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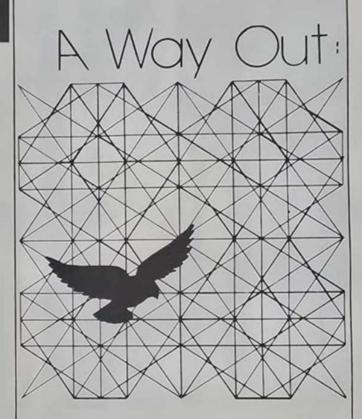
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Benefit tournament promoters Lou Thomas (left), and C. E. Sereff.

WELCOME to the first international 5-man Black Belt karate tournament held in the Rocky Mountain region.

Participants are members of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation, headquartered in Toronto, Canada. The local black belt teams are affiliated with the United Tae Kwon Do Federation of Colorado. The Inter-Community Action Association and Partners, both non-profit organizations, wish to thank you for your support by attending tonite's tournament. Tournament promoters Lou Thomas and C. E. Sereff hope you will enjoy the program.



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Gen. Choi, Hong Hi, left.

Gen. Choi, Hong Hi

What word does one use to describe a man who has been a major general, an ambassador, founder of modern Tae Kwon Do, president of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation and ninth-degree black belt holder? Gen. Choi has been these things and more. A man of international reputation, he has been recognized by the governments of a number of countries other than his native Korea and he enjoys the highest esteem of the 13 million plus Tae Kwon Do students around the world. In addition to his many responsibilities as president of the ITF Gen. Choi has written a massive book on Tae Kwon Do - without a doubt the most definative and authoritative martial arts publication of the decade.



Kong, Young II, right.

Kong Young II

Noted for his style and perfection, Kong, Young II, is a special guest at the International Black Belt Benefit Karate Tournament. Kong is a sixth-dan Tae Kwon Do practitioner teaching in Maryland and North Carolina. He is also chairman of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation Expansion Committee.



Ra Yung Chul, right.

Ra, Yung Chul

Speed, power and total dedication to Tae Kwon Do are the characteristics which identify Mr. Ra. A newcomer to the U.S., he is a fifth-degree black belt and is the senior instructor in the Rocky Mountain chapter of the United Tae Kwon Do Federation of Colorado. Ra is one of 10 or 12 students of Rae Kwon Do in the world who has mastered all twenty-four Tae Kwon Do patterns. An uncompromising perfectionist, Ra lives and breathes to study and practice this ancient Korean art. As a master of the martial arts, Ra has thrilled Denverites with his displays of explosive power and perfect control.

The federation takes great pleasure in using this occasion to introduce Mr. Ra to Denver.

Program

Introduction of guests

Opening speech by Gen. Choi, Hong Hi

Team Introductions

Pattern demonstration and explanation of pattern scoring.

Pattern competition

Explanation of breaking competition

Breaking competition

Special Demonstration

Sparring demonstration and explanation of sparring scoring.

First round sparring

Denver A team vs American Tae Kwon Do All Stars from Chicago, Ill.

Denver B team vs Jhoon Rhee's Washington D.C. Team Door prize drawing

Second Special Tae Kwon Do demonstration Championship competition

Award presentations

Tournament Rules

The International Five-Man Black Belt Benefit Tournament tonight will feature three areas of competition — patterns, breaking and sparring. The team with the highest total points for its five-men is the winner.

Pattern

The pattern is a set sequence of movements of attack and defense in a logical order. Imaginary opponents are dealt with in sequence logically and systematically under the asseumption of various situations. Practice in the pattern enables the student to go through the fundamental exercise, to develop sparring techniques, to improve the flexibility of movements, to familiarize with the body shifting, to build up the muscles properly, to control the breathing and to acquire certain special techniques which cannot be obtained from fundamental exercise alone. Each player's (karate student) pattern is scored by four judges. A player may receive a score from 1-10.

