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PERSONALS

st wishes to Charles Simonian and
n Sindt, married on December 26,
tulations to Mexico's Pilar Roldan
and her husband Edgar on the
dgar, Jr.

CIAL AFLA MEETING

ard of Governors, pursuant to Arti-
the Constitution has called a Special
f the League at 7 P.M. on Thurs-
26 in Room 1116, 143 Liberty
w York City.

pose of the meeting is to pass on
its to the Constitution which may
ubmitted for final approval at the
eting of the League scheduled for
New York City.

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ar.) Membership shall be of seven
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sociate, Life and Life Associate.

r.) **Collegiate Membership** shall be
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r specified in the By-Laws.

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of Section I.

NATIONAL NOMINATIONS

The National Nominating Committee con-
sisting of Edmond Zeisig, chairman, Jack
Keane, Daniel Lyons, Mabel Morse and Dr.
Daniel Tannehill, have filed the following
slate of officers for the 1962-63 season:

President — Dr. Paul T. Makler, Philadelphia
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2nd Vice President — Roger F. Jones, Phila-
delphia
3rd Vice President — Jack Baird, Gulf Coast
4th Vice President — Jack Baker, No. Cali-
fornia

Secretary — Richard Dyer, Philadelphia
Treasurer — Leo Sobel, Metropolitan
Foreign Secretary — Ralph Goldstein, West-
chester

Additional nominations may be filed by
complying with Chapter III, Section 4 of the
By-Laws.

(8th Par.) **High School Membership** shall
be open to all amateur fencers who have not
yet reached their 19th birthday and who are
enrolled as full time students in a recognized
school of secondary or elementary education,
upon being elected to membership by the
Board or admitted to membership pursuant
to the terms of the By-Laws of the League
and upon payment of the initiation fee and
dues for the current year specified in the
By-Laws."

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Proposed Change in Dues

A study into the financial structure of the
League was instituted because it was apparent
that in recent years our income was not
adequate to meet our obligations. The study
reveals that the National office incurs the
following annual expense for each member:

Cost of publishing and mailing	
magazine	\$1.50
Secretarial costs	1.15
Miscellaneous	.50
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	\$3.15

In addition, about 40 cents must be put
aside annually for publication of the Rules
Book which is printed about every five years
and costs \$2. per member. In 1962 the Na-
tional office will also undertake central billing
of the League membership, so that it will
be spending about \$4. per member per year.
The present dues structure gives the Na-
tional office the following:

From each Active member	\$3.00
From each Collegiate member	2.00
From each Associate member	2.00
From each Student member	1.00

It is obvious the League cannot continue
on this basis and is unable to undertake the
tasks it should. A recommendation has been
filed by the Executive Committee, for ap-
proval at the annual meeting of the League
in July 1962, that the dues be altered as fol-
lows (N-National, S-Sectional, D-Divisional,
T-Total):

	Present				Proposed			
	N	S	D	T	N	S	D	T
Active	3.	1.	2.	6.	6.	1.	3.	10.
Collegiate*	2.	1.	1.	4.	4.	1.	2.	7.
Associate	2.	0.	1.	3.	4.	0.	2.	6.
Student*	1.	0.	1.	2.	2.	0.	1.	3.

*It is further proposed that Collegiate
Membership include all fencers under 25 and
Student Membership be changed to High
School Membership limited to fencers under
19 who are enrolled in a primary or secondary
school.

It will be observed that, in the proposed
schedule, the League will break even on
Collegiate and Associat members, and the
loss on High School members will be covered
by the surplus from Active members.

It should also be noted that divisions can
refund to their memberships part or all of
the Divisional dues. This also applies to the
Sectional dues in the case of divisions which
do not belong to a Section.

Club Representation

The Rules Committee recommendation re-
garding a change in the basis of club repre-
sentation was published in the last issue. The
Committee is composed of exceptionally able
and experienced men, drawn from different
parts of the U.S. and widely varying in their
club and divisional affiliations.

