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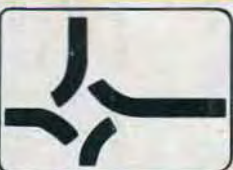
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You should be receiving this magazine just about on time after the difficulty we had in May due to the Printer's Union strikes which of course we could do nothing about. However, we apologise to our readers and new subscribers who got off to a bad start last month.

The BJA are also having their share of difficulties and the Annual General Meeting advertised for June has been cancelled as the Rembrandt Hotel has been sold and will be unavailable on the date required.

The new date of the AGM is expected to be September 6th—7th though a venue has not yet been arranged.

You might have seen on Saturday 17th May the BBC Grandstand Coverage of the *Alka-Seltzer* British Open Championships when the spotlight was put on the British Olympic Squad. I personally thought that this was one of the best Judo coverages we have had and although Stuart Storey, the Commentator, was struggling for words on occasions he did at least know enough to keep an uneducated audience interested. It also showed that regular TV exposure is possible at the minimum of expense and completely belies the claims made by one of the Independent TV Companies in the letter sent in by Karl Bacon on page 4.

I suggest you all write to the Company concerned and give them your opinion.

For those of you that think you have difficulty getting a reply from the BJA Head Office take comfort from the fact that you are not on your own and consider the following . . . In January I telephoned Tony Reay, The Development Officer and asked if he was to circularize the rules for this year's National Junior Championships. Whether they were to be for Under 16's or Under 18's as in 1979 and whether armlocks and strangles were to be permitted. He didn't know, but said he would look into it. The conversation was repeated with Graham Perkins in February and again in March and two letters have been written addressed to the C.E.O. with the same query, and, finally we used the pages of *Midlands Judo* to try and draw attention to the fact that no Official notification had been sent out. If anyone knows . . . please tell us!

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IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE

**British National Championships
for Men (Closed)—Haden Hill
now Saturday 30th August 1980**

LETTERS

You might be interested in the reply I received from London Weekend TV after writing to the Media to complain about the lack of coverage of the World Judo Championships held in Paris.

Karl Bacon

"Dear Mr Bacon,
Thank you for your letter which has been passed on to me. I am sorry that we did not manage to show anything from the World Judo Championships. As a matter of fact we did enquire from French TV whether they were prepared to let us have items of British interest, and they told us we had to be prepared to share the costs of their entire telecast. I am afraid we did not consider this reasonable as we had already planned a full programme of Events for December.

By and large we do not use Events which have dated much more than this—exceptions are parts of general American package deals which come to us on very favourable terms. Their results, also, are not often known over here! May I also say that top level Judo is not, in my opinion, very satisfactory TV, that is immediately comprehensible and attractive to the general viewer—which gymnastics and swimming are. This is in no way to play down the importance of Judo in sport as a whole, but to explain

why it is relatively rarely seen on British TV."

Tony McCarthy.

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Thank you very much for your letter and all the material which I received today. The postal service is notoriously bad here, but I think three months in transit takes the prize. Never mind, I received everything at last and certainly enjoyed reading the latest news on the Judo front.

We are rapidly coming to the end of our year here and it has certainly been interesting and useful especially since I've been able to visit many of the other islands in the Caribbean as well. Unfortunately Jamaica is going through a rather rough time at the moment. Elections will be held in the next few months and political intimidation and violence is being stepped up all the time. At ghetto level politics is a 'bread and butter' matter and patronage and corruption is rife. I do hope things will improve after the elections . . .

Lena Strang
Kingston, Jamaica.

Editor: Don't worry Lena, three months to Jamaica isn't all that bad. It takes three months to get a BJA licence from Bristol to Birmingham. The elections seem a bit like the IJF Congress.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

JUNE 1980

Sun 1st June: Mens Kyu Grades, Derby JC, 10.00am. Womens Kyu Grades, 10.00am.

Sun 1st June: Boys all Grades, Pontesbury 9.30am. Girls all Grades, 9.30am.

Sun 8th June: Mens Kyu Grades, Wellingborough 10.00am.

