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Once again another extended edition of 'Midlands Judo' with the first report on the National Team Championships plus the Area Team Championships, 'Bits and Pieces', John Beard, 'Talking Shop' and all the other regular features. There can be little doubt that at this stage, when we haven't yet seen the 'new' 'JUDO' magazine that 'Midlands Judo' is the liveliest, best presented Judo Magazine available and our constantly improving subscription list bears this out. With coverage of the Junior European Championships, The World Championships and next month the British Open we have shown that we are not just a 'Midlands' magazine and our record of being first with results and reports published shows how conscious we are of our wide subscription list. And.....it's going to get better.

With the agreement in the Midlands Area to form a separate professional Commercial Division responsible for the business part of the Area's responsibilities we will have a system where all the Commercial activities will be inter-related and financed. Thus, whilst the magazine will be continued to be subsidized by the Area as if it were producing a newsletter the relationship between using the magazine for a vehicle to promote Championships, Courses and marketing thus producing income not otherwise available, will be formalized to make them all inter-dependent. Good examples of how this works are Championships which have achieved record entries since being publicized in the magazine and sales of items like syllabus books which have relied on 'Midland Judo' for advertising. Within a year or two, it is envisaged that this Commercial division will finance the major part of the Area's activities. You can help by using the magazine to advertise your Events or Products, by pushing your Club sales with the magazine being available on a sale or return basis for any additional copies you take and by buying your Judo goods from the Area. This way all the profit is returned to you. Watch for details and see who the new Officers are in this magazine. Before you buy elsewhere, ask if we have what you want. If we don't we'll get it!

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Cover picture.....Dennis Stewart throws Bob Deibelius in the British Open.

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MAY 23rd to MAY 31st.

*** BOYS SQUAD GO TO SWEDEN !**

DIARY OF EVENTS

3rd MAY
Two day Junior Event. The Milton Keynes Open Championship. A Junior Event for Boys and Girls. Contact Tony Jackson. Phone Milton Keynes 315259.

10th MAY
Midland Area Open Championships for Women. Haden Hill.

10th-11th MAY
National Referees Course. Largs, Scotland.

15th-18th MAY
Senior European Championships for Men. Vienna.
DAN GRADING

A Dan Grading for Men and Women, up to 2nd Dan going for 3rd Dan, will be held at Ryecroft, on Sunday 4th May at 11.00 am.

1st MAY
Doncaster Read Cup.
A Junior Competition at Concord Sports Centre, Yorkshire. Details from Dr. P. Elliott, 35 Fountside, Oakdale Road, Sheffield S7 1SN.

17th MAY
Edinburgh Open Youth Tournament.
Details from Reg. Tether, 51 Northfield Farm Rd., Edinburgh EH8 7QS. Phone 031-669 6440.
A competition for Men and Women over 14 years but under 21 years of age. Various categories. Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh.

2nd-4th MAY
Lilleshall Coaching Course.
Residential Course. Instructor Peter Barnett.
Contact Bryan Rowland for details. Tel: 86 62315.

18th MAY
Derby and District (Closed)
Team Event. By invitation only.

31st MAY
Bucks Free Press Challenge Trophy.
Boys Team Competition limited to 32 Teams.
Details from John O'Brien, 262 Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

7th JUNE
National Team Championship for Women.
Horwich Leisure Centre, Victoria Road, Horwich.
Commencing 9.30 am. Adults £1 Juniors 75p.
Details from Peter Holme, 19 Sparrowmire Lane, Kendal, CUMBRIA.

8th JUNE
North Western Open Championship for Women.
Various categories for Kyu grades and Dan Grades.
Not normal weight categories. Promotional Points scoring. Enquire from Peter Holme, or Stella Aris, Grove Cottage, Field Broughton, Grange, CUMBRIA.

15th JUNE
B.J.A. Annual General Meeting, London.
Details will be circulated with the Annual report.

14th JUNE
1st Inter County Championships for Junior Teams.
See details in this edition.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

MAY 1980

SUNDAY 4th
Mens Kyu Grades, 1.00 pm, Yarborough. Boys 6th Mon and above, 10.00 am, Grimsby. Boys All Grades, 10.00 am, Chapelhouse J.C. Girls All Grades, 12 noon, Chapelhouse J.C. Girls All Grades 10.00 am, Ivanhoe.

SUNDAY 11th
Keele University. Men Kyu Grades, 1.00 pm. Women Kyu Grades, 2.00 pm. Boys All Grades, 10.00 am, Dudley. Girls All Grades, 1.00 pm Dudley.

