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FRANKLY

July and August are normally the quiet times of the year for Judo Administrators and Officials when they have a well-earned rest. Unfortunately, this year (and probably next) they will not be getting one.

On Saturday 5th July, we stage the Third British National Championships for Women, with medals supplied by the *Sandwell Evening Mail*, followed a week later by our Junior 'Low Grades Knockout' Competition, whilst in August we now have the British National Championships for Men.

With rising costs it is getting more and more difficult to stage National Championships viably and these might possibly be the last British Closed Events we put on.

There is usually no change out of £1,000 for each of these Championships with the greatest proportion of the costs going on the expenses for imported National Referees.

Unless the proportion of National Referees from the Midland Area increases dramatically for next year, it is unlikely that we can afford to go on in this format.

Watch for the August edition of the magazine carefully, for it will be in a different guise under the title of *Judo Monthly* though of similar design and lay-out.

This reflects our continuing expansion of subscription lists out of the Area and the association with our neighbouring Area, the Northern Home Counties, who will now incorporate their newsletter in the magazine.

Talking of magazines, congratulations to Arnold Humphrey and Colin McIver on their first edition of the now bi-monthly *JUDO* magazine in its new A4 size and colour cover.

I well know the difficulties they must have had in restyling and presenting this first edition and hope their efforts achieve the success that it warrants.

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LATE NEWS

**National Junior Championships
confirmed for Under 18 years,
as in 1979.**

DIARY OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 5th JULY

British National Closed Championships for Women. Haden Hill Leisure Centre. This Event is sponsored by the *Sandwell Evening Mail*.

Fourth National Open Tournament for School-boys. Concord Sports Centre. All weights.

SUNDAY 6th JULY

First National Open Tournament for School-girls. Concord Sports Centre. All weights. Detail from: P. Liversidge, 4 Watson Close, Kimberworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S61 1JH.

SATURDAY 12th JULY

Midland Area Junior 'Low Grades Knockout'. Entry forms in June magazine. Up to and including Green for Girls, Orange for Boys.

SATURDAY 19th JULY

TO

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

Olympic Games in Moscow, USSR.

SUNDAY 20th JULY

Kent Open Championships For Seniors. Group One: Kyu Grades Men, all weight categories. Group Two: Women All Grades, all weight categories. Group Three: Dan Grades Men, all weight categories. Venue: Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham. Entry forms from: Jack Cook, 13 Cherbourg Crescent, Chatham, Kent. Telephone: Medway (0634) 45653.

SUNDAY 27th JULY

Dan Grade Promotion Examination. Horwich Leisure Centre, Bolton, at 10-00am.

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

Re-arranged date for the British National Championships for Men. Haden Hill Leisure Centre. Entry forms in this magazine.

SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

BJA Annual General Meeting. *Wembley Eurocest Hotel*, near Wembley Conference Centre, at 2-30pm.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

For July only. August dates not yet available.

SUNDAY 6th JULY

Boys All Grades, Kidderminster, 10-00am.

Girls All Grades, Kidderminster, 1-00pm.

Mens Kyu Grades, Pontesbury, 1-30pm.

SUNDAY 13th JULY

Boys All Grades, Kettering, 10-00am.

SUNDAY 20th JULY

Boys All Grades, Yarborough, 10-00am.

Girls All Grades, Yarborough, 10-00am.

Boys All Grades, Grimsby, 10-00am.

Girls All Grades, Grimsby, 10-00am.

Boys All Grades, Scunthorpe, 10-00am.

Girls All Grades, Scunthorpe, 10-00am.

SUNDAY 27th JULY

Womens Kyu Grades, Grimsby, 10-00am.

Girls All Grades, Grimsby, 10-00am.

Boys 4th Mon and above, Linton, 10-00am.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SQUADS

SUNDAY 13th JULY

MEN . . . Haden Hill Leisure Centre, 11-00am. Coach Harry Hobbs. Everyone welcome to train with the National Champions.

SUNDAY 20th JULY

BOYS . . . Hardy Spicer Judo Club, 11-00am. Please be on time.

SUNDAY 27th JULY

GIRLS . . . Hardy Spicer Judo Club, 11-00am *prompt!*

WOMEN . . . Hardy Spicer Judo Club, 1-00pm. Coach Roy Muller (back from Sweden).

