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Diary and Area Squads

LINCOLNSHIRE AND SOUTH HUMBERSIDE SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 20th MAY.

Scunthorpe Judo Club was the host of the Men's Championships for 1979 and provided us with some excellent Judo and a great day of Sport with some very close results at the end of it. May thanks to all who took part and the Officials who helped and Scunthorpe Judo Club for the use of their Dojo.

WALTER EDWARDS

Results

Under 60kg Gold .................................................................................. D. COOPER
Silver .................................................................................................. P. BRADLEY

Under 65kg Gold .................................................................................. T. MATHEWMAN
Silver .................................................................................................. N. FLETCHER
Bronze ................................................................................................. P. POUCHER

Under 71kg Gold .................................................................................. S. CLARK
Silver .................................................................................................. CHAPMAN
Bronze ................................................................................................. A. CURTIS

THE 10th SHROPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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JOHN EMBREY

BSJA AND UNSS FRANCE...
VALLIER HALLE, MARSEILLES,
26th MAY

The return match against the French Schools and Universities side following their visit to Haden Hill last year meant an exciting trip for the BSJA Schoolboys to Marseilles in May.

Great efforts had been made to equip the boys and sponsors had been found to provide track-suits, shoes and bags, eventually the teams were very nicely presented.

There were two categories, with a team in each—16 to 18-year-olds and over 18 to 20 years of age, with seven weight categories in each Event.

The first team did very well managing to draw the contest on three wins each but lost on points, whilst the older boys lost four wins to two, with one drawn.

WALTER EDWARDS

at the Awards Presentation ceremony at the Hotel Continental, Haden Hill. Behind are the Shropshire team members: L to R: Tony Colstock, Stephen Wilkinson, Dennis Stewart, Barry Eadie, Max Eadie, Andrew Morton, Tony Bowater, Mark Bowater, Roger Houston, Michael Bowker, Simon Whittingham

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JUNIOR GIRLS
Next Squad Session — 26th August, at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, at 11-00am prompt—don’t be late. Sponsorship money still outstanding should be collected for this session. Remember the Junior Squad is for girls up to 18 years of age, on 12th November 1979. To be considered for selection for the National Championships you must attend the Squad Session.

SENIOR WOMEN’S SQUAD
Hadden Hill on 26th August, at 1-00pm. All Area Medalists should attend and any Women wishing to train with the Area Squad are welcome. Please be on time. ROY MULLER

MEN’S SQUAD
The next Midland Area Men’s Squad will be at Coventry Judo Club on 26th August, at 11-00am prompt. Remember a Squad Member must have four attendances at Squad Sessions before being considered for team selection. The August meeting is the first for 1979-80 season. BILL DAVIES

JUNIOR BOY’S SQUAD
Coventry Judo Club on 12th August, at 10-30am prompt. All young men under 18 years of age on 11th November should attend as well as all Area Medalists.

BRUCE NEWCOMBE

News that the Centre of Excellence arrangements have been finally approved by the Sports Council Nationally and grant aid for 1979 and 1980 has been fixed, albeit not yet received. Funding arrangements will be discussed with Squad Managers as and when the cash is available.

Dave Francis who was the Sports Council representative for Judo has changed his responsibilities somewhat and will no longer be involved with the C of E. As Dave was instrumental in helping set up the scheme, the Sport owes him a great deal of thanks for all the help and assistance he gave to us.

Footnote... Some months ago I graded a young lightweight to 1st Kyu, jumping a couple of grades in the process, and fearing the wrath of the Director of Examiners, I had a word with the young man to ask him not to let me down. Since then he has become Midland Area Champion at Under 60 kilos, second in the British Open—beating the number one and two in the National Squad—and has now had his 1st Dan confirmed. It was, of course, Kerrith Brown of Wolverhampton, and to coin a phrase... ‘Didn’t he do well!’ F.S.

