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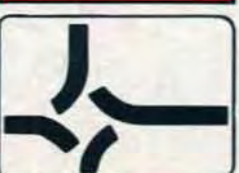


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FRANKLY

There was an unfortunate error in December's 'Midlands Judo' in that on one page we said that Men's and Boy's Squad sessions were on the first Sunday each month and on another page we said it was the second Sunday. It should, of course, be the SECOND Sunday in every month with the Girl's and Women's Squads on the last Sunday.

In this issue, we have an eight page report on the World Judo Championships where Neil Adams won a bronze medal and Peter Donnelly lost his fight for another bronze, and also reports on the National Junior Championships and the Midland Area Men's Championships. There is a centre page pull out photograph of Endo of Japan uncharacteristically showing emotion after winning his second World Championship plus most of your usual features. There is also a free invitation to the 'Night Out' Theatre Restaurant enclosed with each magazine and a new article to help with your Judo photography. What more could you ask for, for 40p?

With regard to the Junior Theory requirements introduced by the Area in November, it appears that some Clubs are still not aware of the procedure. Candidates for promotion Examinations should attend them having already passed the Theory requirements for the grade for which they are attempting and their Theory Card signed in the appropriate place. Examinations can be conducted by Authorised Coaches or Examiners in your own Clubs and the Candidates may choose the techniques they wish to be examined on at the rate of one from each section of the Syllabus for each Mon Grade. REMEMBER, Examiners may not have the time to do Theory Examinations as well as Competitive Gradings which may mean that your candidates are not graded. Cards are available direct from the BJA Head Office at 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1DR. State how many you require, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope to send up the reply.

In February we have the Sandwell Junior Knock-out with all the details in this month's magazine, all you need to enter is your licence, the fee and turn up on the day. Watch for next month's magazine with details of the new Inter-County Championships for Juniors.

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On Sunday 3rd February at Ryecroft. Session starts at 10-00am, up to 2nd Dan going for 3rd Dan, Men and Women.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SQUADS

MEN AND BOY'S SQUADS

At Haden Hill on Sunday 13th January—not 6th as stated in last month's magazine. Coaches, Harry Hobbs and Bruce Newcombe. Everyone welcome to come and train with the Area Squads. Starting at 11-00am prompt. Do not be late. Medal winners in the Men's and Boy's 1979 Area Championships become the C. of E. Squad for 1980, attendance is required at 70% to qualify.

WOMEN AND GIRL'S SQUADS

Again a combined Squad for this session on Sunday 27th January at 11-00am. Please be on time. All Senior Women and Junior Girl players are welcome to train with the Squads which contain National and International players and Club Coaches are invited to bring their best players along for a hard training session.

SUMMER CAMP

For Young Men and Women, 15 to 21 years of age. Contact Anne Adams on 051-356 0343 if interested.

DIARY NOTE

The Three K's Junior Championships. Saturday 12th July at Haden Hill Leisure Centre. Details in June magazine. Add this date to the Midland Area calendar for 1980.

THE SANDWELL JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT

The second Sandwell Junior Knockout is to be held at Haden Hill Leisure Centre on Saturday 16th February, commencing at 9-00am, it is open to all BJA Junior Members in the normal weight categories. Boys . . . Under 30k, 30-35k, 35-40k, 40-45k, 45-50k, 50-55k, 55-60k, 60-65k, 65-70k, Over 70k. Girls . . . Under 28k, 28-32k, 32-36k, 36-40k, 40-44k, 44-48k, 48-52k, 52-56k, 56-60k, Over 60k.

Rules: Competitors should arrive for Booking-in at the times indicated—Boys 8-30/9-30am, Girls 2-00/2-45pm. Each competitor must have a BJA current licence, be Under 16 years of age on the day of the Championships and have £1.50 entry fee. Fines for non-production of licence £1. Proof of age—where any doubt—is required. After weighing-in they will receive a Weight Card which they then give to the Booking-in Clerk who will enter them directly on to the knock-out sheet in the next available space. There is no seeding. The Competition is a Knock-out and Repechage Event only. Booking-in



BRUCE NEWCOMBE

will be closed at 9-30am for Boys and 2-45pm for Girls and the Competition will start immediately, no late arrivals can be accepted. There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in each category. All other details as per a BJA Four Star Licenced Tournament.

JUDO NEWS

At the elections for President of the International Judo Federation held in Paris in December, Mr Matsumae of Japan was elected by 67 votes against 26 votes to Charles Palmer. Two voting papers were spoiled.

Mr Matsumae had said that he had 500,000 dollars (US) pledged to start a World Judo Fund which would be available the minute he was elected as President and asked the delegates to help him achieve his aim of starting a World Judo Fund with this amount! When asked if the money would be available if he were not elected he replied by repeating his first statement!

