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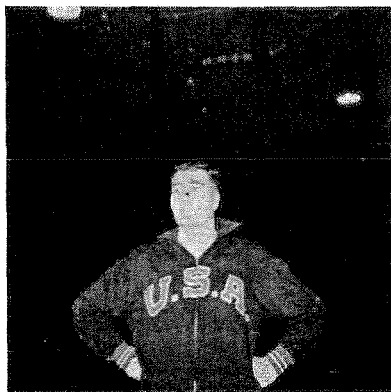
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Official A.F.L.A. Notes

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

F.I.E. Congress. The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Lt. Col. Thomas J. Carhart to represent the A.F.L.A. at the F.I.E. Congress in May. The League's vote for the F.I.E. Presidency will be cast in favor of Mr. Charles Louis de Beaumont of Great Britain. Although his opponent, Mr. Pierre Ferri of France is highly regarded, the Board felt that France had already had the Presidency twice and Mr. de Beaumont was exceptionally well qualified for the office.

National Travel Allowances. The Board of Governors approved the following allotments for travel expenses in connection with the 1956 national championships in New York: Maxine Mitchell, \$250; R. Richard Dyer, \$15; Albert Axelrod, \$35 (other national champions, none, since they reside in New York). Pacific Coast Sectional champions, \$50 each except if also defending national champion. Southwest Sectional champions, \$40 each; Midwest Sectional champions, \$25 each. Sectional allowances are based on expectation that sectional treasuries will contribute a like amount for the champions' expenses. Winners in two weapons may use double allotment, but not more than two. Outstanding competitors in last year's nationals: Judy Goodrich, \$25; Tommy Angell, \$60; Shirley Canter, \$60; Herman Velasco, \$35.

Classification Rules. The chairman of the Rules Committee reported strong sentiment for modifying the classification rules so as to reduce the number of ways in which a fencer may become a Senior. With respect to fencers competing on international teams, the suggestion has been made that Senior rank be earned only upon selection on the Olympic team or any other official U.S. team selected on a competitive basis. Armed forces teams and other selected by Board action without open competition should be encouraged because of the experience involved, but should not affect the fencer's rating. No formal action was taken.

National Championships

The following committees, slightly revised as to membership since they were announced in April, have been appointed for the National Championships. The members will be glad to assist all contestants, especially those from out of town, with any problems connected with the events:

Bout Committee: Jose R. de Capriles, chairman; Jack Baker, San Francisco; Miguel de Capriles, Pleasantville; Dorothy Friedman, New York; Tracy Jaeckel, New York; Larry Olvin, New York; Alex Solomon, New York; Donald S. Thompson, Cleveland; Edmond Zeisig, Milwaukee.

Committee on Arrangements: Leo Sobel, chairman; James Castello, electric machines; Irving DeKoff, equipment; Beverly Feigelman, publicity; Ralph M. Goldstein, entertainment; Edward Lucia, facilities; Pieter Mijer, public scoring; Sophronia Pierce, decorations; Lou Shaff, program.

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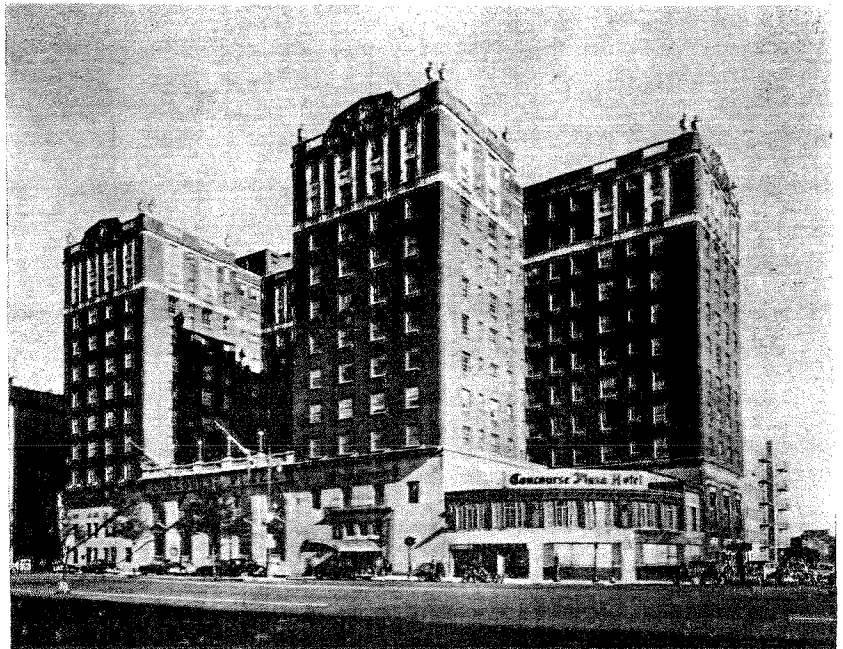
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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 10

The annual meeting of the A.F.L.A. membership will be held on Sunday, June 10, 1956, at 8 p.m., at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53d Street, New York City. The principal action before the meeting will be final approval of the constitutional amendment submitted last year designed to permit the creation of the Metropolitan New York Division on the same basis as other divisions, with the understanding that New York will underwrite the national championships whenever no satisfactory bids are received from other divisions. Also to be considered is another amendment to establish a life membership for Associate Members.

International Events

Hungary-France-Italy Meet. A triangular meet of fencing's "Big Three," held at Salle Wagram, Paris, was won by Hungary with 5 victories to France's 4 and Italy's 3.

In the women's bouts, Garilhe (F) defeated Ilona Elek (H) 8-6, Colombetti (I) defeated Garilhe 8-4 after trailing 1-4, and Elek defeated Colombetti 8-7. In foil, Bergamini (I) defeated Fulop (H) 10-6; Fulop defeated D'Oriola (F) 10-9 after trailing 5-9 in a sensational match, and Bergamini defeated D'Oriola 10-5. In epee, Mouyal (F) defeated Sakocivs (H) 10-5 and Delfino (I) 8-7 when time ran out, and Sakocivs defeated Delfino 12-10. In sabre, Karpati (H) defeated left-handed Benvenuti (I) 10-8 in a very close match, Lefevre (F) defeated Benvenuti 10-5, and Karpati defeated Lefevre 10-6.

Martini Challenge (Foil). In the quarter-finals, Closset (F) defeated Mangiarotti (I) 10-6, Coicaud (F) defeated Bancilhon (F) 10-6, Fulop (H) defeated Bergamini (I) 10-5, and D'Oriola (F) defeated Tilly (H) 10-2. In the semi-finals, Closset beat Coicaud 10-8, and Fulop beat D'Oriola 15-14 (after time limit ran out at 11-11). In the final, Closset defeated Fulop 11-9.

Gaudini Cup, France-Italy (Foil). The 7th Gaudini Cup match for six-man teams resulted in a tie. It was the third time that France had come close to its first victory, only to be tied in bouts (no touches are counted) even though it had a 13-touch advantage. With the score 18-14 in favor of France, Carpaneda defeated Nigrón 5-4, Mangiarotti defeated Baudoux 5-4, Spalino defeated D'Oriola 5-3 and Bergamini defeated Netter 5-2, to tie and retain the cup.

A.F.L.A. DIRECTORY CHANGES

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT, April 29, 1956

Division	Student	Collegiate	Associate	Active	Life	Total
Metropolitan	38	102	36	153	12	341
Arizona	21	9	0	8	0	38
Border	6	13	0	5	0	24
Central Illinois	57	14	2	6	0	79
Columbus, Ohio	9	7	2	2	0	20
Connecticut	9	20	0	10	0	39
Delaware	0	0	0	12	0	12
Florida	0	1	0	18	0	19
Georgia	0	1	0	4	0	5
Gulf Coast	30	58	1	24	0	113
Harrisburg, Pa.	7	2	0	7	0	16
Hudson-Berkshire	1	2	0	13	0	16
Illinois	30	23	4	34	1	92
Iowa	2	17	0	3	0	22
Kentucky	1	12	0	9	0	22
Long Island	2	0	1	17	0	20
Maryland	43	33	2	21	0	99
Miami Valley, O.	2	1	1	7	0	11
Mid New York	0	1	0	5	0	6
Michigan	20	49	2	48	0	119
Minnesota	6	7	1	20	1	35
New England	14	48	3	22	0	87
New Jersey	30	46	7	23	3	109
New Mexico	0	0	0	10	0	10
New Orleans	0	0	0	1	0	1
No. California	10	26	1	25	0	62
No. Ohio	24	18	2	36	2	82
No. Texas	9	21	0	14	0	44
Oregon	12	8	0	10	0	30
Philadelphia, Pa.	44	35	3	13	0	95
St. Louis, Mo.	5	2	0	18	0	25
Seattle, Wash.	0	3	3	12	0	18
So. California	18	24	1	111	0	154
Tennessee	0	0	0	7	0	7
Washington, D.C.	1	6	2	34	1	44
Western New York	23	24	2	12	1	62
Wisconsin	6	18	0	17	0	41
Totals	480	651	76	791	21	2019

Divisions which have not yet reported: :Nebraska, South Florida, Spokane, Westchester.

