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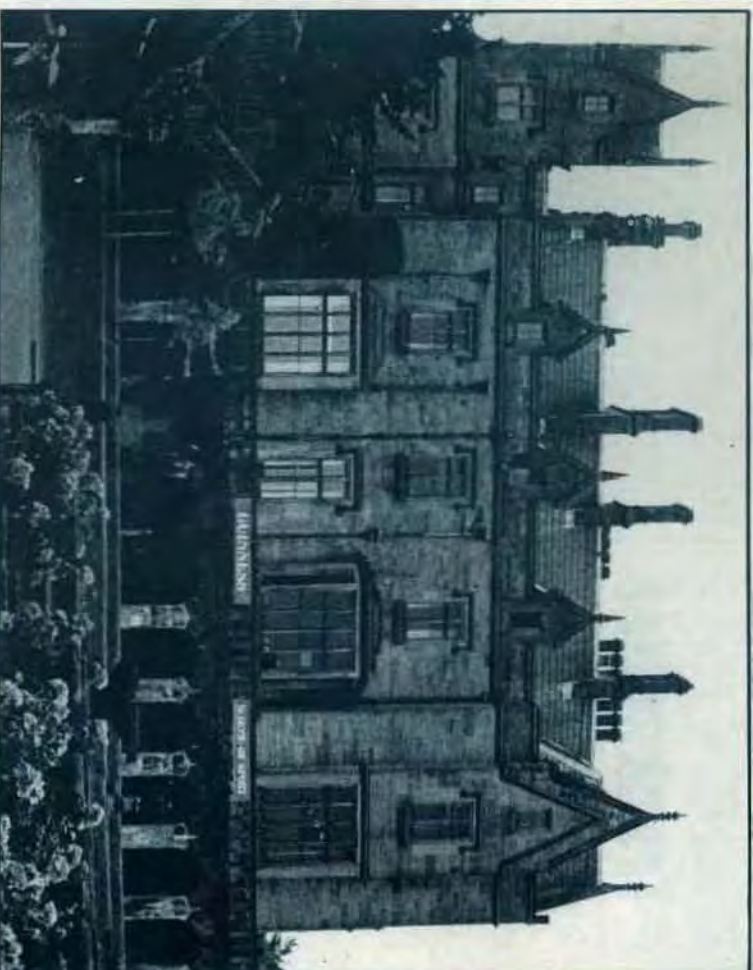
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Free with this edition is a very attractive poster for the Junior European Championships at Meadowbank, Scotland, in November. Please display it in your Club or car.

The Scottish Judo Federation are always magnificent hosts and I can recommend a visit to the Europeans. There is an application strip for tickets on the advertisement and if enough people are interested in going and take the trouble to contact me, I will arrange a coach hire at reduced rates. We are likely to have some Midlands representatives to support.

Closer to home is the British 'Closed' Championships at Haden Hill Leisure Centre on 15th September. As there is no grade requirement this year there is an opportunity to compete with the best for everyone. Entry form within, booking forms for accommodation from me.

The next three months are the most active months and we start off with a most interesting venture on 9th September at the Midlands Arts Centre. This is a Day-Course on the IJF Rules and their Interpretation, whether as a referee, coach or contest player. For £3.50 you get a full day's course, refreshments, an up-to-date copy of the IJF Rules and a Theory Examination for the Referees Award should you be eligible. It is also a qualifying Event for revalidation of the Coaching Awards and is recommended by Bryan Rowland. Those people wishing to qualify as Examiners also need to pass the Theory part of the Referees Award. Contact Ken Webber on 021-747 7162 for details as soon as possible.

Again this month we have a 24-page edition thanks to our advertisers continued support with slightly re-arranged format. Most of your regular features are retained including the popular *Coaching Spot* in Junior Judo. Club coaches could use this regular spot as a visual coaching aid to go through the techniques and pose questions to their junior members and perhaps remove the pages for display in the Club. Your ideas are welcome for the *Junior Judo* pages.

Interesting new proposals from the Area Committee this month. Firstly, the re-introduction of the Junior Inter-County Championships after details have been sorted out with County eliminations to select the teams and secondly the proposal to run a Midland Area Summer Camp next year. Once again the format has not been sorted out yet, details in due course.

Also news from Tony Reay that *British Judo* is likely to be distributed in September which will introduce the Junior Theory Syllabus. More about that later but look out for the Midland Area marketed *Photographic Syllabus Book* which will be available around the same time. A fine quality 40-page glossy booklet with excellent technical demonstrations under the direction of Roy Inman, 5th Dan. Price will be around 95p.