Charles Palmer was unanimously appointed as Honorary Life President by the Congress of the IJF and the Directing Committee of the IJF also requested that Charles continued as Secretary General of GAFE and as a Member of IOC Tri-partite Commission representing the IJF, and this was also approved by the Congress.

At this date, Charles is still considering it.

ROY MULLER

Women's Squad Manager, Roy Muller is currently in Sweden coaching at Judo clubs in Stockholm until Christmas to see if he is prepared to sign a yearly renewable contract. In

his last report he said that he liked the women and that the Dojo's were tremendous, each one being fully equipped with gymnasium and sauna but that prices were so high that he couldn't afford to eat.

JUNIOR BOY'S SQUAD

At the annual sponsored fund raising throw of the Midland Area Boy's Squad, Dave Cuttford, a member of Coventry Judo Club, won the trophy for raising the highest amount to be donated to Squad funds. Dave, pictured left with his trophy, collected £32.

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their efforts in raising finance.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

At this year's National Under-18's Championships a very disquieting trend has emerged . . . the dreaded 'Flop and Drop'.

The girls seemingly have now realized that the time-wasting tactics of dropping on both knees without trying to throw is now being heavily penalized, and have therefore adjusted their technique into another trend. This is to turn in for a major hip technique—or in some cases shoulder technique—with no initial lift or rotation and then drop themselves flat, face down on the ground. The Referees have tended to accept these moves as attacks.

In my opinion, the Referees should have penalized these new 'Flop and Drop' techniques on the same basis as the Seonage drop-downs and Uchimata head dives. In fact it was proved, by the number of injuries, that these techniques are even more dangerous than Uchimata head dives. It was my impression that unfortunately 60% of the Referees were unable to distinguish between a genuine attack and a fake one.

Another factor contributing to the high injury rate is that most of the girls competing, especially in the heavier weight categories, did not have sufficient levels of expertise or fitness or the physical ability for this grade of competition.

It is my opinion that the Management Committee should consider that at the next National Championships for Boys and Girls only two players per weight category per Area are allowed to compete.

ROY INMAN, 5th Dan
National Women's Team Manager

Editor: Roy's letter contained much more detail about injuries and enlarges on his reasons why he thinks entries should be reduced and my own opinions about this are expressed in the report of the Championships. We did watch and discuss the 'Flop and Drop' technique on the day and the fact that Referees were unable to distinguish defensive charades from real attacks and I have in the past commented that I did not think the level of fitness in Women's Judo was adequate, even amongst the National Squad. I do not think that it is the case with the Area Girl's Squad though meeting just once a month doesn't mean they continue training at club level, and I certainly do not agree that the players should be penalized for the failure of coaches by excluding them from Championships.

It would be interesting to know where all the injured girls came from . . . none were from the Midlands.

Dear Editor,

I am afraid I have not done very well during the last few weeks. I have only had to send out two letters of explanation and apology, though one of them was superbly phrased so that it was totally confusing.

I have, however, skilfully managed to send the Finance Officer on holiday for three weeks just when he is needed most, at the end of the financial year, and, if I have arranged it correctly there will be almost no-one left in the Office during the week of the World Championships.

Other than that, however, I have had a pretty bad time, I have even answered a few letters. Still things should pick up for next month because I have been seeing my psychiatrist about my delusions of ability and he told me not to worry, that I am as incapable as ever I was.

That cheered me up so much that I managed to send some applications for membership back for more money, even though fees really don't go up until the 1st January and I have once again managed to slow down the issuing of licences so that it is taking about two weeks again. Things are picking up.

More next month.

CAPTAIN FEATHERHEAD—BJA Head Office

DIARY & AREA NEWS

★ PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS ★

JANUARY

Sunday 6th: Girls All Grades, Kidderminster, 10-30am. Boys All Grades, Kidderminster, 1-00pm. **Sunday 13th:** Womens Kyu Grades, Midland Arts Centre. **Sunday 20th:** Mens Kyu Grades, Northampton, 10-00am. Mens Kyu Grades, Worcester, 10-00am. **Sunday 27th:** Boys All Grades, Chapelhouse, 10-00am. Girls All Grades, Chapelhouse, 1-00pm.

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.

★ DAN GRADING ★

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

MIDLAND AREA SUCCESSES UNDER 18's NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CRYSTAL PALACE, NOVEMBER, 10th AND 11th

A marvellous all round improvement in the standards of the Area Junior Squads led to our best Medal total in the National Junior Championships. The fact that almost every one of the Midlands entries, both in the Boy's and the Girl's Championships got through into the knockout rounds shows the overall improvement in the general standard. With a kinder draw both in the knockout round and again in the repechage (where several Midlands fighters had to compete against each other) we would have had several more medals.