SUNDAY 18th
Boys All Grades, 10.00 am, Northampton. Men Kyu Grades, 2.00 pm, Ryecroft. Women Kyu Grades, 2.00 pm, Ryecroft.

SUNDAY JUNE 1st
Men Kyu Grades Derby. 10amalso.....
Women Kyu Grades. Derby 10 am.

SUNDAY JUNE 8th
Men Kyu Grades, Wellingborough 10 am.

SUNDAY JUNE 15th.
Boys all grades, Nottingham 10 am.

SUNDAY JUNE 15th
Boys All Grades, Nunsfield, 10 am.....also.....
Women Kyu Grades Nunsfield 12 noon.

SUNDAY JUNE 22nd
Boys all grades, GKN Sankey. 10 am.....also.....
Girls All Grades. GKN Sankey 10 am

SUNDAY JUNE 29th
Men Kyu Grades, Scunthorpe, 1 pm.

SUNDAY JUNE 1st
Boys All Grades, Pontesbury, 9.30 am.

SUNDAY JUNE 1st
Girls All Grades, Pontesbury, 9.30 am.

SUNDAY JUNE 8th.
Boys Beginner to 3rd Mon. Linton, 10 am.



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SQUADS

Women and Girls—Hardy Spicer Judo Club, 11 am prompt.

MAY 25th. Final Selection for National Team Championships.
You must attend to be picked!

Boys — No session in May.
Trip to Sweden.

Men—Haden Hill L.C.
MAY 11th. at 11 am. Everyone welcome especially heavy-weights.

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JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

This month I had written a very intellectual column about the Moscow Olympics crisis. The Editor said to me..... "I don't like your article this month, it's too heavy. Can't you write about something else?" How b.....crafty can you get.....have you seen what he's written. I even quoted Shakespeare in my article too.

We've had a lot of complaints about delays in processing licences which have been sent to H.Q. I have been involved in helping to work out a new scheme for licences having been asked to sit on a Membership Working Party, so naturally I am very interested to know about Member's problems. One of the difficulties in tracing delayed Memberships lies in the fact that whilst folk complain, they do not record the dates etc., and it is necessary for H.Q. to have details to investigate complaints. One Member was very careful to keep a note of the date of his application, which he had taken by hand to London and given to one of the staff. After three weeks he asked H.Q. why he had not had his licence and gave all the information. After an investigation it was discovered that this application was forgotten and left in a cupboard for a week, then the agency claimed it had taken twelve days to reach them.

That application was MINE! Do you think maybe they are trying to tell me something. If anybody has had their renewal or application delayed, please let me have the details. You won't get a reply from me, but it will assist the Working Party and H.Q. in their investigations.

During a class of Junior Beginners the Instructor told the Class to select a partner, "about the same size and age". This having been done the Instructor said "The smallest one should now jump on the back of the other for a Donkey fight." Just as he was about to start them off the Instructor noticed two little boys standing side by side in the middle of the mat, and, when he asked them why they had not mounted up one replied, "Cos we're both six!"

You know those smart glasses of Brian Roberts'. He hasn't got them anymore. He leaned forward to give an Osaekomi and they fell off. He says they got broken in the fall, but I reckon he couldn't see them without his glasses and trod on them.

I recently went to the AGM and Conference of the British Schools Judo Association and on the agenda was the following item.

"DEFINITION OF SCHOOL-CHILDREN"

If they dont know.....

Judo is...

SOMETHING PARENTS BECOME EXPERTS ON.....PREFERABLY BEFORE THEIR KIDS.



Area Team Championships



"I know we're running late
—and I don't care if your bird is waiting
—You can still only fight 'em off one pair at a time."

BJA MIDLAND AREA

THE FIRST INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONS TROPHY CONTEST.
HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE, BARRS RD., WARLEY, WEST MIDLANDS
Saturday, June 14th 1980 commencing at 10am

The finals of the Inter County Championships for Boys and Girls will be held in June as detailed above. This is for Teams of 10 Boys and 10 Girls who either qualified by elimination or by selection by the County Organizer listed below. If you or your Club did not compete in the eliminations and still wish to be considered for the County Teams, contact your County Organizer direct.

The Championships are licenced as a Four Star BJA Tournament and will provide Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for both Boys and Girls categories plus returnable County Champions Trophies. Substitutes are allowed at any stage of the Event provided they meet the weight requirements and have not fought in any other Team. The substituted player may not then return into the Team. Entry fee is £10 per Team and cheques must accompany the entry form below which should only be returned by the County Organizer. Separate Team sheets will be sent to each Organizer so that selection can be left until the last minute so that weights can be checked. Team sheets must be brought, **already completed**, to the Booking-in room with each Team ready for weighing-in.
NOTE. BOYS WEIGH IN AT 9am.
GIRLS AT 9.45am. ½ lease (weigh in)
All fights will be for three minutes and the competition will be fought on the same basis as the National Team Championships as on page 16 in the Tournament hand book.

