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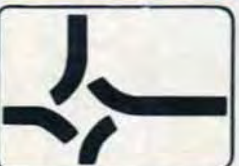


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# FRANKLY

At the beginning of November the Scottish Judo Federation staged the Junior European Championships at Meadowbank in Edinburgh which I was fortunate enough to attend on behalf of *Midlands Judo* and one or two other publications for which I write. The standard of organization was superb right from the colourful opening ceremony (at the end of the first day's competition) to the spontaneous linking of hands of the European Champions with the young Scots girls, who were the flag bearers, to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' at the end.

Scotland really puts us all to shame when it comes to presentation and even hardened souls like Starbrook and Macconnell were moved by the finale. Many congratulations to the Organizing Committee led by Andy Bull and especially to Colin McIver who had not had much sleep for the three weeks preceding the Championships yet was still as courteous and as calm as ever. At least to outward appearances.

For what I think is the first time at a Judo Championships, I cannot fault the organization, even the Press releases and result sheets were printed and available within a few minutes of the end of each day and at the end of the Championships a folder with photo-copies of all the Competition Sheets was given to all journalists a quarter of an hour after the close.

Having been asked to provide a UPI Press Agency report at the end of each day I was astonished to find that whilst it was being taken by most European countries—France sent their own team of photographer and journalist—not one British newspaper had used it. Only the *Sunday Telegraph* carried a report and even that did not have any results or information of the British competitors.

In the circumstances, it would be easy to blame the Press for the lack of publicity for the Sport but on reflection, how often do we get the service given by Scotland and how often do the BJA actively seek press coverage? The *Telegraph* said the trouble was no 'Hero' or cult figure that people could identify with and follow which although I know this to be untrue (Neal Adams for instance) I can readily understand. I have said in this column before that we must pursue the 'Cult image' of our successful players and be ready to accommodate anyone giving publicity however small, only by the Public reading and seeing pictures of the Sport will demand for television coverage be established. Then we will have succeeded.

Best wishes to you all for a Very Merry Christmas.

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# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I read John Beard's article on the watchability of Judo with great interest. It is not so long ago that I too was entirely ignorant of all that makes Judo tick, but as you suggest it was not boredom but confusion. This being so, it only needed a little education to make my attendance at gradings and Championships quite enjoyable. So much so that at the age of 44 I took up the Sport myself. I have often thought that we miss an opportunity to educate our watching public at every Championship. Always there is some delay between booking in and the start of the contests. Our audience who are the transporters of the contestants are usually there so why not entertain them?

... Activity would instruct those present and would also eliminate the complaints amongst parents that they have to hang about too long before anything happens.

BETTY GODBER—Newark

**Editor:** Betty also gave us some ideas on what form the entertainment should take which we do not have the space to print. We are, however, thinking about the ideas and any other suggestions would be welcome.

Dear Editor,

This week, I have been brilliant! I have not answered more letters and enquiries than ever before! I have distributed the Sub-Committee minutes for June and August which are, of course, no use to anyone, and I have mislaid more correspondence and memoranda than at any previous period in the Association's history.

To put the seal on a marvellous seven days of total mis-direction I made sure that there wasn't enough time to run the Under-18's Girls Championships, by only booking Crystal Palace until 5-00pm... wait for it, for the second year running! I mean, any fool can do it once, but you've got to be really special to see it's done twice in row. Great, all those officials that couldn't have a break!

Also, to make sure that some uninformed Areas were totally confused I sent out details that the Booking-in times for the Under-18's Boys Championships had been brought forward to Friday night... so that most of them didn't receive the note until Thursday. Some didn't get them at all. Tremendous!

You know, some Areas think I am here to help their members. I ask you!

Still I really showed them this week-end. I think this was the ultimate. The Coup of the Week. I had all the Medals for the Under-18's Boys and

Girls Championships engraved "Under-18's Championships 1979"... Ha. Ha! There wasn't one Hal. I knew that would upset the children. Oh... I'm sorry I've got to go and refuse to speak to an Area Chairman on the telephone.