SANTELLI MEMORIAL JULY 7

The annual Santelli Memorial sabre competition will be held in Montreal, Canada this year on Saturday, July 7, 1956, at 10 a.m. The event will be staged by the Westmount YMCA Fencing Club. The U.S. Olympic sabre team will compete, and all sabre fencers of senior rank are urged to attend. Entries should be sent to Miss Eva Kun, at 1474 Fort, Ap. 2, Montreal, P.Q., Canada, advising as to arrival time.

The Montreal fencers have always extended a warm welcome to U.S. competitors and this year they plan to hold a Gala Night. Hence the early starting time.

De Koff

A second daughter, Andrea Leigh, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irving DeKoff on April 9, 1956.

"The Oldest Show on Earth"

A book with this title, concerning the Olympic Games, has been written by Col. Jean V. Grombach and will be published by Ballentine Books in August. There is a fine chapter on fencing. The price will be \$2.50 clothbound, 50 cents paperbound.

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Western Intercollegiates

By Hugo Castello
Chairman, Bout Committee

A magnificent team of freshman cadets of the U. S. Air Force Academy, crushing the opposition in epee, captured the three-weapon team championship in the Western Intercollegiate Fencing Conference meet at Tucson on April 6 and 7, when Cadet Douglas Grafflin of Chappaqua, N. Y., scored 3-2 over Bruce Burch to turn back the University of Arizona's bid for a tie in the last bout of the team event. The University of California finished third.

For the Air Academy, the results were a glowing tribute to the efforts of Captain Dick Bowman, coach, and the Air Force's faith in fencing as an important sport for this branch of the armed forces.

Arizona's Wildcats coached by Irving Kipnis produced the outstanding individual fencer of the tournament in Bruce Burch, who won the foil and sabre titles and placed second in epee. California's Jerry Klotz won the individual epee.

College	TEAM SCORES			
	Foil	Epee	Sabre	Total
Air Academy	7	11	8	26
Arizona	10	6	8	24
California	10	6	6	22
Stanford	9	5	4	18
San Francisco	5	2	4	11
Pomona	4	0	0	4

AIR ACADEMY'S FIRST FENCING CHAMPIONS

(Western Conference Team Champions,
1956)



Front: Epee Team — Gary Goodpaster, Indianapolis, Ind.; Douglas Grafflin, Chappaqua, N. Y.; James Rhodes, Bellevue, Neb.

Back: Sabre Team — David Goodrich, San Antonio, Tex.; Willis Duff, Bonham, Tex.; Wayne Jefferson, Washington, D. C.; and Art Elser, Centereach, N. Y., who placed third in individual sabre.



The victorious cadets present team trophies to Lt. Gen. Hubert Harmon, Air Academy superintendent; as Brig. Gen. Robert Stillman, commandant of cadets looks on. Coach Richard Bowman is on extreme right.

Fencing . . .

Intercollegiate Aftermath

About the Nationals—

The official results of the N.C.A.A.'s 12th fencing championships at the U.S. Naval Academy on March 23 and 24, received after the April issue of American Fencing went to press, show the following corrections from the table printed in this magazine.

(1) Yale's total three-weapon score was 72 and not 73, inasmuch as Bob Goering won 27 (not 28) bouts in foil.

(2) The University of Pennsylvania rated 9th place over Cornell, after both tied in bouts, upon a count of touches, 269-281.

(3) Harvard's three-weapon score was 46 and not 45, inasmuch as Hubert Hoccutt scored 16 (not 15) victories in foil.

(4) The University of Kentucky score was 32, not 33, points, with only 7 in foil, so that 29th place went to Texas Tech, with Kentucky 30th.

(5) Brooklyn Polytechnic's score in foil was 9, not 19, so that the total three-weapon score was 18, not 28, thus dropping down to 34th place, with Indiana and Stevens moving up accordingly.

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Alex Solomon Says:

"It was the Craziest!"

The 59th annual championship tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association can be summed up thus: two parts surprise, an equal quantity of upset, and three parts of pure drama. From the buzz of the first epee Friday morning till the slash of the last sabre Saturday evening, the joint was jumping. Incredible as it may seem, when the final round in sabre started, a four-way tie for the three-weapon championship was possible. However, after Estep of Navy took the last bout 5-0 from Kontakis of Rutgers, Navy had 64 points to 63 for both Columbia and Princeton and 62 for N.Y.U. Definitely, it was the craziest.

Fewer favorites came through than at any time in memory. Kinmont Hoitsma in epee proved the lone exception; in foil, Joe Crisanti's 5-4 fence-off victory over Ralph DeMarco was a surprise, as was Martin Wertlieb's clean sweep in sabre. Likewise in the team events: The favored Princeton epee team finished second to Navy, CCNY upset Columbia in sabre, and Cornell ran away with the foil, which was supposed to be a toss-up.

As chairman of the Bout Committee, I was naturally delighted with the excitement of the competition. But it was an even greater pleasure to note that the gracious surroundings provided at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, and the Fencers' Ball which has been re-established by the cooperation of the fencing coaches, are helping to restore the gala atmosphere of pre-war days, when the I.F.A. championships served as an annual homecoming to all fencing alumni, recent and ancient, such as no other college sport could boast of.

Women's Intercollegiates

Paterson State Teachers College, host for the 28th annual championships of the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association, won its first team title in this tournament by upsetting the favored defending champions from Rochester Tech, 3-0 in the final match. Then Jane Dardia, Patterson Captain and No. 1 fencer, captured all of her five bouts in the individual event to complete her college's sweep. Ten colleges competed.

Coming into the last three bouts of the team competition, Paterson had a 21-3 bout score, two of the defeats being administered by N.Y.U. in the second round. Rochester Tech had an identical record on bouts, and had lost no matches. In the first bout of the deciding match, Joan Ulrickson defeated Pat Estey, 4-3, to top the "C" pool. Then Jean Moreck and June Johnson, both undefeated up to that point, met in the "B" match, and Miss Moreck clinched the team title and top place in her pool with a 4-1 victory. The last bout saw Jane Dardia, in the "A" pool, defeat Barbi Brill 4-3 to capture top-rating in her group.

Miss Dardia, favored to win the individuals on the basis of her second place last year, avenged her lone defeat of the tournament by beating N.Y.U., Phyllis Victor, 4-1, and went on to win five straight for the gold medal.

SUMMARIES

Team: (1) Paterson STC, 24; (2) Rochester Tech, 21; (3) New York University, 14; (4) Farleigh-Dickinson, 14; (5) Jersey City STC, 13; (6) Temple, 12; (7) Hunter, 11; (8) Montclair STC, 11; (9) Brooklyn College, 8; (10) Elmira, 7.

Individual: (1) Jane Dardia, PSTC, 5-0; (2) June Johnson, RIT, 3-2, 12 t.r.; (3) Barbi Brill, RIT, 3-2, 13 t.r.; (4) Joan Ulrickson, PTSC, 2-3, 16 t.r.; (5) Jean Moreck, PTSC, 2-3, 18 t.r.; (6) Phyllis Victor, NYU, 0-5.



PATERSON State Teachers College, women's intercollegiate team champions 1956: Jean Moreck, Jane Dardia, Joan Ulrickson.

GEORGES COINTE TO BE OLYMPIC CREW TRAINER

The U.S. Olympic Rowing Committee has announced the appointment of Georges L. Cointe, of Cornell, as assistant trainer assigned to the U.S. Olympic crew. Cointe, head fencing coach at Cornell since 1934 and dean of his university's coaching staff, has been trainer of the Cornell crew for 12 years.

A native of Paris, France, Cointe is a graduate of the famous military school of Joinville-le-Pont. His fencing teams have always been good, and in the past three years have won several eastern championships. Among his pupils is Dick Pew, an outstanding candidate for the 1956 U.S. Olympic team in epee.

Middle Atlantic Intercollegiates

By Roger F. Jones

Temple University, host for the fifth annual Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association Championships, crowned an undefeated season by capturing the three-weapon title with 45 points. Johns Hopkins, last year's winners, scored 43, and Lehigh was a strong third with 39. Excellent balance in foil also gave Temple's Owls the championship in that weapon for the third straight year. Dave Murdock and Jim Fratto each finished with 10-1 records, as Fratto repeated his '55 performance by defeating Murdock, '54 champion, on a fence-off. Dick Everett, J. H., was third.

