

TENTH NATIONAL COLLEGIATE JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

HARMON GYMNASIUM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA
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Collegiate judo's big meet, the National Collegiate Judo Association Championships, was a testimonial to the robust health of the sport in this country. Many exciting matches were witnessed and upsets were the order of the day. In the meet held at the University of California's Harmon gymnasium in Berkeley, such outstanding Judokas as Dean Tower, Resse Cutlet and Doug Fortune were eliminated in preliminary matches.

Contestants from as far away as New York and Florida converged on Berkeley attesting to the growing popularity of collegiate judo. West Coast representatives, however, retained their dominate position with San Jose State taking the team championship for an unprecedented tenth consecutive year. In the 139 lb. and unlimited

divisions, second in the 154 lb., 176 lb., and 205 lb. divisions and settled for fourth in the 165 lb. class. Runner-up team honors went to a strong Florida State University contingent, led by Jerry Dean in the 165 lb. division. San Francisco State, with Mack McCrady, a 309 lb. sankyu, taking second in the unlimited category, and with fourth and fifth place finishes in the 176 lb. and 165 lb. divisions respectively took third in the team competition.

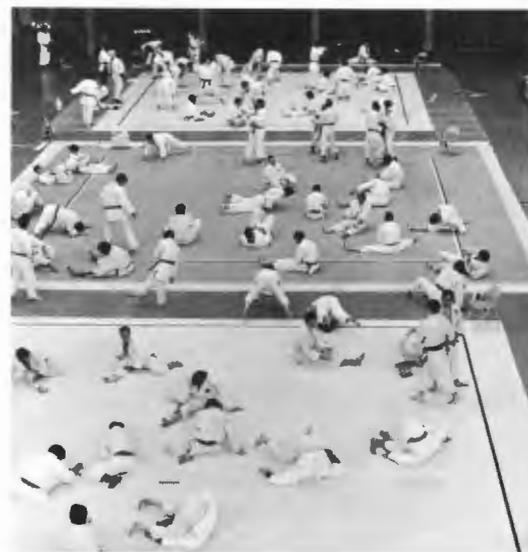
Jerry Dean, shaven head gleaming ebony under the artificial lights was a lithe, agile, quick moving Judoka, impressing all those present with his mastery of the complex moves of the sport, as well as his sportsmanship. Dean was awarded the Dr. Henry A. Stone memorial trophy as the player who most epitomized the virtues of the

Judoka in this meet. Dean swept through his preliminary matches in the 165 lb. class defeating every opponent he faced by ippon. Under the penalty point system used in scoring the meet Dean went into the round-robin finals with zero points. In the round-robin Dean defeated Kenneth Fox of St. Johns by ippon and decisioned Kent Myers of Colorado State, a second place finisher in last year's N. C.J.A. championships.

Dean, in the grand-championship round robin, won two very close matches but was defeated for the overall title by Irwin Cohen, the 176 lb. champion from the University of Illinois. Dean's first opponent was Rodney Parr of San Jose State, who together with David Long in the unlimited division led SJS to the team title. Parr at 139 lbs. gave Dean a good



The Berkeley campus of the University of California, site of the 10th National Collegiate Judo Championships.



Playing area, Harmon Gymnasium
Contestants warming up for preliminaries

139 lb. division; 1st place - Rodney Parr, Sandan, San Jose State. 2nd place - Katsuji Nerio, Shodan, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. 3rd place - David Pruzansky, Nikyu, Temple University.



154 lb. division: 1st place - Ron Tsujimoto, Sandan, City College of SF. 2nd place - William Gavin, Nidan, San Jose State. 3rd place - Robert Scarrano, Nikyu, Riverside Community College.



165 lb. division: 1st place - Jerry Dean, Nidan, Florida State University. 2nd place - Kent Meyers, Nidan, Colorado State University. 3rd place - Kenneth Fox, Ikkyu, St. John's University.



176 lb. division: 1st place - Irwin Cohen, Nidan, University of Illinois. 2nd place - Gregory Martin, Shodan, San Jose State. 3rd place - Thomas Cullen - Nidan, Kent State.





205 lb. division: 1st place - Jorge Gleaser, Nidan, Columbia University. 2nd place - John Reed, Shodan, San Jose State. 3rd place - Paul Armetta, Nidan, So. Illinois University.



Unlimited division: 1st place - David Long, Nidan, San Jose State. 2nd place - Mack McCrady, Sankyu, San Francisco State. 3rd place - Lawrence Fryar, Yodan, Grossmont College.

go for about three fast paced minutes when Dean suddenly shot in throwing Parr with a left side technique good for ippon and the match.

In his next round, Dean met Ron Tsujimoto from City College of San Francisco, the 154 lb. winner. This match was probably the toughest of the meet for Dean up to this point as Ron proved to be an excellent opponent, nearly throwing Dean at the very outset of the match. Dean came on strong near the end of the match, however, taking Tsujimoto down with a throw that was ruled out-of-bounds and not scored. Tsujimoto suffered a minor injury and though able to continue, did not seem strong. Dean then came on near the time limit to throw Tsujimoto and win the match.

In the last match of the Grand Championship round, Dean met 176 lb. champ Irwin Cohen, a 19 year-old nidan who is clearly one to watch in the future. Cohen, a freshman at Illinois who has been

participating in the sport of judo for eleven years, proved to be a match for the hitherto invincible Dean, winning by ippon in approximately two and a half minutes of the required five.