More from my Diary for future issues. We've got some great things planned. Like, reducing the numbers of Kids that can enter the National Championships, after all we give them one Event a year to go to... we've got to cut that down. Also, my personal masterpiece... "Pratt flavoured multi-coloured sandwiches."

I'll be in touch.

CAPTAIN FEATHERHEAD—BJA Head Office

## DIARY AND AREA NEWS

★ ★ PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS ★ ★

### DECEMBER

**Sunday 2nd:** Boys All Grades, Austin, 1-30pm. Girls All Grades, Austin, 1-30pm. **Sunday 9th:** Boys All Grades, Wellingborough, 10-00am. Mens Kyu Grades, Kettering, 10-00am. **Sunday 16th:** Mens Kyu Grades, Austin, 1-30pm. Womens Kyu Grades, Austin, 1-30pm. Girls All Grades, Birmingham, 1-00pm. **Saturday 22nd:** Boys Beginners, Leicester, 9-30am. Boys 1st/6th Mon, Leicester, 11-30am. Boys 7th/10th Mon, Leicester, 1-30pm. Boys 11th Mon and above, Leicester, 3-00pm.

### JANUARY 1980

**Sunday 6th:** Girls All Grades, Kidderminster, 10-30am. Boys All Grades, Kidderminster, 1-00pm. **Sunday 13th:** Womens Kyu Grades, Midland Arts Centre, 10-00am. Mens Kyu Grades, Northampton, 10-00am. **Sunday 27th:** Boys All Grades, Chapelhouse, 10-00am. Girls All Grades, Chapelhouse, 1-00pm.

### DAN GRADING

There will be a Dan Grading for Men and Women at Corby on Sunday 20th January 1980. This is for 1st Kyu up to 2nd Dan trying for 3rd Dan with syllabus also for the same grades. Starts at 10-00am and refreshments are available.

### WANTED

An instructor is urgently required for the R.N. College for the Blind at College Road, Hereford HR1 1EB. Contact Peter Wells, Head of Living Skills, as soon as possible. County and Club Coaches in that Area should do their best to help.

### NATIONAL UNDER-18'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great performances by the Area Centre of Excellence Squads in winning four National titles—two boys and two girls—plus four silver and four bronze medals. Near misses from many others. A full report will appear in our January issue. Congratulations to all concerned.

# SQUAD NEWS AND REPORTS

## ★ CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SQUADS...

**Men and Boys:** From 11-00am to 3-00pm available the first Sunday in every month. New Men's Squad Manager Harry Hobbs, former British International. Boy's Squad Coach Bruce Newcombe. Sunday 2nd December, Haden Hill Leisure Centre.

Next Squad Session 6th January 1980 at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, start the New Year by training with the best players in the Area.

**Girls Under-18's Squad:** Next session 23rd December at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, 11-00am. Do not be late. Visiting coach for this session. Attendance requirements of Centre of Excellence pupils is 70%.

**Women's Squad:** Sunday 23rd December, combined

with Girl's Squad also at 11-00am. Visiting coach. Please be on time.

Many thanks to Jack Rogers and Hardy Spicer Judo Club for being hosts to the last two Girl's Squads and the last Women's Squad. The Dojo and hospitality are superb we would love to come again.

First New Year Session for Women and Girls, 27th January at the usual times.

**Summer Camp:** Young Men and Women aged 15 to 21 years interested in a week at the Midland Area Summer Camp for 1980, please telephone Area Secretary Anne Adams to express your interest (051-356 0243), evenings are best. Places are restricted so we need to know the numbers interested, cost around £30+.



Bill Davies,  
Retiring Men's  
Squad Manager.



Harry Hobbs,  
Under-18's  
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Men's Squad.



Bruce Newcombe,  
Boy's Under-18's  
Manager.