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ENTRY FORM

Please accept entry of one Boys Team and one Girl's Team (delete if inappropriate) for the

County of the Midland Area, in the Inter-County Champions Trophy Contest on June 14th.

I enclose entry fees of £10/£20 and have read and understand the rules about Booking-in and will have my Team sheets completed for the appropriate times. I understand that tickets for admission to the Sports Centre will be available for my Teams at the Booking-in and that substitutes and spectators must pay admission.

Send, together with entry fees to Frank Smith, 6, Wood Green Rd., Wednesbury, West Midlands, not later than June 1st. 1980. **LATE ENTRIES OR TELEPHONE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Home Win For Midlands

National Team Championships for Men.
Haden Hill Leisure Centre, March 22nd 1980

In talking to Chris Oram of the Sunday Times at the National Team Championships I told her that she wrote about Judo like a Theatre Critic in that she went into great detail about the scenery and the actors but never revealed the plot or the ending.

Not unnaturally, Chris did not agree and made the point that as a free-lance writer rather than a Sports Journalist the intention in her undoubtedly accomplished style was to interest readership in a Sport they probably knew nothing about. So..... I awaited my Sunday Times to see if her story had been influenced at all. It had. Nothing appeared!

This was a great pity for I could now do with some lead as to how to describe the most exciting Judo event seen in the Midlands for many years which I also heard described as the 'best since the European Team Championships,' and 'almost as exciting as the World Championships,' both by experienced people. So, if you missed it, eat your heart out.

That it turned out like this is more remarkable in that up to the start of the Event it had all the earmarks of a disaster with most of the Olympic Squad being conspicuous by their absence and Scotland and Wales withdrawing at the last minute and finally with Haden Hill's almost permanently inoperable public address system not working until five minutes after the Championships were due to start.

Staging the National Team Championships had become somewhat of a traumatic experience in that it was almost a case of an annual 'keeping up with the Jones' competition with each Area successively trying to put on better and better Events. Scotland's efforts last year were quite magnificent with the Kelvin Hall offering superb facilities and Glasgow Borough and Shop-a-Check providing financial help whilst previously the Western Area had set the pattern with a fine dinner but incurred a massive loss in doing so. As a consequence, the Area Committee decided that we could not compete on financial terms with past Championships and whilst we could still offer similar facilities, they would have to be paid for.



Swatman—Midlands v Ingham (Y & H)

Despite some mis-givings and some unreasonable criticism before the Event it seems to have worked and the weekend was a great success. As a consequence we have now established a precedent on which other Areas with limited resources can tender for the Championships provided they have a suitable venue and stage them on a viable basis. That the BJA now have agreed to meet Referee's expenses for Team Championships is a considerable help.

Of course, that is not the complete story and at times I doubted that it would all come together in time but, with the tolerance and help of the Europa Lodge Hotel and the very experienced assistance of Phyllis Elliott, Joe Ekins, Brian Regan and Bryan Perriman we suddenly had an exciting Tournament in front of a capacity crowd which was made all the more enthralling by the progress of the Home Team through to the final rounds.

The draw had London (1979 Champions), The Combined Services, Midlands and Northern Home Counties heading the Pools as last year's medalists with the other Teams lining up as follows:—

Pool 1. London North West North	Pool 2. Combined Services Northern Ireland Universities
Pool 3. Midlands Yorkshire & Humb. South.	Pool 4. N.H.C. Western

This gave three of the leading contenders for medals a tough time in Pool 3 whilst the West and N.H.C. only had to fight for pool places as they were assured of progress into the second round.

Without the Olympic Squad players, London were obviously not the force they were in 1979 and they were piped to first place in Pool 1 by the North West by just nine points and three wins each. This was a pretty good performance by London considering they fought without a 65k player and it was this 'free' win which gave the North West the Quarter final against the Western Area. London then had to meet N.H. Counties who had convincingly beaten the West 4-1 with Roy Inman making a return to contest at 86k after losing two kilos to make the weigh-in. Good performances from Bowditch in earning a draw with Glen Waters and from Russell of the West in beating 3rd Dan Pete Blewitt by wazari. Inman made a good start but ran out of steam in his first fight with Tilley but still won on a yuko from uchimata.