Johns Hopkins defended the R. F. Jones Epee Team trophy handily, as well as the K. H. Spaeth Sabre Team trophy. There was a five-way tie for first in the individual epee: Dave Bristol of Lehigh eventually finished first, Charlie Gilmore of Stevens second, and Larry Anastasi, Temple third; Al Rose and Tom Feher of the winning epee team were the other men in the fence-off. In the individual sabre, John Forte of Johns Hopkins won the fence-off with Lenny Gurwitz of Temple after both had tied with 9-2 scores. Bob Zecker of Lehigh was third.

SUMMARIES

College	Foil	Epee	Sabre	3-Wp.
Temple	20	13	12	45
Johns Hopkins	11	16	16	43
Lehigh	14	11	14	39
Stevens	13	10	7	30
Haverford	5	5	12	22
Muhlenberg	3	11	5	19

Jones

A son, Evan Reitsgen Jones, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Jones on May 5, 1956.



JANE DARDIA, Paterson Women's Intercollegiate Champion 1956

News from West and South

Northern California

By Ferard Leicester

The following are the results of divisional competitions, except for the Helene Mayer Memorial Trophy which is reported separately:

Sabre Intermediate Team, 2/24/56, Letterman A.H.: (1) Letterman A.H. (Kester, Rhodes, Brownlee); (2) Berkeley F.C. (Lambert, Glen, Hampton); (3) Halberstadt (Schultz, Van Ekelenburg, Scheile).

Women's Intermediate Team, 3/2/56, Halberstadt: (1) Berkeley F.C. (Holloway, Kanstein, Short); (2) Halberstadt S.F. (Reid, Matthies, Huddleson); (3) Letterman A.H. (Canter, Brownlee).

Sabre Open, 3/3/56, Halberstadt, 16 entries: (1) Salvatore Giambra, O.C., 4-1; (2) Jack Baker, O.C., 3-2, 15/20; (3) Daniel De La O, O.C., 3-2, 15/18; (4) Herbert Rhodes, L.A.H., 2-3, 21 t.r.; (5) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 2-3, 22 t.r.; (6) Gerard Biagini, O.C., 1-4.

Women's Open, 3/10/56, S.F.S.C.: (1) Tommy Angell, H.S.F., 7-1; (2) Shirley Canter, L.A.H., 6-2; (3) Mary Huddleson, H.S.F., 5-2; (4) Frances Matthies, H.S.F., 4-3; (5) Donna Holloway, B.F., 3-4; (6) Carol Reid, H.S.F., 2-5; (7) Grace Makabe, H.S.F., 1-6, 27/15; (8) Patricia Kanstein, BF, 1-6, 27/10.

Epee Open, 3/17/56, Berkeley F.C., 16 entries: (1) Gerard Biagini, 7-0; (2) Leal Kanstein, BF, 5-2; (3) Albert Lambert, B.F., 4-3, 23 t.r.; (4) John McDougall, S.U., 4-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Jerome Klotz, U.C., 3-4, 28 t.r.; (6) George Kester, L.A.H., 3-4, 31 t.r.; (7) David Swift, B.F., 2-5; (8) Niels Schultz, H.S.F., 0-7.

Foil Open, 3/24/56, Letterman A.H., 22 entries: (1) Gerard Biagini, O.C., 7-2; (2) Herbert Rhodes, L.A.H., 6-3; (3) Jose Tofoya, L.A.H., 5-3, 24 t.r.; (4) Daniel De La O, O.C., 5-3, 28 t.r.; (5) Albert Lambert, B.F., 5-3, 30 t.r.; (6) Jack Baker, O.C., 5-3, 31 t.r.; (7) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 2-6; (8) Peter Schwartz, Un., 1-7, 37 t.r.; (9) Laurance Brownlee, L.A.H., 1-7, 39 t.r.

Epee Open Team, 4/14/56, Berkeley F.C.: (1) Berkeley Fencers (Lambert, Swift, Kanstein); (2) Stanford University (Simon, McDougall, Hodge); (3) Halberstadt S.F. (Scheile, Adams, Van Ekelenburg).

Women's Open Team, 4/15/56, Talberstadt: (1) Halberstadt #1 (Huddleson, Matthies, Angell); (2) Berkeley F.C. (Holloway, Kanstein, Short); (3) Halberstadt #2 (Reid, Pirquet).

Foil Open Team, 4/21/56, Letterman A.H.: (1) Olympic Club (Baker, De La O, Biagini); (2) Letterman A.H. (Rhodes, Brownlee, Tofoya); (3) Berkeley F.C. (Hampton, Lambert, Yee).



Janice Lee Romary Wins Helene Mayer Memorial

By Mary Huddleson

Janice Lee Romary defeated Maxine Mitchell, Los Angeles Athletic Club, in the last bout of the finals, 4-3, to win the third annual Helene Mayer Memorial Trophy competition, which was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on March 25. Mrs. Romary's victory over the national champion, and winner of the trophy in the first two competitions, serves notice that she will be a favorite to regain the national title in June. In all, five women came up from Los Angeles for the competition; there were 16 entries in all.

Finals: (1) J. Romary, 7-0; (2) M. Mitchell, 6-1; (3) A. Gerakin, Faulkner, 5-2; (4) F. Matthies, Halberstadt, 3-4, 21 t.r.; (5) T. Angell, Halberstadt, 3-4, 22 t.r.; (6) B. Merwin, Faulkner, 2-5, 23 t.r.; (7) S. Canter, Letterman A.H., 2-5, 25 t.r.; (8) M. Huddleson, Halberstadt, 0-7.

Border

By Fred Aliaga

Due to the transfer of divisional officers to other Army posts, the newly elected officers for the coming year have taken over their duties immediately. They are: Fred Aliaga, Chairman; John McDaniel, Co-chairman; Nelso Iry, Secretary-Treasurer. The divisional tournament held on April 14 gave the following results:

Foil Junior: (1) William Hayes, El Paso; (2) Fred Aliaga, El Paso; (3) John D. McDaniel, El Paso.

Epee Junior: (1) John D. McDaniel, El Paso; (2) Donald Benge, Ft. Bliss; (3) Fred Aliaga, El Paso.

Sabre Junior: (1) Fred Aliaga, El Paso; (2) John McDaniel, El Paso; (3) Ed Rubinstein, Ft. Bliss.

Foil Intermediate: (1) Anthony Buzzelli, HAFB; (2) Fred Aliaga, El Paso; (3) John D. McDaniel, El Paso.

Epee Intermediate: (1) Nelson Iry, El Paso; (2) Donald Bunge, Ft. Bliss; (3) Anthony Buzzelli, HAFB.

Foil Team: (1) El Paso YMCA; (2) Salle St. Joseph; (3) Ft. Bliss.

Epee Team: (1) El Paso YMCA; (2) Salle St. Joseph; (3) Ft. Bliss.

Sabre Team: (1) El Paso YMCA; (2) Ft. Bliss; (3) Salle St. Joseph.

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

Philip Petmecky of the University of Houston was awarded the 1955-56 Ranly Alexander Memorial Medallion as the outstanding Prep of the Gulf Coast Division. Total entries thus far for the season are 678, compared with 572 last year. Membership is up to 113, compared with 89 last year. Results of recent competitions:

7th Qualifying Meet, Univ. of Texas, 4/7/56

Women's Novice, 10 entries: (1) Nancy Derrick, S.d'E., 3-2 in final, 3-1 on fence-off, won 2d. fence-off; (2) Marcelle Ducros, S.d'E., 3-2 in final, 3-1 on fence-off; (3) Helen Ruth Gubbels, St.M., 3-2 in final, 2-2 on fence-off; (4) Cynthia Klein, St.M., 3-2 in final, 1-3, 18/17 on fence-off; (5) Dodie Hunnicutt, St.M., 3-2 in final, 1-3, 18/14 on fence-off.

Women's Prep, 6 entries (1) Dodie Hunnicutt, St.M., 5-0; (2) Marcelle Ducross, S.d'E., 4-1; (3) Sheila Maloney, St.M., 2-3, 16 t.r.; (4) Roxan Renneberg, Ind., 2-3, 18 t.r.; (5) Cynthia Klein, St.M., 2-3, 19 t.r.

Foil Novice, 21 entries: (1) Carl Hill, A&M, 5-0; (2) Charles Reed, Rice, 4-1; (3) Gus Baker, A&M, 2-3, 17 t.r.; (4) Fred Sklar, Rice, 2-3, 18 t.r.; (5) Erwin Groner, Rice, 2-3, 22 t.r.

8th Qualifying Meet, U. of Houston, 4/14-15/56

Women's Open, 6 entries: (1) Marcelle Ducros, S.d'E., 5-0; (2) Betty Jean Kolenda, Ind., 4-1; (3) Roxan Renneberg, Ind., 3-2.

Women's Open Team: (1) Composite (Derrick, Goodlett, Kolenda).