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# MIDLAND JUNIOR JUDO

## The WEM Invitation Championships

A nice little Competition staged by the WEM Judo Club in WEM Town Hall complete with Home catering and lots of Trophies Sponsored by local people and traders attracted about 100 Competitors to this Mecca of Shropshire on Sunday October 14th. It was one of those contests where everyone seems to know

everyone else and I happened along just to report for the magazine and so paid my entry fee like all good spectators should. That I was later conned into presenting the Trophies does not mean I bear any grudges against Barbara and Roland Lee even though I did drop a couple. After all, I did get a cup of tea and a cake.



# ACTION from WEM

## DIARY...

December 5-6-7-8 World Championships, Paris.  
December 15th Senior Men's Trials Crystal Palace.  
Dan Grade Promotion Examination. Batley Sports Centre Y & H. 10-00am, £2.00 fee.  
December 9th.  
Brian Jacks 2nd International Winter Judo School. Crystal Palace. December 16-21st.

# WEM JUDO CLUB

5th ANNUAL INVITATION  
TOURNAMENT • 14th OCTOBER, 1979

## LIST OF MEDAL WINNERS

<b>EVENT 1—Wem Club Trophy</b> (Boys under 35 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>D. Parker</b> <b>M. Lee</b> <b>M. Parker</b>	Wem Wem Wem
<b>EVENT 2—Wem Club Trophy</b> (Girls under 35 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>E. Scott</b> <b>M. Wyatt</b> <b>S. Woollam</b>	Baschurch G.K.N. Wem
<b>EVENT 3—Wem Club Trophy</b> (Boys under 50 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>R. Lear</b> <b>M. Slater</b> <b>D. Armstrong</b>	Wem Wem Quorn
<b>EVENT 4—Wem Club Trophy</b> (Girls under 50 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>A. Ralphs</b> <b>K. Gough</b> <b>P. Murphy</b>	Wem Shrewsbury Kidderminster
<b>EVENT 5—Albert Minahall Trophy</b> (Boys over 50 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>L. Stuart</b> <b>Y. Guest</b> <b>M. Platt</b>	Shin wa Kwai Wem Wem
<b>EVENT 6—Don Everall Trophy</b> (Girls over 50 Kilos)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>A. Weatherer</b> <b>P. Bolland</b> <b>D. Shaw</b>	Wem Quorn Quorn
<b>EVENT 7—Albert Isherwood Trophy</b> (Senior Women, Open)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>S. Peake</b> <b>I. Mills</b> <b>D. Wootton</b>	Wem Cleobury Mortimer Wem
<b>EVENT 8—Wem Novice Trophy</b> (Men, Up to 7th Kyu)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>D. Lea</b> <b>S. Lee</b> <b>D. Lea</b>	Wem Wem Wem
<b>EVENT 9—Geemat Trophy</b> (Men, 8th—5th Kyu)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>B. Tomley</b> <b>J. Stuart</b> <b>M. Platt</b>	Shrewsbury Shin Wa Kwai Wem
<b>EVENT 10—Wem and District Licensees</b> (Men, 4th—1st Kyu)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>D. Peake</b> <b>P. Evans</b> <b>S. Moore</b>	Wem Wem Quorn
<b>EVENT 11—James Grocott Trophy</b> (Open Weight and Grade)	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>A. Pritchard</b> <b>D. Roberts</b> <b>S. Dawson</b>	Wem Oswestry Wem
	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>S. Weir</b> <b>D. Gough</b> <b>R. Harris</b>	Quorn Shrewsbury Shrewsbury
	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>G. Palmer</b> <b>C. Brown</b> <b>G. Moore</b>	Shrewsbury Shrewsbury Oswestry
	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>N. Gillespie</b> <b>R. Harris</b> <b>J. Embrey</b>	Cleobury Mortimer Shrewsbury Shrewsbury
	Gold Silver Bronze	<b>P. McHoney</b>	Oswestry