One of the big surprises of the meet was the showing of David Long of San Jose State in the unlimited division. Long's toughest match was in the preliminaries against David Dumas of Northern Arizona University. The match was very close and was decided on the judges decision that Long had established a hold on Dumas while they were on the mat, the position being resumed in the center of the mat after the contestants had gone out of the playing area. On maintaining this hold, Long was awarded the decision by the judges. Knowledgeable spectators at the match commented on the questionable nature of this decision which resulted in Dumas losing and being eliminated from the competition on penalty points. Long, a fine judoka, went on to win the unlim-

ited championship with wins over Lawrence Fryar, a yodan now from Grossmont College though he previously competed for the U.S. Navy, third place winner, and Mack McCrady, the sankyu from S.F. State who finished second.

In the 139 lb. class Rodney Parr a sandan out of SJS decided both second place winner Katsuji Nerio, shodan, from Cal Poly and Temple University's David Pruzansky, nikyū, who place third, on his way to victory. Ohio State's Dean Tower, last years 139 lb. champ, surprised many by being eliminated early, losing a decision to Craig Kunibe, shodan, Sacramento State, and being thrown by Kenneth Keller, nidan, from Florida State. Kunibe finished fifth and Keller fourth in the 139 lb. category.

A field of twenty competitors vied for honors in the 154 lb. division where Ron Tsujimoto took first. Another member of the SJS powerhouse, William Govin, nidan, was runnerup. A real surprise was



Mrs. Henry A. Stone presenting Jerry Dean, Florida State University with the Dr. Henry A. Stone Memorial Trophy.

the third place finish of Robert Scarano, nkyu, from Riverside Community College. Scarano was on the losing end of a match with Tsujimoto and was decided by Govin but beat fourth place finisher Jerry Hirura, nidan, from Sacramento State who had previously beaten Govin easily. Peter Burgur from Central Missouri State rounded out the top five finishers in the division.

Another strong division was the 165 lb. category where Jerry Dean was first with Kent Meyers, nidan, from Colorado State University making a strong showing to capture second. Third was taken by

by Kenneth Fox an Ikkyu out of St. John's University with fourth going to SJS's Mack Kusumoto and Andrew Foley of S.F. State taking fifth place. Last year's champ from Stanford University, Reese Cutler, competed, though not yet fully recovered from injuries suffered in an auto accident early this year and was eliminated early.

It was smooth sailing for Grand Champion Irwin Cohen in the 176 lb. division until he met Thomas Cullen a nidan from Kent State. Cullen, who finished third in the division, gave Cohen some problems before finally he decided. Gregory Martin contributed a second place finish to the SJS cause losing only to Cohen in his division. Michael McGuire from San Francisco State and Dick Okimoto from Colorado State were the fourth and fifth place finishers.

In one of the more interesting and closely contested classes, the 205 lb., Jorge Glesser the 1970 unlimited division winner gained the grand championship finals. Doug Fortune, last year's second place finisher in the NCJA was eliminated early. Fortune won one and lost one by decision then was eliminated on a throw by Jon Yamaguchi who finished in a fifth place tie with Dean Sedgwick. Another San Jose Stater, John Reed, shodan, took second place with

Paul Armetta, nidan, from Southern Illinois University repeating the third place finish he had in last year's championships. Clarence Thompson from Colorado State University with fourth place rounds out the top five. Glesser, playing in obvious pain from a badly sprained ankle, showed some good moves as well as a lot of desire and should do well when he returns next year.

From an interested spectators point of view one criticism could be made of the meet. It seems that a stronger effort could be made to keep judges and referees from officiating in matches in which participants from their own schools are taking part. Although the integrity of the officials is beyond question, it is very difficult to remain impartial and objective when you are intimately involved with one of the competitors in a match. This point was brought out when several spectators commented after the Long-Dumas unlimited match that they thought the decision of the officials was unwarranted as Long did not appear to actually establish his hold on Dumas. In all other respects the meet was a total success. The mat layouts were good, the lighting excellent and the meet ran smoothly. Some 1200 spectators viewed the grand-championship round robin and were treated to some very fine matches.

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3. David Pruzansky — Nikyu — Temple University

154 DIVISION

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2. William Govin — Nidan — San Jose State College
3. Robert Scarano — Nikyu — Riverside Community College

165 DIVISION

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2. Kent Meyers — Nidan — Colorado State University
3. Kenneth Fox — Ikkyu — St. John's University

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2. Gregory Martin — Shodan — San Jose State
3. Thomas Cullen — Nidan — Kent State

205 DIVISION

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2. John Reed — Shodan — San Jose State College
3. Paul Armetta — Nidan — So. Illinois University

UNLIMITED DIVISION

1. David Long — Nidan — San Jose State College
2. Mack McCrady — Sankyu — San Francisco State
3. Lawrence Fryar — Yodan — Grossmont College

OVERALL CHAMPION — Irwin Cohen — Nidan — University of Illinois

TEAM SCORES

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4. Jerry Hiura--Nidan--Sacramento State College
5. Peter Burger--Nikyu--Central Missouri State College

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Dean Sedgwick--Nidan--Illinois Institute of Technology

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