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Firstly an apology. In my article last month entitled 'Off With His Head' I stated that Mick Leigh had prepared a paper asking that Senior Coaches, etc. should be paid £20 per day. It was, of course, Brian Daley who prepared the paper and not Mick whose name came to mind because of some other research I was doing at the time. Sorry folks.

By the time you receive this you might have had the third edition of *British Judo* which is sent free to all Members. As you might know, production of *British Judo* has been frought with difficulties after the financial fiasco of the first two editions and it is largely due to Tony Reay that the third one has now appeared.

Tony spent many hours not only writing most of the magazine but also doing the lay-out, artwork and setting up of the copy for the Printers. That he got the Print Unions to accept it is also in itself a tribute to his efforts in saving the BJA a great deal of money. Congratulations Tony, now you can start number four.

In British Judo is the format for the introduction of the long awaited Junior Theory Syllabus which officially became mandatory on 1st September. As yet we haven't introduced it because the Members were not aware of the requirements. Expect Midland Area Examinations to include Theory at Junior Gradings from 1st November.

Once again the Area have anticipated demand by co-operating in producing a Photographic Guide to the Syllabus which is of excellent quality with photographic interpretations under the Technical direction of Roy Inman. It is a 40-page glossy book with a two-colour cover and is a must for Examinees, Coaches and as a Guide to Examiners. It retails at 95p and discounts for Clubs and Members ordering 12 or more copies are available. Books will be available through Midland Area Marketing or direct from FJR Publishing, 201 Hydes Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands. Address your orders to Frank Smith.

For those of you, like me, who at times think you're too old for this game, look at our 'Close Up' feature this month which is based on a 65-year-old pensioner at Halesowen Judo Club who still trains with anyone and everyone. I hope you feel as ashamed as I did.

All the regular features are back this month including a letter of complaint which has given me the opportunity I needed to tell you all just what is entailed and what it costs to run the Area. Whatever you think, its more than that!



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# LETTERS

I have at one time or another spoken to you on the telephone and have mentioned one or two things that I have had cause to grumble about, but, without much reaction.

Now since August has gone, I am no happier for I have had notice that my premises will have the rent increased 600%, the Mat fees are to go up and licences are to go up. With one thing or another I have threatened to close down after founding the Club in 1956. I have remained with it to the present day, suffering 15 years with angina, three heart attacks as well as the normal family 'up and downs'.

I love the Sport but with a lot of the let-downs by the BJA as a whole it tries ones keenness and patience and gives doubts of the sincerity of such 'Committees'.

I could fill this page, but for the few very keen and good Judoka I have (75) I enclose two cheques for *Midland Judo* magazine and four Syllabus Books.

G. A. WOODWARD, Retford

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I suppose this letter voices many feeling of Club Officials who see the costs of the Sport rising day-by-day with not much to be seen for it and indeed this is the sort of problem we are faced with in the Area all the time. Until last year we were faced with only having two notable sources of income, from 25% rebates on licences and income from Promotion Examinations. Championships had run at a loss for two years. With this in mind consider that when I became Championships Organiser, about seven years ago my first Championship was a two-day Mens Area Event at the Harry Mitchell Centre, It cost me about £92 to stage. The two-day Event we had at Haden Hill in June had income of over £1,200 and it still ran at a loss. Seven years ago, it was costing £12 to produce a duplicated news leter for distribution to 60 Member Clubs with a 5p Post. Now a similar news letter would cost over £80 per month for 150 Clubs with an 8p Post. The magazine is distributed within this budget with the difference coming from sales and advertising. The simple economy is that if you have

no sales to assist then unfortunately you have to pay for your copy.

Now the Area Committee have agreed many other venues for raising finance, the most important I expect to be the Marketing Division and I hope we will become more and more involved in commercial enterprises. What you should realise is that all income of the Area goes back to the Members. The activities of the Area have trebled in the last two years and will increase again next year, but it has all to be paid for. Five years ago, Brian Regan, (then Chairman) said that the biggest problem was that Judo was too cheap when compared with other Sports and it would hurt when we were obliged to catch up. Now it is hurting a bit, but if you want to be involved in Area activity the benefits are there to be had.

I agree that we have had some disappointments in the BJA and the Members have not always received the consideration they should, but I do not accept this is the case at Area level. It costs most Area Committee Members a great deal of time and money to serve the Members and should you wish to put this to the test and see how sincere 'this' Committee is I am prepared to nominate you for Co-option. In the meantime, keep up the good work it's only money.

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On behalf ot the Members of New City Judo Club, who attended the IJF Rules Seminar on Sunday 9th September, I would like to thank and congratulate Ray Tople and John Beard on the way they ran the Course. Not only was it very enlightening but interesting as well; well worth the money and something which every competitive Judo player, indeed anyone interested in Judo, should attend.