## All I want for Christmas is...

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"Is a Tai-toshi that REALLY works"..... Neal Adams  
"A Union for Referees with a Closed Shop" Ray Mitchell  
"A year off!"..... Graham Perkins  
"A smaller desk, or a bigger chair"..... Tony Reay  
"Is a new telephone, this one's worn out"..... Joe Ekins  
"Is the manual on how to seed a National Championship with amendments by the BJA Management Committee"..... Brian Regan  
"Is two dinners"..... Bryan Perriman  
"I'm not sure, you'll have to ask Graham"..... Allison Sparrow  
"Is for Frank Smith to loose his bloody pen"..... Charles Palmer  
"Is for the B.S.J.A. committee not to work so hard"..... Malcolm Collins

"£10 a day"..... Brian Daley  
"To be able to send a 'Get Well' card to Peter Bent" John Beard  
"Is a brain"..... The National Referee who sent a young lady off the Mat for wearing nail varnish in the National Under 18's Championships  
"Seven Gold Medals marked, 'From Russia with Love'" Tony Macconnell  
"Is about three quid an hour"..... Roy Inman  
"Is 'A guide to the London Underground'"..... The Northern Ireland Team  
"Manager whose Junior Girl's Squad arrived at Crystal Palace without him"  
"A new Chef"..... Trust House Forte, Crystal Palace Branch

"A correspondence course in Accountancy"..... Finance Officer



# MIDLAND AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS CALENDAR FOR 1980

★ Other BJA Areas are requested to bear these dates in mind when arranging their own programmes. Venues and Hotels have been booked and cannot be changed.

## AREA SQUADS

The Centre of Excellence Squads normally meet on the second and last Sundays of each month. Men and Boys on the second Sunday, Women and Girls on the last Sunday. Where Championships for these categories occur in the same weekend, the Squads are cancelled. Watch Midlands Judo for further details.

Key: HHLC—Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Warley.  
CA—Closed to Area. O—Open Championships.

## JANUARY

Saturday 19th January: Jack Law Junior Clubs Championships, HHLC, O.

## FEBRUARY

Saturday 16th February: Sandwell Knock-Out. A knock-out competition for Junior Boys and Girls, HHLC, O.

## MARCH

Saturday 1st March: Inter-County Championships. County Eliminations at a venue in your County. Finals in June at HHLC, CA. Watch Midlands Judo for information.

Saturday 22nd March: National Team Championships for Men, HHLC. Accommodation at the Grand Hotel.

## APRIL

Saturday 12th April: Men's and Boy's Team Championships, HHLC, CA.

## MAY

Saturday 10th May: Midland Area Women's Individual and Team Championships, HHLC, O.

## JUNE

Saturday 14th June: First Inter-County Junior Team Championships, HHLC, CA.

## JULY

Saturday 5th July: British National Championships for Women, HHLC, O. Accommodation at the Europa Lodge Hotel.

## AUGUST

The month of August is free at the moment.

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday 13th September: British National Championships for Men, HHLC, O. Accommodation at the Europa Lodge Hotel.

Saturday 27th September: Midland Area Under-18's Girl's Individual Championships, HHLC, CA.

## OCTOBER

Saturday 4th October: Midland Area Under-18's Boy's Championships, HHLC, CA.

## NOVEMBER

Saturday 22nd November: Midland Area Men's Individual Championships, HHLC, CA.

## DECEMBER

Saturday 6th December: Sandwell Knock-Out Competition for Kyu Grades, HHLC, O.

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Notice of other Events to be held in the Area though not under Area jurisdiction have been given and they are as follows . . .

Saturday 9th February: Shropshire Junior Selections, venue to be announced.

Saturday 22nd March: BSJA Girl's Team Championships, Shropshire.

Dates for the Area Summer Camp are yet to be fixed.

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Other Championships scheduled for 1980 for which we have not yet received information

Milton Keynes Junior Championships.

Derby Senior Open Championships.

Derby Junior Championships.

KKK Championships.

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There are usually two or three Inter-Town Events for which we only receive information at the last minute and as a consequence we are often unable to help. Officials concerned with these Events, please note dates which are not available.