The Combined Services Team topped their Pool with ease beating the Universities 6-1 and Northern Ireland 5-1 with just Watt of N. Ireland scoring with a five point win over Travis and Dave Rance of the Universities also had a notable win by ippon against 4th Dan Eddie Mullen. In Pool 3, the young Midlands Team with Swatman, Brown, White and Stewart all under 20 were doing exceptionally well and beat Yorks. & Humberside 4-1 before managing a 3-2 win against a strong Southern Area side in which Bradley and Morton had wins to make everything depend on the last fight which John Swatman won convincingly despite dislocating a couple of toes which required strapping for the rest of his contests. So, Midlands on top with Yorks. & Humberside second after beating the South 4-3.

Having had by far the hardest start the Midlands found their Quarter final against the Universities comparatively easy and scored four ippons from Drew, Stewart, Newcombe and Swatman plus a three point win from White in a 5-1 progress into the semi-final against N.H. Counties who had beaten London 4-2.

The North West also dominated their Quarter final beating the Western Area 5-1 with only newcomer P. Mason losing to Sullivan whilst Yorkshire and Humberside went out to the Combined Services on a 4-2 score.

SEMI FINALS

The N.H.C. team with Alec Ives, Glen Waters and Roy Inman as their first three looked as if they had the edge over the Midlands Team and Ives set them on the right path with a yuko (five point) win over Drew from a pick-up to be followed by Waters beating Stewart by three points when Dennis received a penalty for passivity in the last few seconds. This had the Midlands two down with 3rd Dan Ron Knight to meet 5th Dan Roy Inman who later confessed that he expected a comfortable win as in previous knocks with Knight he had experienced little difficulty.

Ron obviously had other ideas as with just 58 seconds gone he threw Inman with a nice uchimata for wazari. For a second, both players thought it was ippon and waited for the Referee before engaging in groundwork which eventually came to nothing. Inman had received a shoulder injury from the throw and was experiencing greater difficulty as the contest went on until at 3 mins. 14 seconds he had to submit to Knight's yoko-shiho-gatame hold.

This unexpected ippon win for the Midlands left them only 2-1 down with Densign White in to fight Ischel and eventually win on a yuko to level the score at two each with the Midlands ahead on points. Newcombe was next against Blewitt with the resultant draw being a predictable result as was Kerrish Brown's win with ippon from te-guruma against Merciacca at under 65k.



NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Design White Midlands Middleweight—2. Eddie Mullen (Combined Services) and Kerrith Brown (Midlands)—3. Midlands Team 1980 National Team Champions.—4. Combined Services Silver Medalists—5. Dennis Stewart Midlands Light Heavyweight—6. Nick Kokotaylo attacking (North West)—7. Anxious Midlands support for Design White in his final fight against Neilson—8. Arthur Mapp (C. Services—

9. Brian Drew Midlands Heavyweight



So, going into the last fight the Midlands were assured of a win because of their unassailable points total with John Swatman fighting to orders to avoid further injury rather than for an outright win against Sutton. All credit to Sutton however who performed above himself to win by a seven point penalty when Swatman stepped out of the contest Area.

The second semi-final had the dominant Combined Services team extending this domination to include the North West in a 4-3 win although all credit to the North West lightweights who despite facing an impossible task fought well to pull back a 4-1 deficit.

Mapp completely outclassed Tonkin as he had almost all his opponents during the day to score the inevitable ippon which Kokotaylo promptly equalled with a submission from Drissol to jujigatame. John Lee and Stuart Travis renewed acquaintances with a contest which went to time with Stuart winning on yuko from ouchi-gari which Neilson repeated on Mason to put Combined Services 3-1 ahead. Harrison had his hands full from the start with a very confident Richard Armstrong who won from kuzure-kesagatame in 2 mins. 20 secs. giving the Final place to Combined Services and left Whiteley and Hough to pull back the last two contests beating Mullen and Franklyn to make the 4-3 score-line.

Drissol v Stewart

Drissol must have felt in a similar position with Stewart whose obviously superior strength soon tied him up for a nice jujigatame to equal the score just two minutes into the contest.



Travis v Knight

Stuart has always been a stumbling block for Ron Knight and their repeated battles in Area events has usually ended with Travis getting the result by a koka. Almost to the end it looked as if Ron was going to make this the best time of all to beat Stuart after scoring an early koka from ouchi-gari until just before time incurred a shido penalty for passivity to give Travis the draw. Still 1-1 and 10 points each.