One of the annoying facets of the BJA is their blinkered attitude towards Junior Judo and even now we have cries from the London Area and the Northern Home Counties to reduce the number of entries per weight category to two Competitors. Whilst the Association derives a very large proportion of its income from Junior Membership the return the National Body give is paltry. Any reduction in opportunity would be criminal.

There are no Junior Squads, no National Team Championships and no summer Camps or training weekends which leaves just the National Championships as the 'once a year' Championships to which every Junior contest player aspires. To suggest that entries to this Event are decreased because the third and fourth place players might not meet the standard required are patently nonsense and show a complete lack (or purposeful avoidance) of knowledge of Area selection procedures. I can think of three categories in the Area where the first four places were settled by one point or a minor penalty and in fact we do not distinguish between 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places. Surely the way to improve contest technique is to give the kids more Events not to restrict them from entry. If Area Coaches or Squad Managers enter children of inexperience and low levels of skill, there is then no legitimate argument for blaming the system if they get injured. Skill levels rest entirely with Coaches not numbers.

Gillian Kennealy of the London Area suggests that there is too much pressure on Officials and that the Girl's Championships was a disaster of organization and this is entirely due to the numbers competing. What she doesn't mention is that the pressure came from the BJA Head Office once again making an error and only booking Crystal Palace until 5pm. Despite the efforts of the Competitions Sub-Committee to get the time extended, this was not possible... this was where the pressure came from. It also seems odd that everyone I spoke to thought the organization was fine and Charles Palmer even wrote a letter to the C.S.C. saying how well run the Tournament was. Gillian probably typed it...!

BOY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Bruce Newcombe... Squad Manager.

Five Medals were won by the Boys from the Area with Tommy Brindle (Wolverhampton), John Swatman (also Wolverhampton) taking National titles.

Tom, in the under 65k category had a really tough draw and had to beat two brown belts and a Dan grade to get through his Pool and into the final where he beat Gargan of N. Ireland with a skilful juji-gatame in just 33

seconds. Mick Russell (Derby) fought confidently all day only to lose by a split decision in the semi-final to take a bronze medal in the same category.

John topped his Pool in the Under 60k Event and went on to meet Mark Bowater for a place in the final. Mark fought better than he has ever done but John won on a close decision to go into the final against Inglis of Scotland. Inglis was unfortunately disqualified early in the contest which spoilt an interesting fight but gave John the title and Mark the bronze medal. Dave Riley also took a bronze medal in the Under 55k class after coming top of his Pool with three good wins.

I was tremendously pleased at the way the lads fought with almost every Midlands entry reaching the knockout round; my only complaint being that there was no seeded or geographical separation in the knockout round which led to three Midlands boys fighting each other.

GIRLS'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Frank Smith... Squad Manager.

Well, five finalists in just the second year of the Squad can't be bad, added to which there is another three bronze medals which had us coming second to the Southern Area in the medal charts and a very pleasing weekend for everyone concerned.

Consider that also Helen Killgallon, Julie Staines, Donna Fiddler, Linda Hughes and Karen Inwood all lost in the final fight for a bronze medal, two of them to our own Girls, and you will realize how well everyone did. There were absolutely no disappointments at all with Sandy Fry and Julie Dyke getting National titles, Andrea Trigg, Celine Dufficy and Denise Jackson all winning silver medals and Karen Hewitt, Louise Duke and Helen Grocott taking bronze places. There were also some magnificent performances from other girls and Kim Elleman demonstrated the spirit in the Squad when despite sustaining a very deep head cut in her first fight she continued to fight throughout the morning using the 5 minutes injury time in every bout for repeated attention yet still refused to be withdrawn from the Championships.

A big factor in our success was that the girls seemed to be much fitter than a lot of other entries which justifies all the hard work done this year. Many thanks to Rowland and Barbara Lee and everyone else who helped make it a successful weekend.



Left: Diane Lee holds to go through into the knockout round of the National Championships.

Top: National Boy's Championship medallists, left to right, Dave Riley, Tom Brindle, Mike Russell, John Swatman, Mark Bowater.

Above: Sandy Fry (National Champion Under 48 Kilos) with Louise Duke on her right winning a Bronze medal.

Right: Denise Jackson receiving her Silver medal from Graham Perkins, Chief Executive.



JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

Seeing as our Editor, whose name I can't remember omitted to convey my Seasonal Greetings in last month's issue, I would like to start by wishing all our Members (and both of my readers) a Very Happy New Year.

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The Spirit of Judo

This time of year often provides the opportunity to tell tales of the supernatural... and here's one for you.

Bryan Rowland, the Midland Area Director of Coaches, has a problem apart from the one we know about! He recently received a list of Coaches from Head Office in response to his request for certain details.