Foil Open, 20 entries: (1) Carl Hill, A&M, 5-0; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 4-1; (3) Fred Sklar, Rice, 2-3, 19 t.r.; (4) Charles Reed, Rice, 2-3, 21 t.r.; (5) David Brown, Beauhaus, 1-5, 23 t.r.; (6) John Curry, Ind., 1-5, 24 t.r.

Foil Open Team, 9 teams: (1) Buccaneers (Baird, Mercado, Curry); (2) University of Houston (Petmecky, Brown, Greene).

9th Qualifying Meet, Texas A&M, 4/21-22/56

Epee Open, 21 entries: (1) Fred Sklar, Rice, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Bob Miller, MPT, 4-1; (3) Carl Hill, A&M, 3-2; (4) Phil Petmecky, UH, 2-3; (5) Dave Dillehay, Rice, and Bob Derrick, S.d'E., tie at 1-5, 13/8.

Sabre Open, 20 entries: (1) Jack Baird, Buc., 5-0; (2) Charles Reed, Rice, 4-1; (3) Fred Sklar, Rice, 2-3, 20 t.r.; (4) Bob Derrick, S.d'E., 2-3, 22 t.r.; (5) Arnold Mercado, Buc., 1-4, 22 t.r.; (6) Don Greene, UH, 1-4, 23 t.r.

Epee Open Team, 7 teams: (1) Modern Pentathlon "A" (O'Hair, Miller, Poventud); (2) University of Houston (Camp, Petmecky, Brown, Moore).

Sabre Open Team, 7 teams: (1) Buccaneers (Curry, Mercado, Baird); (2) Rice "A" (Dillehay, Sklar, Reed).

Nebraska

By John Giele

The divisional foil and epee championships (ranked Intermediate for classification purposes) were held on April 22 with the following results:

Foil: (1) Patrick Lemmers, Omaha Univ.; (2) Robert Russell, Lincoln AFB; (3) John DePutron, Lincoln Y.

Epee: (1) Patrick Lemmers, Omaha U.; (2) Robert Russell, Lincoln AFB; (3) Al Rayford, Lincoln AFB.

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Eastern Divisions

New Jersey

By Catherine Kopp

Results of recent competitions were:
Foil Open, 3/8/56, Verona H.S., 15 entries: (1) Vincent Surdi, NYAC, 7-0; (2) Alphonse Sully, NYAC, 6-1; (3) Sam d'Ambola, Verona Rec., 5-2; (4) Paul Brienza, Verona Rec., 3-4; (5) William Reda, unat., 3-4; (6) Robert Flynn, Verona, 3-4; (7) C. Rotunda, Verona, 1-6; (8) James Russomano, Montclair Acad., 0-7.

Women's Open, 3/22/56, Pat. STC, 22 entries: (1) Estelle Atkin, Santelli, 4-1 (won fence-off); (2) Jane Dardia, PSTC, 4-1; (3) Cathy Kopp, Santelli, won fence-off; (4) Harriet King, unatt.; (5) Joan Ulrickson, PSTC; (5) Jean Moreck, PSTC.

Epee Open, Princeton: (1) Paul Levy, Princeton, 4-0; (2) Roger Jones, U.S.N., 2-2; (3) Jack Modest, Princeton, 2-2; (4) Sheldon Cohen, Rutgers, 1-3; (5) Paul Brienza, Verona, 1-3.

Women's Junior Team, 4/11/56, Paterson STC, 6 teams: (1) Paterson A (Dardia, Ulrickson, Moreck); (2) Jersey City; (3) Montclair.

Women's Prep, 4/26/56, Verona, 20 entries: (1) Dolores Comerio, J.C.STC, 7-1; (2) Pat Ruane, Paterson STC, 6-2; (3) Josephine Coco, F.D., 5-3, 21 t.r.; (4) Betty Ross, PSTC, 5-3, 24 t.r.

Maryland

By Abbie H. Rose

The results of the season competitions, except for the state championships, were as follows:

Mixed Doubles: (1) Abbie Rose, Tri-W., and Al Rose, BFC; (2) Lissie Martin and Gary Martin, Wash.F.C.; (3) Jane Burger and Lee Stanley, International Center.

Sabre Junior: (1) Daryl Carter, Johns Hopkins; (2) Richard Heckman, Johns Hopkins.

Women's Open: (1) Eleanor Turney, unatt.; (2) Jane Burger, Int.C.; (3) Gloria Morrison, Tri-Weapon.

Pavese Memorial, Women: (1) Abbie Rose, Tri-Weapon; (2) Lissie Martin, Wash.F.C.; (3) Jane Burger, Int. Cent.

Pavese Memorial, Men: (1) Gary Martin, Wash. F.C.; (2) Peter Conomikes, Wash.F.C.; (3) Eaton Bayor, Balt.F.C.

Women's Junior: (1) Martha Hesperheide, York F.C.; (2) Gail Lambert, Goucher; (3) Dottie Hayes, Int. Cent.

Foil Open: (1) Dan Lyons, Wash.F.C.; (2) Peter Conomikes, Wash.F.C.; (3) Calvert Schlick, Balt.F.C.

New England

By Helen F. Kenney

The annual Boston Fencing Club event for women fencers drew 56 entries, divided into three classes according to fencing experience. Class I (less than 5 months) was won by Enid Llumbey of Sargent; class II (6 to 14 months) was won by Helen Daniels of Radcliffe; and class III (14 to 24 months) by Fran McKee, Boston YWCA. The official divisional competitions gave the following results:

Foil Intermediate (6 entries): (1) Edwin Richards, Salle Elde; (2) Robert Dion, Salle Vitale, on touches; (3) A. Kredenser, Boston FC.

Three Weapon Team (4 teams): (1) Army Air Force (Miernick, Tolan, Livergood); (2) Harvard; (3) Latvian FC; (4) M.I.T.

Women's Intermediate (7 entries): (1) Helen Kenney, YWCA; (2) Joan Fraser, Salle Elde, on touches; (3) Joan Scott, YWCA.

Sabre Team (3 teams): (1) Salle Elde (Richards, Karp, Ginsburg); (2) Harvard; (3) Composite.

Epee Team: (1) Harvard (Pierskalla, Fitchen, Elde); (2) Latvian FC.

Sabre Intermediate: (1) Edwin Richards, Salle Elde; (2) Joseph Livergood, AF, on touches; (3) Mitchell Thomas, Harvard.

Epee Intermediate: (1) William Chapple, Harvard; (2) Douglas Fitchen, Harvard; (3) Edward Washwell, Latvian FC.

Northern Ohio

By Madison H. Dods

The results of competitions in February and April were as follows:

Three Weapon Team, 2/12/56: (1) Sword & Mask (Dods, foil; Fried, epee; Shelly, sabre), 11-0; (2) Cuyahoga Falls Blades (Boyajian, Musichuk, Calhoun), 10-1; (3) Woodland Rec. "A" (Vickery, Gosline, Henry), 9-2.

Foil Junior, 2/19/56: (1) Arthur Wade, Woodland; (2) Al Oneto, Oberlin; (3) Joseph Kitson, C.F. Blades.

Epee Junior, 2/26/56: (1) Douglas Phillips, Woodland; (2) Joan Steigerwald, Woodland; (3) Lisa Colvin, Woodland.

Foil Divisional, 4/15/56: (1) John Shelly, Woodland; (2) John Stornfey-Stitz, Woodland; (3) Madison Dods, Unatt.

Epee Divisional, 4/22/56: (1) Walter Henry, Woodland; (2) Al Musichuk, C.F. Blades; (3) Howard Fried, Unatt.

Sabre Divisional, 4/26/56: (1) Walter Henry, Woodland; (2) Howard Fried, Unatt.; (3) Glen Knoll, Case Tech.

All-Ohio Championships

By Robert Kaplan

The All-Ohio Championships were held at the Ohio State University on March 17. Entries totaled 61, with 7 in women's foil, 19 in men's foil, 18 in epee and 17 in sabre.

Women. Lisa Colvin of Northern Ohio became the new champion after breaking a 3-way tie on the second try. The defending champion for the past two years, Myrel Papurt, Columbus, placed 2d with Joan Steigerwald of Northern Ohio 3d.

Foil. Northern Ohio had all the aces here. John Shelly, last year's sabre champion, ventured to win in foil. Ronald Vickery, recently of Australia, took 2d after a fence-off with Shelly. Bob Boyagian was 3d.

Epee. Again Northern Ohio dominated the scene. Walter Henry went undefeated in the final round with 8 wins. Al Styler and Howard Fried were 2d and 3d respectively.

Sabre. The hosts were not as gracious in this event, with Alan Bischoff and Virgil Lucke of Columbus tying for first place. Bischoff won the fence-off. Walter Henry of Northern Ohio was 3d.