We thought that the course was an eye opener and surely the others thought the same.

Now knowing what a difficult job a referee has, I am sure that there will be at least 35 people who will think twice before they open their mouths.

B. P. McCARTNEY, New City

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Thanks. As I said in my previous reply, if you want to be involved in Area activity, the benefits are there to be had.

## DIARY AND AREA NEWS

#### PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER

#### OCTOBER...

#### Sunday 7th:

Men Kyu Grades, Pontesbury 2-00pm. Women Kyu Grades, Pontesbury 2-00pm.

#### Sunday 14th:

Women Kyu Grades, Bushido Holy Name 2-00pm.

#### Sunday 21st:

Boys All Grades, Pontesbury 9-30am, Girls All Grades, Pontesbury 9-30am, Girls All Grades, Grimsby 10-30am, Women Kyu Grades, Grimsby 1-00pm.

#### Sunday 28th:

Boys All Grades, Chapel House 10-00am. Girls All Grades, Chapel House 1-00pm. Boys All Grades, Northampton 10-00am. Men Kyu Grades, Nottingham 10-00am.

#### NOVEMBER ...

Sunday 4th: Boys All Grades, Samauri 10-00am.

Sunday 11th: Girls All Grades, Wellingborough 10-00am. Women Kyu Grades, Wellingborough 12 noon.

Sunday 18th: Men Kyu Grades, Dudley 10-00am. Men Kyu Grades, Yarborough 1-00pm.

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\* Note: Centre of Excellence Members attending Area Squad Sessions must have and show a current licence at each Squad Session. No claims can be entertained from non-Members.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately, fees for BJA Membership will be going up from 1st January ... Seniors to £4... Juniors to £2.

Record Books remain at 30p.

Life Membership is ten times the annual fee. If you apply now you will save  $\pounds 10$ .

Club Membership will also go up to £7.50.

## SQUADS NEWS & REPORTS

#### GIRLS ... WOMEN

The Centre of Excellence Squads will be normally held on the last Sunday of each month for the next 12 months. In case of clashes with Championships or National Squads ensure you check the magazine each month.

Next session 28th October at Haden Hill. Girls 11-00am, Women 1-00pm. We are trying to arrange a contest for this session. Mat fee 30p. Remember 70% attendance of C of E squads required.

#### BOYS ... MEN

Normally will be held for the next 12 months at Haden Hill on the second Sunday in the month. Boys at 11-00am, Men at 1-00pm.

Next session 14th October. Mat fee 30p. Other details as above. Please be on time for all Squad sessions, latecomers may lose their place in the Centre of Excellence programme.

#### WEM INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Championships will be held on 14th October.

#### **BOYS UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Midland Area Junior Boys Under-18 Years Championships, 6th October, at Haden Hill. Closed to Midland Area. Selection Event for National Championships.

#### EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior European Championships, 2nd-3rd-4th November, Meadowbank, Edinburgh. Application form in this magazine.

#### STAVELEY-ALFRESCO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Second Staveley-Alfresco National Junior Boys Championships will be held on 20th October, at Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Odsall, Bradford. Full details from B. Hardaker, 16 Leaventhrope Way, Thornton Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

#### CUMBRIA SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cumbria Open Schoolboys Championships, Whitehaven Sports Centre, Whitehaven, on 7th October. Full details from Stella Aris, 15 Serpentine Road, Kendal, Cumbria. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

#### LIVERPOOL YMCA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

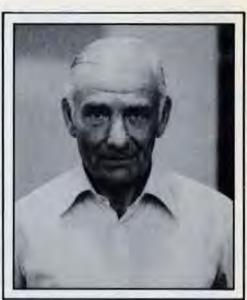
Liverpool YMCA Club Team Championships, 21st October, Club Teams in National Weights. Full details from Steve Chadwick, 27 Gidlow Road South, Liverpool L13 2AH.

#### LANCASTER YMCA JUNIOR COMPETITION

Lancaster YMCA Junior Competition, 27th October at Lancaster University. Full details from R. Mckinley, 5 Byron Road, Morecambe, Lancashire.

#### DAN GRADING

There will be a Dan Grading at Corby on 14th October (10-00am). For Men and Women. Corby Youth Centre, Cottingham Road, Corby, Northants.





ERNIE BARRETT Halesowen Judo Club

Having twice retired from the Sport in an active capacity, once at 30 (which did not work) and again at 35 with similar lack of success 1 was considering making a graceful permanent retirement at 40 when I met Ernie Barrett who at 65 years of age still takes on all comers at Halesowen Judo Club.

Ernie retired last year as a Storeman and now is on pension but still practises two or three times a week. He is now a fifth kyu having taken his last grading at 64 and winning both his contests with Ippon.

