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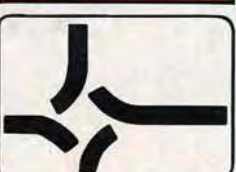
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# FRANKLY

Well, back to the more mundane things after the euphoria of the World Championships and the preparation of our Area Championship programme for 1980. There is some difficulty with some of the dates of National Championships in getting the right accommodation etc., so watch *Midlands Judo* carefully for any change of dates.

Details in this issue of the Elimination Contests for the Inter-County Championships which I can imagine will become a really exciting contest in the future. Already some County Organizers are working out fund raising schemes to see that their County players all have badges on their Judogi and matching tracksuits etc.

It should be quite an Event.

More news of progress in the Marketing Division with agreement from the BJA that we should be allowed to produce our own merchandise with the BJA badge upon it provided it carries the addition 'Midland Area' rather than having to buy through the accredited franchise holder at dearer rates. So we can now extend our activities and produce more competitively priced goods and still maintain a sensible profit margin. Remember, all profits from MAM return to the Area for your benefit, watch for Mail order details.

A couple of interesting queries this month like 'Who the hell is AMA?'. Well, AMA was originally the initials of Area Secretary Anne Adams who wrote one or two articles for earlier editions and for Championship programmes. It is now used as a 'nom de plume' for any article that is a result of a combination of effort of our Contributors. For instance sometimes I write and compile reports based on material provided by John Beard or Tony Reay whilst Anne might do any further research to complete the article. That way you can't blame any of us!

Secondly, 'Is there a photographic book of the Gokyo?' (Priced sensibly.) As yet, no, if you regard a sensible price as being around £1. If it was obvious there was sufficient demand to cover the high production costs, no doubt we could consider it. Let us know your views.

Finally a reminder to all Area Examiners that the Annual Conference of Examiners is at Derby JC on Sunday, February 17th.

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7th MON & UP..... 1.30 pm



# LETTERS

## CAN I HELP?

After travelling around our Area and most of the others I have found that most Coaching and Refresher Courses are well attended but that very few qualified Club Coaches turn up.

Our Area needs a lot of good Coaches with up to date ideas so as a suggestion to you Coaches why not attend the Area Coaching Courses to up-date your ideas. Alternatively, why not attend Area Squads and mix with the top players and see what they are doing and get some up to date ideas from them.

From Juniors through to Seniors we must keep our Area on top as one unit, not as a lot of little self-made kingdoms all going their own way. So come on all you Coaches let's see you get together at Area Events and keep our Coaching and Training strong for the benefit of all.

If I can help any Club please do not hesitate to contact me on Leicester 56140.

FRANK FARRENDON—County Coach

## FACILITIES AVAILABLE

At present we have a Judo Club which uses the facilities at the Calverton and District Leisure Centre which unfortunately appears to be in a position where it could disband at any time. I am writing in the hope that you might know of any interested parties in this Area who are looking for facilities or who are interested in starting a new club. The school gymnasium is used for Judo and the Centre has provided a mat.

I would be grateful for any help you could give us.

RICHARD MEVILL—Centre Manager

**★ Editor . . .** Anyone interested in the facilities or in helping please contact Richard on Nottingham 653781. The Centre is a Leisure Centre at Flatts Lane, Calverton, Nottingham.

## NOTE

Would any individual within the Area who considers that he/she has a claim for expenses, etc., in respect of the accounts year ended 31st December 1979, please forward details to me, The Area Treasurer, Frank Webb, 10 Moorfield Drive, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3TG.

## KIDDERMINSTER GRADING 7th JANUARY

I must apologise to anyone whom I may have inconvenienced by failing to turn up as Examiner at this Grading. I am afraid that with our Club not starting until 14th January, it completely slipped my mind. Apologies once more.