Sun 15th June: Boys all Grades, Nottingham 10.00am.

Sun 15th June: Mens Kyu Grades, Nunsfield 10.00am. Womens Kyu Grades, 12 noon.

Sun 15th June: Boys all Grades, Midland Arts Centre 10.00am. Girls all Grades 1.00pm.

Sun 22nd June: Girls all Grades, GKN Sankey 10.00am. Boys all Grades, 10.00am.

Sun 29th June: Mens Kyu Grades, Scunthorpe 1.00pm.

Sun 8th June: Boys Beginner to Third Mon, Linton JC, 10.00am.

JULY 1980

Sun 6th July: Boys all Grades, Kidderminster 10.00am. Girls all Grades, Kidderminster 1.00pm.

Sun 6th July: Mens Kyu Grades, Pontesbury 1.30pm.

Sun 13th July: Boys all Grades, Kettering 10.00am.

Sun 20th July: Boys all Grades, Yarborough 10.00am. Girls 10.00am.

Sun 20th July: Boys all Grades, Grimsby 10.00am. Girls all Grades 10.00am.

Sun 20th July: Boys all Grades, Scunthorpe 10.00am. Girls all Grades 10.00am.

Sun 27th July: Womens Kyu Grades, Grimsby 10.00am. Girls all Grades 10.00am.

Sun 27th July: Boys Fourth Mon and above, Linton 10.00am.

DIARY OF EVENTS

June 7th: National Team Championships for Women. Horwich Sports Centre, Bolton. The Area will be entering two teams. Come and support them.

June 8th: NW Area Open Championships for Women. Horwich Sports Centre, Bolton. For details and entry forms contact Peter Holme, NW Area Secretary (Tel: 0539 23037).

June 8th: Southern Area Open Kyu Grade Championships. Details and entry forms from Ellen Cobb (Tel: 0252 45837).

June 14th: First Inter-County Championships. Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Warley. Entry via selection by your County Organiser. Details in May issue of *Midlands Judo*.

June 15th: Men's Centre of Excellence Squad. Venue Coventry, for this session only. Session commences at 11-00am.

June 21st: Western Area Open Junior Boy's Championships. To be held at Bristol.

June 22nd: Dan Grading. At Haltemprice Sports Centre, commencing at 11-30am.

June 22nd: Boy's Centre of Excellence Squad. Hardy Spicer Judo Club, commencing at 11-00am.

June 29th: Girl's and Women's Centre of Excellence Squads. Hardy Spicer Judo Club. Girls at 11-00am, Women at 1-00pm—please do not be late.

July 5th: British National Closed Championships for Women. Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Warley. Entry form within this magazine. This Event is sponsored by the *Sandwell Evening Mail*.

July 12th: Junior Championships. Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Warley. For lower grades up to Green for Girls and Orange for Boys—12th Mon Girls, 9th Mon Boys. Entry form within this magazine. A Midland Area Event.

August 30th: British National Championships for Men. Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Warley. This is a re-arranged date, please alter your diary. Entry forms next month.

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THE MIDLAND AREA WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Haden Hill Leisure Centre 10th May 1980

YOUNGSTERS AMONGST THE MEDALS

The first Midland Area Open Championships for Women produced a disappointing entry due to a combination of circumstances such as the Bushido taking half the Area Squad with them on their trip to France and the Kyu grades who were concerned about entering weight categories in which they thought senior players might enter.

As it was, not many senior players were available to enter and a number of the Junior Girls Squad figured well and fought with spirit if not experience to get amongst the medals in several categories.

The Under-48 kilo class obviously was the one with the largest number of Junior entries and the semi-final places all went to girls under 18 years. Sandy Fry not unexpectedly took the Gold from National Young Women's Squad player Denise Jackson from Milton Keynes with a strangle after 3 minutes with Dianne White (Hinckley) and Anne-marie Hall (St. Matthews-Solihull) fighting well to earn Bronze medals. Another good performance from Junior Squad Member Linda Hughes in winning the Under 52 kilo title from Susan King 1st Dan of the North West and Area newcomer Sarah Hewlett from Ryecroft and A. Salway from Portsmouth who got the bronze places. Linda still with a junior grade of 13th Mon won all her fights and shows great promise for the future.