The Martial Arts have obviously always interested Ernie because he started by practising Atemi-Jitsu and latterly Aikido and achieved grades at both. Judo is his preference, however, and despite his age Ernie joins in all the training, randori and contest sessions at Halesowen whatever the opposition. His Coach at Halesowen is the younger (just) Stan Turbin who like me has considered an earlier retirement that is until Ernie put us to shame.

You know, I might just stay on a bit longer!

## SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR ON LJF RULES

For the first time, the Area held an Open Seminar designed to assist in improving the general knowledge of Players, Coaches and Referees with regard to the IJF Rules and their interpretation.

Most players and Referees must think they know all there is to know as only one Referee turned up and few contest judoka.

However thirty five Members did attend and enjoyed a most informative day with refreshments, lunch and a copy of the Rules thrown in.

Eight people stayed on to take and suceed in passing the Examination for the Theory part of the Referees award and New Members, New City Judo Club brought a crowd of Officials and players from their Club to up date their knowledge.

John Beard and Ray Topple conducted the Course, John standing in for Ken Webber who was receiving some hospital treatment on an old back injury and Bryan Rowland and the Midland Arts Centre were the obliging hosts.

A further Course is scheduled for October 27th and 28th. Details from Ken Webber.

## Additional Promotion Examinations

Saturday 17th November-Boys all Grades. K.K.K. Warley, 10.00 am. Saturday 17th November-Girls all Grades. K.K.K. Warley, 1.00 pm. Saturday 17th November-Boys all Grades. St. Thomas, 10.00 am. Saturday 17th November-Girls all Grades. St. Thomas, 1.00 pm.

## Sports Council Assistance

The West Midlands Sports Council recently donated to the Midland Area a number of new Judo suits with the request they be allocated to Clubs in the West Midlands on a permanent loan basis where the Area felt there was financial need amongst the Junior Members.

This we have done and the Area Committee and the Clubs concerned express their grateful thanks for this welcome assistance.



SOME OF THE MEMBERS AT THE IJF RULES SEMINAR. MIDLAND ARTS CENTRE 9th SEPTEMBER



## **BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS** FOR WOMEN **CRYSTAL PALACE - 1st SEPTEMBER**

Last year, I complained that the Women's Open was boring and particularly lacking in Judo skill especially from the British contingent. This year, with one or two exceptions, my opinion hasn't changed despite the best British tally of medals for a number of years. Once again there was an extraordinary lack of throwing skill from National Squad players and the Americans showed that even without too much finesse, success can be achieved with dedicated training.

Our women obviously do not train anywhere near as well as the Men Internationals and only a few were anywhere near fit enough for this level of competition.

National Squad Manager Roy Inman must obviously be aware of this and I know is trying to improve frequency of Squad and Training sessions, but financial restrictions make it very hard.

However, as I said we did achieve our best Medal total for a number of years and perhaps these girls were the exception but a very large number of rated players were eliminated very early in the Contest. The Midland Area, with a depleted entry, despite being National Team Silver medallists had no interest at all in the medal positions and quite a few didn't make the second round.

The foreign entry was quite large, with Competitors from Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, Finland, Holland, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Portugal and the U.S.A. and Canada and even a couple of well travelled ladies from Australia but once again, lack of spectators and the oppressive atmosphere and dismal catering at Crystal Palace made it an Event best forgotten.

Among the brighter moments were Loretta Doyle winning the silver in the Under 52k class being strangled by Edith Horath of Austria (4th Dan) who not unexpectedly took the title and Della Tysall who made a return to form in winning a bronze in the Under 56k class. For me the bright spot of the British effort was the all North West final between Anne Hughes and Kay Greenhaldh which Anne won by a koka from a counter to Kay's uchimata. Both Anne and Kay are very skilful and quick and Kay always seems to pace her effort much better than most women with steady, regular attacks all the way through the contest. She also seems much fitter than a lot of her collegues but despite my cash offer of 5p if she won Anne proved too clever for her.

Maureen Bennett found herself in the same Pool as European medallist Karen Kruger of Germany but beat her to head her Pool into the knockout. Karen came second and they both progressed through the opposite sides of the Competition until meeting again in the final. This time Maureen left her effort too late and Karen took the title with a couple of Yuko's. Avril Malley was the next success beating U.S. hope Amy Kublin by a koka after Amy had eliminated fellow squad member Christine Penick from the knockout. More about her later

Avril, from Northern Ireland, took the title in what for her has been a very successful year and with some

throwing expertise added to her undoubted ability on the ground she could become quite a player. She was fortunate in that Amy had lunched with us on some rather corrugated Crystal Palace gateau which could only have had a detrimental effect as it easily managed to break the plastic fork provided!