Now, bear in mind, that to retain a County Coach award it is necessary to revalidate every two years... included in the list was the famous Jack Law, in whose memory we hold a Tournament each year, owing to the fact that Jack passed away some six years ago.

Own up! Who is the imposter?

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I wonder how many of you who received an entry form for a BJC Competition in November noticed the rules:

"BJC Contest rules... Within the limits of mat areas."

Presumably the rules did not apply for fights outside the limits of the mat areas.

"Ippon or wazari to score. Usei-gachi to rule of three with extra time if necessary."

No doubt if there was no score after extra time they tried for penalties.

Overheard during the Midland Area Men's Championships. "We would like to stage an Event in our locality... next year. Can you give me some advice?"

"Certainly, but procedures are laid down in the BJA Tournament Handbook which you may obtain from Head Office. Have you applied for a Tournament licence?"

"No not yet."

"Well you must have a licence, but before it is granted you must meet certain requirements. Have you got a venue?"

"Yes, it will be in the Town Hall."

"Are you sure that it will be suitable?"

"Oh yes, I should think so... it's got a piano!"

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A Great Resolution!

I have made a New Year's Resolution... not to laugh at Brian Roberts. Here are a few more...

My New Year's Resolution is...

...not to speak to John Beard, *Brian Roberts*.

...to be nice to Graham Perkins, (Sometimes) *Frank Smith*.

...to forgive the Midland Area (except for Frank Smith), *Graham Perkins*.

...never to criticise the BJA, *Joe Ekins*.

...never to criticise Referees *Mac Abbotts*.

...not to get excited, *Brian Regan*.

...not to excite Brian Regan (and to clean my glasses) *Bryan Perriman*.

...not to write to the Finance Sub-Committee more than three times a week, *Roy Inman*.

...never to have to say 'sorry', *Roy Muller*.

...not to interrupt at Committee meetings, *Bryan Rowland* (and John Beard, Lyn Bowater, Bill Coffey etc., etc., *Ed*).

...to serve real food at Crystal Palace, *Trust House Fortes*.

...to smile when I referee, *Ray Topple*.

...not to smile when Ray Topple referees, *Kerrith Brown*.

...to beat Stuart Travis, *Ron Knight*.

...to allow Graham Perkins to sleep at nights, *Charles Palmer*.

...always to say, "Of course they can have the money!" *John Bricknell*.

WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, PARIS '79



The first World Judo Championships for four years took place at the Pierre Coubertin Stadium in Paris on 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of December, staged magnificently by the French Judo Federation (F.F.J.D.A.).

For those who have not experienced Judo outside of Great Britain it is difficult to convey what such a Championship is like and about the nearest comparison I can make with which you can equate is for you to imagine a Cup Final Football match between Liverpool and Manchester United played indoors with all their enthusiastic supporters sharing the 6,000 seats available.

All the seats at the Coubertin Stadium were sold out long ago, and black market tickets were fetching twice their face value on the first day. The press, radio and television coverage were superb with highlights screened each night and most of the Sunday afternoon Sports Programme (similar to *Grandstand*) was based on the Championships. Press facilities were quite remarkable at the Stadium with over 250 press passes issued and Telex machines, banks of telephones and telephoto machines available, closed circuit television in the Press room so that reports could be written without missing any fights and even a dark room was provided. The only thing lacking was the British Press. Chris Oram of the *Times* was there, but little was printed, and the *Telegraph* took John Goodbody's reports to Tony Reay



Left to right: Peter Donnelly, Chris Bowles and Paul Radburn.



Under 71 kilos Medallists . . . Katsuki [Japan]: Gold. Gamba [Italy]: Silver. Adams [Great Britain]: Bronze, Namchalaurl [USSR]: Bronze.

but that was it. Colin McIver, David Finch and myself were the only British journalistic interest despite the magnificent facilities and of course there was nothing for British Radio and television.

After seeing the Vienna Championships in 1975, I thought that nothing could better them but after Paris I am frightened to go to Crystal Palace again. The Judo was tremendous, the crowd noisy, partisan but fair and appreciative and extremely knowledgeable, and the new World Champions were really made to feel like the 'Super-stars' their efforts made them. There were heart-stopping moments like the three minute standing ovation given to four times World Champion Fujii of Japan which was surpassed two days later when Endo received four minutes of waves of clapping, cheering and stamping which eventually had this inscrutable Japanese gentleman crying whilst on the Medal rostrum. Then there was the fairy tale ending of Thierry Rey of France winning the World title in the last Event (Under 60k) which sent the crowd away deliriously happy and probably assured Mr Rey's future for many years to come.

Within an hour he was being interviewed 'live' on television and still in his track-suit spent the next hour talking about Judo and acting as commentary and opinion on the other televised Sports. On Monday, every French newspaper carried his picture on the front page and *L'Equipe* had two full inside pages devoted to the Championships.