Sharon Norman was quite devastating in the 52-56 kilo class winning all her fights with ippons from armlocks and strangles except her contest in the final against Chrissie Brennan which Sharon took with a yuko for the Gold Medal. Janet Cook of West Midlands Police took one bronze medal getting caught with the inevitable armlock from Sharon Norman with just 30 seconds left when a yuko and a keikoku ahead. Andrea Trigg in her first Senior Championships won the other Bronze.

With just one Pool of five players in the 56-61 kilo category 2nd Kyu D. Rogers of Warrington took first place winning the Gold Medal surprisingly beating 1st Dans Kathy Pendergast and T. Griffin into 4th and 2nd places respectively. 3rd Kyu Celine Dufficy of Hardy Spicer won the other bronze place. A similar situation occurred in the Over 72 kilo category with just enough players to make up the Pool and not much doubt that Helen Wantling was going to win it with H. Atkin of Hull taking the silver and no entries at all turning up for the 66-72 kilo Event. Another single Pool in the Under-60 kilo Event gave the Gold Medal to J. Peckham of GKN with Jenifer Thomson returning to contest judo with the second place despite finding it very hard going.

The Open was a more interesting Event with H. Wantling and H. Atkins taking first and second places in Pool one to be matched in semi-finals with C. Brennan and S. Hewlett. This gave us a final of Helen against Chrissie with Helen winning with a wazari to take the title.

Let us hope that next year the Women are not so faint-hearted and produce enough entries to justify the Competition taking place.



Top: 56 Kilo Champion, Sharon Norman. Medallists Chrissie Brennan and Andrea Trigg.

Above: Under 48K Medallist Anne-marie Hall receiving her medal from Area Chairman, John Beard.

Left: Under 52K Champion Linda Hughes. Bronze Medallist S. Hewlett (Ryecroft).

JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

This year's British Open Championship for Men was staged as usual in April at Crystal Palace . . . the place that Egon Ronay cannot find words to describe. It's very significant, in view of the food served up there, that Alka Seltzer were the sponsors . . .

The Midland Area Annual General Meeting took place at the Europa Lodge Hotel last month. Needless to say, we did not need the services of the mounted police to control the crowds.

It was quite a peaceful meeting really. A few new faces were present but for the most part only the 'faithful few' turned up.

Bryan Perriman was very happy—he was able to eat all the left over sandwiches but Brian Roberts had a nasty turn. He arrived before the bar closed and almost had to buy a round of drinks. Jack Palmer had a sore throat . . . he developed it last year when he did most of the talking at the last AGM and it still wasn't better so Brian Regan stepped in to do most of the talking but no body listened to him.

When asked what he thought about an Area Coach, Bruce Newcombe said he was in favour as long as it was a forty-two seater!

I was elected Chairman which just goes to prove that there's a snag to most things!

I recently attended a meeting arranged by the Central Council of Physical Recreation in London at which the Sports Insurance Bureau was introduced. We were informed by the CCPR that this had been established especially for the benefit of all sports. You can tell how interesting the meeting turned out to be, Lucinda Prior Palmer, of horse-riding fame, fell asleep after 35 minutes! In assessing sports for elements of risk there were three categories. The first was considered the least dangerous and included shooting. The third was considered the most dangerous and included Judo, therefore . . . according to the 'panel of experts' consulted it is more dangerous to be thrown than it is to be shot.

Following the success of Brian Jacks in TV *Superstars*, it has been suggested that we should organise a Junior Superstars competition. If you think it is a good idea write to *Midlands Judo* with your suggestions and . . . if enough of you seem interested—we'll see what we can do.

JUDO IS . . .