Margaret Castro of the U.S.A. not surprisingly won the Over 72k with Britain's Heather Ford picking up a bronze and a twenty stone Margherita De Cal of Italy getting the silver.

Christine Penick. Now there's a name to remember, and, Suzanne Litscher of Austria will remember it well. (See photo). Penick, a coloured American of statuesque proportions fought in the Under 72 kilo class with an aggression that even the men do not match on occassions. She destroyed all opposition in her Pool to meet British International Geraldine Harmon in the first round of the knockout.

Although lacking in skill, her muscular development gave a clue to her extraordinary strength and Geraldine was mauled out of the Event. After 2 minutes Penick half applied a strangle which was across the British girl's face but out of sight of the referee. When the bones of her jaw were about to break Geraldine was forced to submit putting Penick in the next round against Salzmann from Switzerland. In this contest she threw the Swiss girl with uranage just with muscular effort and to my view intentionally tried to hurt the girl by slamming her down as hard as possible. Still it got her the progress into the next fight only to meet team mate Amy Kublin of whom she was obviously wary with Amy winning by a koka.

This put Christine in the repechage against a blonde, blue eyed innocent looking Litscher of Austria for whom I feared the worse

Suzanne, however surprised everyone, Penick most of all, when she secured an effective udegarami from on top of her opponent. Whilst applying the armlock Suzanne started screaming obviously in pain with no apparent reason and really heaved on the armlock gaining an immediate submission from Penick and a badly injured arm to go with it. The reason for the scream soon became apparent when Suzanne displayed to the Doctor an angry purple bite mark high on the inside of her thigh where Penick had tried to bite her way out of the lock. She was subsequently disgualified but the American girls said we should not take it too hard because she was in the habit of biting everyone, not just foreigners. Barbara Fest said she had been 'Savaged on my boobl' by Chris, but refused to let me photograph the evidence.

Obviously Miss Penick will not survive the European circuit long!

Talking of Americans, Rusty Cogan the American Team Manager was presented with the Dame Edith Russell Smith trophy for services to Women's Judo in really putting the sport on the map in America where the Men are singularly unsuccessful in comparison with the Women. In the words of a well known British Champion, "They aint got no bottle 'av they."



Above: Litscher shows a fine impression of Christine Penick's teeth!

Right: Christine 'bites ver legs' Penick. (U.S.A.) See report.

Kublin (U.S.A.) before the players met in the final. Avril winning.







Anne Hughes (North West) takes the British Open Under 61k Title from Kay Greenhalgh also North West.

# RESULTS

#### Category -48kg

Gold—E. Hillesheirn 3D (W.G.). Silver—Anne Lof 2D (Sweden). Bronze—Jose Homminga 3D (Holland). Bronze—Anna De Novellu 2D (Italy).

#### Category -52kg

Gold—Edith Hrorath 4D (Austria). Silver—Loretta Doyle 1D (G.B.). Bronze—Patrinzia Montaguti 2D (Italy). Bronze—Fipi Kantojari 1D (Sweden).

#### Category -56kg

Gold—G. Winklbrauer 1D (Austria). Silver—M. Fantanna 3D (Italy). Bronze—Della Tysall 1D (G.B.). Bronze—T. Nguyen 3D (Switzerland).

#### Category -61kg

Gold – Anne Hughes 2D (G.B.). Silver – Kay Greenhalgh 1D (G.B.). Bronze – Laur Di Toma 3D (Italy). Bronze – Herta Reiter 1D (Austria).

#### Category -66kg

Gold—Karen Kruger 1D (W.G.). Silver—Maureen Bennett 2D (G.B.). Bronze—Donna McDonald 1D (Canada). Bronze—Nadia Amerighi (Italy).

#### Category -72kg

Gold—Avril Malley 2D (G.B.). Silver—Amy Kublin 2D (U.S.A.). Bronze—Barbara Classen 1D (W.G.). Bronze—Suzanne Litscher 1D (Austria).

#### Category +72kg

Gold—Margaret Castro 1D (U.S.A.). Silver—Margherita De Cal 3D (Italy). Bronze—Heather Ford 3D (G.B.). Bronze—Barbara Fest 1D (U.S.A.).



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There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in each weight category and each of the Kyu Grades and special events.

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Membership licences must be produced when booking in or a non-returnable fine of £2.00 will be imposed.

Competitors may not change Weight Categories on the day of the Competition without payment of an additional entry fee.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the BJA Midlands and crossed 'Championships Account'.

All other details as per the Tournament Handbook for a Four Star Event.

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Will the 1978 Champions please return the Area Trophies by the closing date for entries. If unable to do so please telephone Frank Smith on 021-556 0301.

## BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION - MIDLAND AREA **Men's Individual Championships 1979**

Saturday 24th November 1979 - Haden Hill Leisure Centre Barrs Road, Cradley Heath, Warley, West Midlands

Club...... Name and address of person to whom Competitors Cards should be sent

#### **ENTRY FORM**

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|   | Event 3-Kyu Grade 6th to 3rd Kyu        | Event 10-Over 78k up to 86k             |
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|   | Event 4-Kyu Grade 2nd and 1st Kyu       | Event 11-Over 86k up to 95k             |
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|   | Event 5-Over 35 Years Open              | Event 12-Over 95k                       |
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|   | Event 6-Up to and including 60k         | Event 13-Open                           |
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Remember to enclose: Your Entry Form, Your Entry Fee, a Stamped Selfaddressed Return Envelope.

Entries to: Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands, no later than 18th November 1979.



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**JOHNE BEARD** TALKING SHOP

In the United Kingdom we have something in the region of 36,000 licensed Judoka, not withstanding thousands of unlicensed players, and the number is growing, but Judo is still very much an 'in sport' benefiting very little from the mass media.

Even those of us involved in the sport tend to agree with its critics, that Judo is not good entertainment for the uninitiated, but do you not think we may have been brainwashed somewhat?

How many times do you hear folk say: "... but Judo is not a spectator sport?

If that is true, and I doubt the validity of that statement, perhaps something should be done to change the image. Maybe if the general public were exposed to Judo a little and given the opportunity to learn something about it, spectator interest might grow. In my own experience, when talking with the 'lay man' who has seen his first tournament, I have never found anyone to be bored or uninterested. Confused certainly, but we all suffer from that from time to time.

Right now, for instance, I am very confused by the judgment of those who decide what makes good viewing on television for instance.

Bowling! What a great spectator sport that is. BBC TV programme planners must be far more perceptive than most of us when they show us a group of people rolling lop-sided balls around an impeccable lawn. Oh, how the excitement mounts as these queer missiles trickle over the grass intending to demolish the opposition with a resounding 'click'.

How about Cricket for a spectator sport—a game played in lavish arenas, around which there are usually thousands of seats, for all those spectators who don't go, but it can be seen for hours on TV. It's really invigorating to hear a commentator telling you, almost secretively, the tactics used when two men go out for an innings while their nine team mates stay in, and another eleven men stay out to try to get out those men who are in. When one who is in has been gotten out, another man goes in, and so on, and when all those that were in have been gotten out, the other eleven go in and those who have been gotten out, go out to get out those who are in. What other game can be played for five days and finish in a draw?

What about Horseracing? For hours, each Saturday, you can watch crowds of people, row upon row of parked cars and a few horses walking about – all for what? Suddenly there's a mad dash from stalls to winning post, then it's back to the people and the cars and the walking.

There has to been an imaginative innovation, however, Darts have come to the small screen. Is not the excitement unbearable watching the pained expression of concentration as those muscular arms propel those deadly arrows into that mysteriously interesting mixture of pig bristle and wire, punctuated by the dulcet tones of the score reader.

What thrills we get from American Football. The only time you see the ball is when it's carried out before the start. After that it's all bone-domes and burns.

How many of you were glued to your seats recently to watch the programme on Ice Curling or World Arm Wrestling Championships? Even Tiddly-Winks Championships have been shown. Red-hot stuff on which to feast your eyes.

Other sports such as Motor Racing, Snooker, Speedway, Golf, Swimming and even Soccer, would be thoroughly boring if it were not for the practice of editing highlights. In France there is as much as eight hours of edited Judo per week and very popular it is, too, so why not here? I do not pretend to know the answer but perhaps we might publish some ideas in later issues as to what people think would stimulate interest in Judo.

In the meantime it won't surprise me if we are treated to the thrill and spills of Conkers, this Autumn.





\* Scottish Judo Federation, Meadowbank Sports Centre, London Road, Edinburgh, Scotland

# JUNIOR MIDLANDS







#### Top Left: (Morote) SEOINAGE. Above: SEOITOSHI.

Another two techniques with similar names with one throw being useful as a continuation from the other. Below is a picture of a drop-knee Seoinage being used in the British National Championships which failed to score. Ask your Coach why the two techniques above are more likely to get higher scores. Find out what 'Jack-up' techniques are.

Get your partner to try and skip around your seoinage attempt. After a while continue your seoinage into seoitoshi and so block his escape. Do twenty seoinage attempts and without telling your partner make two of them seoitoshi.