CHANGES IN DIRECTORY

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CHALLENGE MARTINI

Robert L. Beck, national epee champion, has
accepted the invitation of the British Fencing
Association to participate in the famous Mar-
tini Epee competition to be held in London
on March 17th.

Metropolitan Nominations

by Bea Maviglia

The nominating committee for the Metro-
politan Division has filed the following slate
for the 1962-63 Executive Committee:

John Farrell, chairman; Murray Ramson,
vice-chairman; Prudence Schwabe, secretary;
Ronnie Pierce, treasurer; Barbi Brill, Mike
Dasaro, Jack Keane, Bea Maviglia, Larry
Olvin, Vince Pauly.

LETTERS RECEIVED

Re Blindfold Practice

d Mr. Waffa's fascinating article er 17 faculties of perception. It with a little "game" I sometimes ctice bouts which fencers may find addition to the blindfold practice recommends.

re in a large gym and our strips nt to the trampolines. I have by fixing my attention on the activities and watching my op- of the corner of my eye, I have similar to what Mr. Waffa des-

actually seeing the action, I get ion of what my opponent is doing ten make a parry and riposte by f the blade. However, I have it when I am watching a girl in seem to have more touches scored : than when I am watching a am usually aware of a fleche too ow that Mr. Waffa has pointed lue, I shall take my "game" a seriously.

V. Fred Rayser, Los Angeles

FROM NEW MEXICO

Here at San Juan Mission we have organized a small fencing class composed of several Navaho boys and some non-Indian adults from Farmington. Eventually we hope to enter competition but in the meantime I should like to have some of the group affiliate with the AFLA.

If you know of fencers in our area or in Santa Fe or Albuquerque (200 miles away) or Denver (400 miles), we should like to contact them.

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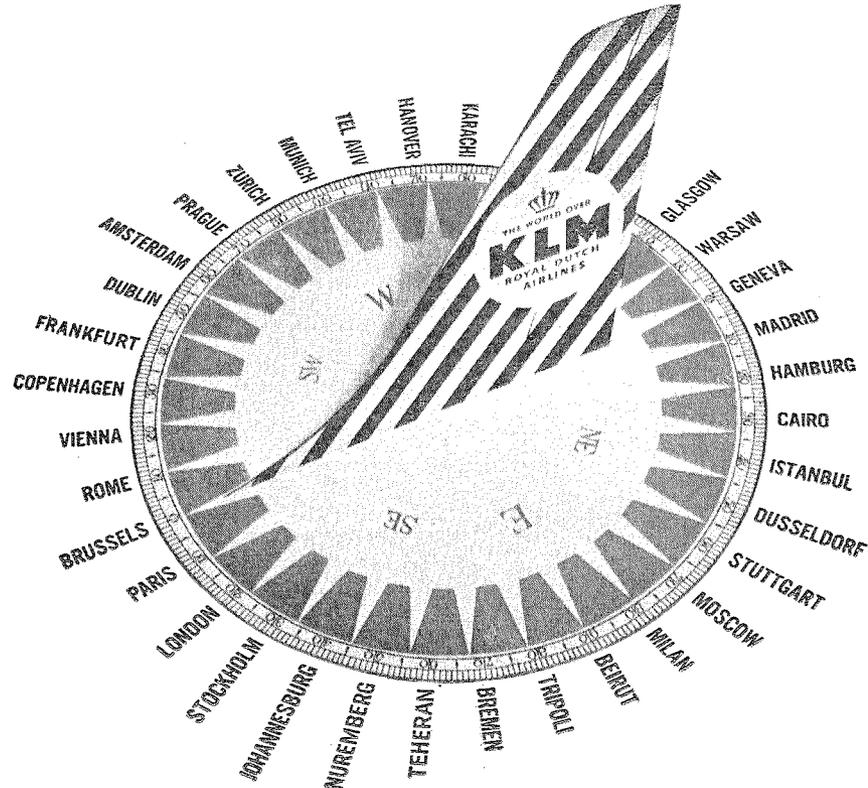
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COMMENTS ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

by Charles Debeur

of the Technical Commission
of the FIE

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translated by George Leon

The article was translated and published in the ESCRIME FRANCAISE issue of July 1961. There seems to exist confusion as to what is legal in the equipment, and what is not, that this helps to correct the misconceptions.