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ENTRY FORM

CLUB Boys Events. Book in 9.00am

Event 1 up to 30k

Event 2 30-35k

Event 3 Over 35k Under 40k

Event 4 Over 40k Under 45k

Event 5 Over 45k Under 50k

Event 6 Over 50k Under 55k

Event 7 Over 55k Under 60k

Event 8 Over 60k Under 65k

Event 9 Over 65k Under 70k

Event 10 Over 70k

CLUB Girls Events. Book in 11.00am

Event 1 Under 28k

Event 2 Over 28k Under 32k

Event 3 Over 32k Under 36k

Event 4 Over 36k Under 40k

Event 5 Over 40k Under 44k

Event 6 Over 44k Under 48k

Event 7 Over 48k Under 52k

Event 8 Over 52k Under 56k

Event 9 Over 56k Under 60k

Event 10 Over 60k

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Event 3—Over 52k Under 56k

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Event 5—Over 61k Under 66k

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Event 7—Over 72k

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Event 2—Over 48k Under 52k

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Event 4—Over 56k Under 61k

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Event 6—Over 66k Under 72k

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Event 8—Open Category

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Grade



THE ALKA SELTZER SEVEN

British Open Championships '80—Crystal Palace NSC—26th April

SWATMAN SHOULDERED INTO SILVER

The *Alka Seltzer* Seven is the first major sponsorship venture of Miles Laboratories Ltd, and involves seven of the so considered minor Olympic Sports in their preparation year. In conjunction with BBC Grandstand Television seven programmes are being produced to show the preparation involved for the participants in these Sports with *Alka Seltzer* making £5,000 available for the British Open.

As a consequence the 'Open' was to become a parade and showpiece for the Olympic probables and possible medallists for television and this also produced a most unusual attendance of photographic interest from the rest of the Media that has not been evident in previous years. Once again the Event was a sell out, this time even earlier than usual though once again there always seemed plenty of room available.

Midlands interest was high with plenty of chances to get amongst the medals with Kerrith Brown, Densign White, Dave Walker, Ron Knight and Peter Donnelly as obvious contenders and Dennis Stewart, Mark and Adrian Holt, Stuart Travis, John Swatman and Bruce Newcombe all in with a chance whilst Scurr, Capper, Webb, Dauncy, Vale, Davis and Bowater needed the experience of this level of competition.

From the start there was great excitement with young John Swatman almost spoiling the TV coverage by beating Olympic Squad lightweight John Holliday into second place in his Pool and then to go on to beat Sheals, Mendonca and Danny Da Costa to earn a final place in the Under 60 kilo class. It is not often that lightweights produce such determination as that from veteran Da Costa and 17-year-old Swatman in their magnificent fight with John winning on a yuko scored early in the contest from yoko-wakare.

From then on, Da Costa pursued him relentlessly taking every opportunity to get him to the ground where he had considerable superiority of strength but John showed great awareness and skill to keep just ahead and earn the final place. Danny Da Costa first won the Open in 1968 and still has a lot to offer in this category and quite honestly I could not see anyone else but Swatman beating him.

John Holliday had gone out to 4th Dan, Burkhard of Switzerland who then lost to 2nd Dan, Fagerland of Finland who thus booked his final place against Swatman.

For John Swatman, the final was a disaster! Within a few seconds Fagerland had run him forward into a rolling throw which appeared to be uki-waza with some

late foot assistance which dropped John on the point of his shoulder to his immediate distress. After considerable medical attention Swatman resumed to score a koka from tai-toshi but promptly collapsed in great pain. Obviously he could not continue and so had to retire from his first British Open when it was a safe bet that he could have won comfortably. Burkhard and Mendonca took the Bronze Medals.

John's Wolverhampton Club-mate Kerrith Brown also performed admirably for the second year running to lose only one fight in the Under 65 kilo category and that the Olympic Number One Ray Neenan in the quarter-final. Ray has already won the 'Open' three times and he fairly comfortably made this four by beating Larsson of Sweden in the final. Brown won one Bronze medal and Mercieca from the Northern Home Counties took the other with a steady display.



Silver Medallist John Swatman



Top left: Adams versus Ward.

Top right: Paul Radburn against Krahenbuhl (Switzerland).

Middle left: Dennis Stewart throws Deibelius but does not score and loses the contest on decision!

