Letters to the Editor

Dear SFM,

As a Sumo fan from the days when Terao was in his heyday and a previous recipient of Sumo World magazine, I now find I have the time to re-invigorate my interest.

I am having trouble tracking down Sumo World magazine and although I now live in France I find no Sumo on British (or French TV). Is there a new similar magazine, is there any TV coverage outside Japan (or US) what is the best way do you think to get back into Sumo?

Anyway, I would be grateful of any answer

Regards,

Adrian Glenister

P.S. I did see the "basho" at the

Albert Hall in London and to see sumo live in Japan is still my dream

Dear Ade,

Thankyou for contacting SFM.

I do believe that Sumo World is occasionally on sale inside the Ryogoku Kokugikan, although not every basho. I get conflicting messages from the magazine vendors about when they will actually receive copies of the magazine.

It is a shame that Eurosport pulled the plug on sumo as it used to be shown regularly until the mid-2000s, meaning you could have easily watched it in France.

The main sumo coverage in the

media appears to be on the Sumo Association website, which does show live matches over the internet. This will, of course, involve getting up early in the morning in France, but it should be interesting enough. I am not aware of any live TV coverage outside of Japan, apart from in countries which can pick up the NHK wavelength. (Not France).

As for similar magazines, well, we'll always do our best with Sumo Fan Magazine, and – will try earnestly to get our efforts into print someday. There are many Japanese sumo publications available in bookshops in Japan, so if you do come here, please buy as many as you can. They're pretty cheap - no more than six euros.

All the best, Chris Gould, Editor <u>Sumo Fan Magazine</u>