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For several years I have been in charge of the equipment, material and weapons used in the World Championships and other high-ranking competitions sponsored by the F.I.E.

Improvements of the rules, even with tolerances, show that few of the fencers have paid any serious attention to the weapons to be used at international competitions. It was thus that in Rome more weapons were refused for the Penetration for the Epee Championships, same number for the Foil, and the same for the Sabre. As for the latter, the tolerances had already been reduced: it was found that many of the blades had been ground down in thickness and some blades were 3mm. or less in thickness required 4mm., and .8mm. in thickness required 4mm. Most serious was the rounding down of the rounded edge and the appearance of a cutting practice is dangerous and the equipment in Duisberg, where a mask was used, the sabre blade proves this.

At the Olympic Games in Rome, the World Championships for Youths at Duisberg and the World Championships in Turin were run off with a single technical fault. This was the quality of the apparatus being used. The rejection of all weapons not functioning properly and to the inner insulation of the vests.

Foil Touch Indicators

At every event each Indicator has to be showing the speed of the registration and the ohms (resistance) or the registration of on or off simultaneous off-and-on. There are no more problems as long as the tests are made by reputable firms. The mounting, which was the cause of the problem, does not affect the metallic

vests any more. There is only one more weak spot — masks. This was solved at the last Congress when Article 723/3 was modified as follows: "The wire mesh of the masks must be insulated inside and out from the mounting by some shock-proof insulating material."

The Congress did not decide the actual date at which this ruling would be applied but it seems certain that it will be obligatory at the World Criterium for Youths in Cairo and at the World Championships in Buenos Aires in 1962.

Epee Touch Indicators

Because of the introduction of the flat epee point the indicators must be checked to find whether they qualify under Article 727 which states: "Touches on the bell or metallic strip should not register even with a 30 ohm resistance in the ground circuit."

When the tips were pointed this resistance was rarely more; now, if an epee is badly mounted and the surface of the bell is dirty or has spots of rust a hit on the bell may signal a touch. It becomes extremely important for every fencer to see that his weapon is clean and correctly mounted.

The Weapons

Improvements in the quality of weapons was shown in Turin. Some of the groups had a high percentage of Weapons that qualified under the F.I.E. technical rules of 1959. Other groups brought weapons in such pitiful state that 80 to 90 percent were refused. The principal faults were:

1. Rusty blades and bells
2. Bad connections from the wire to the connector inside the bell
3. Bad contact due to the weapon not being tightened
4. Poor body cords with the male prongs being too short
5. Handle not insulated
6. The distance of travel for the foil point exceeding 1 mm. — some even exceeding 2 mm.
7. Some epees had blades overlong due to the mounting in front of the bell
8. The distance of travel for some epee points was too long.

Metallic Vest For Foil

The next problem is one that should be of interest to every federation: In spite of Article 217 and the drawing on page 92 of the F.I.E. Rules there are few fencers and even fewer women who agree as to where

the top of the hip is located as well as the fold of the lower abdomen.

For the metallic vest two tests are necessary:

1st. The state of the vest, its electrical resistance and the shape of the outline which must correspond to the drawing.

2nd. This test must be made on the strip by the director who must see that the vest is in accord with Article 217 which states: "The metallic surface must cover **entirely and without gaps** all of the fair target whether the fencer is **on guard** or in a **lunge**."

Article 217/4 states furthermore "When the vest is laid on a flat surface a straight line should be formed from the top of the hips to the crotch and the metallic material passing between the legs must be at least 3cm. wide."