# 'Jack Law' Memorial Trophy . . . Open Club Team Event

SATURDAY 19th JANUARY 1980

Same format as last year for the second Jack Law Open with five categories: Boys Lightweight, Boys Middleweight, Boys Heavyweight, Girls Lightweight and Girls Heavyweight Teams. The Jack Law Trophy will be awarded to the Club which has the highest number of Team wins in the day. In the event of a draw, the highest number of Individual contest wins will then decide the result. Thus the more Teams a Club enters, the more chance of success. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each category. All Competitors must be Members of the Club for whom they are fighting and 'scratch' Teams will not be permitted. All competitors must produce their BJA Licence or be fined £1 and be under 16 years of age on the day of the Event. All other details as per a BJA 4 Star Tournament. Entry Fees (NON RETURNABLE) £4 per Team. Date: Saturday January 19th. Venue: Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barrs Road, Warley. Closing date for entries: January 12th. Entries will be closed when numbers reach the maximum level as per the Tournament Handbook.

## ENTRY FORM

CLUB ..... AREA .....

Name and address of person to whom Competitors Cards should be sent .....

## Event 1.— Boys Lightweight Teams

### A. Teams

..... Under 30k  
..... 30—35k  
..... 35—40k  
..... 40—45k

### B. Teams

..... Under 30k  
..... 30—35k  
..... 35—40k  
..... 40—45k

## Event 2.— Boys Middleweight Teams

### A. Team

..... 45—50k  
..... 50—55k  
..... 55—60k

### B. Team

..... 45—50k  
..... 50—55k  
..... 55—60k

## Event 3.— Boys Heavyweight Teams

### A. Team

..... 60—65k  
..... 65—70K  
..... Over 70k

### B. Team

..... 60—65k  
..... 65—70k  
..... Over 70K

## Event 4.— Girls Lightweight Teams

### A. Team

..... Under 28k  
..... 28—32k  
..... 32—36k  
..... 36—40k

### B. Team

..... Under 28k  
..... 28—32k  
..... 32—36k  
..... 36—40k

## Event 5.— Girls Heavyweight Teams

### A. Team

..... 40—44k  
..... 44—48k  
..... 48—52k  
..... Openweight

### B. Team

..... 40—44k  
..... 44—48k  
..... 48—52k  
..... Openweight

Entries must be filled in with the Competitors names in the appropriate weight division.  
Closing date for entries—January 12th 1980.

A stamped addressed envelope, your entry fee and the entry form must be enclosed.  
Send to: Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands.



# EUROPEAN JUNIOR JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR MEN UNDER 21 MEADOWBANK NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND—2nd, 3rd, 4th NOVEMBER 1979

As mentioned in my Editorial, Scotland presented these Championships with extraordinary skill and expertise which really should be an example for other Areas to copy, it was only a pity that more people didn't make the effort to see them.

From the colourful Opening Ceremony with Young Scots Girls bearing the National Flags of the competing Nations through the three days of the Event, culminating in the Medal presentations and closing ceremony in which the European Champions joined hands with the girls for 'Auld Lang Syne' it was a Tournament to remember for how Judo should be presented. There were bands, pipers, trimpers and even George Kerr in a dress . . . sorry kilt. Who could ask for more?

Twenty-one European Countries competed on the basis of one player per weight category and Britain's representatives were Bell, Buchanan, Armstrong, White, Elliott, Campbell and McClatchie which with four Scots certainly provided for some home support.

The first day (Friday) was for Under-60k, Under-95k and Over-95k Categories but unfortunately the Judo did not live up to the impressive venue.

On trying to find my way back to my hotel, I found the only way I could recognise it was by the statue at the end of the road, but, on communicating this to a local policeman, he said: "You must be joking, there's a statue on every corner in Edinburgh."

Well, the first day was a bit like that. A few of the statues appeared to have been moved into Meadowbank and regrettably only Bell of the British competitors did much to help.

Gavin at Under-60k was probably our best first-day competitor having drawn the hardest Pool yet still managing a good win against Raikropi of Finland before losing to the eventual Champion Ocko of Yugoslavia and silver medalist Sokolov of the USSR. Campbell was our entry in the Under-95k class but he rarely got going against the tough opposition of Gerber (East Germany) and Fazi (Italy) who went on to take the bronze medals.