Tubes T.I. Judo Club started at the Company Social Club in Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield with a small Membership consisting of the children of Company Employees and some ex-Members of Hardy Spicer Judo Club. Now in its third year the Club has made considerable progress since its modest beginnings and in the last eighteen months Members have won 39 Gold, 21 Silver and 26 Bronze Medals in Competitions. Cymonne and Karen Inwood, Margaret Orr and Karen Wilcox have become Members of the Midland Area Squad and Debbie Clewes is a British Young Women's International player. Up and coming boys who will make an impact in the future are Mark and Michael Woods and Mark Jeffries.

There has been a recent difficult period when the Club Coach resigned and left the Members without a recognised Instructor but with some help from the Area and from Dave Anderson of Chapelhouse Club and all the parents and friends who helped, most of the problems were overcome. John Cole is now the Instructor with help from Allan Burton and the Club is going from strength to strength. More recent achievements include Karen representing England in an International match in Germany, July Parry, a player of only three months winning a bronze Medal in the recent Three K's Championship with Sandra Rostron getting a silver just a few months after breaking her arm and the Parents Committee raising enough money to purchase a number of new mats needed to complete the Area.

Practise is on Tuesdays 7-30pm to 9-00pm with a

Beginners Class on Thursday at the same times. With Eric Wilcox as Chairman and Mrs Inwood, Mrs Jeffries, Mr Bailey and Mr Duggan as Committee assistance the Club should have a rosy future.

#### COVENTRY JUDO CLUB ... AT THE KIEL [GERMANY] TOURNAMENT

With some Sponsorship help from *Chrysler U.K.* and *Yenton Motors (Erdington)* Coventry Judo Club set sail for Kiel on the 14th June in order to compete in the Tournament to which they have been invited for the last five years. The Squad was, 60k D. Keogh, 65k B. Newcombe, 71k Mark Holt, 78k A. Holt, 86k P. Donnelly, 95k M. Robbins and Ron Knight as heavyweight. Dave Barber was the Team Manager and Dale and Danny Broughton were reserves.

Over twenty teams took part and Coventry beat four Teams up to the semi-final where they met last year's Champions. In a close fight the Midlands Club were the victors with everything depending on Ron Knight's win in the last fight. The final was against Marienlyst Oslo which Coventry surprisingly lost 4-3 and had to be content with third place. The second final in the other Pool produced Brunswick as winners and eventual Champions 6-1 even though Coventry had earlier beaten them.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in social enjoyment with a local Club practise thrown in and some well imbibed players struggled to catch the Ferry home from Hamburg on Wednesday morning.

Dave Barber

## MIDLANDS MEN AMONGST THE MEDALS



Densign White attacking Dave Walker.

Thirteen is not unlucky for the said number of Midland Area Contestants who won medals in the British 'Closed' Championships staged by the Area last month.

Every category of the Championship had at least one Area player taking a Medal with three out of four of the 'Open' category medal places being taken by the Midlands.

It was obvious almost a week before the closing date of this year's *Debenhams* sponsored Event that not only was the entry going to exceed that of the first Event but that the Competitors were of the highest order.

When the entries totalled 170 it was decided that the Competition could not be finished before 9-00pm and it was decided in only the second year since its inception that more entries were to be refused. This bears out the Area's confidence in originating the Event and in future years it will obviously be a most prestigious tournament.

Unfortunately, National Championships are inherently expensive to stage and from our experiences with last year's Events we made economies wherever possible to ensure viability. As a consequence we did not produce a programme which saved us about £150 and some reduction in spending on prizes and expenses was made.

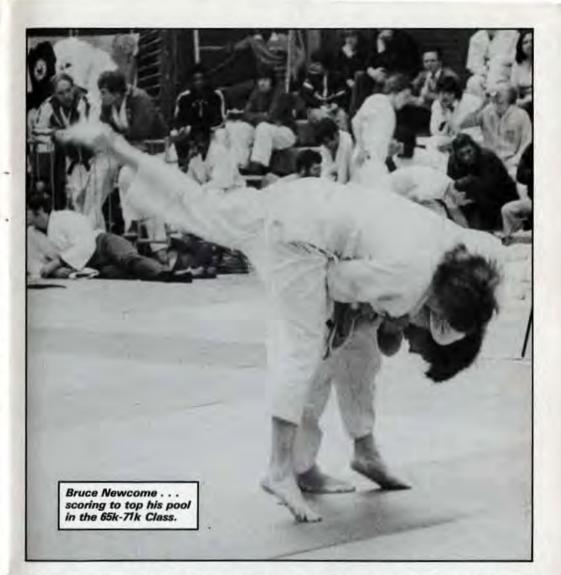
No matter how brilliant a Championship is, no Area can stage National Events which become a liability and some thought should be given by the National body as to whether contributions can be made to help Areas which assist in the level of activity available on a National basis. It is nonsense to expect Organizers to show a loss before any assistance is given and is patently an incentive to be inefficient in organization.