Neilson v White

This fight was marked as a banker win for the Midlands on my sheet but credit to Neilson who fought well to take the contest to time with Densign winning on a yuko from tai-toshi to the delight of the audience.



Armstrong v Newcombe

A win in this fight to Armstrong by just a koka from a very determined Bruce Newcombe in a very aware, tactical fight with neither player giving much away and each well aware of the strengths of their opponent. Score 2-2 Midlands 15 points, Combined Services 13.



Mullen v Brown

4th Dan Eddie Mullen had not had a very happy day at the Championships and must have viewed his contest with Kerrith Brown with some trepidation having already lost to him twice this year in the Welsh and Scottish Open Events and really had no answer to Kerrith's elusive style.

After a couple of minutes of half attacks and retreats from counters Mullen seemed to decide to try his luck on the ground but soon realized what a horrible mistake this was. With Brown swarming all over him, Mullen seemed to lose his head completely and scampered on his hands and knees out of the Contest Area in a vain attempt to escape. The ensuing keikoku gave the contest deservedly to Brown producing a 3-2 score line in the Midlands favour with everything on the last fight.

Franklyn v Swatman

Like Travis and Knight, this was a case of two Midlands players knowing what the other could do but with the onus on Franklyn to score ippon to win the title for the Combined Services. For a minute or so he took the fight to Swatman in an exciting start but as John realized that there was nothing that could really trouble him he stepped up the pace to get several scores to go out a convincing winner with a yuko from yoko-wakare. So the Title to the Midlands with a young side looking as if they are going to be in the medals for many years to come. In particular the amount of talent available amongst the lightweights is tremendous and the performance of the youngsters showed great discipline and awareness. The atmosphere was obviously great for the Home Team and the crowd participation must have helped tremendously and once again belies the claim that Judo cannot be a spectator sport. Congratulations to everyone involved and especially to Harry Hobbs (Team Manager) who was actually seen to grin, and, to past Manager Bill Davies for the foundations he laid.

There were a number of Squad Members who did not fight but who have contributed equally to the Area's success and gave great encouragement to their Team and having taken successive silver and gold medals in the Team Championships I am sure is adequate justification for our Centre of Excellence Squads system. The large attendances we have at C of E. squads is obviously better than the isolation of an elite few and it will be interesting to see if a similar step can be taken with the Women's Teams where youngsters will probably occupy many of the places in the Team Championships in the North West. Let's hope that they are as successful.



FINALS

Midlands v Combined Services

In the intermission we were treated to a gymnastic display by the Haden Hill and Solihull Gymnastics Clubs which was very well received by the audience and Competitors alike and gave the benefit of continuing interest at a time when we often tend to lose some of the spectators though with the Midlands in the final things couldn't have worked out better.



Mapp v Drew

Almost from the start Arthur had Brian on the defensive and later confessing that he had no adequate answer to the British number one's fitness and ability and Mapp took only a minute to secure a strong hold for ippon.



Roy Inman (NHC) Scores from Uchimata against Tilley (West)

BITS AND PIECES

...NEWS AND COMMENT IN BRIEF



Peter Donnelly and Frank Webb at Presentation with Lord Mayor - Birmingham

A memorable night for Judo and the Midland Area at the Birmingham Sports Advisory Council's annual presentation for the Birmingham Amateur Sports award and appreciation award 1980 sponsored by Mitchells and Butlers at the Birmingham Council House on March 21st.

Peter Donnelly, 3rd Dan, British Olympic Team captain and British Open Champion and 5th Placed player in the World Championships won a silver salver and a cheque for £250 for Judo as the Sports Personality of the Year and Frank Webb, Midland Area Treasurer received a framed certificate of nomination for the 'behind the scenes' personality who made the greatest contribution to their Sport in the Appreciation Award. Peter and Frank are seen here receiving their awards from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The money will be used in a method that will benefit as many competitive players as possible, in the purchase of a set of balance scales from Avery's. Congratulations to both and many thanks to Mitchells and Butlers and Phillip Cooper of the Birmingham Sports Advisory Council for their help.

If you are having difficulty in getting your membership renewal through from Head Office, don't worry you're not being selected for special treatment, it is taking about four weeks for them to come through at the moment. If you need your licence for entry to any Events apply for renewal well in time.

Talking about Membership, some two or three years ago, we did an estimate of how many senior Members renewed their Membership annually when it was due and not surprisingly found that less than 20% did so with the rest split almost 50-50 between those that only renewed when they had to and those that didn't renew at all.