The first test is easy, the second must be performed just at the beginning of the match as it is simple for the fencer to change vests between bouts.

The observation has been made that too often a vest is too small for the big fencer. Under this condition the latter benefits from a reduced fair target. Many directors show a questionable tolerance. Some have suggested that verification be made before the start of the competition. This is useless. The second test should be made at the start of the pool by a technician assisted by members of the technical control group and in the presence of the other fencers. This arrangement would dispense with certain regrettable incidents that have occurred during competitions.

I believe that all fencers should notify the director if they see any equipment that is not legal. Before the beginning of the pool the fencers should be placed **on guard**, in the **lunge** and **standing** to check the vest. This should be done in front of the technicians and the fencers so if a vest proves illegal it may be changed at once and confiscated during the course of the pool.

This control done in front of everyone would force the fencers to have material able to pass the tests or not be allowed to participate.

It is not right to see fencers who follow the rules strictly, being placed at a disadvantage to others who benefit from a reduction of their fair target area.

Something should also be done about the fencers who do not tighten the cuissard strap between the legs. The metallic strip should be in contact with the abdomen at all times.

Masks

Manufacturers should notice that Article 217/5 states: "The mesh should have a minimum diameter of 1mm. before galvanizing and painting." Few masks are legal in that respect. The retailers of fencing equipment should force their suppliers to discontinue the making of masks with wire that does not have the required diameter.

New Blades and Points

At the Congress held in Paris in 1960 it was decided that starting the 1st of January 1962 the diameter of the epee point will be 8mm. with a tolerance of plus or minus 0.05mm. The diameter of the point cannot exceed the diameter of the collar by more than 3/10 of a mm. This measure was taken to protect against the penetration of the point through the mesh of the mask.

It was further decided during this same Congress to increase the diameter of the end of the blade to 4mm. (Article 734/3); the threading should be 3.05mm. in diameter with a thread of 4x0.70.

At the insistence of some manufacturers who wanted to use up their stock of existing blades, the FIE has allowed a delay in the application of Articles 734/3 and 4 until July 1st 1962. Nevertheless, **the manufacturers must begin to make the new blades with their new measurements** and the directors of the federations should note that **the new blades and points will be required for all participants at the World Championships in Buenos Aires in 1962.**



FERENC MARKI

Ferenc Marki will succeed George Piller as fencing master of the Pannonia A.C. in San Francisco.

Mr. Marki taught at the Toldi Miklos Military Sports Academy in Hungary and the University of Szeged before he fled Hungary in 1957. His students included Daniel Magay, Tomas Orley, Jenő Gyuricza and the Misses Fuhász and Morvai. He taught at the Club di Scherma of Turin and then went to Brazil where for three years he was fencing master of the Paulistano AC of Sao Paulo.

Mr. Marki's residence in San Francisco, in addition to the present teachers, should make that city one of our strongest fencing centers.

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GEORGES COINTE MEMORIAL

by George L. Shiebler

ember meeting of the Intercollegiate Association approved the Cointe Award to be placed in for the first time at the 1962 Championships, March 16-17, at New York Alumni Gymnasium in University City. The trophy was presented by Cornell University for the best undergraduate fencers in memory of Georges Cointe, his great coach, who died in 1961.

The award will be made annually to the fencer who best demonstrates qualities of sportsmanship. The award will be made by the coaches of the fencers from among three fencers nominated by the competitors. In the judgment of the committee, the criteria for the award are: 1. His fencing skill should be demonstrated; 2. His actions should be well thought out; 3. He should show a "will to win" through initiative, determination,

drive and aggressiveness; 4. He should be courteous and gracious towards opponents and officials; 5. He should know the rules and accept official decisions; 7. He should be an example to others.

The meeting also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Brooklyn College. It was reported that Penn State would resume participation in the championships this year and become active in dual competition.

The Bout Committee for 1962 is: Laurence Olvin, Chairman; Irwin Bernstein, Walter Farber, Archie Ignatow, Henry Kolowrat, Joseph Paletta, Aubrey Seeman.