From a Judo point of view, I have not seen so many lppons or near lppons scored from throws strangles and arm-



Ron Knight having just lost the Final of the 'Open' to Stuart Travis, extends the hand of friendship!

locks and skilful groundwork moves for a considerable time and if an edited film had been made of the Championships, the highlights would have made tremendous television. Let us hope that in the future we might manage it.



As it was, we did benefit from some exposure on TV the Friday before the Event when we had about five minutes time on *Midlands Today* which is part of the *Nationwide* regional programme split.

Charles Palmer, Neal Adams and Bruce Newcombe did a great job in publicizing the Event and the Sport and many thanks to them for their efforts at such short notice and especially to Bruce who dashed around arranging mats and transport for most of the day.

With some of the Booking-in and Weighing-in having been completed on Friday evening the Competition actually started on time with Phyllis Elliott giving most valuable assistance in the preparation of the paperwork and Lyn Butler looking after the points cards, and the time-keepers and recorders all in their appointed positions with time to spare.

Midlands and local interest was soon aroused with Brian Drew in the Over 95k category topping his Pool and going into the semi-final against Boyle of the North West whom he strangled in 3 minutes, 50 seconds for a place in the final against Bob Bradley of the South. The final was something of a surprise with both men going off at a very quick pace and Brian scoring Yuko from Taniotoshi in just 23 seconds. This was short lived as leads go because Bradley quickly returned the compliment with a tremendous Haraimaki-komi in just 56 seconds to win the title!

Tony Weaver provided more Area interest coming second in his Pool to Nick Kokotaylo and then surprisingly beating Adrian Viddler in the semi-final to meet Kokotaylo again in the final. Kokotaylo improved his score to Ippon from Yokoshiho-gatame with Tony getting a silver in his first major contest for quite a while. M. Boditch of the West took the other Bronze.

Two medallists in the 78k-86k class with Stuart Travis losing in the final to an impressive Joe Donald on a Kei-ko-ku whilst young Nick Wilkins did extremely well in impressive company to win a Bronze.

European Champion, Neal Adams, had to withdraw from the Under 71k class after sustaining a cut eye in training but this still left an impressive array of talent to compete for the title, including last year's Champion, Richard Armstrong, Bruce Newcombe, Pete Blewett and Roy Muller, who all topped their Pools in getting into the knockout.

Densign White and Scotland's Borthwick

were also going well with Densign scoring lppon from throws in all his contests, in the 71k-78k class on Mat Two whilst Chris Bowles had appeared to coast along with some terrific wins until struggling a little to overcome Capper of Birmingham University by a Yuko. Densign White had by now beaten Dave Walker of the Midlands only to lose to Borthwick by a Koka and so go into the repechage from which he emerged with the Bronze medal. Bowles had somewhat of a hard time with Borthwick who has a squat, defensive style and only when he took him to the ground did he have any success quickly creating an opportunity for Sangaku-jime for the title.

Terrific stuff in Event Three where Newcombe had gone out to Blewett on a Koka and a confident Armstrong met Muller for a place in the final and set off to a good start with a Yuko and a Koka from Seonage and Ko-ouchi. Thirty-three years old Roy Muller then produced a magnificent Hane-maki-komi from out of the blue to dump Richard on his back with Roy landing on top of him to the delight of the Midlands crowd. Their delight was, however, short lived as the referee inexplicably gave Wazari which surprised everyone, especially Muller who thought he won it. All credit now to Armstrong who came back strongly to level the scores and continue into Yoko-shiho for Ippon.

In the final, Blewett, a wily bird, seemingly allowed Armstrong to achieve his favourite reverse chest hold and then strangled him out from underneath to take the Gold medal.

Plenty of good Midlands players in the 60k-65k class with Wright, Cannaby, Brown, Davis and Brindle, all unfortunately finishing in the same half of the knockout, whilst Hepworth and Hughes were in the other section.

Kerrith Brown then eiliminated last years Champion Melvin Wright and turned the British 'Open' result on Keith Cannaby by scoring three Kokas to get a place in the final and subsequently the Gold medal by beating Brady from the Northern Home Counties. Melvin came back through the repechage for the Bronze.

Jeremy Marcroft continued a successful year for him by beating Gardiner of Scotland for the title in the Under 60k class, whilst Rance (NHC) and Swatman of the Midlands took the Bronze.

Another Ron Knight, Stuart Travis final assured the Area of another two medals at least, in the 'Open' category with Travis winning by a Yuko and newcomer to the Area, Scurr of Milton Keynes adding to the tally with a Bronze.

So another fine Championship staged by the Area with Haden Hill beginning to get to grips with the requirements of a large Judo tournament of this nature.

With some more attention to the catering and the realization that Judo contests provide a captive attendance of players and spectators for seven or eight hours then it should prove a popular venue. Income from catering would also be considerable.