The BJA have now, in their logical manner decided to discontinue the Five Year Membership system where Members got discount on the five year total and as a consequence will obviously get less than 20% of these potential Members renewing annually

from now on. Wouldn't it have been more sensible to promote the five year system? Mind you, the BJA are not exactly noted for their logic and this is probably a good opportunity to remind them of one of their most illogical moments in the discontinuation of the Junior Certificate and Badge Scheme some two years ago.

You will remember that this scheme provided a substantial income for the Association when money was hard to come by and was suddenly discontinued without any notice on the advice of the Financial Adviser who considered it unprofitable! The figures he used to justify this lack of profitability indeed showed that only a few hundred pounds or less had been made in its final year though it was not pointed out that closing down expenses had been deducted from the actual profit made to achieve this figure. This included redundancy payments etc., and obviously produced a figure which lent credibility to his argument though it was not in fact the true profitability picture.

In the operation of the scheme, Bryan Perriman had anticipated a need to eventually be required to pay VAT and as a consequence had invested a certain amount of money each month to cover this eventuality which incidentally never occurred. This investment amounted to £3000 which according to the operational rules of the scheme should have been distributed amongst Areas as profits and never was and at the 1979 AGM I introduced an amendment into the Annual Accounts which accepted the accounts with the exception of this item until explanation was received. So far, no explanation has been given to the Members and the matter appears to have been swept under the carpet at Brompton Road.

More interesting is that in December, Bryan Perriman received a statement to show that the £3000 was still invested and had been accruing interest probably now in the region of around £800 which was being debited from the investment account and credited to the BJA account in London. They incidentally, had no record of this income as such or for how long they had been receiving it and no where in last year's accounts will you see this item recorded. It is probable that over the period that Bryan Perriman was investing this money, about £1,000 in interest was paid to the BJA all without specific record. None of it was included in the profitability figures of the Junior Scheme. Are we going to get an explanation.....or any money? Perhaps also at this AGM someone should also ask our Financial Adviser (Controller?) why late in 1979 we had over £60,000 in current accounts when they should have been earning interest at around 17%. Have you worked it out? Yes £850 per month!

From Winn Bolton



On 22nd March, I took a Team of 7 British Young Women including Sandy Fry and Julie Dyke to a 4 way Multi-Nation Tournament at Heusenstam in Germany. With Germany as the hosts, the other participating Countries were Holland, Switzerland and Great Britain. Sandy, who is already a Junior International won the Gold Medal in the Under 48k category and her expertise was most evident in the earlier rounds of the Competition when she defeated Heinz, (Ger) Klohs (Ger) Lindenhman (Hol) and Remig (Ger). The final was by far the most exciting contest with neither player being able to score until the closing seconds when Sandy threw her German opponent with ouchi-gari for a koka into kesagatame for ippon. Julie Dyke in her first international fight was amazingly composed and unruffled by the excitement and tension and won a bronze medal in the U65k category. Ironically, because of the method of competition, (Brazilian Knockout) the Gold medalist (Heinkin (Ger) had already been beaten by Julie in an earlier round!

Other G.B. Medal winners were.....Susan Goodwin Gold 44k, Debbie Harrington, Silver 52k, Diane Bell Gold 56k, Lisa Jones, Gold, 60k and Theresa Hayden Silver, Over 65k.

Good news for the Area Centre of Excellence Squads from Tony Taylor of the West Midlands Sports Council in that our application for continued grant aid for the Squads has been approved for 1980-81 in the sum of £3,000 to operate the four Squads. Arrangements as to the location of the Squads are still being made and details will be published in next month's 'Midlands Judo', for May sessions see the Diary page. Watch also for our colour production about the Centre of Excellence Squads and how they operate to be distributed free to Clubs with June or July magazines. Many thanks to Tony for his help.

'British Judo' the free magazine circulated to Members came out in April. The Chief Executive Officer would like to hear from any Member who did not receive a copy or those that received more than one copy so that records can be amended. Either write or 'phone to the BJA and tell him. 'British Judo' did incidentally carry a subscription form for 'Midlands Judo' by courtesy of the BJA for which we are grateful, a few more subscriptions would help us preserve our high standards.

Another reminder for the BJA, despite writing and 'phoning we still have not received any instructions as to whether the National Junior Championships will be for Under 16 or Under 18 as last year or if arm-locks and strangles are to be included. Perhaps if they think about it now, we can get an instruction by 1981.

You may have noticed some subtle changes with the cover of 'Midlands Judo' in April. No prizes for noticing that we have a full colour cover or that the price has gone up to 45p, but how many noticed the change in the BJA badge to incorporate the word 'Midlands' in the bottom of the logo. This is because we have been instructed by the BJA not to use our badge on Midland Area publications. I notice from all the other Areas that they can continue to use it. I wonder why we have received such special treatment, surely we haven't upset anyone?