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AREA INFORMATION

* MIDLAND AREA PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

Clubs wishing to host the 1980 Promotion Examinations should apply to the Midland Area Director of Examiners, Joe Ekins, 50 Headingly Road, Rushden, Northants, by 1st October, giving the following information . . . Type of grading required—Men, Women, Boys or Girls. Suggested dates and times with alternatives. Full address of the venue. Name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for organizing at the Club—must be on the telephone.

Organizers are reminded that Grading Venues must be affiliated to the BJA through a club using that venue. That the venue must be opened and prepared at least 30 minutes before the published starting time. The Club is also responsible for providing the Referees, collecting examination fees and providing light refreshments for the Examiner.

The minimum age for the Junior BJA Grades is eight years. A Junior licence is only valid until the holder reaches 16 years of age. After this, the entrant to a promotion examination must hold a Senior licence and may not enter a Junior Examination.

JOE EKINS

* IMPORTANT NOTICE

As informed in the letter already circulated, because of the increase in production, distribution and postal charges, we will be unable to deliver magazines free of charge to those clubs not selling at least five copies a month. Clubs not selling magazines at the moment should send the subscription form on page three with a cheque made payable to the BJA Midland Area for £6 for the next 12 months publications. You will be informed when your renewal is due. Alternatively, if you increase your order to sell five copies you will receive one copy free and a 12½% discount on your order.

For your information, the Magazine costs around £300 a month to produce with a revenue of around £230 when everyone has paid their invoices. These costs will increase about 10% next month and as the Area receive no proportion whatsoever of the Club's affiliation fee it will be impossible to meet the increased expenditure from our existing resources.

NOTE: If you do not return the subscription form and cheque your Club will, of necessity, be deleted from the Mailing List.

* DAN GRADING

There will be a Dan Grading at Corby Judo Club, Corby Youth Centre, Cottingham Road, Corby, Northants, on 14th October, starting at 10-00am.

This is for both Men and Women, from 1st Kyu upwards. Examiner Ray Topple.

DIARY AND AREA NEWS

* PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd: Boys all grades, Dudley 10-00am. Mens Kyu Grades, Dudley Leisure Centre 11-00am. **Saturday 8th:** Boys Novice to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am. Girls Novice to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am. **Sunday 9th:** Boys Novice to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am. Girls Novice to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am. Boys Novice to 5th Mon, Tubes 10-00am. **Sunday 16th:** Boys Novice to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am. Girls Novice to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am. Womens Kyu Grades, Burton 10-00am. **Sunday 23rd:** Mens Kyu Grades, Grimsby 1-00pm. Girls all grades, Linton 10-00am. **Saturday 29th:** Boys Beginners, Quorn 9-30am. Boys 1st to 6th Mon, Quorn 11-30am. Boys 7th to 10th Mon, Quorn 1-30pm. Boys 11th Mon and above, Quorn 3-00pm. Boys all grades, Jukuren 2-00pm. **Sunday 30th:** Womens Kyu Grades, BAI 12-30pm. Boys 6th Mon and above, Yarborough 10-30am. Mens Kyu Grades, Coventry 2-00pm.

* DERBY OPEN

The Derby Open will be held on 23rd September. Entry form and full details on centre pages.

* SKK CHAMPIONSHIPS

The SKK Judo Club Boys Championships will be held at Sherdley Park Sports Hall on 16th September. Under-18 armlocks and strangles over 55 kilos. Under 25 kilos and rest of National weights. Entry form from M. S. Paton, 5 Caunce Avenue, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.

* WOMENS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British Open for Women will be held at Crystal Palace on 1st September.

* MENS CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British Closed Championships for Men will be held at Haden Hill Leisure Centre on 15th September.

* INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Individual Boys and Girls Championships will be held at Crystal Palace on the week-end of 10th/11th November.

* BACUP SHOW

At Rossendale Sports Centre, Haslingden, Lancashire on 22nd September. This is an Open Senior Mens Team Event, Promotional Points Scoring, Three-Star Event. With an entrance fee of £7.50 per team. Entry fees to A. McNamara, Rosebank, Stacksteads, Bacup, Lancashire. Weights: 65k, 71k, 78k, 86k and Under 96k.

SQUADS/NEWS/REPORTS

The Midland Area Centre of Excellence Squads formally commence on 23rd September at Haden Hill Leisure Centre. All Squads will have their training sessions at Haden Hill from now on. Dates will be available from your Squad Manager 12 months in advance from November. Invited students of the Centre of Excellence are required to have 70% attendance at Squad Sessions. More details from your Squad Manager.

Junior Boys Under-18's Squad. Next training session at Coventry Judo Club on 9th September at 10-30am. Guest instructor for this session. Everyone welcome. Mat fee 50p.

