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## I. RESULTS OF THE 2ND GERMAN TEAM TOURNAMENT

The 2nd German Kendo Team Tournament took place with eight teams participating at Rottweil on 23 October 1976.

The final and semi-final matches followed the preliminary league in each of two zones.

1st place : Berlin Team

2nd place : Hamburg Team

3rd place : N.R.W. Team

4th place : Hessen Team

## II. RESULTS OF THE 2ND SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2nd Swiss Kendo Championship was held at Lugano on 21 November 1976. 26 kendokas had filed their entry for this year's competition for the title and the JAPAN AIRLINES Challenge Trophy. Some very good fights were seen by a large number of spectators, notably between Mr. F. Dettwiler and the favourite, Mr. O. Hnatek, a fight which had to be extended five times 3 minutes until O. Hnatek was able to score his winning point. This may be the explanation why O. Hnatek was beaten in the semi-finals by A. Shoeb, having lost too much substance in his fight against F. Dettwiler, and could then only compete for the third place. The final was fought between A. Shoeb and H. Meierhofer. The first point was scored by A. Shoeb through a very nice men-strike. However, this was not enough to break H. Meierhofer's morale and he was able to draw even. When resuming the fight, A. Shoeb lost his concentration for a split-second and this was sufficient for H. Meierhofer to score his winning point. Thus, the winner of the Swiss Championship 1976 was H. MEIERHOFER by a 2 : 1 victory.

1st place : H. Meierhofer  
2nd place : A. Shoeb  
3rd place : O. Hnatek  
4th place : N. Takahashi

### III. RESULTS OF THE 24TH ALL JAPAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 24th All Japan Kendo Championship was held at Nippon Budokan on 5th December 1976. 58 competitors, who had undergone the severe preliminary tournament of 47 prefectures, fought before an audience of about 11,000 persons.

After 7 hours' fierce fighting, K.Migita won the championship, the first time for him. He is 23 years old, kendo 4-dan and a school teacher Kumamoto Prefecture.

2nd place : H. Sayama (6 dan, school teacher)  
3rd place : E. Yokoo (5 dan, World Champion 1976)  
" : T. Kawazoe (5 dan, All Japan Champion 1971 & 1975)

### IV. PROGRAM OF THE 2ND EUROPEAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizer : Belgian Kendo Renmei

Events : 8 April Meeting of the Referees.  
Meeting of the EKF members.  
9 April Championships (Team & Individual)  
Exhibitions  
Farewell Party

Place : "Petit Palais des Sports" rue Rosendael at Forest  
(Brussels)

Note: So far, applications for the team championship are as follows:  
France, Sweden, Great Britain, Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, and Belgium.  
West Germany, Italy, and Poland are not yet definite.

V. PROGRAM OF THE KENDO TRAINING CAMP IN EUROPE

Promoter : All Japan Kendo Federation  
Organizer : Nederlandse Kendo Renmei  
Duration : from 10 April (Sun) to 17 April (Sun)  
Place : National Sports Centre "Papendal" Arnhem  
(100 km. from Amsterdam)  
Course : Fundamental practise, Drill in techniques, Kendo-  
kata, Kakari-geiko, Ji-geiko, Matches, Dan-examination  
(for those who wish to try).  
Instructors : 4 masters dispatched from ZNKR.  
Fee : US\$120.00 for lodging and meals (8 days 7 nights)  
Application : Nederlandse Kendo Renmei, c/o W.G.F. Bekink  
Wassenaarseweg 88, The Hague 2018  
Note : So far, 47 kendoka have applied from nine countries.

VI. NOTICE OF THE 3RD SUMMER CAMP FOR KENDOKA FROM ABROAD

Promoter & Organizer : All Japan Kendo Federation  
Place : Gedatsu-Renshinkan (same as 1976)  
Duration : from 29 July to 14 August 1977  
Note : Detailed program will soon be sent to each  
organization.

VII. PUBLICATION OF "BASES DU KENDO"

"Fundamental Kendo", compiled by ZNKR and published in March 1974, has been translated into French and issued by the party below:

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