In 'Judo North West' the British Team Manager Tony MacConnell under the headline 'We Go to Moscow' is quoted as saying.....

"It's only the no-hopers who want a boycott," and "The whole squad would go to Russia tomorrow if we could get our visas, the lads have given up their lives to train for the Olympics and they will not let politics stand in their way.

There have been British soldiers in Northern Ireland for years and the World does not boycott us....."

Well whilst his dedication to the Squad is admirable his political and moral judgement is more than suspect, in fact particularly offensive to that part of Britain called Northern Ireland. Perhaps the invasion of Afghanistan in his mind is similar to British soldiers pursuing the enforcement of law and order against terrorism on British soil and perhaps he will remember these inane remarks when Russia moves to extend her territory to include more of the Middle East and Africa and thence into Europe.

In view of the USA Olympic Committee's overwhelming decision to withdraw, does Tony consider then 'no-hopers' and has he forgotten that but for the fact that Russia now needs everyone she can get to go to the Games they were considering not inviting Britain because of the Lions Tour of South Africa.

It would be as well for Tony MacConnell to remember Kruschev's comments to Nixon in the 60's. "Whatever you do, your grandchildren will live under Communism." No doubt an Olympic medal for Judo from Moscow will serve us in good stead when that time arrives.



Perhaps a few of you will remember John Ablard, a first Kyu of Boston Judo Club who some two years ago broke his neck in a contest and as a result suffered from a severe disablement which would have committed most people to a life of apathy. Well, I remind you of him to tell you that despite John's terrible injury the Area have just recommended the award of his non-competitive 1st Dan in view of his courage and continued dedication to the Sport. Brian Jacks will be visiting Boston in May and it is hoped that he will present John with his belt and along it our admiration and best wishes.

These pictures are not of some new Judo techniques but of part of the attractive Gymnastics display given by the Solihull and Haden Hill Gymnastics Clubs at the Men's National Team Championships at Haden Hill. Many thanks to everyone concerned.



More success for the Girl's Centre of Excellence Squad in a strangely conducted Southern Area Championships at Crystal Palace on 30th March. Helen Grocott, Bronze U32k, Michelle Bowater Bronze U36k, Cymone Inwood, Bronze U36k, Tracy Harrison Bronze, Under 40k, Andrea Trigg, Gold U52k, Celine Dufficy, Gold U60k and Louise Duke Bronze U52, all won medals despite some odd two minute contests.



Andrea Trigg holds to win the Gold in the Southern Area Open.



Tracy Harrison about to score with Uchimata S.A. Open.

This month the Boy's Centre of Excellence Squad are off to Sweden for a series of training sessions with the National Squads and various Swedish Clubs who are queuing up to compete against them. Leaving on Friday 23rd May and returning for Saturday 31st of May the Boys will visit, Esbjerg, Knudshoved, Halskov, Dragor, Limeham and Lund during the week. Congratulations to Bruce Newcombe and Lyn Bowater who have made all the arrangements and to everyone concerned in raising the finance. I'm sure it will be a successful trip.

OPEN TITLE TO SOLIHULL

Midland Area...Men's & Boy's Team Championships Haden Hill L.C. 12th April 1980.

Another enormous entry for the Team Championships means some re-arrangement for next year so that the Event can be finished earlier and to make the entries in the Boy's Events more balanced throughout the weight range. As it was there were 31 entries in the Boy's Lightweight Event which as a consequence had to be conducted on a Knockout and repechage basis which is not the best way of fighting Team Events. Also a large entry in the Men's Event for the 1st kyu category and we will also make other arrangements for this Event for next year. Having said that, in a Promotional Points scoring Event it is reasonable to expect the Competitors to have every chance possible to score points and to this end Pool contests are preferable though they obviously take longer.

In the Boys Events this Year we agreed to the guest entry from a French Judo Club who were on an exchange visit to Quorn Judo Club from the village of Moreuil. They were more successful than anticipated and won the Gold medal in the Heavy-weight Event.

BOYS TEAMS RESULTS

Lightweight Teams. GOLD Kettering Prem.
SILVER, Derby 'C'.
Bronze...Dudley L.C. and Coventry 'A'.
Middleweight Teams. GOLD Jubilee 'A',
SILVER, K.K.K.
Bronze...Jubilee 'B' and Wolverhampton.
Heavyweight Teams. GOLD Judo Moreville.
SILVER, Leasowes. Bronze Wolverhampton;

In the Men's Events, a terrific finish in the Open title saw the favourites K.K.K. in one semi-final against Coventry 'A' Team and Solihull against Milton Keynes in the other.