Girl's Under-18's Squad and Women's Squad. As the Centre of Excellence Squad Sessions coincide with the Derby Open Championships all Squad Members are encouraged to enter the Championships in lieu of the training session. Squad Managers will be present at the Event and some junior selections may be based on this event.

The October session is expected to be an Inter-Area Match.

Debenhams Grant. Two cheques for £100 each have been received from Debenhams to support the Junior Squads in their arrangements to travel to the National Championships in November. Our grateful thanks to Debenhams for this timely aid for our Junior players it will be a great help in our efforts to achieve success for our talented youngsters.

Girls and Women's Success. The Sumo Keido Kwan Club, Liverpool Under 18 years Girls Open. Winners . . . Open Category Sandy Fry, Shin Wa Kwai, Gold Medal, also the Silver Medal in the Under 48 kilo category. Gold to Linda Stuart, also Shin Wa Kwai, in the Under 48 Kilo class, and a Gold to Karen Hewitt, Ryecroft, in the Under 60 kilo class. Karen also took a Bronze in the Open. All Midlands Players that entered won medals except Jackie Stuart who was placed in the same first round pool as her sister after travelling all the way from Grimsby to compete.

Also in the North-West Women's Championships success to every Midlands girl that entered. Under 52 kilo—Gold Sandy Fry, Silver Bernie Croke. Under 61 kilo—Silver Chrissie Brennan, Bronze Karen Hewitt. Open—Gold Chrissie Brennan, Bronze Bernie Croke. Chrissie lost to Kay Greenhalgh in the Under 61 kilo category but then went and beat her in the Open for the Gold. All the girls fought extremely well with every one getting a medal.

Whatever happened to the rest of the Midland Area Women's Squad?

PAT HEWITT

New Coaches. Three New Club Coach successes in Andrew Haffner, Graham Martin and Raymond Bower all from Kidderminster. Frank Farrendon and Brian Rowland took the Examination and Clubs who would like visiting coaches should get in touch with Bryan—address in last month's magazine—or telephone Frank on Leicester 56140.

East Midlands Juniors. East Midlands Junior Training Sessions are held at Leicester Judokwai from 11-00am to 1-00pm every Sunday. All Juniors between 14 and 18 years are welcome to attend.

FRANK FARRENDON



CLOSE UP

HILDA CALLAGHAN, 1st DAN

Hilda's beginnings in Judo were with the very successful Morris Commercial Judo Club which she joined at 11 years of age, and soon began to show her ability as a contest fighter in the A.J.A.

Hilda subsequently won the A.J.A. national title for her weight category five times from 1969 to 1974, excluding 1973, and then as a senior she joined the B.J.A. and began to train at the Bushido Holy Name Club.

Frank Elrington was the coach at the Bushido and also Area Women's Squad Manager, and soon recruited Hilda into the Area Squad.

In 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 Hilda was Midland Area Senior Champion at her weight and a member of the Area Team which won a Silver and two Bronze medals in the National Team Championships three years in succession.

In 1977 Hilda fought her way into the National Squad and was rewarded with an international badge in Holland during 1977, and then returned to Holland with her club to win a Gold medal in the Brielle Tournament.

In 1978 she attained her 1st Dan.

Hilda, now 24 years of age, is a Teacher and has just moved to live in Halesowen. She is still a member of the Area Squad and continues to practise around the Birmingham clubs. Her favourite technique is Seotoshi and her other interests include badminton and travelling.

MIDLANDS "GUINNESS" SCHOOL OF SPORT, 1979

Seven sports were invited to constitute the *Guinness School of Sport for 1979* organized over the week 28th July to 3rd August by the West Midlands and East Midlands Sports Councils at Lilleshall. Once again Judo was fortunate enough to be included along with Basketball, Squash, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball and Ski-ing—Roy Inman was invited to be the Judo Coach for the week.

The requirements of the players were that they were to be under 21-years-old age and selected by the Squad Manager as being of 'Area' standard who would benefit from a week's intensive training and coaching at the expense of the Sponsors, *Arthur Guinness Son and Company Limited*, and the Sports Council. Ten residential places were available to Judo and the Director of Lilleshall kindly made arrangements for some other students to attend informally and put them up in sleeping bags in one of the Sports Halls.

Lilleshall, a former home of the Duke of Sutherland is in a beautiful setting of fields and woodland near Newport in Shropshire and was

purchased by the Central Council for Physical Recreation in 1950 with financial assistance from the South African *Aid to Britain Fund*. Ironical when one remembers the pressures being brought to bear to prevent British sportsmen competing in South Africa. It was opened as a National Recreation Centre in June 1951 by the Queen and the management of the Centre subsequently passed to the Sports Council.