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JUDY GOODRICH WINS METROPOLITAN TITLE

By Jose de Capriles

Judy Goodrich of Lapeer, Michigan traveled to New York and captured the women's metropolitan championship in impressive fashion to take the lead among Eastern candidates for the Olympic team. Miss Goodrich had a remarkable record: 8-0 in the early rounds, with 5 of these victories by 4-0 scores; 7-1 in the electric-foil final with only 6 touches against her in the 7 victories. Her lone defeat was at the hands of Anne Drungis. Second place went to the defending champion, Ida Balint of Saltus-McBurney, who retained her position as the top woman fencer in the New York metropolitan area, on touches over Louise Knab of Salle Csiszar, Philadelphia.

The electrical apparatus worked well, but the fact that only Miss Goodrich had her own weapon placed too severe a burden on the few foils available for the other contestants, so that there were several delays due to weapon break-downs. James Castello and Tom Bickley did an excellent job of quick repairs, but it is obvious that foils men and women must purchase and care for their own weapons in the same manner as epee men.

Finals: (1) Goodrich, 7-1; (2) Balint, 5-3, 15 t.r.; (3) Dyer, 5-3, 17 t.r.; (4) King, 4-4, 24 t.r.; (5) Funke, 4-4, 25 t.r.; (6) Drungis, 3-5, 26/23; (7) Dalton, 3-5, 26/22; (8) Feig, 3-5, 27 t.r.; (9) Feigelman, 2-6.

New York Qualifiers for Nationals: Madeline Dalton, Bessie Feig, Beverly Feigelman, Dolly Funke, Averil Genton, Harriet King, Sophronia Pierce, Marilyn Rosenbaum and Vivienne Sokol. Alternates: (1) Judy Morofsky, (2) Dorothy Friedman.

ALBERT AXELROD WINS METROPOLITAN FOIL

By Jose de Capriles

After 10 hours of hard competition in a field of 40, five fencers tied for first place with 3-2 records in the final of the metropolitan foil championship. Sixth place went to Leonard Turk. The only Olympic contender from the East who did not compete was Dr. Daniel Bukantz. The final was fenced with the electric foil, and defects in equipment caused considerable delay, reminding old-timers of the problems which arose during the development of the electric epee.

The fence-off had to be postponed to May 13, and Albert Axelrod emerged victorious with a 3-1 record, thereby maintaining his perfect score in the Olympic tryouts. Allan Kwartler, 2-2, was second on touches, with Sewall Shurtz and Harold Goldsmith in a perfect tie for third. On the fence-off Shurtz won 5-2. Nathaniel Lubell, 3-1, was fifth.

New York Qualifiers for Nationals: Martin Brandeis, James Canvin, Neil Lazar, Daniel Marmer, Jack Oldstein, Alfred Rubin, Aubrey Seeman, Sewall Shurtz and Arthur Spingarn. Alternates: (1) Piperno, (2) Reyes, (3) Anderson.

SEWALL SHURTZ TAKES METROPOLITAN EPEE

By Jose de Capriles

Sewall Shurtz, representing the U. S. Navy, won the metropolitan epee championship over a strong field of 40 contestants, losing only 2 of his 16 bouts. In the final of 12, he lost only to Tom Bickley, who eventually finished fifth. Second place went to Edward Vebell, Fencers Club; and third to Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli, over Herman Wallner on touches. Unfortunately, Richard Pew, winner of the two previous Olympic tryouts, sustained a serious ankle sprain and was unable to compete. Added interest to the event was created by the participation of Leong Hao of Viet-Nam.

Finals: (1) Shurtz, 10-1; (2) Vebell, 8-3; (3) Goldstein, 6-5, 36 t.r.; (4) Wallner, 6-5, 40 t.r.; (5) Bickley, 5-6, 41 t.r.; (6) Andre, 5-6, 43/44; (7) Moss, 5-6, 43/37; (8) Margolis, 5-6, 45 t.r.; (9) Strauch, 4-7 42/37; (10) Skrobisch, 4-7, 42/33; (11) Salzburg, 3-8, 44 t.r.; (12) Kapner, 3-8, 46 t.r.

New York Qualifiers for Nationals: Daniel Chafetz, Edmond Dollinger, Kevis Kapner, Henry Kolowrat, Larry Lazovick, Frank Leoni, Joseph Margolis, Paul Moss and Hugh Salzburg. Alternate: Herbert Spector.

Eastern Olympic Standings

By Jose de Capriles

After completion of the metropolitan championships, semi-final Olympic tryouts for Eastern fencers, the point standings of the leading competitors and their average per competition are as follows:

Foil. (1) Albert Axelrod 90, 10; (2) Daniel Bukantz 61, 8.6; (3) Harold Goldsmith 58, 6.4; (4) Nathaniel Lubell 55, 6.1; (5) Allan Kwartler 44, 4.9; (6) Sewall Shurtz 40, 5.6; (7) Leonard Turk 38, 4.2; (8) Neil Lazar 23, 3.3; (9) Silvio Giolito 16, 8; (10) Arthur Spingarn 13, 1.4; (11) Ralph Goldstein 10, 2.5. Midwest: Herman Velasco 10, 3.3.

Women. Judy Goodrich 51, 7.3; (2) Ida Balint 48, 6.9; (3) Louise Knab Dyer 40, 5.7; (4) Madeline Dalton 34, 6.8; (5) Grace Acel 29, 5.8; (6) Anne Drungis 28, 4; (7) Eve Siegel 16, 8; (8) Dolly Funke 21, 3. Pacific Coast: Maxine Mitchell, 30, 10; Janice-Lee Romary 7, 7.

Epee. (1) Sewall Shurtz 80, 9; (2) Edward Vebell 47, 5.2; (3) Richard Pew 40, 10; (4) Herman Wallner 38, 4.2; (5) Tom Bickley 36, 4; (6) Abram Cohen 32, 3.6; (7) William Andre 30, 3.8; (8) Kinmont Hoitsma 24, 4.8; (9) Allan Hoffman 24, 3.4; (10) Ralph Goldstein 22, 2.8; (11) Richard Berry 21, 3; (12) Alfred Skrobisch 21, 2.3.

Sabre. (1) Richard Dyer 62, 6.8; (2) Tibor Nyilas 61, 6.8; (3) Sol Gorlin 60, 6.7; (4) Abram Cohen and Allan Kwartler 55, 6.1; (6) George Worth 54, 6; (7) Norman Armitage 53, 5.9; (8) Jose de Capriles 22, 7.3; (9) Barry Pariser 22, 3.3; (10) Alex Treves 16, 4; (11) Robert Blum 12, 1.3; (12) Frank Bartone 6, 1.

ARMITAGE CAPTURES METROPOLITAN SABRE

By Jose de Capriles

The indestructible Norman Armitage — greatest U. S. sabre champion in history, and now in his 50th year — won the 1956 metropolitan championship by defeating Abram Cohen, 5-3, in the fence-off for the title. Cohen had beaten Armitage easily, 5-1, in his last bout of the regular round-robin to get the tie; but the wily veteran, always a fine tactician, had the experience and the physical stamina to turn the tables in the decisive bout. National champion Dick Dyer was third by one touch over Tibor Nyilas.

The competition was close throughout and a number of competitors were not in good condition to stand the strain. Occasional tempers flared, and the event was marred by the disqualification of Alex Treves prior to his last bout following a heated comment upon the decisions of the director.

Finals: (1) Armitage, 6-2, won fence-off; (2) Cohen, 6-2; (3) Dyer, 5-3, 28 t.r.; (4) Nyilas, 5-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Worth, 4-4; (6) Treves, 3-5, 35 t.r.; (7) Kwartler, 3-5, 37 t.r.; (8) Gorlin, 2-6; (9) Blum, 2-6.

New York Qualifiers for Nationals: Robert Blum, Abram Cohen, Wally Farber, Kevis Kapner, Lorán Marcell, Umberto Milletari, Louis Shaff, Herbert Spector, Arthur Spingarn.

CASTELLO FRESHMAN FOIL, 3/18/56

Final: (1) Martin Davis, N.Y.U., 5-2 (after three fence-offs); (2) Stephen Greene, N.Y.U., 5-2; (3) Savino Mercurio, N.Y.U., 5-2; (4) F. Bavuso, Jr., N.Y.U., 5-2; (5) Ince, U. of P., 4-3; (6) Corriere, U. of P., 2-5, 28 t.r.; (7) Brady, C., 2-5, 30 t.r.; (8) Shervington, U. of P., 0-7. (On first fence-off, Bavuso lost three and was eliminated; on second fence-off, all tied with 1-1).

Others: Ierley, Yuen, Berdoulay, D.R.; Huch, Bohun-Chudyniv, C.; Krauss, CCNY.

FOIL INTERMEDIATE 4/8/56/ (21 comp.)