Ron Knight holding Bruce Newcombe

The 3k's had Brian Drew, Trevor Drew, Dennis Stewart and Billy Webb as their representatives in a very heavy Team whilst Coventry had a much lighter bunch with Bruce Newcombe, Adrian Holt, Melvin Wright and Mark Holt as their fighting order. The first fight, Drew against Newcombe provided the upset with Newcombe winning on a koka after both players had incurred a keikoku for stepping out, and then Adrian Holt held Trevor Drew for ippon to put Coventry two up. At 65k Melvin Wright did not have very great expectations against Dennis Stewart but did very well to last almost the full five minutes before getting caught on the ground and being very securely held. This put the onus on Billy Webb to beat Mark Holt by at least a yuko for the 3 K's but as time ran out he was unable to make any impression and the result was a draw. Solihull against Milton Keynes provided only one win for Milton Keynes with that going to an impressive looking Dearden. A win from wazari on Brian Scurr to Ron Knight and an ippon to Dave Walker on Tony Skinner and a yuko for Alan Kilvert against Tong gave Solihull the final place against Coventry. Dave Walker had not been able to do any Judo training for a week because of the Easter holidays and he had been working for the morning before the Event and had moved about thirteen tons of earth to warm up! It seemed to have worked for he was quite unstoppable on the day. In the final a similar score to Solihull of 3-1 gave them the title with Coventry the silver medal which must have been more than they expected at the beginning of the day.

Other results.....

Up to and including 1st Kyu.
GOLD, Wolverhampton 'A'
SILVER, Dudley L.C.
Bronze.....Erdington 'A' and Steer J.C.

Up to and including 5th Kyu.
GOLD, Northfield Y.M.C.A.
SILVER, Erdington.
Bronze.....Coventry and Milton Keynes.

Many thanks to the hard working Officials and referees for their very valuable assistance.



No doubt about this score for Ron Knight in the Preliminary Rounds.



Dave Walker scores again for Solihull



Billy Webb 3 K's v Alan Kilvert (Solihull)

JUDO PHOTOGRAPHY

Hints to help . . . by Frank Smith

In this, the last part of Judo photography I make brief mention of the two major faults that are evident in most of the photographs which are submitted and not used both of which are manifested by lack of sharpness.

Camera Shake

This is shown by overall lack of sharpness and in some cases becomes quite extreme especially at slow shutter speeds.

Poor Focusing

This is when the subject lacks sharpness yet details in other parts of the picture are sharp.

Camera shake can be cured to a very great extent by the actual grip on the camera and the best method to adopt is with the camera resting in the palm of the left hand with just the thumb and forefinger used for the focusing ring. With the left elbow tucked into the body this gives a firm platform for the camera to rest on and the right hand adds firmness and stability by gripping the right side of the camera with the forefinger on the shutter release. As a good guide the shutter speed can be used to eliminate camera shake problems by always having a shutter speed at least the same as the focal length of your lens. For example, if using a 135mm lens the nearest speed to this length is 125th second (250th would be better).

When using a long lens say 400 mm the nearest shutter speed to that focal length would be 500th of a second. Wherever possible when using lenses other than 80mm or below if it is possible and

practical to use a tripod then do so. Poor focusing is a little harder to cure and it might just be that your eyesight is not all it should be, especially if you forget to use your glasses. I have eyesight correction pieces on my cameras which match the lens prescription of my glasses which make matters a lot easier.

It may also be that the focusing screen does not suit you and as most good SLR cameras have interchangeable screens, ask your dealer to let you try a couple of others. On the whole though, it is mainly in excessive movement of the focusing ring that the fault lies.

For instance, if you are sat at the edge of a judo mat the distance the players will be from your camera will normally just be between 2 and 12 metres. Look how much movement this requires of your focusing and you will see it is about 90° or 1 inch only and as players never move from one side of the mat to the other in one sudden movement it is unlikely that your focusing movement will ever be more than 45° or ½ inch. Now think how much you move your focusing ring. I've certainly seen people move from the minimum focusing distance to the maximum in one movement despite the fact that the players have only moved a foot.

As a test, to see if you know how to focus your camera accurately, without looking, which way do you move the focusing ring if the distance to your subject is reduced? Also shut your eyes, pick up your camera and focus it at 5 metres without looking. If you know your camera, you should be pretty close.



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Yours sincerely,

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