Facilities include 25 acres of grass playing fields, a new Poligrass playing surface which is floodlit, nine tennis courts, an indoor athletics area, various Sports Halls and five squash courts. An 18-hole golf course adjoins the Centre, and one of the most popular new facilities is a deep foam filled landing pit into which the boys took great delight in performing extra-ordinary leaps and somersaults.

★ *The Class, from left to right . . . Back row: Roy Inman, coach, N. Wilkins, D. White, D. Charlton, J. Swatman, R. Blake. Front row: K. Brown, M. Bowater, T. Wilkins, T. Brindle, T. Brady.*



Above: How's that for a lawn? The new Poligrass playing area at Lilleshall.



Above: Skill training with a crash mat and an audience of interested parents.

On Friday the School had an open day for the various Sports Council guests and the parents of the students and several tours of the activities were arranged—all credit to Derek Tremayne, Jim Saddler, Celia Hodges, Dave Francis, Mel Blackshaw and the rest of the Sports Council officials who put on a very nice lunch and reception, plus a pleasant end of course presentation at the end of the day. Jonah Barrington, who is to Squash what Brian Jacks is to Judo, presented the awards and Tim Wilkins was nominated as the Judo player who had made the most progress during the week. All the players received commemorative group photographs of the class and also individual pictures of each one in action. After seeing Kerrith Brown's photograph he was unanimously voted as *Poser of the Week*.

Two of the nominated Judo players rather unfortunately failed to turn up for School after confirming that they would attend and our apologies to *Guinness* and the Sports Council for their lack of good manners in causing any additional expenses and inconvenience.



Above: Julie Clarke, international Judo player attending the School of Sport as a County Hockey player.

JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

According to BBC Radio, at the beginning of August, the Secretary of the Russian Organising Committee for the 1980 Olympic Games said: "Unless the United Kingdom changes its policy concerning Rugby Football Tours of South Africa, the doors to the Moscow Olympics could be firmly shut to British participants."

Do you remember when the Russians 'liberated' Hungary in 1958? Thousands of Hungarians fled the country and unknown thousands met an un-timely end at the hands of Russian Tank Commanders. Do you remember when the Russians 'liberated' Czechoslovakia in 1969? Have you heard any stories concerning the treatment of Jews living in Russian?

Do you remember when the Asians were forced out of Uganda? You must certainly remember the murder of Israeli athletes in Munich by Arab extremists. I remember all of these things and a few more besides, but I don't seem to be able to call to mind anyone seriously proposing that the countries responsible for perpetrating these actions should be banned from the Olympic Games.

If South Africa is such a terrible place why are we not plagued with refugees from there, and if communism is such a wonderful thing why are people not clammering to emigrate to the Soviet bloc countries?

I do not support separatist policies and I can see no justification for apartheid, neither can I see any justification for murdering people who happen to wish to live differently from others.

Furthermore, if the politics of any country has got anything to do with the Olympic Games why don't the politicians enter the games and let the athletes run the countries.

Just imagine some of the selections for the British team.

We could have Wedgewood Benn throwing the hammer—at James Callaghan. Enoch Powell throwing the javelin—at everybody. I would like to see Cyril Smith in the equestrian events—ridden by Maggie Thatcher. Jeremy Thorpe in the canoeing—he's up the creek anyway. Denis Healey should do well in the wrestling—no one was ever able to pin him down. There's only one place for Harold Wilson, the decathlon—he was always trying to do everyone else's job. I was going to put Ted Heath in the relay, but he doesn't want to be in a team, so I selected Michael Foot instead. He's passed the buck often enough so let's see what he can do with a baton. Ian Paisley could carry the flag—the right way up of course—probably in his mouth—sideways.

There's no problem about sportsmen running the country, we'll simply make Charles Palmer 'King'.

Whether you believe it or not, in writing this column I always report truthfully—well almost—and I must tell you this . . .

Brian Roberts asked me: "Does Frank Smith wear a toupé?"

I told him to fight him and find out.



"Are you sure you're not sixteen?"
Ron Knight and Eilanne Beard.

JUNIOR MIDLANDS JUDO

Junior Theory Syllabus

The Junior Theory Syllabus is now expected to be introduced from 1st September 1979 and should be detailed in the next edition of *British Judo* probably out also in September. All members receive a free copy. Make sure your licence is up to date.

KO-SOTO-GARI

COACHING SPOT

KO-SOTO-GAKE



Two throws with similar names which are very often confused with each other. In the first throw, Densign White demonstrates Ko-soto-gari on Nick Wilkins, whilst in the second technique, Roy Inman shows Ko-soto-gake. Ask you coach about the differences between the throws and how and when to do them. Find out what 'Gari' and 'Gake' mean. You should know Osotogari, is there an Osotogake? What other throws are similar in having either 'Gari' or 'Gake' as the last word. Find out what the difference is between 'O' and 'KO'.