British interest was high with great hopes that Neil

Adams and Peter Donnelly and perhaps even Paul Radburn would get amongst the medals with John Holliday, Ray Neenan, Chris Bowles and Arthur Mapp making up the Team.

The first day had the two Heavyweight categories, Under and Over 95k with tremendous interest in the new All Japan Champion Yasuhiro Yamashita (5th Dan) who beat Sumio Endo for this Over 95k place and put Endo in the Open despite being the lighter man. Tiurin (USSR) was in the same side of the draw as Yamashita whilst a light-looking Rouge carried the French hope in the other half, with competition from Adelaar (Holland), Kovacevic (Yugoslavia) and Zinnecker (Switzerland).

As expected Yamashita won through to the final with a five point win over Tiurin which was much more convincing than it sounds. Rouge surprisingly overwhelmed much bigger opposition and beat Cho Ja Ki of Korea for the other final place. In the repechage, Varga (Hungary) pipped the Russian for the bronze whilst Cho Ja Ki gave warning that the Koreans were a force to be reckoned with by winning the other. Mapp went out in his first fight against Zinnecker.

A tremendous final in prospect, with the crowd cheering every move Rouge made and scores coming regularly in a skilful contest although Yamashita never looked like losing it. Rouge, shido and yuko, Yamashita, shido, koka, yuko and chui all scored in quick succession with Yamashita winning the title.

Almost as much excitement in the under 95k class with Van der Walle of Belgium losing to Tkuduluri (USSR)



Top: Thierry Rey: 20-year-old French World Champion at 60 Kilos. Top right: Henderson [Ireland] against Guerra [Brazil]. Henderson won by a Yuko (five point throw). Below: Gamba [Italy] scores Yuko (five points) to win the final place from European Champion Neil Adams [Great Britain].

Right: Shozo Fujii four times World Champion. Above: Guerra [Brazil] scores against Ronosulisto [Indonesia] 71 Kilos.



Endo (Japan) World Champion
Open Category 1978 after
throwing Kuznetsov (USSR) for
Ippon with Haruki-Makikomi.



by a koka in the final after brilliantly disposing of Ishikawa, Gomez and Paul Radburn (who was injured and so missed the repechage, and the formidable Neureuther in the semi final.

France incidentally preferred Vachon to Angelo Parisi in this weight because Vachon had won their last two contests though most of the French supporters would have preferred Angelo's style against this opposition. Numan and Neureuther took the bronze medals.

Friday gave us another two categories with the formidable Shozo Fujii as favourite at 78k and Masao Takahashi at 86k. Peter Donnelly was our hope at 86k and he started off very well beating Zouarh (Morocco), Roetlisberger (Switzerland) before throwing an astonished Franck (Germany) for Ippon and a semi-final against Ultsch of East Germany. A Yuko gave Ultsch victory and he went on to beat Sanchis of France who had achieved the final on one throw, two split decisions and a penalty. Back in the repechage Takahashi had progressed to meet Donnelly for the bronze and he proved too good for Peter winning with a throw and hold for Ippon. Carmona of Brazil won the other bronze.

Tchoullouyan of France steamed through his side of the 78k draw delighting the crowd with his throws and attacking style only to lose, creditably, to Fujii by a koka for that memorable reception whilst Park (Korea) and Heinke (East Germany) won bronze medals. Chris Bowles went out in the second round to Adda Berkane of Algeria.

The draw for Saturday had not given Neil Adams much chance of an easy passage though he beat Talaj and Vujevc before armlocking in tremendous style the very



Top: Rouge throws Kote of Senegal in the 'Open' category.

Above: Endo [Japan] holds Arthur Mapp [Great Britain] in the 'Open' category.



Paul Radburn has his attack turned by Van Der Walle [Belgium] who scored and went into the final against Tkhduluri [USSR].

experienced Kruger of East Germany with a magical juji-gatame. This gave him European silver Medallist Gamba (Italy) in the semi-final with Gamba this time turning the table for a 5 point win. Neil came back through the repechage for the bronze. Katzuki, (Japan) met Gamba and won the title with Namchalaurei (USSR) getting the other bronze.

Ray Neenan was doing better than most had expected in the 65k class losing in his fight for a bronze medal to Sahara of Japan on a yuko whilst Delvingt (France) and Solodukhin (USSR) contested the final with the Frenchman losing by just a yuko. Palowski of Poland beat Nicolae of Rumania for the other bronze.