Final: (1) Jack Oldstein, SS, 7-1 (won fence-off 5-3); (2) Lt. Robert Nielsen, USAF, 7-1; (3) James Canvin, F.C., 5-3, 24 t.r.; (4) D'Ambola, Verona, 5-3, 26 t.r.; (5) Rubin, SS, 4-4; (6) Goldman, USAF, 3-5; (7) Frank, F.C., 2-6, 33 t.r.; (8) Marmer, F.C., 2-6, 38 t.r.; (9) Reyes, Salle January 1-7.

—L. Olvin

SABRE INTERMEDIATE 4/21/56 (15 comp.)

Final: (1) Joseph Sonnenreich, FC, 4-1; (2) Krajcir, Santelli, 3-2; (3) Milletari, FC, 2-3, 18 t.r.; (4) Spingarn, FC, 2-3, 20/20; (5) Marcell, Santelli, 2-3, 20/17; (6) J. Bloom, Columbia, 2-3, 20/15.

Others: Canvin, Shore, FC; Gradkowsky, Whittingham, Saltus; Bickley, Sullivan, S.S.; Bavuso Jr., NYU; Fineberg, CCNY; Bingham, USAF.

EPEE INTERMEDIATE, 4/15/56

Final: (1) Margolis, Columbia, 6-2, won fence-off; (2) Bickley, Santelli, 6-2; (3) Andre, U.S. Navy, 5-3; (4) tie between Chafetz, F.C. and Goldstein, F.C., 4-4, 33/29 each; (6) True, U.S. Navy, 3-5, 33 t.r.; (7) Carter, Col., 3-5, 34 t.r.; (8) Peredo, N.Y.U., 3-5, 35 t.r.; (9) Bloomberg, Santelli, 2-6.

Others: Lipper, Columbia; Taub, Yeshiva; Dollinger, F.C.; Brodeth, Saltus; Coll, Fordham.

—F. Bavuso

New York . . .

METROPOLITAN EPEE TEAM

By Paul J. Moss

The United States Navy "A" team of Sewall Shurtz, Dick Berry, Roger Jones and Larry Lazovick, won the metropolitan epee team title, with the Navy "B" squad (Edmonds, Kirkpatrick, Andre) a strong second, and Santelli's B (Goldstein, Turk, Moss, Bickley) in third place. Both Navy teams had narrow escapes in the qualifying round. The "A" group, fencing without Shurtz, was beaten by Fencers Club B, 5-4, but reached the semi-finals on a 5-4 victory over Princeton. Thereafter Shurtz's nine straight victories carried his team to the title. The "B" group lost to N.Y.U., 6-3, but its victory over Fencers Club A, 5-4, eliminated the favorite team on a count of bouts. The Fencers Club "C" and Columbia, however, qualified over N.Y.U. for the nationals, on a fence-off.

SUMMARIES Qualifying Round

Pool 1. Navy B, 2v. 1d., 13 bouts, defeated Fencers Club A 5-4 and CCNY 8-1; (2) N.Y.U., 2v. 1d., 13 bouts, defeated Navy B 6-3 and CCNY 7-2; (3) Fencers Club A, 2v. 1d., 11 bouts, defeated N.Y.U. 5-4 and CCNY 6-3. CCNY lost 3 matches.

Pool 2. (1) Columbia, 2v., defeated N.Y.A.C. 5-2 and Santelli A 5-1; (2) Fencers Club C, 2v., defeated Santelli A 5-2 and N.Y.A.C. 5-2. Santelli A and N.Y.A.C. lost 2 matches.

Pool 3. (1) Navy A, 2v. 1d., defeated Princeton 5-4 and Santelli B 5-3; (2) Santelli B, 2v. 1d., defeated Fencers Club B 5-3 and Princeton 5-3; (3) Princeton, 1v. 2d., defeated Fencers Club B 5-4; (4) Fencers Club B, 1v. 2d., defeated Navy A, 5-4.

Semi-Finals (Direct Elimination)

(1) Navy A (Shurtz 3, Jones 2, Lazovick 0) defeated Columbia (Margolis 1, Ayres 1, Carter 0), 5-2.

(2) Santelli B (Goldstein 3, Bickley 2, Moss 0) defeated N.Y.U. (Farrell 2, Eichenbaum 1, Rosenberg 0), 5-3.

(3) Navy B (Andre 2, Edmonds 2, Kirkpatrick 1) defeated Fencers Club C (Goldsmith 2, Salzburg 0, Strauch 0), 5-2.

FINALS

(1) Navy A (Shurtz 3, Jones 1, Berry 1) defeated Navy B (Kirkpatrick 2, Andre 1, Edmonds 0), 5-3; Navy A (Shurtz 3, Jones 1, Lazovick 1) defeated Santelli B (Goldstein 1, Bickley 1, Moss 1, Tuck 0), 5-3.

(2) Navy B (Edmonds 3, Kirkpatrick 2, Andre 1) defeated Santelli B (Goldstein 1, Bickley 1, Tuck 1), 6-3.

(3) Santelli B lost two matches.

Qualifiers for National Championships

(1) Navy, (2) Santelli. Three-way fence-off for 3d and 4th places: (3) Fencers Club C 1v. 1 d., 11 bouts, defeated N.Y.U. 7-2; (4) Columbia, 1v. 1d., 9 bouts, defeated Fencers Club 5-4. Eliminated: N.Y.U., 1v. 1d., 7 bouts, defeated Columbia 5-4.

ELECTRONIC FENCING APPARATUS

A wire-less electronic epee machine, using radio transmitters of different frequencies carried by each fencer in his back pocket, has been developed by Ira C. Davey of New Haven and was successfully demonstrated recently at the New Haven Y.M.C.A. Coach Albert Grasson has ordered a machine for Yale University. An account of the apparatus appeared in the New York Times of March 30, 1956.

METROPOLITAN SABRE TEAM

By Pieter Mijer

Salle Santelli's A team, led by George Worth, who dropped only one bout in 15, retained its metropolitan sabre team title without great difficulty (except for a narrow squeeze in the finals against its own B team) despite the fact that its standard of fencing was below par. Philadelphia was second, largely on the strength of Dick Dyer's 11 victories in 14 bouts. The New York Athletic Club, with Dean Cetrulo in good form, was the third club in the final. The second best individual record was posted by Abe Cohen, whose 11 victories in 12 bouts were not enough to carry the Fencers Club beyond the semi-final round.

SUMMARIES Qualifying Round

Pool 1. Santelli A defeated Columbia 5-2; N.Y.A.C. defeated Columbia 7-2.

Pool 2. Philadelphia Division defeated Fencers Club B 5-1 and Saltus Club 7-2; Santelli B defeated Fencers Club B 7-2 and Saltus Club 5-0.

Pool 3. Fencers Club A defeated U.S. Navy 5-2 and CCNY 5-4; Santelli C defeated Navy 5-4 and CCNY 7-0.

Semi-Finals

Pool 1. Santelli A (Worth 3, Gorlin 2, Nyilas 2) defeated Santelli C (Kapner 1, Marcell 1, Sullivan 0), 7-2; Philadelphia Division (Dyer 3, Bartone 2, Farber 2) defeated Santelli C (Marcell 1, Kapner 1, Shaff 0), 7-2.

Pool 2. Santelli B (Lazar 2, Spector 2, Krajcir 1) defeated Fencers Club (Cohen 3, Milletari 1, Spingorn 0), 5-4; New York A.C. (Cetrulo 2, Muray 2, Ozol 1) defeated Fencers Club (Cohen 2, Hyde 1, Milletari 1), 5-3.

FINALS

(1) Santelli A (Worth 2, Nyilas 2, Gorlin 1) defeated Santelli B (Spector 3, Lazar 1, Blum 0), 5-4; Santelli A (Worth 3, Gorlin 1, Nyilas 1) defeated N.Y.A.C. (Cetrulo 2, Ozol 0, Sully 0), 5-2; Santelli A (Worth 3, Gorlin 2, Nyilas 0) defeated Philadelphia Division (Farber 2, Bartone 1, Dyer 0), 5-3.

(2) Philadelphia Division (Dyer 3, Farber 2, Bartone 0) defeated N.Y.A.C. (Cetrulo 2, Muray 1, Sully 1), 5-4; Philadelphia Division (Dyer 2, Bartone 2, Farber 1) defeated Santelli B (Blum 1, Krajcir 1, Spector 1), 5-2.

Metropolitan Qualifiers for Nationals

(1) Salle Santelli, (2) N.Y.A.C., (3) Fencers Club, (4) U.S. Navy (Berry, Parmacek, Jones) defeated Saltus 5-4 and CCNY 5-3; CCNY defeated Saltus 5-4.