PICTURE OF THE BOYS SQUAD AT THE JULY SESSION IN COVENTRY—THE CLASS.

Below: COACH, BRUCE NEWCOMBE, TEACHING OUCHI-GARI VARIATIONS.

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DERBYSHIRE OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 23rd September, 1979

Derby Sports Centre, Moor Lane, Derby

BJA Rules will apply.

Juniors must be under 16 years of age on the day of the competition. Espoirs must be over 16 years and under 18 years.

Current licences must be shown or a non-returnable fine equivalent to the entry fee will be levied.

Representations will only be accepted from the Team Coach named on the entry form.

Entry Fee: Juniors—£1.25 per Event. Espoirs—£1.75 per Event

Spectators: Adults—50p. Children—25p

Entry to the Sports Centre extra

Espoirs must produce a Birth Certificate.

Cheques or Postal Orders to be made payable to: Derbyshire Judo Clubs Organisation.

Closing date for entries: 10th September 1979.

A stamped self-addressed return envelope must be enclosed.

Entries to: Mrs J. Moss, 37 Cantelupe Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

ENTRY FORM

CLUB

Address for Correspondence

BOYS

Event 1
25 kilos
and under

Event 3
30 kilos
and under

Event 5
35 kilos
and under

Event 7
40 kilos
and under

Event 9
45 kilos
and under

Event 11
50 kilos
and under

Event 13
55 kilos
and under

Event 15
60 kilos
and under

Event 17
Open

Event 19
Espoir

GIRLS

Event 2
25 kilos
and under

Event 4
30 kilos
and under

Event 6
35 kilos
and under

Event 8
40 kilos
and under

Event 10
45 kilos
and under

Event 12
50 kilos
and under

Event 14
55 kilos
and under

Event 16
60 kilos
and under

Event 18
Open

Event 20
Espoir

Booking-in: Events 1 to 6—9-00/9-30am Events 7 to 12—10-00/10-30am Events 13 to 20—1-00/1-30pm
Team Coach Total Entry Fee Enclosed £.....

BSJA SCHOOLBOYS v FINLAND SCHOOLBOYS

HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE ON 11th AUGUST 1979

Congratulations to Malcolm Collins and John Beard who did most of the enormous amount of work required to stage this international match and to Malcolm especially for securing a 'Five-Star' Tournament Licence for the Event and for the Social arrangements made to look after the visitors over the weekend.

Finland, with a total population of only around 4½ million has a very good Senior Men's Squad and their Junior Squad was somewhat of an unknown quantity for the School's team. As it happened, despite every contestant giving an extremely spirited and disciplined performance, Finland were no match for the British team, largely made up of Midland Area players, and ran out definite losers with only three contest wins against BSJA team's 13 wins.

Good performances from several of the British team with Adrian Law beating K. Lehtonen with a nice armlock in two minutes 35 seconds, and D. Ward with Ippon from Seonage against K. Kalilo. Tommy Brindle disposed of M. Ilionen, who had attempted a couple of quick strangles on Tommy, in just 50 seconds, with, yes, you've guessed it, an even better strangle!

As an interlude between the two international matches there was a Team Contest between the Three K's Judo Club and Coventry Judo Club, which at times even had the Finnish contingent stamping their feet. Coventry were the winners five contests to four, despite giving the Three K's

a bout start by having no lightweight. Bassett-Jones, Broughton, Newcombe, Holt and Knight were Coventry's winners whilst Smith (bye), Drysdale, Stinton and Colstock won for the Three K's.

BSJA: S. Bryan, P. Meadows, J. Ward, M. Healey, A. Law, G. Purcell, K. Brown, D. White, S. Wilkinson, G. Whiterhead, D. Ward, C. Bowater, P. Bachelor, I. Landecombe, S. Meadows, T. Brindle, S. Wallis, D. Rickets.

Finland: M. Pihlajamäki, K. Kalilo, H. Hiihamo, J. P. Metsola, E. Makkonen, T. Mäkinen, M. Ilionen, P. Huitt, J. Martti-Tailia, K. Seppanen, H. Hirvonen, T. Kuhlman, K. Lehtonen, J. Kalandar, K. Laitinen, T. Maki, P. Wagenius.

It was a little surprising that for such an important and prestigious international match so few of the BSJA Officials gave any assistance to Malcolm and John in actually running the Event and the powers that be had allocated no budget for them to do so. It is only fair to say that but for Malcolm's friends and contacts and the resources of equipment and personnel from the Midland Area it would have been a very different story. With more experience of such major competitions the BSJA will learn that unless its willing horses are given more help and financial assistance they will soon slip out of harness. In the meantime congratulations on a very fine competition.