Middle right: Neil Adams British Open Champion at 71 kilo in 1979 against Bill Ward, Open Champion at 78 kilo.

Left: Swatman attacks Holliday.

The largest entry of the day was in the Under 71 kilo Event and the split into the Knockout round produced two sheets with no Midlands interest at all on one of them and Newcombe losing to Kurt Ischeli on the other. Ischeli then lost to Chris Bowles which effectively put Bruce out of the Championships with Bowles going on to beat Angus in the final. With Chris Bowles in at Under 71 kilos, Neil Adams had moved up to Under 78 kilos where the Media coverage he was receiving meant that it was essential that he lived up to expectations and take the title. In this Event we also had Mark and Adrian Holt make the knock-out as did Densign White showing our great depth of Area strength in this category and both Adrian (eliminated by Adams) and White, (beaten by Ward the Silver medalist) did extremely well. Bill Ward had a very good day losing to Adams on a chui having previously beaten Gilbert of France, a real spoiler of a player, in much the harder side of the table. Densign White came back through the repechage for another medal to Wolverhampton and Club-mate Freddie Davis also fought well and scored some good wins with dramatic Te-gurnums, but failed to progress into the knockout.

Bertil Strom (Sweden) won the 86 kilo category for the second time beating Stuart Travis by a koka in the final whilst Peter Donnelly surprised everyone by going in at Under 95 kilo and taking the title from last year's finalist Krahenbuhl of Switzerland.

Dennis Stewart (Midlands) was somewhat unfortunate in this category to lose on a decision to Bob Deibelius (GB) after failing to get a score from a tremendous uchimata as a spinning counter to Bob's attack. (see photo). This put Deibelius through instead of Stewart but he suffered a similar fate against Donnelly when despite being several attacks ahead at the end of the contest, saw the decision go the other way.

There were even more surprises at Over 95 kilo with Arthur Mapp out and Paul Radburn, newly returned from Japan, sporting a moustache and perm up in weight to 105 kilos going in to prove far too active for the heavyweights and to beat Gwyn Davis in the final by several yukos.

A final word about the other Midlands Competitors who did not make the medals such as Billy Webb who went out to Stuart Travis at the quarter-final stage and lost his repechage fight going for the Bronze medal but performed very well all day banging a few down for ippō in the earlier rounds and both Mark and Adrian Holt who both came up against Neil Adams. Ron Knight who fought himself to a standstill and also just missed a Bronze medal by one fight and Dave Walker who did not make the split to the knockout round because of the retirement from his Pool of one fighter on whom Dave had scored ippō. Some excellent performances with all the Area players giving creditable performances.

One little complaint for the BJA administration is that they are the only organisers of major Events in Europe who do not make photostat copies of the Competition sheets quickly available to journalists and photographers. It is obviously impossible to watch and report on five mats at a time and if the BJA want the Media coverage they apparently crave, they must give out too much, rather than too little information. The Media attendance at this Event was probably the best ever at an Open, yet there were no telephone facilities, result service or press room. Commissioners were even moving those photographers that were not obstinate enough to refuse to do so. Otherwise the organisation was first-class and only let down by the abysmal catering facilities at Crystal Palace.



Above: Adams armlocks Holt for ippō.
Below: Peter Donnelly holding for ippō to take the Under 95 kilo title.



BITS AND PIECES

...NEWS AND COMMENT IN BRIEF

More success for the British Team at the European Championships at the Stadthalle in Vienna at the end of May with another title for Neil Adams, Silver for Chris Bowles and a Bronze for Peter Donnelly. The other Team Members were Under 60k, John Holliday, 65k Ray Neenan—Under 95k Gwyn Evans and Open category Mark Chittenden.

As forecast in this column in April, *Midlands Judo* Neil again fought at 78 kilo as he did in the British Open and the Hungary Cup and took the title from Heike of Germany at a weight where he wasn't expected. This put Bowles in at Under 71 kilo and he fought better than ever before for a Silver medal whilst Peter Donnelly went in at Under 86 kilo and eliminated World Silver Medalist Michael Sanchis on his way to a Bronze.