BRYAN PERRIMAN

# PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

## AREA NEWS

### GRADINGS FOR FEBRUARY

**Sunday 3rd:** Boys 6th Mon and above, Scunthorpe, 10-30am. **Thursday 7th:** Mens up to and including 3rd Kyu, West Mercia Police Training Centre, 6-30pm. **Thursday 14th:** Womens Kyu Grades, West Mercia Police Training Centre, 6-30pm. **Sunday 24th:** Boys All Grades, GKN Sankey, 10-00am. Girls All Grades, GKN Sankey, 1-00pm. Boys All Grades, Jubilee, 10-00am. Girls All Grades, Jubilee, 1-00pm. Mens Kyu Grades, Nottingham, 10-00am.

### GRADINGS FOR MARCH

**Saturday 1st:** Boys All Grades, St. Thomas, 9-30am. Girls All Grades, St. Thomas, 1-00pm. **Sunday 2nd:** Girls All Grades, Wellingborough, 10-00am. Womens Kyu Grades, Wellingborough, 12 noon. Boys All Grades, Pontesbury, 9-30am. Girls All Grades, Pontesbury, 12 noon. **Sunday 9th:** Mens Kyu Grades, Grimsby, 1-00pm. **Sunday 16th:** Boys All Grades, Wellingborough, 10-00am. Boys All Grades, Worcester, 10-00am. Girls All Grades, Worcester, 1-00pm. Mens Kyu Grades, Pontesbury, 1-30pm. Womens Kyu Grades, Pontesbury, 1-30pm. **Sunday 23rd:** Mens Kyu Grades, Dudley, 10-00am. **Sunday 30th:** Boys All Grades, Grantham, 10-00am.



**"One more crack about Humpty Dumpty and some-one's going to have a great fall!"**

# AREA NEWS AND INFORMATION

## ★ AREA NEWSLETTERS

Most of the information we publish in *Midlands Judo* is obtained from the Newsletters or Magazines of other Areas with whom we have a reciprocal arrangement. If you want to keep right up to date and know everything happening in the Judo World below are some addresses of persons to contact for their publications. Subscriptions where known are shown.

**Judo North West**—Monthly £2.00 per annum. Peter Holme, 19 Sparrowmire Lane, Hallgarth Estate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 5PX.

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**Y & H Area Newsletter**—Monthly £2.00 per annum. Dr Phyllis Elliott, 35 Fountside, Oakdale Road, Sheffield S7 1SN.

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**Southern Area Newsletter**—Monthly 25p. Gerry Taylor, 272 Streatham High Road, Streatham, London SW 16.

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**Judo in the East**—Eastern Area Newsletter. Issued as required. Miss R. A. Bird, Mile Cross Bakery, 291 Aylsham Road, Norwich. Telephone: Norwich 46742.

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**Scottish Judo**—Quarterly. Colin McIver, Scottish Judo Federation.

The BJA Head Office have information about a job as a Coach in Keflavik, Iceland until May 1st 1980. The Club will pay an equitable salary and provide accommodation. Contact Head Office if interested.

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**March 2nd:** Junior 'Olympic Appeal' Open Competition for Boys, Horwich Sports Centre, Near Bolton. Contact Jim Sommerville, 83 Whittle Street, Walkden, Worsley, Manchester. Entries limited to 250.

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**February 2nd:** National Young Women's and Senior Women's Trials, Crystal Palace.

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**March 29-30th:** Southern Area Junior Open Championships—See advertisement.

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**February 3rd:** National Young Men's Trials, Crystal Palace.

**February 16-17th:** B.Un.J.A. Championships, Crystal Palace.

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**February 16th:** Sandwell Junior Knockout. Haden Hill Leisure Centre. No prior entry required.

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**March 1st:** Inter County Eliminations. See this edition for entry form and details. Birmingham selections on Sunday 2nd March at Midlands Arts Centre.

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**March 22nd:** B.S.J.A. Schoolgirl's Team Championships at Bridgnorth. Details from Neil Gillespie, Cleobury Mortimer 312.