News that Dale Best, manager of Haden Hill Leisure Centre, has left to take up a new appointment with Warwickshire County Council and has been replaced by Mr. Terry Fox. We wish them both the best of luck in their new jobs and offer our thanks to Dale for all the help and friendship he and his staff have showed to us in the last year.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

* August

** Sunday 26th **... Boys All Grades, Wellingborough 10-00am... Mens Kyu Grades, Worchester 10-00am... Girls All Grades, Midlands Arts Centre 10-00am... Women Kyu Grades, Midlands Arts Centre 1-00pm.

** September

** Sunday 2nd **... Boys All Grades, Dudley 10-00am... Mens Kyu Grades, Stafford 10-00am.

** Saturday 8th **... Boys to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am... Girls to 5th Mon, Scunthorpe 10-30am.

** Sunday 9th **... Boys to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am... Girls to 5th Mon, Grimsby 10-30am... Boys to 5th Mon, Tubes Judo Club 10-00am.

** Sunday 16th **... Boys to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am... Girls to 5th Mon, Yarborough 10-30am... Women Kyu Grades, Burton 10-00am.

** Sunday 23rd **... Men’s Kyu Grades, Grimsby 1-00pm... Girls All Grades, Linton 1-00am.

** 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, Jukuran 2-00pm.

** Sunday 30th **... Women’s Kyu Grades, Birmingham Athletic Institute 12-30pm... Boys 6th Mon and above, Yarborough 10-30am... Mens Kyu Grades, Coventry 2-00pm.
Midland Area Promotion Examination

VENUES

Retain this list for display in your Club

**Austin Longbridge Judo Club**
- West Canteen
- Austin Longbridge, Bristol Road
- Birmingham

**Aiton Judokwai**
- Aiton and Company Limited
- Stores Road
- Derby

**BAl Judo Club**
- Birmingham Athletic Institute
- Upper Severn Street
- Birmingham (City Centre)

**Bingham Judokwai**
- Bingham Sports Centre
- The Banks, Bingham
- Nottinghamshire

**Burton Judokwai**
- Broadway Hall
- Broadway Street
- Burton-on-Trent

**Bushido...Holy Name**
- Walsall Road (Scott Arms)
- Great Barr
- Birmingham

**Chapel House Judo Club**
- Chapel House Boys Club
- Chapelhouse Road, Chelmsley Wood
- Birmingham

**Coventry Judo Club**
- Kenpass Hall
- Kenpass Highway
- Coventry

**Corby Judo Club**
- Corby Youth Centre

**Cottleham Road, Corby**
- Northants

**Dudley Leisure Centre**
- Wellington Road
- Dudley
- West Midlands

**Granham Judo Club**
- The Guildhall
- St. Peter's Hall, Granham
- Lincolnshire

**Grimsby Shin Wa Kwai**
- 75 Carter Gate
- Grimsby

**Ivanhoe Judo Club**
- Ivanhoe Community College
- North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- Leicestershire