★ THE BSJA Under-18 Squad.



★ Above: Finnish National Under-18 Squad.

★ Left: Meadows BSJA attacks T. Mäkinen of Finland with Ken-Ken Uchimate.

★ Below left: Newcombe (Coventry) attacks John (KKK) during the club match.

★ Below: Landrecombe of the BSJA attacking Makkonen of Finland.



British Judo Association—Midland Area

MIDLAND AREA CLOSED BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS

HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE, BARRS ROAD, WARLEY, WEST MIDLANDS
SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 1979

As the Boys National Championships this year has had the age limit extended to include those Under 18 years of age on 31st December 1979, this is the age qualification which will apply to the Midland Area. This is the qualifying contest for the selection of the Midland Area Entry to the National Championships, all the medal winners receiving entry cards. Be sure you are available to travel to Crystal Palace on 10th November before accepting an entry card, so that no places are lost.

This is a 'Four-Star' Event and will conform with Tournament Handbook requirements with booking in commencing at 8-30am for Events 1 to 5, and at 2-30pm for Events 6 to 10. Entry fee is £1.50 per Event which is non-returnable and all competitors must have BJA Licences on the day of the Event or be fined £1.00 which is also non-returnable. Evidence of date-of-birth may be required if any doubt is expressed concerning a competitor's age it is advisable for contestants over 55 kilos to have such evidence available.

Strangles and armlocks will be permitted over 55 kilos and upwards through the remaining weight categories.

Contests will be fought on a First Round Pool and Second Round Knock-out and Repechage.

Closing date for entries 1st October 1979—No late entries will be accepted. All entries must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of the competitors ticket.

★ ENTRY FORM ★

Club Name of person to whom Competitors Cards should be sent:

Address

Event 1—Up to and including 30k

Event 6—Over 50k up to 55k

Event 2—Over 30k up to 35k

Event 7—over 55k up to 60k

Event 3—Over 35k up to 40k

Event 8—Over 60k up to 65k

Event 4—Over 40k up to 45k

Event 9—Over 65k up to 70k

Event 5—Over 45k up to 50k

Event 10—Over 70k

REMEMBER: Enclose your entry fee (£1.50 per competitor). A stamped addressed envelope and your entry form. Closing date for entries 1st October 1979 (no entries accepted after this date). Entries to Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

British Judo Association—Midland Area

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INFORMATION SHEET AND ENTRY FORM

The British 'Closed' Championships are again at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, this time sponsored by Debenhams as part of their £100,000 Sports Sponsorship Scheme with the trophies kindly donated by Charglow.

The Event, which is a BJA Four-Star Licenced Tournament, is Promotional Points Scoring and there will be Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in all categories, with the returnable trophy going to the Champion. There will be prizes in all categories.

Accommodation has been reserved at the Europa Lodge Hotel, West Bromwich (Exit 1, M5 motorway), at advantageous rates and booking forms, to be sent direct to the hotel, can be obtained only from Frank

Smith, address as below.

Weighing-in will take place between 8-30pm and 10-00pm on Friday 14th September at the Europa Lodge Hotel, and between 8-30am and 9-30am on Saturday 15th September at Haden Hill Leisure Centre.

Entry Fee, £2.50, which is non-returnable and BJA Licences are required. Any Competitor not producing a licence will be required to pay a fine of £3.00, which is non-returnable.

All weight categories will be on a First Round Pool and then Knock-out and Repechage. The 'Open' category will be a straight Knock-out and Repechage. All other details as per a BJA Four-Star Tournament.

★ ENTRY FORM ★

CLUB AREA

Name and address to whom Competitors Cards should be sent

Event 1—Up to and including 60k

Event 2—Over 60k to 65k

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Event 3—Over 65k to 71k

Event 4—Over 71k to 78k

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Event 5—Over 78k to 86k

Event 6—Over 86k to 95k

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Event 7—Over 95k

Event 8—Open

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You MUST enclose your Entry Fee of £2.50 per Event, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and Entry Form.

The closing date for entries is 10th September 1979. No late entries accepted. Accommodation booking forms from Frank Smith, to be returned direct to the hotel by 6th September 1979. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made out to: The BJA Midland Area, and crossed Championships Account. Entries to Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

OFF WITH HIS HEAD!

As a boy, when I read *Alice in Wonderland*, I remember thinking that as a Fairy Story it was alright, but otherwise carried very little that reflected real life and on the whole was rather stupid. Now, after working with the BJA administration for a number of years, I am beginning to think that Lewis Carroll knew something!

