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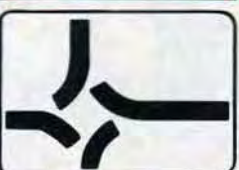
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FRANKLY

Well, for your sins, you have me for another twelve months and as a consequence must put up with my opinions in this column for a little longer. It should be noted however that opinions expressed by contributors to *Midlands Judo* are their own thoughts and ideas and do not necessarily represent Committee policy. In fact you will have seen letters and articles from Committee Members that disagree with Area commitment and that's really what this magazine is for. Information and opinion. So, feel free to contribute.

In this issue we have a report on the Midland Area Women's Championships which once again ran at a loss. I intend asking the Committee to agree to make future Women's Events 'Open' Championships as from the Area response it is obvious that a 'Closed' Championship is no longer viable. Your opinions on this would be appreciated.

Next month's *Midlands Judo* will carry in the centre pages a complete list of the Club addresses of grading venues and a feature on the Area Officials and newly Elected Officers with their addresses and telephone numbers. These sheets should be taken from your Club Copy and pinned to your notice board so that easy future reference can be made to them.

Great co-operation from most of the other Areas during the last month helping the sales of our syllabus book, with quantities going to Wales, the South, N.H.C. and the Northern Area, and the North West giving us a nice review in their News Letter, *Judo North West*. Many thanks to everyone who helped. By next month we should have recovered the cost of production in sales and advertising revenue.

Some unfortunate confrontations with a dissident Association concerning the staging of the Black Country Olympics have led to some uncertainty about the Event taking place. Under the governing rules B.J.A. Members may not compete with dissidents and therefore there will be no competition against the Team claiming to represent Walsall.

Under no circumstances must B.J.A. Members or Clubs fight for or against Teams which contain representatives of dissident organisations and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any Members or Club who does so.

Lastly many thanks to everyone who helped stage the British National Team and Individual Championships at Haden Hill. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

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STOP PRESS...

Neil Adams became European Under 71k Champion 1979 in Belgium, 26/5/79.

Area Women's Team won the Silver Medal in the National Team Championships at Haden Hill, 10/6/79.

LETTERS

I should like to reply to your note in the *Diary and Area News* column (May) which stated that "Men and Boys must wear Chests".

Here in Ilkeston we have a few nimble fingered females who would be only too pleased to knit some hand made fitted knitted chests, with crocheted chest hair as an added extra. The ladies would, of course, need to measure and fit these!

If, on the other hand, the men are searching for quick ready-made chests, we have three chests of drawers and one chest freezer we would be willing to offer on loan or long term contract.

Thank you for providing a little light relief . . .

WENDY McGUINNESS
Ilkeston

Ed: Orders direct to Wendy's knitters please not to the Editor. Who ever heard of a knit one purl one chest anyway? They're all mad!

Whilst at Wolverton helping New City Judo Club at their Jubilee Competition I was presented with a copy of *Midlands Judo*. As a recently elected member of the Northern Home Counties Area Committee, also Chairman of Oxford County, I must congratulate the Midland Area and everyone concerned in producing such a fine magazine . . . even surpassing the National effort at the present time. As I teach many youngsters the skills of Judo I know first hand how disappointed they are of the non-appearance of *British Judo* from HQ. Everyone in the Midlands, but youngsters in particular must feel they really belong to a good and well organised sport and I am sure that this will be reflected in the number of new members in the future. Again congratulations.

LES TYLER, 2nd Dan
Chinnor, Oxon.

Ed: Don't give up hope Les, British Judo is on its way and should be ready in the near future. Thanks for your comments.

I enclose cheque for the magazines and apologise for the lateness of payment.

The Club enjoys the magazines and Dave Walker especially enjoys John Beard's jokes about him. Incidentally Dave was asking where John practices so that he can thank him personally, can you advise me on this?

RON KNIGHT
Birmingham

Ed: Ha! well, it just so happens that John was saying that he needed to train a bit harder so I am sure he would welcome a little knock with Dave now and then. He goes to Pershore and Jubilee Club in Worcester and sometimes Austin on a Monday. By the way the name John Beard is somewhat of a misnomer . . . he has shaved it off. I wonder if he's in disguise?