**Jubilee Judokwai**
- The Coppertops
- Oldbury Road
- Worcestershire

**Jukuren Judo Club**
- St. James's School
- St. James Street, Wednesbury
- West Midlands

**Karu Kyoshi Kan**
- Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre
- Smetwick, Warley
- West Midlands

**Kidderminster Judo Club**
- Foley Park Youth Club
- Foley Park, Kidderminster
- Worcestershire

**Kettering Premier Judo Club**
- Linden Hall
- Linden Avenue, Kettering
- Northants

**Langley Mill Judo Club**
- Co-operative Hall
- Cromford Road, Langley Mill
- Nottingham

**Leicester Judokwai**
- 45 East Bond Street
- Leicester

**Linton Judokan**
- Linton Village Hall
- Linton
- Burton-on-Trent

**Midland Arts Centre**
- Cannon Hill Park
- Edgbaston
- Birmingham

**Nunsfield Judo Club**
- Bolton Lane
- Derby

**Northampton Judo Club**
- Unitarian Church
- Kettering Road
- Northampton

**Ponstesbury Judo Club**
- Pontesbury Secondary School
- Pontesbury
- Salop

**Quorn Community College**
- Quorn
- Near Loughborough
- Leicestershire

**Ryecroft Judokwai**
- Beeston Youth Centre
- Robinett Road, Beeston
- Nottingham

**Samurai Judo Club**
- 128A Green Lane
- Derby

**St. Thomas Judo Club**
- Catholic Club
- Market Street, Ilkeston
- Derby

**Scunthorpe Judo Club**
- Grange Farm Hobbies Centre
- Franklyn Crescent, Ashby
- Scunthorpe, South Humberside

**Stafford Judo Club**
- Burton Manor Sports Association
- Burton Manor Road
- Stafford

**Tubes Judo Club**
- Tubes Limited Social Club
- Boldmere Road
- Sutton Coldfield

**Wellingboro Judo Club**
- Old Drill Hall
- Great Park Street, Wellingborough
- Northants

**Worcester Judo Society**
- Shrub Hill Hospital
- Shrub Hill
- Worcester

**West Mercia Police Training School**
- Worcester Road
- Witton, Droitwich
- Worcestershire

**Yarborough Judo Club**
- Yarborough Leisure Centre
- Rise Holme Road
- Lincoln
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1979

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 Licensed 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 8.30 pm and 10.00 pm on Friday 14th September at the Europa Lodge Hotel, and between 8.30 am and 9.30 am 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.

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**Event 1—Open**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 2—Over 60k to 65k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 3—Over 65k to 71k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 4—Over 71k to 78k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 5—Over 78k to 86k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 6—Over 86k to 95k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 7—Over 95k**

- Grade
- Grade

**Event 8—Open**

- Grade
- Grade

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.
The text on the page is not legible due to the image quality. It appears to be a page from a book or a magazine, but the content cannot be accurately transcribed.
It must be very encouraging for those people in BJA Head-quarters to know that the Midlands Area, being the second largest in the country, is quite satisfied with the Association's affairs, and the manner in which they are handled.

"Whatever gave you that idea?" somebody is surely asking. Well, it must be the case, because with the exception of members from the Midlands attending the Annual General Meeting on 17th June 1979, and it is unreasonable to assume that the remainder did not feel the need to attend as everything is quite satisfactory.

I was going to write about the apathy of some of our members, but I cannot be bothered, so, as you stayed away in your droves, I will tell you something about what you missed.

The AGM took place in the Rembrandt Hotel, London, which is almost opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the thought did cross my mind that there were certain delegates who would have been better placed across the road.

The meeting opened with a brief address from the Chairman followed by apologies from some abstainers. By the end of the day I thought that some folk should have apologised for being present, however, the fun really started on point five on the Agenda - The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1979 - of which it was said by one discerning delegate, "Those accounts are like a bikini. That which is revealed is quite interesting, but that which is concealed is vital."

It was learned that owing to the departure of the Association's Book Keeper, the Accountants actually drew up the books and then proceeded to audit their own work. Not surprisingly, the Auditor's Report was not critical. This did not apply to some members of the meeting, however, and there was a classic display of filibustering when Messrs. Rittenham and Perrin asked what had happened to the surplus in excess of £3,000, made by the Junior Award Scheme when handled from Coventry, which, it had been agreed, should be divided amongst the Areas and Head Office after the Scheme had been removed from Coventry.

To the relief of the audience, there was no acceptance of any proposals from Frank Smith, that the whereabouts of the £3,000 should be investigated.

Incidentally, apart from two resolutions from the Management Committee, of a technical nature, Mr. Smith's was the only one passed by the meeting. There were twelve resolutions proposed by the Areas, two of which were never even heard - not that it mattered - because the proposer and seconded were not present. Out of the remaining ten, only three were taken to the vote - and failed - the others being withdrawn by the respective proposers.

What is the point of proposing a resolution and then withdrawing it? Either the authors had not seriously wanted their resolutions passed in the first place, or they had devoted insufficient thought to their arguments. They succeeded only in wasting the greater part of the debating time, which could otherwise have been used to discuss some issues of real importance.

