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I. RESULTS OF THE GREAT BRITAIN vs FRANCE GOODWILL MATCHES

On 20 February 1977, a goodwill match between the Great Britain team and the French team was held at Aubergenville in the suburbs of Paris. In the team match, consisting of 10 players from the two countries, the French defeated the Great Britain team with a score of 6 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws. Then, a 12-member team match, using the knock-down method, followed, with two Belgian players joining the G.B. team. Paglieri (France) started the fight by crushing three opponents, but the G.B. team rolled back the tide of the match, with G. Sterckx (Belgium) defeating five, and T. Holt, three opponents. French subcaptain Deguitre fought well, beating four opponents, until he was defeated by A.P. Hopson, captain of the G.B. team. Thus a duel between the two captains took place. The French captain, Roland, hit Hopson's MEN, and brought victory to his team, in response to the enthusiastic cheers of an audience of 500.

II. RESULTS OF THE 2ND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2nd European Kendo Championships took place at the Petit Palais des Sports in Brussels on 9 April 1977. Delegations from the ten countries marched into the hall to the music of their respective national anthems.

Four missions dispatched by ZNKR held demonstrations and acted as referees. 55 players took part in the Individual Championship. Young players were conspicuous among the hot contests.

Results of the Tournament:

Champion : G. Sterckx (Belgium) - 3-dan, 25 years old
2nd place : P.O. Forstreuter (Germany) - 3-dan
3rd place : A. Deguitre (France) - 2-dan
" " : J. Lopiccolo (France) - 2-dan

Results of the Team Championship fought amongst the 9 teams, each consisting of 5 players were as follows:

Preliminary leagues:

A-Group		B-Group	
Switzerland	3 - 1 Belgium	Holland	3 - 1 Spain
Switzerland	1 - 4 France	Holland	0 - 5 Italy
Belgium	2 - 1 France	Spain	0 - 5 Italy

C-Group

Germany	1 - 3	Great Britain
Germany	4 - 1	Sweden
Great Britain	4 - 1	Sweden

Final league:

France 5 - 0 Italy
Italy 3 - 2 Great Britain
France 2 - 3 Great Britain

Champion : France (1 win, 1 loss, 7 points)
2nd place : Great Britain (1 win, 1 loss, 5 points)
3rd place : Italy (1 win, 1 loss, 3 points)

It was decided in the EKF meeting that the 3rd European Championships will be held at Chambéry (France) on 8 and 9 April 1978.

III. REPORTS OF THE TRAINING CAMP IN EUROPE

ZNKR promoted the first Kendo Training Camp in Europe. The Camp, organized by Nederlandse Kendo Renmei, was held from 10 to 17 April at the National Sports Centre, "Papendal" (Arnhem, Netherlands). 54 kendoka from 10 countries participated, and underwent 7 hours of hard training a day under the instruction of 7 senseis.

Instructors:

K. Nakakura - 8-dan (Japan), T. Ishihara - 8-dan (Japan)
K. Oka - 8-dan (Japan), M. Matsunaga - 7-dan (Japan)

Asst. Instructors:

K. Yoshimura - 5-dan (France), Y. Kaneda - 5-dan (Germany)
O. Fujii - 5-dan (Great Britain)

Papendal was equipped with excellent facilities. The Seminar was carried out effectively, and the camp ended as a great success. Dan examination was given to the 35 candidates, and 25 passed.

IV. RESULTS OF THE ALL JAPAN TEAM TOURNAMENT

On 3 May 1977, the 25th All Japan Team Tournament was held at the Osaka Central Sports Hall. 47 teams (5 players each), representing 47 Prefectures, took part.

Results: 1st place : Osaka
2nd place : Hyogo
3rd place : Kanagawa and Saga

In the All Japan Ladies Championships held on the same day, Miss M. Nemoto (Osaka, 4-dan) won the championship.

V. REELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF EACH ORGANIZATION

- a) British Kendo Association
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- d) Republic of China Kendo Association
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Exec. Director...Chin-Pu Wu

VI. HIGHER DAN-GRADING, ZNKR

Higher dan-grading was held in Kyoto on 7 and 8 May 1977. Of 430 candidates, 18 kendoka passed the 8-dan examination.

The following 4 sensei were recommended for 9-dan:

Soichiro OHNO (Tokyo) Suekuni SASAKI (Osaka)

Hisashi HASEGAWA (Osaka) Masayuki OGAWA (Kyoto)

At present, there are fifteen 9-dan masters in Japan, while there are no 10-dans.

VII. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE SUMMER CAMP IN JAPAN

The duration of the 3rd Summer Camp for Kendoka from Abroad has been changed. It is to be held from 1 to 14 August 1977. A detailed program has been sent to each organization.

Applications must reach ZNKR by 20 June 1977.

When an organization would like to submit 5 or more applicants, please assign priority numbers to them. ZNKR will inform you by the end of June whether the extra people can be accepted or not.

VIII. PRESENTATION OF A KENDO FILM FROM ZNKR

The International Committee of ZNKR has produced the following film as teaching material on kendo techniques, and has presented it to every organization affiliated with IKF:

16mm colour film - 32 min.

Narration in English/French/German/Japanese

Title: DOOR TO KENDO

Directed by K. Iho

Performed by H. Satoh, M. Matsunaga, N. Satoh, E. Yokoo

You can get extra prints of the film, at a cost of