I have just received my copy of the *Syllabus Book* and it's only MAGNIFICENT! But, why only 75p? It's underpriced.

BRYAN PERRIMAN

Ed: So buy some more!

IMPORTANT

If you are having a Club or local County or District Event, check with the Area first for date availability. Don't clash with other Events. Also tell *Midlands Judo* about it before and afterwards and get some details published. Good photographs also welcome.

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DIARY AND AREA NEWS

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS JULY

Sun 1st: Boys all Grades, Stafford 10-00am.

Sun 8th: Boys all Grades, Corby 10-00am.

Sun 8th: Mens Kyu Grades, Coventry 2-00pm.

Sun 15th: Boys all Grades, Pontesbury 9-30am.

Sun 15th: Girls all Grades, Pontesbury 9-30am.

Sun 15th: Girls all Grades, Yarborough 10-30am.

Sun 15th: Womens Ky Grades, Yarborough 1-00pm.

Sun 22nd: Girls all Grades, Wellingborough 10-00am.

Sun 29th: Mens Kyu Grades, Scunthorpe 1-00pm.

AUGUST

Sun 26th: Boys all Grades, Wellingborough 10-00am.

Sun 26th: Mens Kyu Grades, Worcester 10-00am.

Sun 26th: Girls all Grades, Midland Arts Centre 10-00am.

Sun 26th: Womens Kyu Grades, Midland Arts Centre 1-00pm.

DAN GRADING

Ryecroft Judo Club, Nottingham, Sunday 5th August at 10-00am. Note that this is for both Men and Women from 1st Kyu upwards.

DISSIDENT ORGANISATIONS

Remember Clubs and Members must not take part in Events run by or attended by dissident organisations nor must they visit non-BJA Clubs. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

CLUB GRADINGS

A proposal from the Examiner's Conference that only Area Gradings would be held from now on has been approved by the Midland Area Committee. There will be no more closed Club Gradings other than for assessments of transferred grades. Clubs requiring Examinations at their Clubs must contact Joe Ekins, Director of Examiners giving three months notice so the Examination can be publicised.

NOTE

Attendees at Area and Centre of Excellence Squads must show their Membership licence at each Squad Session. There can be no excuse!

SQUADS NEWS & REPORTS

JUNIOR GIRLS

Next Squad 22nd July 1979. Haden Hill Leisure Centre at 11-00am.

All present and previous Squad Members under 18 years of age on 11th November should attend. With the introduction of the Centre of Excellence Squads attendance is required at 70% per annum to qualify. Mat fee 30p.

Guest Coach: Dr. Phyllis Elliott, 3rd Dan.

WOMEN'S SQUAD

At Haden Hill Leisure Centre, 22nd July 1979 at 1-00pm. All Area Medallists should attend and all other Women welcome to come and train with the Area Squad. Do not be late.

BOY'S SQUAD

The Area Squad visited Wales on Friday 18th May for a match and training weekend with the Welsh Squads accompanied by a Men's Team representing Coventry Judo Club.

Accommodation was at the Afan Lido Sports Centre in Port Talbot and on Saturday morning the Welsh Coach John Reynolds escorted the Teams to Swansea Sports Centre for the matches.

Maintaining the Area's run of wins the Boy's A Team won their contest 8-1 with one drawn and the B Team won 6-2 with two drawn contests. Then there was a general practise until 1-00pm when they returned to Afan Lido for the Men to have a practise session. This was about two hours and was coached by Peter Donnelly.

Back to Swansea on Sunday morning to meet Alan Pethybridge with the Welsh Team and after a general warm up the Coventry Team faced the Welsh.

In a six man Team, Coventry won by five contests to one. Everyone in the Midlands Squads had a very enjoyable weekend and many thanks to Wales for their hospitality. We look forward to the return on our home patch.

Boy's Team

'A' Team

S. Ireland
M. Chamberlain
D. Ward
C. Bowater
P. Batchelor
D. Riley
M. Bowater
F. Davies
R. Dufficy
T. Walker

'B' Team

D. Binner
W. Keen
S. Bryan
M. Porter
M. Raine
A. Law
M. Russell
M. Ussher
A. Shaw
G. Handley

Reserves: M. Grundy, N. Jones, B. Collins, P. Miller, A. Binner.