OUT AND ABOUT

NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

There is to be a Course for the 'Area' referee qualification which is open to candidates from 16 years of age with a minimum qualification of 6th Kyu. It will be held at the Midlands Arts Centre on 20th July and the Instructor will be Andy McWhirter. More details from Harry Percival—Phone 38 56415. Fee £5 including practical and examination and award.

From Dave Anderson . . . Chapelhouse Boys Club.

On 11th May Chapelhouse took its Members to the Middlesex Association of Boys Clubs Judo Championships which is an unusual Event in that it is restricted to Clubs affiliated to the National Association of Boys Clubs.

The standard was very good and it was noticeable that

the speed of the players in all weights was superior to that of Chapelhouse. Of the twenty-two boys that we took, thirteen were knocked out in the first round, five were defeated in the second round but Paul Frankum came back through the repechage at Under 70kgs and won a bronze medal.

Three were defeated in the third round with Darren Gay at Under 50kgs making the final only to lose on 'Hantei.'

So we came away with a silver and a bronze but with lots of valuable experience gained.

Referees have the most difficult job of all to control fights, but never again will I criticise the Midland Area Officials after witnessing the 'antics' of their counterparts at this Event.



MIDLAND BOYS IN THE ENGLISH SCHOOLBOYS TEAM

OLYMPIC DAY

Home International for Schoolboys, England v Scotland. *Report and Photographs from Brian Chamberlain.*

For the Home International, the England Team contained three Midland Area Players. Dean Binner at U31kg, Michael Chamberlain U37kg and Neil Jones U50kg and figured in good wins with England, managed by Ray Neenan, proving easy 5-1 winners.

On the same day was the Schoolboys National Junior Team Championship which were fought in three Groups—Senior, Intermediate and Junior the Midlands interest were in Teams from Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Shropshire.

Sandwell and Wolverhampton were drawn with London in the first group which led to the elimination of

Sandwell and Wolverhampton topping the Pool and going on to the final to whitewash their opponents 5-0. In the Intermediate section the Wolverhampton team lost what chance they had of qualifying for the knockout when at 2-2 in one contest their final player went missing!

In the Junior category Sandwell fought through to a bronze medal whilst Wolverhampton again made the final with Hants. In a cracker of a final and scores at 2-2 with the Midlands Club behind on points the last player came good to score ippon for the gold. So two out of three titles to Wolverhampton and a very worthwhile day for everyone concerned, but what a long day, arriving back home at midnight suffering from 'minibus lag' and motorway Café stomach.

BITS AND PIECES

...NEWS AND COMMENT IN BRIEF

This picture, taken at the British Open was intended for publication under the title of 'Past and Present' (Chief Executive Officers that is) with present CEO Graham Perkins meeting up with his predecessor Tony Johnson and no doubt swapping experiences.

However, as Graham has tended his resignation and will shortly be leaving us for other pastures, perhaps it should be titled: 'Going and Gone'.

The job of CEO is described in administrative circles in several ways, the most polite being, 'a killer', and although it does not seem to have actually killed off anyone yet, it certainly is a hard position to keep filled.

Whilst I have often been directly critical of administration whilst under Graham's control, it is certainly not possible to fault his dedication and the hours and effort he has put into the task are quite daunting. It is in the application of this effort where things seem to have gone wrong, often through no fault of the CEO. We wish him well.



At the Printers this week is our new Kyu Grade Syllabus Book. Similar in style to the Junior Book with technical direction again by Roy Inman, it is a considerable improvement on our first publication and presents all the Syllabus photographs in grade order, in clear detail.

If you saw our first book, (now out of print) you will like this one much more as technically it is a great improvement and is in the handy A5 size which you can just stick in with your kit. Price is 95p per copy, plus 12p postage and packing, or 75p in 12 or more quantities. Postage on 12 copies is £1.21.

Advance orders to: MAM, 201 Hydes Road, West Bromwich B71 2EQ. Please allow ten days for distribution.

At the Conference of Directors of Examiners held at the Europa Lodge Hotel, West Bromwich, over the weekend of 13th 14th June the recommendation that Club Coaches be allowed to conduct Theory Examinations up to one grade below their own grade was approved and sent to the Management Committee for ratification.