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SQUADS

**Men and Boys**—10th February 1980 at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, starts at 11-00am. Coaches Harry Hobbs and Bruce Newcombe. Everyone welcome to train with the Area Squads. Do not be late.

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**Women and Girls**—24th February, Haden Hill Leisure Centre, 11-00am sharp. Inter-Area session with a visiting Area.

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**March 22nd:** National Team Championships, Haden Hill Leisure Centre.

## FROM KEN WEBBER Refereeing Co-ordinator, Midland Area

I would like to hear from any Clubs who would be interested in learning more about the I.J.F. Competition rules by way of a refresher Course in their Clubs.

At Championships there is always someone who disagrees with interpretations which is usually caused by people not understanding the rules or not being aware of recent amendments. It is also necessary for Dan Grades wishing to become Examiners to pass the Theory part of the Referees Examination and a refresher Course would be an acceptable qualifying activity for Club Coaches wishing to revalidate to Area requirements.

The Area needs new Referees and the qualification of Area Referee with record and authority card is being given to all those passing the Theory part of the Examination. Contact me on 021-747 7162 and watch for advertised Courses.



# BUSHIDO ABROAD

Report from Pat Elrington

In the July (1979) Edition of *Midlands Judo* it stated in the 'Club Visit' column that we visited Holland to compete against Continental Clubs.

Someone over there must get the 'mag' because we soon afterwards received an invitation to compete in a Judo Jubilee in Holland with teams of six Men and six Women. We arrived in Holland at 6-00am to be taken to our accommodation by our Host and then went on to the Sports Hall and met the other Teams from Denmark, Germany, France and Belgium and of course the Dutch Team. The Event started to time with the Bushido Men's Team first on against a German Team to win 5-1 and then went on to beat the Dutch Team until meeting the French Team who were the favourites to win with a fourth dan, two third dans and three first Dans in their Team. With three wins each the Bushido scraped into the quarter finals with a superior points score where we beat the Danes convincingly but by some strange arrangement met the French again in the semi-final? With the debate as to how we could meet again continuing, the Teams fought another draw of three wins each but this time the French going through by two points. The French then won the final by six ippons!

The Women meanwhile lost to the French 'A' Team 4-2 and then beat the Dutch 6-0 and then immediately on to the French (B) Team five contests to nil in our favour. After beating another Dutch Team for a final place we got a five minute rest before fighting the French 'A' Team again in the final where we drew on contest wins but scored more points to win the Gold.

**Men's Team . . .** Kevin Brooks, Kevin Howletts, Robert Holden, Roger Yeomans, Peter Ashington, Mick Waldron.

**Women's Team . . .** Amanda Burford, Valerie Carter, Fay Moran, Hilda Callaghan, Bernie Duffey, Pat Elrington.

## LINCOLNSHIRE & SOUTH HUMBERSIDE 1979 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scunthorpe Judo Club,  
4th November and 25th November 1979

### RESULTS

#### Under 28k:

- 1—L. Dunks. 2—C. Wellings. 3—H. Raworth.  
3—D. Young.

#### Under 33k:

- 1—T. Owen. 2—S. Stuart. 3—M. Grayson.  
3—T. Triffit.

#### Under 36k:

- 1—D. Kent. 2—I. Wicks. 3—J. Jones.  
3—D. Hurst.

#### Under 40k:

- 1—J. Cole. 2—R. Bellamy. 3—N. Briggs.  
3—D. Bellamy.

#### Under 45k:

- 1—S. Arrand. 2—T. Briggs. 3—A. Goodwin.  
3—C. Bellamy.

#### Under 50k:

- 1—T. Wigley. 2—S. Hanlon. 3—S. Arrand.

#### Under 55k:

- 1—S. Briton. 2—C. Kirby.

#### Under 60k:

- 1—G. Chick. 2—D. Lovelace.

#### Under 65k:

- 1—P. Starkey.

#### Open:

- 1—S. Neal. 2—G. Chick. 3—S. Briton.  
3—D. Lovelace.