Victor F. Obeck, Director of Athletics at NYU, was re-elected President of the Association and George L. Shiebler, Associate Commissioner of ECAC, Secretary-Treasurer.

COMPETITION DETERMINES N.J. JR. OLYMPIC SQUAD

by Walter Gaylor

Over a score of New Jersey high school and preparatory school fencers, selected by their coaches, competed for top honors in the New Jersey Junior Olympic Fencing Try-Outs, held December 16 at Essex Catholic High School in Newark.

Don Sieja, a junior at Hun School, won first place, losing only one bout all day, and that one to Mike Gaylor, a sophomore at Ramapo Regional High School. Mike won the second-place silver medal and third place went to Turki Faisal of Lawrenceville.

A committee of outstanding college fencing coaches, consisting of Andre Deladrier (USNA), Stan Sieja (Princeton), Rocco Ferravolo (Drew) and Cliff Kirmss (Stevens Tech) selected 10 fencers to form the State Junior Olympic Fencing Squad: Don Sieja, Hun School; Mike Gaylor, Gordon Schuit and Don Motz of Ramapo Regional High; Tom Bout-sikaris, Tom D'Ambola and Dick Caruso of Essex Catholic High; Rolin Wilson of Butler High; Chin Wing Jew of Dickinson High and Turki Faisal of Lawrenceville. A total of 25 contestants from eight schools competed.

FOR MORE AND BETTER COACHING

by Dr. Emeric de Gall

In the November issue of American Fencing, Dr. Makler gave us hope when he stated: "In conjunction with other agencies we are trying to establish standards and certification of fencing teachers. One of our major problems is to make it possible to train fencing masters, give them official recognition and enable them to go to cities where they are needed."

In this connection I would like to point out that the distinction between professional and amateur fencing coaches is often overlooked or ignored. We not only need to increase the number of qualified coaches, both professional and amateur, but we must reduce the number of dilettante "coaches." The basic distinction between the amateur and the professional is probably more important in fencing than in many other sports. Of course an amateur performs without compensation while a professional does so for financial gain, but fencing is so much an amateur sport that only teaching provides a professional incentive. Because of its complex high caliber nature, probably no other sport requires such a thorough knowledge and preparation from its teachers.

The professional wants to make a livelihood through the practice of his skill. He is being paid and must therefore provide his highest level of effort. He must be an organizer, keep pace with new developments and become an expert on rules and regulations. All this requires full devotion and sincere calling. These are the qualities and incentive which are missing in most amateur coaches — my highest respect to the very few exceptions.

Amateur coaching should be limited to the most necessary instances. It is true that in such a large country as ours, and with so few qualified professional teachers, we must understand the necessity and the role of amateur coaching. But we cannot agree with the function of amateur coaching as it is tolerated today in the United States. If there is not presently the means to educate full-fledged fencing masters, at least some limitations should be imposed on our self-styled, unqualified "coaches." Some plan must be evolved for their more limited employment, especially in colleges which are our best source of athletic talents. This limitation and selection should not be delayed. The AFLA probably in cooperation with the NFCAA, should seek immediately to screen

and to qualify or reject all active amateur and professional coaches. Schools and institutions which are hiring teachers who do not qualify should be alerted to the educational and athletic value of fencing when taught by properly trained coaches and should be provided with advisory instructions regarding the standards for amateur and professional fencing instructors.

Amateur coaches should at least have a good competitive background, a basic knowledge of theory and a thorough understanding of the rules. Such coaches could be called "novice" or "student" coaches and should be groomed for a later examination — on theory and practice — before a committee of professionals and expert amateurs in connection with some major tournament such as the National Championship. Coaches passing the examination could then be awarded a diploma and called "certified amateur coach." Until a school is founded for professional masters, these certified amateur coaches should be encouraged to turn professional and be placed in colleges and high schools. Special efforts should be made to insure that novice or certified amateur coaches are employed only where no professional fencing master is available.