Coventry Men's Team

J. Raines, F. Davies, B. Newcombe, A. Holt, R. Knight, M. Robbins and P. Donnelly.



CLOSE UP

PETER DONNELLY—3rd DAN
British Olympic Team Captain

Peter, one of the very few top contest players who chooses to stay living in the Midlands, has just taken the demanding decision to stop work and concentrate on Judo full time in order to achieve World and Olympic success. With some Sponsorship help and a Sports Aid Foundation grant he is just about making ends meet but life is never easy for British amateur sportsmen.

At present British Open Champion Peter last month achieved a creditable fifth place in the European Championships which shows the potential he has now he can train full time.

Now 27, Peter started Judo when he was 10 years of age at Castle Bromwich and when only 11 became British Schoolboys Champion which he retained through the various categories until he was 16.

One of the first and notable influences in his Judo career was Ken Webber who coached him for several years bringing him the Midland Area Championship and the Under-21 Years title three years in succession. He attained his Dan grade at 16 years of age and got into the Olympic Squad in 1972 at 22 years of age and subsequently won the Trials in 1974. Winning his first International badge at the Pre-Olympics in Montreal.

Peter then went on to win the Silver in the British Open in 1978 and a succession of Medals in 1979 including the Gold in the Taiwan Multi-Nations Tournament.

In his contest training Peter acknowledges the help he has received from Bob Trevis in the Midlands and ex-British Team Manager Ray Ross and now he attributes a great deal of his success in 1979 to Tony Macconnel and Dave Starbrook.

Peter teaches at the B.A.J. Club in Birmingham and at Coventry J.C. on Wednesdays and trains an average of 4½ hours every day.

Other successes are, Silver . . . Dutch Open 1979, Bronze . . . Polish Multi-Nations, Bronze . . . Swedish Open, both 1979.

JUNIOR MIDLANDS JUDO



Find the Judo word

Contributions from Under 16's are invited for these pages which we hope will be a regular feature. The first Contribution is from Susan Lee of Wem who has compiled this Judo 'Seek-a-Word' puzzle. See how many of the Judo words and names you can find. They can go in any direction including diagonally. One Clue...some read backwards.

Armlock	Brian Jacks
CHUI	Grades
IPPON	Japan
IKAN	JUDO GI
KOKA	KYU
MON	Neil Adams
OBI	Opponent
Shido	Strangle
Toketa	Tori
Tournament	UKE

Competition Tip

This is SANGAKUJIME. Armlocks and strangles are 'in' for 1979 for Juniors above certain weights. Sangakujime or triangular strangulation is a very popular strangle applied with a combination of leg and arm pressure. It can be applied in a variety of positions. Ask your Coach how to apply it and see what variations you can find. Only practise strangles when your Coach is present.



So, you think you know who's who in Judo?

Well, if you can identify all of the people pictured below you could win a prize of a terrific picture enlargement of European and British Open Champion Neil Adams scoring Ippon with Uchimata in the British Open 1979. The photo is tinted and mounted on white card worth over £5.00.

Send your entries to 'The Editor', Midlands Judo, 201 Hydas Road, West Bromwich by the 20th of the month. Quote your Membership Number and Club and say what your favourite technique is.

The first three correct answers opened win the prizes.

Right, here we go...

1 An easy one to start with. Who is this British International. Now a National Team Manager?



UNDER 14's WHO DO YOU KNOW?

3 This is an all Midlands line up. Who are the three seated Team Members whose faces are visible?



2 Now a bit of a teaser. If you know the style of the attacker, you will know who it is without seeing his face.

4 Four National Squad Players facing the camera in this picture all won Medals at the British Open. Who are they?



5 Lastly, who are these two distinguished gentlemen?

MIDLAND AREA WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, MAY 12th, 1979

Whether it was the rearranged date or the sunny weather that was responsible for the disappointing entry to the Midland Area Women's Championships cannot be assessed. What was definite was that a lot of contest Women did not enter for a variety of reasons and with only 60 Competitors we had the smallest Event for a number of years. But for the number of the Junior Girls' Squad who had been asked to enter to get some experience in strangles and armlocks, it would have been a very poor entry indeed.