This means that active Club Coaches will be able to conduct Syllabus Examinations in their own and neighbouring Clubs before sending their candidates for practical examination. Examiners may still make spot checks on Theory as required.

It is likely that the Area will hold a one day course to go through examination procedures with Coaches beforehand. Watch for details.

If you want a 'Judo Job' at £9,000 per annum, the post of Chief Executive will be advertised in the next BJA Newsletter. Write to Charles Palmer, O.B.E., for details.

A British Young Women's Team went to Konigswinter, near Cologne, in Germany for the German Open held on 7th June, which is restricted to the age group from 14 to 18 years.

This is an annual Event quite rightly regarded by the Germans as the 'European' Championships for young women and with 350 competitors from seven Nations their claims are well founded.

Nations entering Teams were: West Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland, France, Holland, Sweden and Austria, and in the final result it was Britain who topped the medal chart.

Midlands representation in the Team included Sandy Fry at Under 48 kilos where she won the Gold medal with an excellent display of attacking Judo in the early rounds only to make her final fights more difficult for herself by tactical battles which almost cost her the final against Delmer of Germany. Sandy finally won on a Koka from drop-knee seionage scored early in the contest.

Julie Dyke also got her second international badge with a steady display losing to Kesagatame from Lange of Germany in the fight for the Bronze medal. With some work on throwing techniques and speed of entry, Julie has a great future in prospect.

Other British medal winners were: Susan Goodwin (Gold Under 44 kilos), Loretta Doyle (Gold Under 52 kilos), Lisa Jones (Silver Under 60 kilos), Tina Patterson (Bronze Under 48 kilos), Diane Bell (Bronze Under 56 kilos), Theresa Griffiths (Bronze Under 56 kilos) and Anne Newton (Bronze Over 65 kilos).

WINN BOLTON

I have been accused by no less a person than our Chairman, Charles Palmer, of writing and editing a "scurrilous publication" and engaging in "yellow-sheet journalism".

His complaints stem mainly from my criticism in this column of the BJA Head Office administration and the short-comings of the Finance Sub-Committee and the Financial Advisor in the May and June editions.

Charles has declined my invitation to write for the magazine explaining his refusal with the question "Why should I help you sell magazines?" But, to show that there are two sides to every story I thought you should be aware of his feelings.

Obviously I do not think my articles need any defending but if they can be shown to be untrue, then I will publish an immediate retraction and explanation. In the meantime... I could think of numerous reasons why the Chairman of the BJA should help the Area to sell its magazines to the biggest Club Membership in the BJA.

News that the Scottish Judo Federation is on the verge of arranging a sponsorship deal for the whole of Scottish Judo for the next 12 months was confirmed this week.

Centre of Excellence Squads are now slightly re-arranged.

The Men's Squad takes place on the Second Sunday in every month at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, at 11:00am, Coach Harry Hobbs. Everyone is welcome to train with the Squad, mat fee just 50p.

The Boy's Squad is on the Third Sunday of every month, at Hardy Spicer Judo Club, Edington, Birmingham, at 11:00am, Coach Bruce Newcombe. The Girl's and Women's Squads, at 11:00am and 1:00pm respectively, also at Hardy Spicer Judo Club, on the Last Sunday in every month.

The newly formed County Junior Squads are welcome to come and train with the Area Squads. County Organizers should contact the Squad Managers first to ensure that the date is suitable.

There is a National Course for Certificated Referees over the weekend of 4th 5th October 1980, at Crystal Palace.

Fees are: Non-Resident £8, Residential £20. A reduction of £3 will be given to all National Referees who attend. Applications to: E. Wilkin, 14 High Broom Crescent, West Wickham, Kent.

RAF Cosford have a flourishing Judo Club which is not restricted to RAF Membership and visitors are very welcome.

Their practice night is on Tuesdays and J/T P. E. Griffiths, ARTF, 'D' Lines, RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton, will tell you how to get there.

Finally... At a meeting of the European Judo Union in Berne in April, it was discovered that only 14 out of the 28 Member Federations had paid their annual subscriptions and a resolution was passed that Member Nations that hadn't paid would not be able to vote, and, that their fighters would not be allowed to compete in European Championships.