The majority of resolutions, had they been accepted, would undoubtedly have opened up cracks in the structure of the Association. Mr. Smith, I am sorry, but I was not there. I am very pleased that the meeting was ruled by common sense on the part of the majority, and no such resolutions were accepted. I am also happy in the knowledge that the less selfish part of the membership will oppose any attempts to fragment the Association. The strength of the BJA and Judo in this country lies in unity and those who devote time and effort in attempts to split the ranks would be well advised to channel their energies in the cause of unification.

I got carried away there a bit . . . now to continue. Two tellers were positioned either side of the room to count the votes when required, and on each occasion when they did so, they differed from the Chairman's own count. Maybe there's a moral there.

Some resolutions were classic. The Southern Area wanted to change the criteria governing the selection of the Chairman. Mr. Palmer left the room during this debate as it was largely about him personally. He forget to take his tape recorder with him though.

The same Area wanted three months to consider the Tournament Licensing Scheme because there were some things in it that required very careful thought. Some people might deem that a very reasonable proposal, after all, the Scheme has only been in circulation for about 12 months.

The same Area also wanted to run their own Junior Award Scheme, issue its own licences and take 52% rebates from Headquarters licences. Their proposals were in the form of three separate resolutions. None were adopted.

The London Area had two beauties. The first one had it been passed would have effectively dissolved the BJA as we now know it and the second one would have alienated Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The speaker, whose name escapes me, in the second resolution, announced that they wished to change it because it was unfair on the Irish. When told that, constitutionally, resolutions could not be changed, he changed his mind about the change, and hoped that Ireland was not offended, and if the resolution was passed without the change, maybe they could change it later. I wonder if he had a good look under his car before he went home.

After lengthy discussion, focussing mainly on the grant aid that Scotland managed to procure for themselves - good luck, Scotland, I say - the speaker was asked if he would like to withdraw the motion. He said: "Certainly not," but if it was passed he would like it to be shelved. Figure it out for yourselves.

I was a candidate in the Management Committee election. I polled 133 votes and failed. To those that voted for me - thank you. To those that did not vote for me - maybe you should thank you even more.

Never mind the UFF Rules . . . You promise me to do Aishiwaza and I won't try any strangles.
In a brilliant move the Crusher's middleweight executed a magnificent strangle on his opponent very reminiscent of a stamp on the throat which caused him to send his false teeth hurtling across the mat severely injuring a passing St. John Ambulance man.

For some strange reason, this dramatic incident caused immense hilarity amongst the remaining team members and the referee having seen his predecessor carried off in a plastic bag decided it would be a good opportunity to call half-time. My trainer friend was quite relieved at this as his team required considerable medical attention and he only had four cans of Pale Ale left.

The half-time break was indeed convenient for the Strangler's team who occupied the only available cubicle and consequently the Crushers were obliged to search farther afield. Finally, they were forced to resort to the use of a bucket which they found on a pavement in the nearby street. I understand this is to be the subject of a formal complaint by a window cleaner who thought a kindly neighbour had filled it with warm water. No sportsman obviously!

After the resumption, the fighters continued their contests, but one suspected with flagging interest, as only four players on each side and returned. Attacks were few and far between until the Strangler's heavyweight saw a half-crown piece lying on the mat and with a sudden lunge for it collided with two Crushers players knocking them right onto their backs. The referee being somewhat of a psychologist awarded two wins to the Stranglers for this effort and declared the contest a 2-2 draw.

The surviving players and officials having heard that the Pubs were open, agreed that it was a fair result and with a quick nod ceremoniously bowed off to end the very first Team Contest.

My trainer friend, undoubtedly a Judo 'sage' of enormous experience summed up the whole magnificent tournament quite simply whilst musing over the loss of his sponge which one player had eaten at half-time. "It's a great game, Ace!" he said... and I felt proud to have been there.