Lethargy amongst the Women has now made it almost certain that next year the Midland Area will be an Open Event as the Area cannot sustain losses the size of those made on this Event.

Many of the Junior entries were in the Under 48k class which had just Fay Moran of the Bushido over 18 years of age and Junior Champions Linda Stuart, Louise Duke and Jackie Stuart looked as if they might push Sandy Fry for the title. Linda topped her pool with three wins with Louise coming second by just one point with Juniors Angela Belton and Tracy White being eliminated whilst Sandy Fry scored two Ipons from holds to beat Fay Moran into second place in Pool 2. Two strangles in the Semi-finals saw Sandy and Linda, both from the Shin Wa Kwai into the final with Linda a little worried that she was meeting the National Junior Champion. In the best match of the day I and nearly everyone in the Arena thought that Linda had won the contest on hantei but the three referees unanimously gave it to Sandy giving her the Senior Championships at just 16 years of age.

Quite a turn up in Event two 48-52k when Junior Champion Andrea Trigg beat International and trials winner Bernie Croke by Ipon from kesagatame in the first fight and so beat her into second place in the Pool whilst Hilda Callaghan topped Pool 2 from Elaine Miller. Elaine then met Andrea in the semi-final and renewed an old acquaintance, with Elaine winning with an armlock to go into the final against Bernie who had beaten Hilda by yuko. Bernie proved too experienced for Elaine who in her first Senior Championships picked up the silver after submitting to a good strangle. What a situation for Andrea who had beaten the Gold Medallist and lost to the Silver Medallist and won a bronze herself.

The under 56kilo class had a strong entry with Chrissy Brennan favourite and still only 17 years of age and sure enough she beat Janet Howard, Bridgnorth with a hold for Ipon in the final. Isobel Houston, Corby, and Vanessa Williams won the bronze with Debbie Clewes

and Karen Inwood surprisingly being eliminated. Julie Cross was the seeded No. 1 in Event 4 (Under 61k) with Jane Skivington heading the other Pool and sure enough these were to be the finalists with Julie winning with the best throw of the day for Ipon from seotoshi.

Previous Champion Bernie Duffey won bronze whilst Karen Hewitt in her first Senior Championships won the other and scored forty one points towards her 1st Dan in doing so.

There were insufficient entries for the 61-66k category and only four in Event 6 66-72k which Bernie Ring won from Geraldine Harmon, by a koka. Only one fight in the over 72k, really just to decide squad placings and Moira Howard won this by holding Yvonne Collins, which, is easier said than done!

Event 9 was the Kyu grade contest up to 5th Kyu and here Jackie Stuart of the Shin Wa Kwai went one better than her sister by winning the Gold from Marcia Hunter of the BAI with kesagatame. June Cash, Edgbaston and Nicole Perry BAI won the bronze medals.

In the Up to 1st Kyu contest a number of Juniors were trying their luck but Debbie Clewes really started turning it on in the knockout round to win the Gold from Karen Hewitt with a hold for Ipon. Joanne Kennedy and Sonia Wright took the bronze.

All the big guns were in the Open with the four most likely making the semi-finals. Julie Cross against Geraldine Harmon who had suffered from unkind draws all day, and Moira Howard again meeting Yvonne Collins. Julie came out as Open Champion by beating Moira with a hold after scoring a koka to steal the semi-final from Geraldine.

In the Team Events Burton were worthy Gold Medallists with the Bushido A runners-up by just 5 points whilst BAI and Bushido B took the bronze Medals.

A terrific day for the Shin Wa Kwai with three Individual Golds and a Silver with all the girls young enough to be around for quite a while and a future at International level for all of them which reflects great credit on their Coach Terry Alltoft. Whilst lacking slightly in throwing skills they are all demons on the ground despite being mostly lightweights and they are a great asset to the Area Squad. Frank Elrington's girls from the Bushido are also recapturing some of their former glory and a welcome return to contest by Pat Elrington strengthened their Team enormously. Kathy Fawkes also did a similar job for the BAI though with 12 individual Medals going to girls who still qualify for the Junior Squad our Area future is obviously with the youngsters.