So, into the last day with Endo providing marvellous memories of his incredible variety and skill despite his size. His speed into techniques was like that of the middleweights and he won every contest with Ippon except against Rouge where he won by a wazari from uchimata. Kuznetso led a charmed life to take the other final place with only a complete error by the Belgium referee Corneliuss giving him the decision over Schnabel in his first fight! Even in the semi-final he beat Van der Walle by a disputed shido penalty but his luck ran out against Endo who produced the throw of the week (harai-makekomi) to score Ippon against the Russian giant. Rouge took his second medal of the week in winning a bronze having only lost to the top two Japanese fighters and Kovacevic of Yugoslavia beat a tired Van der Walle for the other.



John Holliday was our entry at 60k and he fought well in this distinguished company to lose to Koaz of Israel in the third round. Rey of France took advantage of his somewhat easy draw and first round bye to progress to the final against Koag Woo Jong of Korea whom he beat with a koka from ouchi-gari to the ecstasy of the French audience. Moriawaki, Japan and Mariani of Italy won bronze medals and so ended the most impressive Judo Tournament I have seen since entering the sport many years ago.

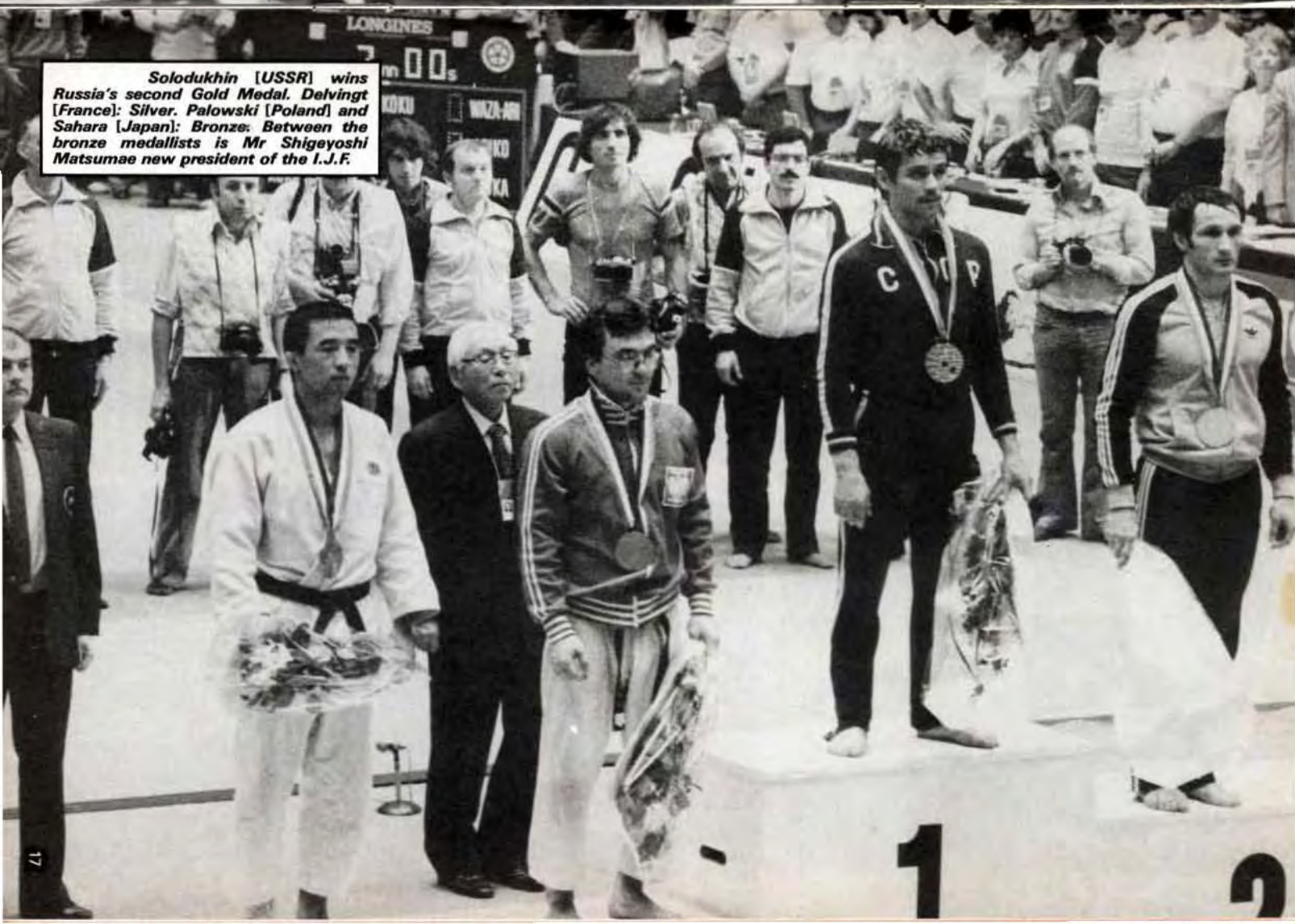
The Medal placings had Japan heading the list with four gold and three bronze with France second with one gold, four silver and one bronze. The USSR took two titles a silver and a bronze medal and East Germany one gold and one bronze. Korea took a surprising 6th place with a silver and two bronze and all their players showed immense improvement since 1975.