I congratulate Dr. Makler for his awareness of the problem and wish him the sincere, active and expert cooperation of his associates in carrying out his plans.



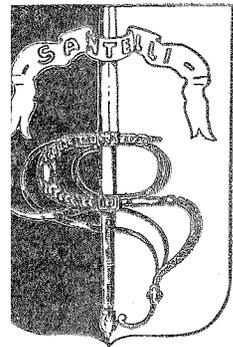
International Tournament for Juniors

by Lorant Kaffka

London, Ontario, was the scene of the first international junior tournament sponsored by the YMCA-YWCA. Nineteen boys and girls from London, Toronto and Buffalo competed. The event was judged by the following coaches: Dr. G. Pokay (Buffalo HS), I. Hennyey (U. of Torton), L. Kaffka (London Y), R. Chambers (Gloucester Hall). Results:

Boys: 1. Frank Door, London Y FC; 2. Pierre Chanteau, Buffalo HS; 3. Fritz Steockler, London Y FC.

Girls: 1. Patricia Daminsky, Buffalo HS; 2. Debbie Stewart, Gloucester Hall; 3. Sandra Losker, London YFC.



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present to you in our next issue of the various events and the ending performances. Space and it impossible to do so in this issue. which won the epee and 3-weapon s last year, was shut out. Italy, he sabre title, also bowed. Poland Britain each won one title while orised by winning two.

FOIL

Preliminary (4 Qualify)
rtin Davis, US-Csiszar, 5/1; Ryzard and, 4/2; Ralph Spinella, US-NYAC, imo, Canada, 2/4; Jack Guittet, France, Silverman, US-Calvert, 2/4; Aubrey C., 2/4. Fence-off: Simo 3/0, Guittet in 1/2, Seeman 0/2.

iel Bukantz, US-FC, 6/0; Guy Bara- 4/2; Harold Goldsmith, US-FC, 4/2; caro, Italy, 3/3; David Micahnik, US- Marvin Grafton, US-NYU, 1/5; Larry -NYAC, 0/6. Fence-off: Saccaro d.

ji Carpaneda, Italy, 5/1; Allan Jay, r, 4/2; Herb Cohen, US-NYU, 4/2; si, US-Csiszar, 3/3; Konrad Widmaier, Allan Kwartler, US-Santelli, 1/4; Ben FC, 0/5. Fence-off: Anastasi d. Wid-

Hoskyns, Great Britain, 5/1; Gene 5/1; Albert Axelrod, US-FC, 4/2; st, France, 3/3; John Mooney, US- Marvin Garavoy, US-NYU, 1/5; Neil tteili, 0/6. Fence-off: Roulot d. Mooney

mi-Final (Direct Elimination)

pinella 8-6; Anastasi d. Hoskyns 8-6; caro 8-2; Jay d. Goldsmith 8-4. Car- mo 8-6; Axelrod d. Glazer 8-4; Bara- r 8-1; Bukantz d. Roulot 8-5.

Final (Direct Elimination)

ruski d. Anastasi 9-7; Jay d. Davis da d. Axelrod 10-9; Barabino d. Bu-

ruski d. Carpaneda 8-4; Jay d. Bara-

y Lot) Carpaneda

ruski d. Jay 9-7

EPEE

Preliminary (4 Qualify)

: Guittet, France, 5/1; John Mooney, 1; James Margolis, US-FC, 4/2; Robert ada, 3/3; Paul Levy, US-Csiszar, 2/4; Dppen, US-Calvert, 1/5; Fred Duncan, 5.

Hoskyns, Great Britain, 5/1; Larry -Csiszar, 5/1; Edward Vebell, US-FC, hwende, Canada, 4/2; James Adams, Edgar Sanchez, US-NYAC, 1/5; Jerry NYAC, 0/6.