This could be quite amusing as the only Members who have paid their fees amongst those that have entered the European Team Championships in October are the hosts Holland, Poland, West Germany and Switzerland. Should be quite an Event. Fees for 1981 have gone up!

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Once again the British 'Closed' Championships with Medals by the Trika Sports Limited will be held at Haden Hill in the normal weight categories. Accommodation has been reserved at the Europa Lodge Hotel at advantageous rates but must be booked by Saturday 16th August. Pre-paid booking cards are available from Frank Smith, address below. Entry is restricted to BJA Members minimum Senior Grades of 2nd Kyu. Entry fee is £2.50 per Event and fines for non-production of licence will be imposed at the equivalent of the entry fee. *Late entries or telephone entries will not be accepted.* Closing Date . . . Friday 22nd August 1980. Method of competition 1st round Pool, 2nd round Knockout and Repechage. Open Category Knockout and Repechage only. Other details as per 4 Star Tournament Handbook. Weigh in, Friday 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm Europa Lodge. 9.00 am to 9.45 am Saturday 30th August Haden Hill. Entry forms with the correct entry fee and a stamped addressed envelope should be sent to Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands by the closing date shown. Please fill in the following if accommodation booking forms are required.

Please send Europa Lodge booking form for.....persons.

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Event 2—Over 60k Under 65k

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Event 3—Over 65k Under 71k

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Event 4—Over 71k Under 78k

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Event 5—Over 78k Under 86k

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Event 6—Over 86k Under 95k

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Event 7—Over 95k

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Event 8—Open Category

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BJA MIDLAND AREA THE FIRST INTER-COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE—SATURDAY 14th JUNE, 1980



**Milton Keynes Girls
win 2nd Round fight**

'First' is obviously relative to modern times when referring to the Inter-County Championships, as many of you will remember the very successful Senior County Championships which used to be held in the Midland Area.

These were probably the origins of the competitive strength of the Area and from seeing the response to the new Junior Event there is every indication that these will produce better contest technique amongst our youngsters.

The County Squad organizers had done a marvellous job getting the new Teams together and arranging training sessions and equipment, and deserve great credit for helping produce the basis of an exciting annual competition. With the continuation of the County Squads throughout the year, working in conjunction with the Area Squads, we should give all our youngsters even greater chance of success at National level.

With the slight hiccup produced by the Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes Teams arriving nearly an hour late coupled with the re-arrangement necessary when Team Managers found that their players had to meet minimum as well as maximum weight requirements, we were inevitably late starting, but this did not appear to have dampened enthusiasm one bit.

From the first fight the atmosphere was terrific and support for the Teams tremendous, with the Derbyshire boy's team showing the way with a noisy yet skilful win over Milton Keynes 8-0. Milton Keynes boys were not having a very comfortable day for in their next bout they lost 9-1 to Shropshire, who then went on to beat the fancied Derbyshire Team 6-3 to top the Pool.

Birmingham in topping Pool Two were fortunate to meet depleted Teams, beating Leicestershire 6-4 and Northampton 4-2, which shows the value of putting out a full team whatever their competitive experience. Northamptonshire came second with a 5-1 win over Leicestershire.

Pool Three produced the first surprise with the Hereford and Worcestershire Team overwhelming Staffordshire 10-0, and then narrowly losing to the West Midlands Team, who then beat Staffordshire 9-1, to take first place.

Hereford and Worcestershire had not been expected to field a strong squad but they arrived with good standard players in all weight categories, immaculately presented in coffee and cream coloured tracksuits and went on to show some very good Judo.

In the second round of two Pools Shropshire and Northamptonshire both fell to Hereford and Worcestershire, whilst the West Midlands boys beat Birmingham and Derbyshire to produce two tremendous semi-finals . . . Derbyshire v Hereford and Worcestershire, and West Midlands v Shropshire.



**Richardson (Northampton) v
Howlett (Birmingham)**



**A. Ralphs (Shropshire) holds
R. Holmes (Milton Keynes)**



**R. Evans (West Midlands) v
S. Lytchey (Milton Keynes)**



Leicestershire Girl's Team



West Midlands Boy's Team



The smallest competitor A. Hart, Derbyshire



Karen Wilcox v Michelle Kinsey

The West Midlands proved too strong throughout the weight categories for the Shropshire Team and made the final quite comfortably 8-1 with Shropshire earning a creditable Bronze, whilst in the other semi-final amid absolute uproar each Team scored five individual wins with Hereford winning by just two points.