Breaking

A means whereby the karate player can demonstrate power and technique by breaking boards or cement. The purpose of breaking in demonstrations is to prove the power of each blow not only to the spectators but to the student as well. It also demonstrates the ability to attack opponents accurately beyond obstacles or at a distance. Players are awarded five points for each board which is broken on the first attempt. No second attempt is allowed.







Free Sparring

Fighting conducted between players without any pre-arranged mode is known as free sparring or match sparring. Thus, in sparring, both participants are completely free to attack and defend with all available means and methods. Unlike boxing matches the attacker must stop the striking kick or punch before hitting his opponent. This tecknique is known as focus.

Players may still lose points for excessive contact.

Each match is two minutes long and when either player makes contact with his opponent, the clock is stopped while the judge and referees ascertain whether or not a point was actually scored. There is one judge and four referees scoring each match.

The Tae Kwon Do scoring system allows for one point for a hand or standing kick technique to the body, two points for a flying hand technique to the head, two points for a flying kick technique to the body and three points for a flying kick to the head.

American Tae Kwon Do Federation All-Stars



Nam Tae Hi, Instructor

Nam Tae Hi is one of two persons in the world who possess an eighthdegree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Nam served as president of the Asian Tae Kwon Do Federation from 1967-1972 and is current president of the American Tae Kwon Do Federation (ATKDF).

He is known for his superb self-defense demonstrations, one of which (in Vietnam) was attended by over 300,000 persons. Nam was so influential in teaching self defense in Vietnam that he is known as "The Father of Tae Kwon Do in Vietnam."

He recently founded Nam's Tae Kwon Do Institute at 5415 N. Lincoln in Chicago, which is also the American Tae Kwon Do Federation Headquarters.



Sung Mo Ko, Assistant Instructor

Sung Mo Ko received his seventh-degree black belt in 1969. The native Korean lives in Chicago, instructing Tae Kwon Do.

Team Members



Tae Wan Hong



Thomas Jarrett



Richard Huestis



Mack Newton



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Denver's United Tae Kwon Do A-Team

C.E. Sereff, Instructor

During 14 years of study in the martial arts, Chuck Sereff has pursued Tang Soo Do, Hap Kido and Yudo in addition to his principal pursuit of Tae Kwon Do. He has worked under such outstanding instructors as fourth-dan Robert Thompson, under whom he began his serious study of karate over a decade ago and with master instructors Shim, Sang Kyu and Baek, Moon Ku. Sereff, a former marine sergeant is recognized as one of the outstanding martial arts instructors in the United States. Under his direction, the United Tae Kwon Do Federation of Colorado has grown from a single central location in the Denver metropolitan area to three modern facilities in northwest, central and southwest Denver with branches in public and private schools, colleges and universities throughout the state of Colorado. There is little doubt that the growth of Tae Kwon Do in the Rocky Mountain region is due primarily to the efforts of this gentleman.

Sereff is fourth-dan in the International Tae Kwon Do Federation, the first award of that rank ever made to a non-Korean.



Team Members



Walt Lang



Ernie Harris



Dwaine Cook



C. R. Robe



Mike Winegar

Washington, D.C. All-Stars

Jhoon Rhee, instructor

Jhoon Rhee is a seventh-degree black belt and native Korean who first came to the United States in the 1960's while in the Korean army. While stationed in Texas, Rhee began teaching Tae Kwon Do to U.S. servicemen. Upon completion of his army commitment for Korea, Rhee moved to the U.S. setting up schools in Washington D.C. He now has numerous schools and thousands of Tae Kwon Do students.



Team Members



Jeff Smith



Mike Coles



John Worley



Pat Worley



Wayne Booth

Alternates (no pictures available) Larry Canahan, Wayne Van Buren.

United Tae Kwon Federation B-Team

Larry McGill, Assistant Instructor

Larry McGill, tournament director, is also a third-dan instructor for the United Tae Kwon Do of Colorado.

"I am pleased to welcome you to the largest international black belt competition in the Rocky Mountain region. I hope you will enjoy the matches."

Larry McGill

Tournament Director



Team Members



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