There were some classic examples of course, like the occasion when the BJA ran up arrears on Licence rebates to the Area of around £2,000 and then decided that rebates were to be reduced by half immediately and for a retrospective period during which the debt had accumulated. This, of course, meant that we were only going to get half of what we were owed and when we explained that we were committed to spend the original £2,000 on the purchase of a mat area we were told we were stupid for spending money we hadn't got . . . at that time the BJA had a debt of £19,000!

Then there was the time they sold the franchise to trade at all BJA Championships (including Area Events) to a commercial concern without consulting the Areas. That some Areas already had their own contracts didn't seem to matter.

And so on and so on . . . Still, this year, that should all be behind us. Now, we have been promised greater consultation and the National Council have been pressured into sending out copies of Committee Minutes to Council Members so that every Area knows what's going on. But still, something is not quite right.

First we have the Junior Award Scheme at Coventry closed down at a moment's notice despite the fact that it had made a great deal of money for the Association and regular income for the Area, supposedly because it was becoming less profitable. The accounts show that the profits for the final year were in fact quite small but deducted from the profits to achieve this final figure are redundancy payments and closing down costs which considerably alter the final total. Also there is £3,000 still in account which was deducted from profits year by year in case there was a requirement to pay VAT. Still we have no idea what the final years profit should have been and now sales of Junior Award Scheme materials are negligible.

Then, the curious case of the never appearing minutes!

Earlier in the year the Area wrote offering to stage the 1980 National Team Championships for Men. As is customary, we received no reply. So, at our July Committee Meeting we minuted that our offer had not yet been accepted which infuriated Joe Ekins who telephoned to ask why I hadn't read the Competition Sub-Committee Minutes of May in which our offer was approved. When I explained that I hadn't had the minutes he telephoned Head Office when matter became "Curiouser and curiously."

"No! The minutes had not gone out because they had to wait for Management Committee approval and their meeting wasn't until mid-June!"

"But its now August!" says Joe . . . observantly.

"I know," came the reply, "but the next Management Committee Meeting is not for two weeks!"

"What's that got to do with it?" wonders Joe.

"Well that meeting has to approve the minutes of the

Meeting which approved the minutes of your meeting!"

I believe that this is the first time that Joe Ekins has been rendered speechless. I still haven't worked out why minutes, which are supposed to be a true record of the spoken words require Management Committee approval. How can they approve words said when they weren't there? Their only interest should be in the recommendations from Committees.

All is not ended though. In paragraph 79/78 of the Management Committee minutes just circulated it says: "Minutes of the last Meeting. As these have not been circulated . . . it was agreed that they cannot be discussed." I give up!

As a final, final postscript, recently a letter was circulated asking Areas to tender for the 1980 Team Championships.

More recently we have a recommendation from Mick Leigh that Senior Examiners, Referees Examiners and National Coaches should be paid £20 per day for indulging in their amateur hobby. He based his paper on advice given by the Refereeing and Training Sub-Committees . . . Hal



We have the British Open, a brilliant success and a sell-out at 11-00am making a loss on the weekend of around £800 and over 34% of the costs going to the Referees expenses. Although there were more time-keepers and recorders their claims were just a fraction of the Referees. I wonder why?

We have a new recommendation that the number of gradings and their frequency be reduced. No one seems to have checked how much income Areas make from gradings or to understand that to have an Examination there must be Examinees who want one. Should we send them away?

We also have talk that the British Open for Women and the British Women's trip to Spain might be cancelled because of overspending. At the same time there is a proposal to spend £6,000 on a computer. We also managed to spend about £2,500 staging the Annual General Meeting!

Lewis Carroll did, of course, have an assortment of characters in his book with strange but different characteristics so I tried to get a cartoon to illustrate this article with the *Wonderland* characters all having recognisable BJA faces.

Unfortunately, at our Tea Party, everyone wants to be the Mad Hatter!

BY FRANK SMITH

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

BJA MIDLAND AREA UNDER-18 BOYS SQUAD

V

FINLAND UNDER-18 NATIONAL SQUAD

AT THE ROYAL SPA CENTRE, LEAMINGTON SPA

SUNDAY 12th AUGUST 1979

The Finnish Team, invited to the Midlands by Malcolm Collins, International Organiser of the B.S.J.A. were anxious to have at least two representative Competitions before their return home and following their match against the B.S.J.A. suggested a contest against the Midland Area. It was convenient that Dale Best, ex-Manager of Haden Hill L.C. and now Deputy Director of Amenities for Warwickshire wanted us to stage a competition at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington, and could arrange some sponsorship help. So, helped by *Power Pac Chemical* products the match was scheduled for Sunday, 12th August.

Bruce Newcombe had selected two strong Teams and after seeing the match against the B.S.J.A. felt that his Teams should have a comfortable win. There were to be two matches, first the 'A' Teams followed by the 'B' Teams with almost continuous fighting.