## GIRL'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 7th OCTOBER

#### Under 28k:

- 1—M. Day. 2—C. Hewson. 3—A. Marrie.  
3—P. Steel.

#### Under 33k:

- 1—W. Curtis. 2—B. Raworth. 3—J. Ruthven.

#### Under 45k:

- 1—T. Raworth. 2—H. Powell.

#### Under 50k:

- 1—L. Stuart. 2—J. York.

## LADIES' INDIVIDUALS . . .

#### Under 48:

- 1—S. Fry.

#### Under 52k:

- 1—T. Arrand.

#### Under 56k:

- 1—Y. Arrand. 2—K. James.

#### Under 66k:

- 1—J. Pickover.

#### Open:

- 1—S. Fry. 2—T. Arrand. 3—L. Stuart.  
3—E. Tapp.



ISHIKAWA, Japan v GOMEZ, Cuba

In the Repechage of the Under 95 Kilos Class of the 1979 World Championships. Ishikawa eventually won by a Koka in an exciting and fast scoring contest.





# INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS . . . ELIMINATIONS

The Inter-County Championships will be for one Team of Boys and One Team of Girls in the Ten weight categories used for Area/National Events during 1979 which will be arrived at by County eliminations held in each County Area at the venues shown against the County organizer's name. In most cases all the eliminations will be fought on the 1st of March though some, like Birmingham will be on the Sunday 2nd March.

These eliminations will take the form of individual knockout and repechage contests to determine the best player in each weight category for each County Team. The second placed player will be the reserve.

An entry fee of £1 will be required for each elimination event to pay for the venue etc. and assist in buying badges and paying transport etc. for each County team so selected. Spectators will be charged admission of 50p. Unless each Area organizer so decides, medals are not required though each Event carries with it the title of 'County Champion'.

All contests in the eliminations will be of three minutes, and fought under BJA/IJF rules.

The counties are as follows. Hereford and Worcester (1), Warwickshire (2), Staffordshire (3), Nottinghamshire (4), Derbyshire (5), West Midlands Metro (6), Leicestershire (7), Northamptonshire (8), Lincolnshire (9), Shropshire (10), Birmingham (11), Buckinghamshire (12). Birmingham is being treated as a County because of the large number of Clubs within the boundary which now includes Sutton Coldfield.

The entry form opposite must be completed as per a normal Championship and sent to the County Organizer for your particular residential Area. He will return your Competitors card with details of Venue and times etc. **It is essential that entries are submitted by the closing date of 21st February.** Late entries will not be considered. **The County Championships will be fought at Haden Hill on 14th June, 1980.** Do not enter the eliminations unless you are available on this date. The County Organizers to whom you should send your entry forms are as follows . . .

## Eliminations Venue

### HEREFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE . . .

Tony Duke, 17 Elizabeth Avenue, Claines, Worcester . . . . . Worcester

### STAFFORDSHIRE . . .

Derek Skivington, 147 Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent . . . . . Burton

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE . . .

Pat Hewitt, 43 Edmaston Road, Dunkirk, Notts . . . . . Ryecroft

### DERBYSHIRE . . .

Jack Palmer, 162 Field Lane, Alvaston, Derby . . . . . Derby Judo Club

### WEST MIDLANDS . . .

Harry Percival, 5 London Heights, Dudley DY1 2QZ . . . . . Dudley Leisure Centre

### LEICESTERSHIRE . . .

Keith Hall, 23 Ivydale Road, Thurmaston, Leicester . . . . . St. Mathews, Leicester

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE . . .

D. Kennedy, 6 Chapel Lane, Stoke Albany, Market Harborough, Northants . . . . . Corby

### LINCOLNSHIRE . . .

T. Johnston, 105 Houghton Road, Grantham, Lincs . . . . . Grantham

### SHROPSHIRE . . .

Rowland Lee, 7 Ash Grove, Wem, Salop . . . . . Wem

### BIRMINGHAM . . .

Bryan Rowland, 34 Drayton Lane, Drayton Bassett, Staffs . . . . . Midland Arts Centre

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE . . .

Tony Jackson, 7 Magenta Close, Bletchley, Bucks . . . . . Milton Keynes

# British Judo Association . . . Midland Area Inter-County Championships . . . Eliminations

SATURDAY 1st March 1980

Competitors must be under 16 years of age on Saturday, 14th June, 1980.

Entry forms must be returned to your County Organizer only. They should not be sent to the Area Organizer. Each entry must contain a return addressed, stamped envelope and the entry fee (£1 per person).

The closing date for entries to be received is Thursday, 21st February, 1980. Late entries are not acceptable. Entries must reside or be a Member of a Club within the County they seek to represent.

Name of Club . . . . .

Send Competitors Cards and details to . . . . .

## BOYS

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# MULLER

## ...A LETTER FROM SWEDEN



Roy Muller is currently in Stockholm Coaching a number of Judo Clubs until the end of May and has promised to write to the magazine with his impressions of Sweden and its Judo, each month. Here is his first letter.

"I have already noticed some strange habits of the Swedes which I am finding some difficulty in understanding . . . as below.

- 1—Upon entry to anyone's house everyone takes off their shoes! Vic Porter would definitely not be welcome.
- 2—They answer the telephone with a perfect English 'Hello' and then continue in Swedish!
- 3—When eating out they have a most peculiar habit of not running out of the Restaurant and to make matters worse actually insist on paying for their meals!
- 4—They have a very annoying habit of speaking English with a foreign accent. They also keep telling me my English is bad! (They should meet Mac Abbott or Jock Rogers).
- 5—When you sit down in their houses they light candles? This must be to supplement the central heating.
- 6—They all drive with their headlights on and keep flashing me even though mine are switched off. To make matters worse they are all on the wrong side of the road.
- 7—They hate immigrants yet they are all bloody foreigners themselves.
- 8—They charge so much for food, I can't eat. If there are any overweight squad Members, send them here for a month.

Finally I was trying to explain about 'tactics' to a young lady who thought I was saying 'tat-tits' and explained that if I was talking about her figure, the adjective should be 'big ---'!"

## British Judo Association (Southern Area)

The Southern Area invite all players to our Open Events. Please note the dates . . .  
Cliff Baker-Brown, 4th Dan, Chairman.

### OPEN BOYS—UNDER 16 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre—29th March 1980

### OPEN GIRLS—UNDER 16 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre—30th March 1980

### OPEN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S KYU GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre—8th June 1980

*In weight categories . . . Yellow to Green, Blue to 1st Kyu*

### OPEN BOYS 'MINI-MON' CHAMPIONSHIPS—UNDER GREEN BELT

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, 15th November 1980

★ Please address all enquiries to . . . Ellen Cobb, Flat 3, 21A Southampton Street, Farnborough, Hants. (Telephone: 0252-45837).

## British Judo Association WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL JUDO COURSE

### Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre Near Newport, Salop

COACH: PETER BARNETT, National Coaching Co-ordinator

FEE: £18 (Including accommodation and meals)

Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

#### APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for a place on the weekend residential course at Lilleshall Hall. I understand that in applying I am liable to full payment of course fee *under all circumstances.*

Date of course: 2nd to 4th May 1980 Signed.....

NAME (Block letters) .....

ADDRESS (Block letters) .....

Telephone:.....

CLUB ADDRESS.....

GRADE..... BJA LICENCE No.....

FEE OF £18 IS ENCLOSED\* Cheque/Postal Order No.....

FEE OF £18 WILL BE PAID BY\*.....