METROPOLITAN WOMEN'S TEAM

By A. Spingarn

Salle Santelli's "B" team, sparked by Bess Feig's 9 straight victories in the finals, defeated its "A" squad 5-4, and went on to win the women's metropolitan championship by a decisive margin. The Santelli "A" team also lost to Salle Lucia, but finished second by one point on its victory over the Fencers Club. The Saltus Club outscored a college composite team for the fourth New York qualifying place in the nationals.

SUMMARIES Qualifying Round

Pool I. (1) Fencers Club, 2v., defeated N.Y. College Composite 5-0 and Southern Composite 5-1; (2) Santelli B, 2v., defeated N. Y. College Composite 5-3 and Southern Composite 5-3.

Pool II. (1) Santelli A, 3v., defeated Salle Lucia 5-0, Philadelphia Composite 5-0, and Saltus 5-2; (2) Salle Lucia, 2v. 1d., defeated Saltus 5-4 and Philadelphia Composite 5-1; (3) Saltus, 1v. 2d., defeated Philadelphia Composite 5-1.

FINALS

(1) Santelli B (Feig 3, Sokol 2, Kopp 0) defeated Santelli A (Feigelman 2, Atkin 1, Drungis 1), 5-4; Santelli B (Feig 3, Pierce 3, Sokol 2) defeated Salle Lucia (Genton 1, Jenkins 0, McCune 0), 8-1; Santelli B (Feig 3, Sokol 2, Pierce 2) defeated Fencers Club (Dalton 1, Jette 1, Funke 0), 7-2.

(2) Santelli A (Atkin 2, Drungis 2, Feigelman 1) defeated Fencers Club (Dalton 3, Jette 1, Funke 0), 5-4; 1v. 2d.; 13 bouts won.

(3) Fencers Club (Dalton 3, Jette 2, Funke 1) defeated Salle Lucia (Jenkins 1, Genton 1, Gottlieb 1), 6-3; 1v. 2d.; 12 bouts won.

(4) Salle Lucia (Gottlieb 3, Genton 2, Jenkins 0) defeated Santelli A (Feigelman 2, Atkin 1, Drungis 1), 5-4; 1v. 2d.; 9 bouts won.

Qualifiers for Nationals

(1) Salle Santelli, (2) Fencers Club, (3) Salle Lucia, (4) Saltus Club (Balint 3, Mulloy 2, Niell 0) over N.Y. College Composite (Schwabe 1, King 1, Maviglia 0) by 5-2.

WOMEN'S JUNIOR 4/29/56 (23 comp.)

(Marion Lloyd Vince Medals)

Final: (1) Jane Dardia, Peterson STC, 7-0; (2) Beverly Feigelman, SS, 7-1; (3) Connie Jenkins, Lucia, 5-2; (4) Genton, Lucia, 4-4, 21 f.r.; (5) Ulrickson, Pat., 4-4, 26/25; (6) Comerio, J.C., 4-4, 26/22; (7) Schwabe, Unatt., 2-6; (8) Krell, Pav., 1-7, 31/20; (9) McInerney, J.C., 1-7, 31/14.

Semi-Finalists: Ellis, Rosenbaum, SS; Kopp, Mont., Morofsky, H.; Parker, Rhodes; Neill, Saltus; O'Connor, J.C.

—L. Olvin

MARIA TISHMAN OPEN

Ida Balint of the Saltus Club, metropolitan champion, was forced into a fence-off for the Maria Cerra Tishman gold medal when she dropped a 4-2 bout (her only defeat of the tournament) to Louise Knab Dyer, but won handily with 4-1 victories over Mrs. Dyer and Madeline Dalton. Twenty competed.

Finals: (1) Ida Balint, Saltus, 4-1 (won 2 on fence-off); (2) Madeline Dalton, FC, 4-1 (won 1 on fence-off); (3) Louise Knab Dyer, Ciszar, 4-1; (4) Dolly Funke, FC, 2-3; (5) Anne Drungis, SS, 1-4; (6) Vivienne Sokol, SS, 0-5.

Semi-finalists: Feig, Friedman, Kopp, SS; Neill, Saltus; King, Morofsky, Unatt.

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The Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association

Under the leadership of Coach Ray Miller, the girls from Paterson State Teachers College made the 28th annual championship of the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association an event which has been unsurpassed in careful planning, organization, and successful operation. One of the features of the tournament was the booklet describing the I.W.F.A., listing its champions, commenting on the history of women's fencing in the United States, and extending the welcome of the college to the fencers and spectators. We quote from this booklet:

History

Twenty-seven years ago this April the women fencers from several eastern colleges decided to get together in Ithaca, New York and hold a fencing tournament. This was the first Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championship, held on April 27, 1929, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Due to unforeseen difficulties and the late date of the meet all the colleges had to default except New York University and Cornell which became the charter members of the organization by fencing in what turned out to be a dual meet.

N.Y.U. won the meet by a score of 7 to 2 over Cornell. The N.Y.U. winning team consisted of: Julia Jones, Captain; Dorothy Hafner, Marion Appell. Members of the Cornell team: Elizabeth Ross, Captain; Catherine Getty, Hanna Hunsicker.

In addition to the dual match a round-robin individual championship was held. Our first individual champion was Julia Jones of N.Y.U. Second place was won by Dorothy Hafner, N.Y.U., and third place, Hannah Hunsicker, Cornell.

Officers elected at the first meeting were: Elizabeth Ross, president, Cornell; Dorothy Hafner, vice-president, N.Y.U.; Julia Jones, secretary-treasurer, N.Y.U.

Early bouts in the I.W.F.A. went to 5 touches. This was changed about twenty years ago when the A.F.L.A. set 4-touch bouts. Some other interesting facts about the association include: two of the three founders became fencing coaches; many of our coaches and A.F.L.A. champions have come up through the ranks of the I.W.F.A.

Record of Team Champions

- 1929—N.Y.U. (J. Jones, D. Hafner, M. Appell).
 1930—Cornell (E. Ross, A. Vanderhof, J. Darriulat).
 1931—N.Y.U. (J. Jones, D. Hafner, M. Appell).
 1932—N.Y.U. (D. Hafner, F. Siegel, M. Lansing).
 1933—N.Y.U. (F. Siegel, M. Lansing, M. Solomon).
 1934—Brooklyn (S. Fox, J. Lubart, E. Bagley).
 1935—Hunter (M. Dalton, O. Kulbitsky, P. Perlmutter).
 1936—Hunter (M. Stewart, A. Zaroli, R. Deutsch).
 1937—Hunter (M. Stewart, Maria Cerra, A. Zaroli, R. Deutsch).
 1938—N.Y.U. (J. Mancinelli, M. A. Harris, B. Petchesky).
 1939—Hofstra (H. Mroczkowska, D. Wahl, R. Maxwell).
 1940—Hunter (M. Cerra, E. Meyer, E. Zinn).
 1941—Brooklyn (Kathleen Cerra, C. Anker, L. Rubino, C. Amsterdam, H. Brand).
 1942—Jersey City STC (I. Jaczynski, J. Schappert).
 1943—Jersey City STC (I. Jaczynski, J. Schappert, M. Mackey).
 1944—Hunter (G. Uthoff, M. Pinchart, M. Beausoleil).
 1945—Brooklyn (J. Kassell, M. Rothman, K. Genett).
 1946—Hunter (M. ODwyer, E. Osher, M. Wolf).
 1947—Hunter (E. Osher, M. Beausoleil, M. Wolf).
 1948—Hunter (E. Osher, E. Kraysler, D. Friedman).
 1949—N.Y.U. (Diane Greenberg, S. Zacharewitz, C. Castro).
 1950—N.Y.U. (S. Zacharewitz, S. Pierce, R. Nasce).
 1951—N.Y.U. (R. Nasce, J. MacDonald).
 1952—Hunter (A. Drungis, L. Knab, Grace Milo).
 1953—Hunter (B. Feigelman, L. Knab, G. Milo).
 1954—Elmira (S. Whitehead, M. Hopley).
 1955—Rochester Tech (C. Cooper, J. Johnson, B. Brill).
 1956—Paterson STC (J. Dardia, J. Moreck, J. Ulrickson).

Record of Individual Champions

- 1929—(1) J. Jones, N.Y.U.; (2) D. Hafner, N.Y.U.; (3) H. Hunsicker, Cor.