S. Bryan led the assault by the Midlands 'A' Team winning with a strangle in just 33 seconds followed by superiority wins by the Ward brothers. J. Kuhlman took a koka from P. Batchelor for Finland's first win to loud applause from his Team mates but this was to be their only success against the 'A' with Dave Riley scoring Ippon from Seonage and Mark Bowater winning by a Koka. Fitz Davies held with Kuzure-Kesagatame for Ippon and Roger Blake after first scoring a Koka then lost a Koka and received a Chui for dumping his opponent after matte call. Undaunted however, he then caught Wagenius with a tremendous pick up which he brilliantly changed to transition hip for a magnificent Ippon, amid tumultuous applause. Densign White met T. Maki for the second time in two days and again fought a draw with this very strong Finn.

The 'B' Team led off with Ippon from Broadbent followed by superiority wins from Keen and C. Bowater with S. Miesoea throwing Mark Bywater for Finland's first 10 point win. Steve Merrill put the Midlands back on the road with a Koka to beat E. Makkonen and three consecutive Ippons from throws from Russell, Walker and Brindle put it beyond dispute. Kerrith Brown then choked his much heavier opponent in just 1m 12secs., whilst in the final contest some revenge for Finland with Tallila holding Hadley for Ippon.

SCORE . . . Midlands 16 Contest wins, Finland 3 Contest wins, 1 drawn. Medals were presented by Miss Julie Parker from *Power Pac Chemicals* and refreshments for everyone were provided by the Centre. Earlier in the day, the Finns had a tour of Warwick, including the Castle and those I could communicate with said they had enjoyed a terrific weekend. Congratulations to Malcolm Collins and John Beard for the arrangements and many thanks to the Royal Spa Centre staff and Dale Best for staging the Event.



Densign White receives his medal from Julie Parker—the Sponsors representative



Kerrith Brown picks up Laitinen of Finland



J. Ward scoring with: Tomoenage

Almost every eye (including Brian Jacks) on European Champion Neal Adams showing total commitment in throwing his opponent in the British Open with what started out as Uchimata.

Photograph: Frank Smith.



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THE BRITISH ARE COMING

REPORT ON THE BRITISH WOMEN'S TEAM ENTRY INTO USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
From Marion Woodard

For the first time a British team travelled across the Atlantic to take part in the Fourth US Open Championship, held on 23rd June, at the Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Maryland, a couple of miles outside Washington DC.

This trip also enabled the Squad not only to participate in the Open but also to meet a variety of American players at the randori sessions and other competitions arranged for us.

Arriving at Dulles International Airport we were met by Betty Stamm on behalf of the organizers of the competition and she saw us on to the right bus to travel for an hour through Virginia and Maryland until we arrived at the Silver Spring Holiday Inn which would be our home for the next few days.

Friday's weigh-in was at the Holiday Inn where the West German team and some of the Americans were also staying and Saturday saw us at the three-mat venue, smartly kitted out thanks to Sport Rhode and Jelmead, our sponsors. Fighting started at midday on a straight knock-out and repechage basis.

Carol Brooks was our first success with a bronze medal in the Under-48 kilo category after losing to Heidi Grimm the eventual Gold medalist and then coming back through the repechage to beat an American girl by a Yuko from Seonage. Loretta Doyle had to withdraw because of an ankle injury in the Under-52 kilo class, but Bridget McCarthy went on to win another Bronze when her American opponent stepped out and incurred a

Keikoku.

One in each Event so far and now two in the Under-56 kilo class with Linda Bradley winning a Bronze with Kesagatame and An Hughes taking the title on a decision over Geri Bindell from the American referee. The run of success continued with Dawn Netherwood taking another Bronze in the Under-61 kilo Event, whilst Maureen Bennett survived having to win her contest against Schmuster twice when Maureen strangled her out only to see the referee revive her and restart the contest, to go on to win the Gold and the title with a Yuko from Haraigoshi over Karin Kruger of Germany.

Avril Malley was the next medalist for Britain winning a Silver when losing to Amy Kublin from Munegatame whilst the other British entry Sandra Bradshaw came back through the repechage to win another Bronze. Helen Wantling earned yet another Bronze in the Over-72 kilo category which ended a very successful day for the British Squad.

Sunday had a randori session arranged for us against the American Squad and Monday was a free day for sightseeing before travelling to Brooklyn, New York, for a two-team match against the New York teams. These were convincing wins with the British girls winning by eight contests to nil, with two drawn.

Everyone in America with whom we made contact was most friendly and helpful, and the Judo opposition was strong and skilful. We thank them all and hope they enjoyed our visit as much as we did.



Ann Hughes and Maureen Bennett USA Open Championship 1979



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