In the final after seven fights it was West Midlands three wins and 23 points, Hereford and Worcestershire three wins and 25 points and one bout drawn, but the three heavyweights of the Midlands Team took three Ippons to clinch the title after a marvellous match.

If anything the Girl's contests were even noisier than the Boy's and in this tremendous atmosphere Shropshire and Leicestershire went through eliminating Derbyshire, Milton Keynes and West Midlands went through eliminating Northamptonshire and Hereford and Worcestershire went through eliminating Staffordshire with Birmingham taking second place.

The second round produced Milton Keynes and Hereford and Worcestershire as one semi-final with Birmingham and West Midlands as the other, as Leicestershire and Northamptonshire dropped out. Once again in a terrific match Milton Keynes and Hereford and Worcestershire drew five wins each with Hereford and Worcestershire going into the final on points scored and West Midlands eliminated Birmingham who picked up the Bronze medal 6-2.

So in the Girl's match the same finalists as in the Boy's and again the same result with West Midlands winning the Inter-County trophy 5-4.

Without doubt this was one of the best Junior Events we have seen for a while and if the Counties of Lincolnshire, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire start now they should have strong Teams for next year's Event. To those that did take part, congratulations on your efforts, especially to the organizers, let's hope this smashing spirit can be kept going.

JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

"OVERHEARD"

I would enjoy Judo much more if it were not so confusing. Would you please explain what is going on. *Certainly. The object is either to throw your opponent or otherwise gain a submission from a strangle or an armlock.*

But how do they score points . . . there's three sets of numbers on each scoreboard?

Well you see, an outright win is called Ippon and is not shown as such on the board, but there are minor scores called Koka, Yuko and Wazari. Let's watch the fight and I will explain as we go along.

Why is that chap in the blazer giving a Nazi salute?

That isn't a salute, it's the referee's signal for a Koka. Red scores three points.

Red . . . who?

The chap on the right is wearing a red belt.

But, I thought he was a black belt.

He is, but contestants wear red and white belts for ease of identification. There you are he's scored another Koka.

So he's got six now!

No, it's still only worth three . . . hold it, white's got a Yuko . . . that's worth five and now he's leading.

What is Ippon worth?

Ten points.

Well, if he gets two Yukos does that equal Ippon?

No, because minor scores are not cumulative. But if he gets two Wazaris then that equals Ippon.

So Wazari is worth five as well is it?

No, it's worth seven.

But . . . two sevens are fourteen, not ten.

I know, but Wazari on its own is worth seven but in conjunction with another it is deemed to equal Ippon.

Well why not have Wazari equal five then it would make sense.

That's impossible because Yuko equals five.

So if a Koka and a Yuko are scored then that's worth eight?

I am afraid not, it's still only worth five, as I have said, scores are not cumulative.

That's not true, you said two Wazaris equal Ippon.

Ah, but that's not quite the same. Hello, white has just got a Shido. That's a three point penalty against him.

I see, so now he's only got two points?

Er . . . no, because penalties are not deductible or cumulative just as scores are not cumulative. Hey, just look he committed the same offence again, that's a five point penalty.

You just said that penalties are not cumulative but he commits the same offence twice and his penalty goes up from three to five.

Yes . . . well . . . er . . . it's . . . you see . . . er, well it's really a more severe penalty for committing the same offence twice.

So when he pulls off the same techniques twice and scores two Kokas why does he not get a Yuko . . . in other words operate a similar system with the scores as with the penalties?

Be quiet . . . I am trying to watch this fight!

Tell me, what happens if there are no scores or penalties when the contest ends? Is it a draw?

The referee and judges award a one point win to the best man, we do not have draws.

So, tell me, what does Hikewaki mean then?

That's a draw.

You said 'We do not have draws'.

We do in Team contests.

Are you trying to be funny?

No . . . no . . . Sorry, by the way what do you do for a living?

I am a mathematician!