- 1930—(1) E. Ross, Cor.; (2) A. Vanderhof, Cor.; (3) E. Watts, Bryn Mawr.
 1931—(1) E. Ross, Cor.; (2) J. Jones, N.Y.U.; (3) H. Grasson, Elmira.
 1932—(1) D. Hafner, N.Y.U.; (2) M. Meisner, Hunt.; (3) C. Maley, Cor.
 1933—(1) F. Siegel, N.Y.U.; (2) C. Maley, Cor.; (3) M. Meisner, Hunt.
 1934—(1) S. Fox, Bklyn; (2) M. Dalton, Hunt.; (3) N. Seiden, N.Y.U.
 1935—(1) M. Dalton, Hunt.; (2) S. Fox, Bklyn; (3) N. M. Gordon, Cor.
 1936—(1) M. Stewart, Hunt.; (2) N. M. Gordon, Cor.; (3) S. Fox, Bklyn.
 1937—(1) M. Stewart, Hunt.; (2) M. Cerra, Hunt.; (3) D. Grimmelmann, N.Y.U.
 1938—(1) M. Cerra, Hunt.; (2) B. Petchesky, N.Y.U.
 1939—(1) H. Mroczkowska, Hofstra; (2) B. Petchesky, N.Y.N.; (3) E. Bruskin, Bklyn.
 1940—(1) M. Cerra, Hunt.; (2) M. Mroczkowska, Hof.; (3) J. Mancinelli, N.Y.U.
 1941—(1) G. Acel, W&M; (2) R. Maxwell, Hof.; (3) C. Anker, Bklyn.
 1942—(1) G. Acel, Cor.; (2) G. Uthoff, Hunt.; (3) L. Joggi, Hof.
 1943—(1) G. Acel, Cor.; (2) G. Uthoff, Hunt.; (3) K. Cerra, Bklyn.
 1944—(1) G. Uthoff, Hunt.; (2) J. Kassell, Bklyn; (3) M. Pinchart, Hunt.
 1945—(1) J. Kassell, Bklyn; (2) S. Pierce, N.Y.U.
 1946—(1) B. Weiss, N.Y.U.; (2) E. Osher, Hunt.; (3) S. Pierce, N.Y.U.
 1947—(1) E. Osher, Hunt.; (2) D. Greenberg, N.Y.U.; (3) Sue Cohen, Bklyn.
 1948—(1) D. Greenberg, N.Y.U.; (2) E. Osher, Hunt.; (3) S. Zacharewitz, N.Y.U.
 1949—(1) D. Greenberg, N.Y.U.; (2) S. Zacharewitz, N.Y.U.; (3) H. Friedrich, Bklyn.
 1950—(1) S. Zacharewitz, N.Y.U.; (2) S. Pierce, N.Y.U.; (3) Rosemary Nasce, N.Y.U.
 1951—(1) R. Nasce, N.Y.U.; (2) J. Madden, J.C.STC; (3) Toni Carlino, Hunt.
 1952—(1) A. Drungis, Hunt.; (2) Phyllis Klein, Bklyn.; (3) M. Coppello, Pat.
 1953—(1) C. Kopp, Mont.; (2) Marilyn Rich, Bklyn.; (3) B. Feigelman, Hunt.
 1954—(1) S. Whitehead, Elmira; (2) C. Kopp, Mont.; (3) D. Kessler, F.D.
 1955—(1) J. Monteverde, F.D.; (2) J. Dardia, Pat.; (3) H. King, Hunt.
 1956—(1) J. Dardia, Pat.; (2) J. Johnson, R.I.T.; (3) B. Brill, R.I.T.

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Since national rankings were instituted in 1936, the following graduates of I.W.F.A. colleges have attained national ranking (listed in alphabetical order of maiden names):

Grace Acel Hillyer; Mildred Boyce; Henrietta Brackley Tuthill; Maria Cerra Tishman; Eve Cohen Siegel; Madeline Dalton; Betty Dedousis Santelli; Anne Drungis; Diane Greenberg Millstein; Dorothy Grimmelmann; Dorothy Hafner de Capriles; Louise Knab Dyer; Ruth Maxwell; Helena Mroczkowska Dow; Estelle Osher Atkin; Vivienne Sokol; Mildred Stewart; Grace Uthoff; Dorothy Wahl Stack; Sally Zacharewitz Grinch.

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Soviet Amateurism

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of American Fencing:

Thank you for the very interesting article titled, "The Rise of Soviet Fencing" in the February issue. . . . It has been many years since I have personally met any Russian fencers, and at that time the world picture was of a vastly different character. Recently, however, I have heard and read many rumors about Soviet athletes: these rumors seemed to place Russian athletic contenders quite a long distance outside the pale of amateur sportsmen; indeed considering them as professionals, subsidized by their government.

The article in question appears to accept their fencers as being acceptably within the amateur ranks. I would like to ask what is the attitude of the national and international governing bodies of amateur fencing concerning this question. Your reply will be much appreciated, especially in view of Mr. Brundage's recent dictum about an American distance runner's Olympic eligibility.

Sincerely,
THEODORE JEROME,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Editor's Reply

The question raised by Professor Jerome has been officially answered by the International Olympic Committee, after careful investigation, in the acceptance of Soviet entries for the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games. The Soviet Union and its satellites are also members in good standing of the Federation Internationale d'Escrime. Absent

concrete proof to the contrary in individual cases, the presumption is that Soviet fencers and other athletes certified to be amateurs are amateurs.

Fencing in the United States has the most uncompromising amateur code. Yet we love our teachers and respect the avowed professional. We discipline the fencer who violates the code, not because of the money involved, but because he perpetrates a fraud on those who have agreed to abide by the rules. In other countries and in other sports, our standards may seem unduly rigid and unrealistic; certainly we have to grant that with us the temptations are few and far between, compared with those sports which attract large crowds of spectators. The argument is that distinction in any area of human activity inevitably brings collateral rewards, and even our most "amateur" fencing champions will probably derive some incidental and indirect benefits from their athletic skill.

It is extremely difficult to draft a simple and satisfactory amateur code, and decisions under it will often involve hair-splitting. The reason is that our views are likely to be determined by what is familiar to us, and to be colored by the very human tendency to see our neighbor's faults and not our own. Thus we hear with distrust tales of athletes in totalitarian countries training for long periods at government expense, but think nothing of the armed forces assigning personnel to convenient training centers when the Olympic Games are in the offing. We severely criticize special rewards for athletic "heroes of the fatherland," but take for granted athletic scholarships, and

jobs for athletes which pay more than the pertinent skill of the employe warrants. Perhaps the difference is a matter of degree rather than principle.

At any rate, the Soviets regard as ridiculous the questions raised about the amateurism of their athletes. Of course they are paid by the government—everybody in their country works for the government. They see little difference between sports-promotion programs by their government and those arranged by our local communities, colleges, business enterprises, athletic clubs, etc. They claim that their sports are avocational, that their athletes have regular non-athletic jobs, and that in their country it is not possible (as it sometimes is in other countries) for an athlete to make a living without other visible employment.

We may answer that this is no more than another of the logical self-delusions for which the Soviets are famous, for the device of a nominal job to cloak subsidy to an athlete is not wholly strange to us. The difficulties of policing an amateur code are probably as great in the Soviet Union as they are here; as I understand it, we have no solid grounds for doubting the good faith of those who have undertaken to enforce the Olympic ideal there. In any event, one is reminded of the story in John, 8-7, about the woman who was taken in adultery, who under the law of Moses should be stoned, and the judgment of Jesus: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

—M. de Capriles

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Nat. Three-Weapon Team Champ.	8 p.m. Concourse Plaza
9—Nat. Women's Team Champ.	10 a.m. Fencers Club
10—Nat. Sabre Indiv. to Q-F (ladies admitted at noon)	10 a.m. New York A.C.
A.F.L.A. Annual Meeting	8 p.m. Fencers Club
11—Nat. Epee Indiv. to Semi-F.	10 a.m. Concourse Plaza
12—Nat. Women's Indiv. to Semi-F. Nat. Sabre S-F and Finals	10 a.m. Concourse Plaza 6 p.m. Concourse Plaza
13—Nat. Foil Indiv. to Semi-F.	10 a.m. Concourse Plaza
14—Nat. Epee Champ. Finals Nat. Women's Champ. Finals (electrical foil)	10 a.m. Concourse Plaza 7 p.m. Concourse Plaza
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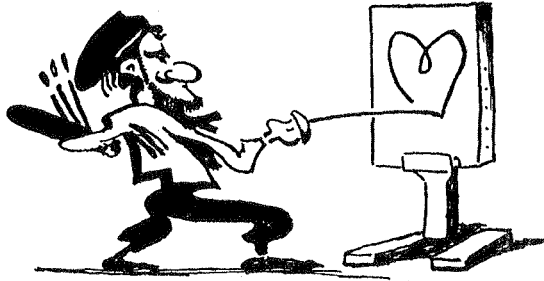
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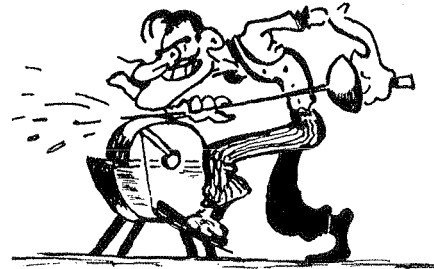
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