Guests to the Championship were Charles Palmer, OBE, Chairman of the BJA and President of the IJF, Tony Reay, Development Officer, Graham Perkins, Chief Executive Officer and Tony Macconnell, British Team manager. Many thanks to Debenhams for their assistance and financial help which made it possible and to everyone who helped stage the Championships.

# RESULTS

Category -60kg Gold-J. Marcroft 1D (London). Silver-P. Gardiner 1D (S.J.F.). Bronze-D. Rance 1D (N.H.C.). Bronze-J. Swatman 1K (Midlands).

Category -65kg

Gold-K. Brown 1D (Midlands). Silver-J. Brady 1K (N.H.C.). Bronze-M. Wright 2D (Midlands). Bronze-S. Gadd 1D (South).

#### Category -71kg

Gold—P. Blewett 3D (N.H.C.). Silver—R. Armstrong 2D (N.H.C.). Bronze—R. Muller 3D (Midlands). Bronze—B. Newcombe 3D (Midlands).

#### Category -78kg

Gold – C. Bowles 2D (London). Silver – D. Borthwick 3D (S.J.F.). Bronze – D. McManus 2D (London). Bronze – D. White 1D (Midlands).

#### Category -86kg

Gold-J. Donald 2D (London). Silver-S. Travis 3D (Midlands). Bronze-J. Hockley 3D (South). Bronze-N. Wilkins 1D (Midlands).

#### Category -95kg

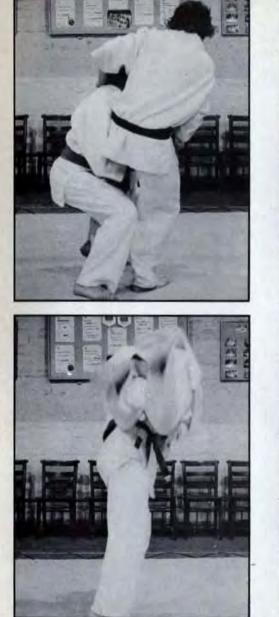
Gold—N. Kokotaylo 3D (North West). Silver—T. Weaver 3D (Midlands). Bronze—A. Viddler 3D (South). Bronze—M. Bowditch 1D (West).

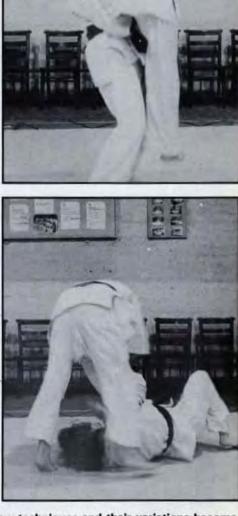
#### Category +95kg

Gold—R. Bradley 4D (South). Silver—B. Drew 3D (Midlands). Bronze—T. Boyle 1D (North West). Bronze—R. Tonkin 2D (North West).

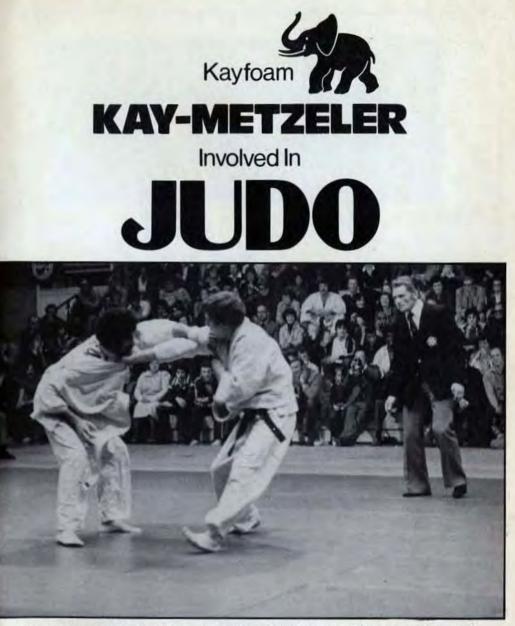
#### **Category Open kg**

Gold – S. Travis 3D (Midlands). Silver – R. Knight 3D (Midlands). Bronze – D. Walker 4D (Midlands). Bronze – R. Bradley 4D (South).





\* *TE-GURUMA*... Hand Wheel... Showing how techniques and their variations become blurred in definition — this throw normally used as a counter to Haraigoshi or Ashiguruma and considered by many authorities to be the popular version of Sukuinage or Scoop Throw. The Training Sub-Committee have included it as their interpretation of Te-Guruma in the Junior Theory Syllabus though it would be difficult for Examiners to refuse to accept the normal Te-Waza throw used as a Counter to a side stepped Uchimata which popular opinion considers a hand wheel.



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