**JUDO IS . . . Like sex.
When it's good it's great.
When it's bad it's still OK.**



NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN-1980

Horwich Leisure Centre, Bolton, 7th June—N.W. open Championships, 8th June

I should think that, this, our least successful year as far as Senior Women Players are concerned is an obvious reflection of the interest shown by the Midland Area Women Members in Squad sessions and training in general. Only a very few train adequately and selection for the Area Teams tends to be treated by them as a chore rather than an achievement and some selected players could not even be bothered to turn up and fight.

Over the last three or four years, there has been a steady decline in the involvement of Women at senior level despite the Area offering just about every opportunity of varied activity possible and the response at the Midland Area Championships has been abysmal. This year nearly £600 was spent in taking two Area Teams to the National Championships and a further £400 has been lost in staging Women's Events and Squad sessions. It remains to be seen how long the Area Committee will tolerate such a situation without more involvement by the Women.

This contrasts strangely with the Junior Girl's Squad and both the Boy's and Men's Squads which have a very high level of activity and involvement and as a consequence they benefit from a greater Area commitment when seeking financial assistance.

Having said that, we did manage to get two Teams together for the National Championships which were . . . A Team: Moira Howard, Bernie Ring, Wendy Goodall, Jane Skivington, Sharon Norman, Bernie Alltoft and Louise Duke, and B Team: Yvonne Collins, Alison Clarke, Denise Fiddler, Celine Dufficy, Chrissie Brennan, Sarah Hewlett and Anne-Marie Hall. Travelling as reserves were Fay Moran and Anne Adams, and accommodation was at the *Crest Hotel*, Bolton, which was some five miles from the Sports Centre.

A rather unkind draw did nothing to help our chances for the A Team giving us the North-West in our Pool who were obviously going to be in amongst the medals with a very strong Team on their home ground. The first fight gave us a comfortable win against the Northern Area 5-1, and then another win against NHC B 4-1, until losing to the North-West 5-1, to come second in the Pool and go through into the quarter-final against Northern Ireland, who were fielding a Team for the first time ever. What a good Team it

was! Only Louise Duke of the Midlands managing a win though Chrissie Brennan fought a tremendous bout to earn a draw at Under 66 kilos. So 4-1 to Northern Ireland, who went on to meet the North-West in an exciting final—the North-West winning 4-2.

A very capable performance from the North-West with Jane Bridge at Under 48 kilos streets ahead in skill and fitness, with Fowley, Hughes and Wantling almost 'banker' wins in every match to assure them of the title.

The Midlands B Team lost to Scotland 4-2 in a close fight, to Northern Ireland 5-2 and beat Wales 4-1, but failed to make the second round. Some excellent performances from Chrissie Brennan, who later moved into the A Team for the quarter-final and from young Anne-Marie Hall who fought sensibly in every bout.

Wendy Goodall was unfortunate in being over-powered in the weight at which she was selected and in making the Under 60 kilos category in the North-West Open on the Sunday won a Bronze medal showing how much happier she was with fighter girls. Wendy could probably make 56 kilos at which weight she would be a useful fighter.

Congratulations to juniors Denise Fiddler, Celine Dufficy and Louise Duke who all fought well, let us hope that next year we can get all our leading players together regularly and do ourselves justice and get back in amongst the medals.

In the North-West Open Event on the Sunday several players would not enter because of the rather strange weight categories . . . Under 52 kilos, 52-60 kilos, 60-72 kilos and Over 72 kilos . . . which is all the more odd when one considers that there were 15 Teams already there in even distribution of the normal weights yet over a half of them did not fight on the Sunday.

A good example of the difficulties caused were our two lightweights, Louise Duke and Anne-Marie Hall, who at Under 47 kilos and Under 44 kilos would have been fighting girls up to 52 kilos. In Anne-Marie's case this would have been a quarter of her body weight. Anne Adams at 60.5 kilos would have to fight women up to 12 kilos heavier, nearly two stone difference.

However, a more successful day for our entries with Chrissie Brennan winning the Gold at Under 60 kilos beating Anne Hughes in a tremendous final, a Bronze medal for Wendy as mentioned and a Silver medal for Bernie Ring at Under 72 kilos, losing to Joyce Malley in the final.



Chrissie Brennan—N.W. Open Champion
Silver—Anne Hughes



Midlands 'B' Team



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