Britain's sole success was the bronze of Neil Adams though I think this is the best we have ever done in the World Championships getting four players into fights for medal positions so things may not be as bleak as some tended to think. Whilst I wouldn't worry too much about our fighters who can compete on the best of terms without disgrace, I would question why France can show that administratively and commercially, our management and publicity of our Sport is a decade behind them and give convincing proof that packaged, managed and presented professionally Judo can rate highly amongst Britain's sports.

YAMASHITA
All Japan and
World Champion
Over 95 Kilos.



Solodukhin [USSR] wins
Russia's second Gold Medal. Delvingt
[France]: Silver. Palowski [Poland] and
Sahara [Japan]: Bronze. Between the
bronze medallists is Mr Shigeyoshi
Matsumae new president of the I.J.F.





Top Left: Jean Paul Coche, manager of the very successful French team. Tony MacConnell seated alongside.

Top Right: Gamba [Italy] being congratulated after beating Neil Adams.

Left: Guerra [Brazil] steps out attempting Kata-guruma on Ronosulisto [Indonesia].

Above: Sahara [Japan] shows the Toemonage popular amongst the Japanese fighters continued straight into Tateshihogatame.



JUDO PHOTOGRAPHY

HINTS TO HELP. By Frank Smith

Like me, you will have noticed that in recent years at many of the major Championships you might have attended almost everyone is carrying a camera. Several thousand photographs of Judo must have been taken this year but how many of them have been worth looking at?

I probably get asked more questions about photography at Championships than anything else and I thought a short series of articles might help get us a few more pictures to print.

The most frequent query I get is why I never use flash when everybody else has to and this seems as good a place as any to start.

Let us assume that the Judo photographer has a reflex camera or an SLR camera that possesses the ability to alter various settings as there is not much possibility of getting any reproducible action shots with the *Instamatic* 'type' camera.

There are basically three things that alter the correct exposure of film to produce a photograph.

- 1—The film speed (ASA number) or rating.
- 2—The lens aperture (the f number)
- 3—The shutter speed

Any change in just one of these affects the others proportionately and it is in the use of the film speed rating (ASA number) that the ability to take low light pictures lies.

I normally use *Ilford HP5* film which is rated at 400ASA though many photographers prefer *Kodak Tri-X Pan* also rated at 400ASA. This is the number you

dial into the camera. It is possible however to 'push' the rating even higher for example to 800ASA or 1600ASA and I have on occasions used it at 3200ASA.

Uprated film requires special processing and we will discuss this at a later date, in the meantime it will suffice to tell your processing lab what you have rated the film at.

As the film rating affects the other two exposure controls a high rating means that you can retain the shutter speed—125th second is good for Judo—and still be able to set your aperture within the meter requirements.

So you are now taking pictures without flash and the problems of shadow and slow shutter speeds that go with it. Uprating means that there will be some loss of quality in your photographs in that the 'grain' will be more obvious but it should always be quite within acceptable limits.

The aperture setting which is the iris of the camera controls the amount of light allowed through the lens so the larger the aperture, the faster the shutter speed can be. Note that large apertures have small f numbers, i.e. f2.8, small apertures have large f numbers, i.e. f22.

Aperture also controls 'depth of field' which is the distance both in front and behind the subject which remains in focus, and is a useful tool in Judo photography. (Depth of field uses in the next article).

Look at the picture on the cover of Keith Cannaby. This was taken with *HP5* 'pushed' to 1600ASA at 125th second at an aperture of f5.6.

MIDLAND AREA MEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Haden Hill Leisure Centre

November 24th 1979

At the risk of being repetitive, another record entry for an Area Event with around 200 competitors, meaning that once again entries were refused.

Again, the Competition was split into two with the Kyu Grades, Over 35's and Under-21's Events in the morning with the Open Grade, Weight Categories in the afternoon. Despite this, because of the large entry, there was little chance of finishing before 9-00pm, which signified another long day for the Officials and Referees. Perhaps we will soon have to revert to separate Events again, though anything smaller is not really financially viable.

The Over 35's once again proved to be an entertaining Event with new-comer Ken Formaggia taking the title from Stan Rogers by a decision whilst Frank Smith and Dave Kennedy won Bronze medals. There is incidentally 'No truth in the rumour' that we are changing this to an over 40's Event to keep these new youngsters out!