Another poor draw gave McClatchie a tough group in the Over-95k's with the eventual silver and bronze medalists beating him to put him out of the contest although he did manage one win against Panic of Yugoslavia.

On the first day Russia took two out of the three titles with their third player getting a silver and their success continued into the second day with another silver and bronze.

Saturday gave us Britain's only medal, a bronze to Richard Armstrong with an armlock to beat Ordenez (Spain) just four seconds from the end. Buchanan, fighting at Under-65k brought the audience to its feet with an early win against Pacholczyk before losing to Pienyouw (Holland) and then Lambrecht (Belgium) who threw everyone else in the Pool for Ippon with Uchimata. The Judo was much better on Saturday and Armstrong and Buchanan gave much more lively performances.

Densign White carried the Midlands hopes on Sunday at Under-78k but despite a good win over Argentin (Italy) a loss against Sisenbacher (Austria) to Tate-Shino-Gatame and another last minute Wazari loss to Varga (Hungary) put him out of the Championships.

Elliott at Under-86k did not impress at all with losses against pretty average opposition who were soon eliminated in the knock-out and quite honestly looked to be rather out of his depth.

The crowd really took to the two extrovert Frenchmen in the Championships. Doyot who became Under-71k Champion—and looked as if he was going to be so from his very first fight—and Nowak who took the bronze medal at Under-78k. Both fought with tremendous spirit and with another Frenchman, Charles (Under-86k Champion), broke the Russian domination of the Event. Even so every Russian entered won a medal and the domination of the medal positions by the Eastern European Countries shows what depth of talent they have.



ARMSTRONG v GATTIKER



DOYOT  
French under 71k  
European Junior





Left: Nowak of France.

Above: Buchanan v Pacholczyk (Poland). First Round Pool. Buchanan wins by a Koka.



Densign White attacks Varga (Hungary). Later to lose a Wazari to Haraigoshi.



Nilsson v Novak. Noval (France) throwing.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

##### Under-60k

Gold .....	Okco, Yugoslavia
Silver .....	Sokolov, Russia
Bronze .....	Dyczkowski, Poland
	Sedivak, Czechoslovakia

##### Under-65k

Gold .....	Stratan, Russia
Silver .....	Gelenczer, Hungary
Bronze .....	Fuchs, East Germany
	Lorenzo, Spain

##### Under-71k

Gold .....	S. Dyott, France
Silver .....	Obschernitzki, East Germany
Bronze .....	Armstrong, Great Britain
	Kloian, Russia

##### Under-78k

Gold .....	Kunze, East Germany
Silver .....	Shestakov, Russia
Bronze .....	Seisenbacher, Austria
	Nowak, France

##### Under-86k

Gold .....	Charles, France
Silver .....	Tamas, Hungary
Bronze .....	Divisenko, Russia
	Kurlyzyna, Poland

##### Under-95k

Gold .....	Snegoudi, Russia
Silver .....	Kolev, Bulgaria
Bronze .....	Gerber, East Germany
	Fazi, Italy

##### Over-95k

Gold .....	Korlatanov, Russia
Silver .....	Olhorn, East Germany
Bronze .....	Zaprianov, Bulgaria
	Salonen, Finland

## CLUB VISIT

HARDY SPICER  
JUDOKWAI



Twenty-three years ago Jock Rodgers opened the first Hardy Spicer Judo Club in a room in the Apprentices' School at the Hardy Spicer Factory. The Club started with just seven Members which rapidly increased so the Company allocated a permanent room in the factory for a new Dojo and the Club became firmly established.

In 1978 the culmination of all the hard work Jock and his Committee had done came when the Minister of Sport, Dennis Howell officially opened the new, purpose built Dojo situated near to the firm's Social Club.

So the Club now boasts a permanent 46' x 30' mat area in a clean, well lit centrally heated building; complete with its own showers and changing rooms.

With a kitchen and its own mini-bus the Club must rank as one of the best equipped in the Area.