Sonia Wright releases a strangle after scoring Ipon.



Karen Inwood attacking in the Kyu grade category.

RESULTS

Under 48k

48-52k

52-56k

56-61k

61-66k

66-72k

Over 72k

Kyu Grades
to 5th KyuKyu Grades
to 1st Kyu

Teams of Four

OPEN

GOLD

Sandy Fry

Bernie Croke

Chris Brennan

Julie Cross

Insufficient entries

B. Ring

M. Howard

Jackie Stuart

Debbie Clewes

Burton

J. Cross

SILVER

L. Stuart

E. Miller

J. Howard

J. Skivington

G. Harmon

—

Marcia Hunter

Karen Hewitt

Bushido A.

M. Howard

BRONZE

L. Duke, F. Moran

A. Trigg, H. Callaghan

V. Williams, I. Houston

K. Hewitt, B. Duffey

A. Clarke, S. Wright

—

N. Perry, J. Cash

J. Kennedy, S. Wright

B.A.I., Bushido B.

G. Harmon, Y. Collins



Above . . . Chrissie Brennan holding Janet Howard to win the Gold 52-56k.

RIGHT . . . Linda Stuart skips around a seonage attempt by Sandy Fry.



CLUB VISIT

BUSHIDO-HOLY NAME



It is surprising that the BUSHIDO Holy Name Judo Club near the Scott Arms on Walsall Road, Great Barr is not one of the Clubs on the circuit for the Birmingham Area contest players for with a Wednesday and Friday practise night it offers great scope for another good work out. I visited on Friday of Bank Holiday week when I thought the Club would have been quiet but with a large Junior Section and a Senior Class of about thirty it was a very good night indeed.

The Club was founded in 1966 by Frank Elrington, 2nd Dan and Leo Harmon, 2nd Dan in order to bring additional activities to the already existing youth Club and so essentially became active as a Junior Club. Mats were borrowed from Dunlop Judo Club until enough money was raised for a 15' x 12' area and this was gradually added to until the present area of 20' x 40' was purchased. During his travels Frank met his wife Pat, already a Dan grade, at Crystal Palace and after a few more Judo/Courting dates started to go out together regularly until becoming married. Now they work as a Team teaching Juniors and Seniors aided by International Geraldine Harmon, Dan Grades Hilda Callaghan and Steve Kelley who is Geraldine's fiancé.

Other notable Club successes have been Christine Plakowski 1st Dan, now living in

London, Peter Plows now a member of the N.W. Area Squad and Robert Holden who is currently making great progress as a contest man. Until 1975 Frank was Midland Area Ladies Squad Manager and still maintains the Bushido tradition of producing good Women contest players with Geraldine, Hilda and Bernie Duffey in the Midland Area Team for the National Championships.

Geraldine defended her British National Championship title at Haden Hill last month and Hilda and Bernie are past Area Champions.

The Club, held in the Church Hall annex pays a rental to the Church which requires them to keep up the Club Members to meet the costs and on the present showing they will have no difficulty doing that.

There have been times when the Club has been so well off that the members took a trip to Holland and fought against French, Dutch and German teams who returned the compliment by having a return match at the Bushido.

Visitors are always welcome and Wednesday from 8pm is advanced Seniors practise with general Club practise on Fridays in a very friendly Club with a fine record of social activity as well as Judo success.

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JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

At the Conference of Examiners held in the Midlands in May, there were complaints from some Examiners that the theory section should be updated.

Brian Regan claimed that some techniques were very antiquated and asked how could candidates be judged on a technique that even the Examiner did not know. Ray Topple had a simple solution.

"Don't ask them to show you things you don't know!"

As he was making enquiries about the Dan Grading due to take place on the Sunday after the British Open at Crystal Palace, an Irishman was asked if he intended to take part.

"No" he replied, "I think I will take one of those non-combativity promotions instead."

