by the two opposing captains agreeing that the teams should swap belts after a short sporting exchange of blows.

The early bouts were scrappy with opponents of equal skill probing for weaknesses and in fact the Crusher's number two found that his Strangler's opponent had a severe weakness behind the left ear by kicking him there when the referee was having a sip of his tea. This unfortunate player was carried off by the trainer, who was equipped with the fundamental trainers bag containing a sponge and two dozen cans of Whitbread Pale Ale, and I understand is making a good recovery in Dudley Hospital.

However, the best was yet to come!

A Strangler's lightweight was penalised for use of skilful techniques, and from the resultant free throw (Tomonage) the offender hurtled into one of his own team members causing him to swallow his cigarette. The referee, considering this to be a good scoring effort awarded 'Ippon' and a win to the Crushers. After the fighting had subsided, a new referee was appointed from the crowd and the contest continued with the Crushers encouraged by their win.



In a brilliant move the Crusher's middleweight executed a magnificent strangle on his opponent very reminiscent of a stamp on the throat which caused him to send his false teeth hurtling across the mat severely injuring a passing St. John Ambulance man.

For some strange reason, this dramatic incident caused immense hilarity amongst the remaining team members and the referee having seen his predecessor carried off in a plastic bag decided it would be a good opportunity to call half-time. My trainer friend was quite relieved at this as his team required considerable medical attention and he only had four cans of *Pale Ale* left.



The half-time break was indeed convenient for the Strangler's team who occupied the only available cubicle and consequently the Crushers were obliged to search farther afield. Finally, they were forced to resort to the use of a bucket which they found on a pavement in the nearby street. I understand this is to be the subject of a formal complaint by a window cleaner who thought a kindly neighbour had filled it with warm water. No sportsman obviously!

After the resumption, the fighters continued their contests, but one suspected with flagging interest, as only four players on each side returned.

Attacks were few and far between until the Strangler's heavyweight saw a half-crown piece lying on the mat and with a sudden lunge for it collided with two Crushers players knocking them right onto their backs. The referee being somewhat of a psychologist awarded two wins to the Stranglers for this effort and declared the contest a 2-2 draw.

The surviving players and officials having heard that the Pubs were open, agreed that it was a fair result and with a quick nod ceremoniously bowed off to end the very first Team Contest.

My trainer friend, undoubtedly a Judo 'sage' of enormous experience summed up the whole magnificent tournament quite simply whilst musing over the loss of his sponge which one player had eaten at half-time. "It's a great game, Ace!" he said . . . and I felt proud to have been there.

JUNIOR MIDLANDS JUDO



COMPETITION TIP . . .
An interesting sequence of photographs this month with Roy Inman countering Roy Muller's Osotogari attack with Osotogari. Picture 1. Shows Roy Muller attacking Uke's advanced leg. Picture 2. Shows Roy Inman spinning and in Picture 3. Reaping Roy's leg away for a powerful Osotogari. Ask your Coach what this throw is called and practise it against Osotogari attacks and any other attack that it is effective against.



WEM FIRE FIGHTERS

Four members of WEM Judo Club came top in a National Fire Prevention Quiz (1st heat) and 2nd in the County Final winning £10 for their Club Funds. In this picture (from the Whitchurch Herald) we have . . . Adele Wetherer, Susan Lee, Diane Lea and Debbie Wooton.