Talking of young men, the Under-21 Category showed a very interesting collection of talented fighters which now-a-days means that over 50% of the Entry are Dan Grades, with people like Denzyne White, Kerrith Brown, Nick Wilkins, Tommy Brindle and Dennis Stewart who are all National Squad standard players. The Competition was originally for the up and coming youngsters but as the standard today is so high perhaps we should rethink this one as well.

Denzyne justified his seeding by taking the title from Dennis Stewart by one point with Dale Woods and Kerrith Brown winning the third place medals. Amongst the Kyu grade Events, medals in the Novice to 7th Kyu category went to Lee of the West Midlands Police (Gold) and

T. Wells (Hardy Spicer) who took the Silver and who, in all honesty was only a novice by grade and certainly not by experience, whilst Lawson and Ansell of Aiton and Southwell took medals back to clubs not normally successful at this level, which I hope shows an increasing depth of competitive players in the Area.

Another medal went to Aiton with Newman winning the Silver in the 6th-3rd Kyu category losing to a very strong T. Higgins of Edgbaston who booked in late and made the Championships with only seconds to spare and then won the title. Dufficy (Hardy Spicer) and Walters (Dudley Leisure Centre) won Bronze medals.

A large entry in the 2nd to 1st Kyu category gave a transfer of 14 pool winners to the knock-out round with Dennis Stewart winning his second medal of the day and the title by beating S. Grey of the Jukuren with a nice strangle. There was some very good Judo in the Event with plenty of good throwing attempts and an obvious departure from the 'grovelling' tactics of recent years, and Millican (Worcester J.Soc) and Green (Wolverhampton) both did well, beating some good players for the Bronze places. Millican also scored some 35 points towards his Dan Grading on the day's fighting.

So, into the weight categories with the young men really dominating the two lightweight Events. In the Under-60 kilo category, all the semi-finalists were members of the Under-18's Squad and Mark Bowater, who continues to improve, beat John Swatman by a penalty in a very good final with Shaw (Derby) and Callan (Loughborough) taking the third place medals. Of the eight knock-out places only two players were over 21 years of age which shows how well off we are for lightweights. This was also the case in the



Above: 6th to 3rd kyu Medallists. Below: Nick Williams attacks with Juji-gatame.



60-65 kilos Event where half the knock-out places went to Under-21 players though no one got much joy from Alan Kilvert who made a welcome return to Area competition to take the title from the 1978 Champion Kerrith Brown, who had again stopped Keith Cannaby by a Koka and survived a disqualification in his pool for 'insolence' to the Referee by laughing!

Keith and Tommy Brindle won the Bronze medals and if Alan is fit—after a further ear operation—Harry Hobbs will have a hard job choosing his lightweights for the Area Team.

The National Team Championships this coming year are on our home patch at Haden Hill Leisure Centre and to be selected, players *must* have attended the Area Squad sessions. All the medal winners in these Championships go to make up the Centre of Excellence Squad and sessions are on the second Sunday in each month at 11-00am at Haden Hill. With only three sessions left, it is no use complaining if you do not make the Area Team if you haven't been to any of the Squad sessions!

Bruce Newcombe inevitably won the Under-71 kilo Event from the fit-looking Tommy Lowe with Muller and Holmes (Leicester) winning Bronze medals and Bruce winning every fight (except the final) by Ippon from a variety of holds, armlocks and strangles. Another Gold to Denzyne White in the 71-78 kilos class beating Dave Walker by a Yuko whilst Dale Wood and Clive Douglas battled through for third places and a well earned Gold medal to Ron Knight in the 86 kilo category from Dave Lovelace of Boston.

Only Gold was awarded in the Under-95 kilo Event because of the small entry and this went to Dodd of Pontesbury and a similar situation occurred in the Over-95 kilo category where only Gold and Silver medals were awarded. Brian Drew won the title in convincing style with three Ippons (two from throws) whilst Brian Scurr of Milton Keynes collected the Silver.

Brian Scurr looked in line for another Silver medal in the Open category when he drew middleweight Roy Muller and quickly went a Koka ahead until at two minutes 30 seconds Muller caught him with a nice Hanegoshi for Ippon and a place in the final against Brian Drew who had eliminated Clive Douglas and Dave Walker in a tremendous battle. A short lived affair for Muller who 'stepped out' twice for Hansoku-make in one minute to give Brian his second title. Bronze medals to Scurr and Walker who came back through the short repechage to end the Championships at 9-30pm.

Many thanks to all the Officials and Referees for their hard work in a very cold sports hall which whilst not too noticeable for the players, really had the recorders frozen to their chairs.

As a final comment, it is a pity that out of the eight new trophies bought last year, only one was returned despite requests being made several weeks in advance. Perhaps those holding trophies could make sure that this year's Champions receive them.



Novice to 7th Kyu Medallists

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