*\*Cross out that which is inapplicable*

MINIMUM DEPOSIT: £5—WITH APPLICATION

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The Fee should be paid by crossed cheque or postal order — *not cash* — payable to:  
BRYAN W. ROWLAND, BJA Accountant  
Telephone: Tamworth 62315

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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 19th APRIL 1980**

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Application Form should be sent with a stamped self-addressed envelope for  
reply to:

**B. W. ROWLAND, 34 DRAYTON LANE, DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFORDSHIRE**

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*Please indicate any specific field of Judo Coaching you would like to be included in the programme.*



# "The Meeting expressed displeasure"



Comment by AMA

Like me, you were probably curious about the paragraph in the 'Questions Answered' column in the British Judo Association Newsletter published on December 20th, 1979, which raised the query, "I have read the booklet produced by the Midland Area that armlocks and strangles may not be offered for examination by candidates under the age of 12 and this means that juniors under that age may not be graded above 10th Mon. The 'Official' Junior Promotion Syllabus does not confirm this. What is the situation?"

**Answer . . .** The Junior candidate of any age between 8 and 15 years inclusive can select any item from the junior syllabus.

Now isn't that strange! Why would the Midland Area co-operate in producing a book at a cost in excess of £2,000 when the information contained therein is incorrect? Well of course they haven't, but the BJA Newsletter says that their interpretation is the correct one. So, let us look at the problem in detail.

The BJA Training Sub-Committee produced the basis of a Junior Syllabus in the summer of 1978 and by 11th October 1978 issued a comprehensive study called 'The introduction of a 'Theory' section into the Promotion requirements for Mon Grades: FINAL DRAFT. This was based on two earlier reports which were prepared through 1977 and 1978 the first being distributed in February 1978.

This Final study ran to 15 pages in all and was comprehensive in that it detailed the composition of the Theory syllabus, its workings and instructions to the Examiner and the Candidate and even the proofs of the Syllabus card now printed and issued.

The Management Committee approved this report in its entirety without any deletions, amendments or additions early in 1979 and authorised the introduction of the Junior Syllabus.

Now in that study Section 2 item f states, "The TSC considered the age at which Children should be allowed to offer Kansetsu and Shime waza for the 'theory' section of the promotion examination, and arrived at twelve years as the minimum age at which these techniques may be offered. (Note . . . the TSC are aware that this restricts juniors under 12 years of age to a maximum grade of 10th Mon).

So what happened next? Well, not a lot, at least not until the Yorkshire and Humberside Newsletter pub-

lished a photostat of the Syllabus in their September edition which showed just the instructions to Examiners and Candidates part of the Syllabus and a list of the techniques etc. This was then repeated in the October circulation of *British Judo* saying that the syllabus was introduced from the 1st September! In *Judo North West* of October, Peter Holme wrote that the North West Area had not been informed of the Syllabus and their Senior Examiner knew nothing about it. Well, Officially, neither did anyone else.

Peter also makes a statement that might be pertinent in this case, "An Association starts to lose its democracy when it fails to communicate or consult its Members, but perhaps it's rather deeper than that . . . perhaps someone forgot to tell the Management Committee."

Now it is possible I suppose that someone has forgot to tell either the Management Committee or the Members that they have altered the Junior Syllabus, no doubt they have also forgot to tell the Training Sub-Committee who spent a year of research designing it. Tony Reay says his interpretation is 'Official' and he got it from the 'Horses Mouth', but nowhere in the Training Sub-Committee Minutes or the Management Committee minutes since the original approval is there any amendment authorised.

Perhaps Peter Holme is right, perhaps democracy has failed . . . or perhaps someone just forgot!

A clue to what might have happened lies in the following minute of the Training Sub-Committee for 22nd January 1979 . . .

Item 7. "It appears that HQ have lost the final draft (of the Junior Syllabus) that the TSC had sent several weeks ago."

The Meeting expressed displeasure in the way HQ had handled this item!"

No doubt when Head Office find their copy of the 'Final Draft' they will look up what has been missed out and inform Members accordingly or, seek the amendment they obviously desire from the Management Committee, perhaps before they do so, it would be prudent to check with the Director of Examiners in each Area first. From most of the Examiners with whom we have had contact there is the feeling that this time the Training Sub-Committee got it right and whilst not restricting the practise and knowledge of armlocks and strangles (it does in fact encourage Juniors to know them all by the time they are twelve), it does help standardize grades and makes the chances of overgrading more remote.

## JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

**I have written previously my opinions regarding the attitude of the Russians to Britain and sporting relationships with South Africa.**

I have just returned from my first visit to South Africa. Coincidentally I invaded South Africa almost at the same time as Russia invaded Afghanistan. The rest of the World seemed to be shocked, verbally, at the Russian invasion, although only Saudi Arabia and America, so far, are doing anything about it.

For different reasons, I am somewhat shocked with my findings in South Africa. I was quite amazed to see everyone, regardless of their race, living happily together. People living there, more or less, do as they wish and so long as they do not interfere with others then no one wishes to interfere with them.

I saw no evidence whatsoever of racialism. I must admit I did see a black man being beaten about the head with a stick as he was walking down the street . . . by another black man.

There is soon to be a conference in London to discuss South Africa and International Sport, but I have not heard of any announcement of conferences to discuss Russia's expulsion from the Olympic movement, nor even any serious suggestion that Moscow should not be permitted to host the Olympic Games.

Whilst I now have to question the mentality and intentions of the so-called anti-apartheid campaigners there can be absolutely no doubt at all of the obscene hypocrisy of the majority of the World's politicians.

A thought for the New Year . . .

**JUDO IS  
Something the British  
Press have never heard  
about.**

**As you will have seen in last month's Midlands Judo the World Championships in Paris provided a spectacle I, and 6,000 other spectators will remember for many years to come.**

Everything about the Tournament I found to be superb except for just one aspect. The organization was faultless, the Judo was fabulous, the French spectators were marvellous, full of appreciation and delighted by the magical performances of the Fighters, and the atmosphere was electric.

There was just one blemish, which did not spoil the tournament—nothing could have done that—I was confused by the Refereeing. Naturally each Referee was qualified by the IJF and for the first half of the four-day Event I was totally bemused by much of the Refereeing, but then I got used to it. It was not the mistakes or any unfairness that I found bemusing, it was the interpre-

tation of the IJF Rules as exercised by the Referees that surprised and confused me.

The standard of Judo at that level is so high that grip fighting played an essential part in most contests so that in some cases no attacks were mounted for as long as two minutes into a contest, but, seldom were passivity penalties given.

Pushing out and stepping out of the contest area was practised by most fighters, especially those from Japan, but on no occasion was a Keikoku awarded.

When, in the few cases where a penalty was given, it was always a Chui. Head diving from forward throws was common practise but no player was disqualified for such an act. Only one Chui was awarded to a fighter stepping out whilst attempting an attack, although such acts were commonplace.

The reaction of the audience, which was very educated Judo-wise, to referees who failed to give scores or Osaekomi or notice Toketa was immediate and loud. Most of the spectators, however, except for the British, seemed generally satisfied with the standard of refereeing, and very few fighters registered any signs of complaint. It is also true to say that except in one case the contests were won by the right man.

There was far more leniency exercised by these Referees than I have ever seen from British referees and it would be interesting to hear from some of the BJA Officials in Paris as to what they think of their foreign colleague's performances.

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**Editor . . .** In the 1975 World Championships, in my report for the Area newsletter I wrote: ". . . only three Keikokus were awarded in the whole of the Championships, only two of which were for stepping out offences. The continuity was better and it was always the attacker that won, not the man who secured a penalty and hung on to it." It seems that nothing has changed. We are still out of step with Referees rather than players deciding results.