So those Countries schooling players to meet Adams or Bowles won't know who on earth they are going to get to fight in the Olympics. What must be even more confusing for them is that Paul Radburn did not fight at all yet fought the British Open at Over 95k and Arthur Mapp wasn't in either. I told you we had a secret weapon. Confusion!

John Holliday incidentally ran out of injury time in his first round Pool fight against a Russian when he had an uncontrollable nose bleed whilst Ray Neenan also had an off day and failed to make the split.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining accommodation on the date we were given by the Competitions Sub-Committee for staging the British National Championships for Men we have had to change the date of the Event to August 30th. This unfortunately clashes with the BUJA Summer School but was the date which caused the least disruption.

The National Team Championships for Women is at Horwich Sports Centre, Bolton, staged by the North West Area on June 7th followed by the N.W. Open Individual Event for Women on the 8th June and to my mind is the Women's Event which has the most involvement and appeal for

fighters and spectators alike. Last year, when we staged the Event we were somewhat unfortunate to lose some of our best fighters because of a Young Women's trip abroad and although the newcomers to the Team fought extremely well it probably cost us the title.

This year, not only has the same thing occurred (probably involving even more players) but the National Team Manager has called a National Squad session on the day of the Area Centre of Excellence Squad session when the Teams would be selected despite notifying him almost a year ago of when our Squad sessions would be held. Perhaps next year someone can arrange National Squad sessions well in advance and notify all the Areas accordingly and also perhaps they can avoid taking the best players out of the Country on the date of the most important domestic Event.

Talking of Team Managers, Tony Macconnell has just received his promotion to 6th Dan and I am told that if we get more than three medals in the Olympics (quite possible if there is no one there) he will also receive the Order of Lenin. Congratulations Tony.

There is a Girls Open Championship at the Sutton High Sports Centre, St. Helens, Merseyside on 22nd June. Categories are the normal weight ranges and queries should be made to either Bill Paton, Newton-le-Willows 7433 or Chris Purcell, Newton-le-Willows 7316. This is a Two Star Event.

In the BJA April Newsletter there are one or two Staff vacancies advertised at Head Office included in which is the post of Financial and Administrative Controller at £7,000 per annum with an accountancy qualification. Now apart from the fact that I thought the C.E.O. was the Financial and Administrative Controller, what amazes me is this...

With an income almost identical to my business' the BJA have (want) a full-time Book-Keeper say £3,000 plus, an Accountant (£7,000) a Finance

Sub-Committee of four people plus the Chairman and the Chief Executive which costs about £4,000 per annum in expenses and last year (1978) spent £2,900 on auditors fees which this year will probably be around £2,000. That's about £16,000 per annum to keep the books straight, sign the cheques and send out the invoices. (Even when they've been paid).

My Accountant charges me £250 per annum for the same job and I pay a smaller amount for a business administration Company to do my VAT returns which the BJA don't have.

Mind you, unlike our Financial Adviser, I have not had years of experience as a civil servant so perhaps I'm doing it wrong! Do we really need an Accountant? Answers please to John Bricknell, Financial Adviser, BJA London.

The Five Town Sports Festival (Judo Section) with Ilkeston, Lincoln, Rushcliffe, Leicester, Amber Valley and Corby as the participants will be held this year at Amber Valley on Sunday 21st September.

There are a number of these Inter-Town Events

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now springing up and participants should remember they are not allowed to compete in Competitions staged by or on behalf of dissident organisations or compete against Clubs from other Organisations.

You may have received some literature through the post encouraging you to buy some 'pop' button badges with your Club badge upon it similar to those marketed during last year in our own shop. These circulars were sent out on our Club list without our knowledge and does not have our recommendation. You can of course have these badges produced through M.A.M. at a lower cost and the profits returning to you through the Area and you would not be required to give away the copyright of your Club badge free of charge so that someone else can make money selling them to collectors. If you wish to take advantage of their offer either state that you retain copyright of your badge or set a fee for them to purchase the right to reproduce it. We regret that our Club list was used for this purpose and will try and find from which source it came.

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