Jock is still the Chief Instructor, ably assisted by Tony Rawlins, Karl Archer and T. Wells. There is a weekly attendance of around 300 Juniors with a popular Senior Class on Mondays. The Club is open every night and Sunday afternoons and visitors are made very welcome. Mat fees for visitors are just 20p and inter-Club Junior matches are welcomed.

With such a successful Junior Club it would be difficult to name all the Champions and medals that have been achieved, the most recent accomplishment being that of the Dufficy brother and sister being selected to represent the Area in the National Under 18's Championships. Celine at just 14 made the final of her weight and won the Silver Medal.



# JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

In this column I have talked about how distasteful I find political influence in Sport. This month I unfortunately show that even OUR honourable activity is tainted by the pursuance of prestige and political influence to a surprising degree.

It is no secret that a number of influential Judo playing Countries who are Members of the I.J.F. have in the past tried to oust Charles Palmer as President and the French in particular have always supported their own candidate and campaigned for him.

Now there comes to light, involvement by no less a person than Olympic Gold Medallist and past All Japan Champion Isao Inokuma.

In the *Mainichi Daily News* of October 6th (an English language newspaper published in Tokyo and Osaka) we have a report that Mr Inokuma and the Company of which he is a Director, Tokai Construction Co. have been 'Hit for Tax Evasion'.

Tokai Construction Co. is owned in the major part by Tokai University the President of which is Shige-yoshi Matsumae and their tax evasion amounted to 98 Million Yen which is about £196,000. Mr Inokuma was also found to be

using the Company expense account for 'activities related to Judo', and his personal involvement in tax evasion amounted to 7 Million Yen (£14,000) during the tax year 1976-77.

On admitting this evasion Mr Inokuma said that most of this



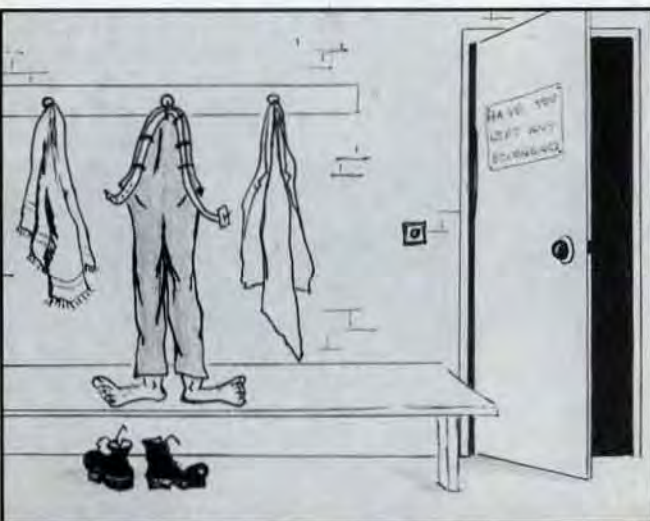
ISAO INOKUMA

money was also used for Judo purposes as funds were necessary for campaigning for the election of his boss (Mr Matsumae) to the position of President of the I.J.F. in the December elections this year in preference to Charles Palmer.

Now that seems an awful lot of money to be spread around in campaigning, and, only accounts for 1976-77. I wonder what's been going on since? Never mind Charles, if you are deposed, you have the consolation of knowing that you've cost them a hell of a lot of cash to do it. Come to think of it, I've a 'yen' for that sort of money myself!

Oh! By the way . . . There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Graham Perkins drives a *Datsun* or even wears a *Seiko* watch . . . Honestly!

Paul Tibble was recently asked to Referee at the Police Championships in Aberdeen although he only attended as a spectator. Anxious to help the Championships run smoothly Paul went out and bought a blazer and pair of trousers and duly officiated in conjunction with a well known National Referee who was the 'Senior' Referee in charge for the day. After being several times surprised by some of this nameless gentleman's decisions Paul gathered up his courage and pointed out that Shido could not be given for 'stepping out' offences. 'Ah. But I'm one of the old school who doesn't agree with these penalties,' replied Mr Hawkesby!



"... And next time, find somewhere else to leave your chewing gum!"



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