**You know, if you really want to pass this exam I think you should consider giving him a bit more than Shido.**

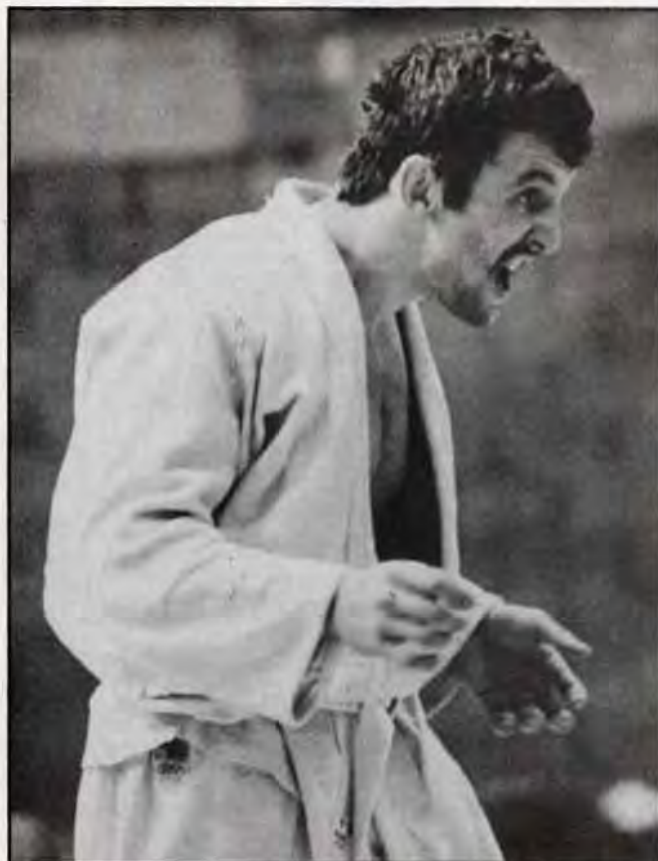


# JUDO PHOTOGRAPHY

Last month I showed how to up-rate film speed so as to maintain high shutter speeds, selective aperture settings and avoid the harsh shadows caused by direct flash. Already this has brought some response in that I have had a couple of queries about up-rating colour films. Colour negative films, that is those that produce negative images on the film and positive colour prints, should not be up-rated. Slide film (Ektachrome) may be 'pushed' as much as three full 'stops' i.e. 400 ASA to 3200 ASA though it is not recommended to 'push' beyond 1600 ASA. Process paid films should not be up-rated as they are all machine processed at the manufacturers ratings.

This month I shall continue to talk about the aperture of your camera lens and its effect on the 'Depth of Field'. As mentioned last month, depth of field is the distance both in front and behind the subject which is in focus and this is controlled by two things, 1. The focal length of the lens and 2. The aperture

*Hints to help . . . by Frank Smith*



setting (f number). Basically depth of field is greatest with a lens of short focal length (28mm) combined with a small aperture (f 22). Depth of field in this example would be infinite. Look at the enclosed picture of a landscape taken on 400 ASA film on a frosty, misty afternoon. The camera was a small Haminex Compact with a 40mm lens set at 1/60th of a second to maintain the aperture at f 16 (its maximum). Just about every part of the picture is in focus which shows one use of depth of field control.

In Judo I use this control when I have the audience behind the players so that the action remains in focus and the crowd reaction forms an integral part of the picture. In the case of individual portraits I would select a longer lens (80mm or 135mm) and increase the shutter speed so that I achieved a larger aperture. The photo of Nowak as used in December's magazine was taken with a 200mm lens at 250th second and an aperture of f 4. This has tended to isolate the player from the background which has just become a blur. This also helps magazine or paper designers who can crop pictures to suit the size available without losing detail and gives them areas of the photograph on which they can put titles without obscuring anything important. Practice by taking the same picture with your normal camera lens. Firstly with the fastest speed possible to combine with the largest aperture and then with a slow speed (30th sec) and a very small aperture and compare the prints. After a couple of tries, you should be able to achieve the effect you want. At the slow speeds, take care to hold the camera firmly to avoid blur from 'camera shake'. This, and other causes of error, next month. By the way the landscape was taken by 12 years old Michael Smith.

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