Talking of Examinations, some of you will have seen our Area Promotion Syllabus book by now which has a photograph of each technique required in the Kyu Grade theory Examinations. What is not evident from the book was the extraordinary lengths we had to go before it was ready for production.

For instance there were no fewer than 21 films used for the photographs producing around 500 pictures many of which were immediately discarded and probably the one throw that seems to be the easiest to picture, Taitoshi resulted in no less than 26 different variations! However, in the end we seem to have got it right because Roy Inman, Chairman of the BJA Promotions panel has placed a substantial order as has the Dan grade registrar. Cost to Clubs buying twelve or more copies gives a substantial discount.

Anne Adams, your new Area secretary, found herself lumbered with a flat tyre on a Service Area on the M6. She telephoned for help saying that she had found the place where the 'thing' goes to lift the car up and she had found the 'thing' that unscrews the wheel but she couldn't get the hubcap off! Whilst seeking advice she suddenly interrupted saying, "Oh! Never mind, here comes a Knight in a shining Audii!"

How romantic . . .

Cobblers to Referees!

No, I am not trying to insult or upset the referees again. Any ref will tell you that a day's work on the mat not only gives you dirty feet, but it ruins your socks (from what I've heard it's almost ruined a few marriages too . . . when wives see the state of the socks).

A referee at the National Team Championships in Glasgow seems to have the answer, his special refereeing socks are soled and heeled with chamois leather! This could be a business opportunity for some enterprising shoe repairer.

The Rules have been changed.

A congress held last winter made several amendments to the IJF rules to take effect from 1st January 1979.

Our Area officially got to know about them on 19th May.

Well, it's better late than never hearing about them at all.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new nurse, Jane, who attended the Women's Event at Haden Hill. It is hoped that she will brighten up all our Championships in the future, but please note she will not be giving Medical help to anyone injured in the crush when the call goes out for volunteers to put away the mats. Nor will she be giving the kiss of life to male Competitors!

NOTE . . . I have from time to time mentioned 'Midland Area Marketing' and I would like to point out that the venture is not my own. It is run by the Area and there are no ill gotten gains for anybody but the Area . . . unfortunately.



CLUB AFFILIATIONS

1979 affiliations have not yet been received in the Area from the following list of Clubs. All these Clubs should send affiliation forms (obtainable from Head Office) with a £5 fee to the Membership Secretary, B.J.A., 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1DR at once. No further circulations will be received by non-Member Clubs after this month.

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St. Johns	Stone	St. Thomas
Trent Polytechnic	Sukoshi Samuri	Tennal
	Tubes	Worcester Judo Society

Any Club which has applied for Affiliation quite recently should ignore this notice as they take a couple of weeks to process through to the Area.

Conference of Examiners—

Derby Judo Club, 13th May.

Notes of Interest arising from the Examiner's Conference and some of the proposals made by them which have since been ratified by the Area Committee are as follows.

Licences—Members should be aware that Junior (Under 16 years) may hold a Senior licence and a Senior grade. A Senior Grade will not be recorded on a Junior Licence. The holding of a Senior Grade does not preclude Juniors from entering Junior Competitions and vice versa.

With the new registration system for Membership; fines will again be strictly applied for Examinees who do not produce a licence at Gradings.

After discussing the BJA Policy document regarding Promotion Examinations the following was agreed.

For Theory Examination the National requirements would be adopted. "4 from the section relevant to the Candidates grade. One from each of the previous sections. Of those at least 50% must be right in order to pass."

There will be no closed 'Club' gradings held in the Midlands in future.

All Examinations will be Open Area Gradings. Three months notice must be given by Clubs requesting Examinations, to ensure publicity.

The fee for Theory Examinations will be discontinued and included in the price of the Midland Area Theory Examination Cards. (30p).

Theory Examination cards are available from Brian Rowlands at 34 Drayton Lane, Drayton Bassett, Staffs, only to Club and County Coaches eligible to conduct Examinations and Examiners.

The syllabus qualification if taken separately is valid for 6 months.

Those people who would like to qualify as Referees but feel they would like some practice at Examinations first should contact Joe Ekins, 50 Headingly Road, Rushden, Northants.

Area photographic Syllabus Books will be available from all Examiners. (75p).



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