Pesthy, US, 5/1; Yves Dreyfus, France, John Farrel, US-NYAC, 2/4; Aubrey

4/2; Jay Powell, US-NYAC, 4/2; Henry Kolowrat, US-FC, 3/3; Michael Alexander, Great Britain, 2/4; John Andru, Canada, 1/4; Louis Goldberg, US-FC, 1/4.

Pool 4: Gianluigi Saccaro, Italy, 6/0; David Micahnik, US-Csiszar, 4/2; Ralph Spinella, US-NYAC, 3/3; Roland Asselin, Canada, 2/4; Gil Eisner, US-Seeman, US-FC, 1/5. Fence-off: Asselin 2/0, Eisner 0/2, Farrel 0/2.

Semi-Final (Direct Elimination)

Guittet d. Asselin 8-3; Micahnik d. Mooney 8-2; Powell d. Anastasi 8-5; Saccaro d. Foxcroft 8-2. Hoskyns d. Kolowrat 8-3; Dreyfus d. Vebell 8-1; Margolis d. Spinella 8-5; Schwende d. Pesthy 9-7.

Final (Direct Elimination)

Round 1: Guittet d. Micahnik 10-4; Saccaro d. Powell 8-1; Hoskyns d. Dreyfus 10-9; Schwende d. Margolis 8-6.

Round 2: Guittet d. Saccaro 8-4; Hoskyns d. Schwende 8-2.

3rd Place: Saccaro d. Schwende 8-3

1st Place: Hoskyns d. Guittet 8-2

SABRE

Preliminary (4 Qualify)

Pool 1: Wojciech Zablocki, Poland, 6/1; Atilla Keresztes, US-NYAC, 5/2; Michael Dasaro, US-NYAC, 4/3; Robert Blum, US-Santelli, 4/3; George Worth, US-FC, 4/3; John Andru, Canada, 3/4; Andrew Kemeny, US-FC, 1/5; Laszlo Pongo, US-NYAC, 0/6; Fence-off: Dasaro 1/0, Blum 1/0, Worth 0/2.

Pool 2: Tomas Orley, US-NYAC, 5/2; Richard Dyer, US-Csiszar, 5/2; Jerzy Pawlowski, Poland, 5/2; Tibor Nyilas, US-NYAC, 4/3; Harold Mayer, US-FC, 3/4; Bill Hoskyns, Great Britain, 2/5; Bert Milletari, US-FC, 2/5; Bence Simo, Canada, 2/5.

Pool 3: Wladamiro Colarese, Italy, 6/1; George Twardokens, US-NYAC, 6/1; Daniel Magay, US-Pannonia, 4/3; Abram Cohen, US-FC, 4/3; Allan Kwartler, US-Santelli, 4/3; Larry Silverman, US-Calvert, 2/5; Rom Garbatini, US-NYAC, 2/5; Carl Schwende, Canada, 0/7. Fence-off: Magay 1/0, 24 t.r.; Cohen 1/1, 31 t.r.; Kwartler 0/1, 32 t.r.

Pool 4: Gene Hamori, US-Csiszar, 7/0; Jacques Roulot, France, 6/1; Chaba Pallaghy, US-NYAC, 4/3; Helmut Resch, Austria, 4/3; Allan Jay, Great Britain, 3/4; Walter Farber, US-FC, 2/4; Jack Keane, US-NYAC, 0/5; John Krajcir, US-Csiszar, 0/5.

Semi-Final (Direct Elimination)

Zablocki d. Resch 8-4; Magay d. Dyer 9-7; Roulot d. Dasaro 8-6; Hamori d. Blum 8-2. Calarese d. Nyilas 8-2; Keresztes d. Pallaghy 8-5; Pawlowski d. Twardokens 8-5; Cohen d. Orley 8-4.

Final (Direct Elimination)

Round 1: Zablocki d. Magay 8-5; Hamori d. Roulot 8-6; Pawlowski d. Cohen 8-3; Keresztes d. Calarese 9-7.

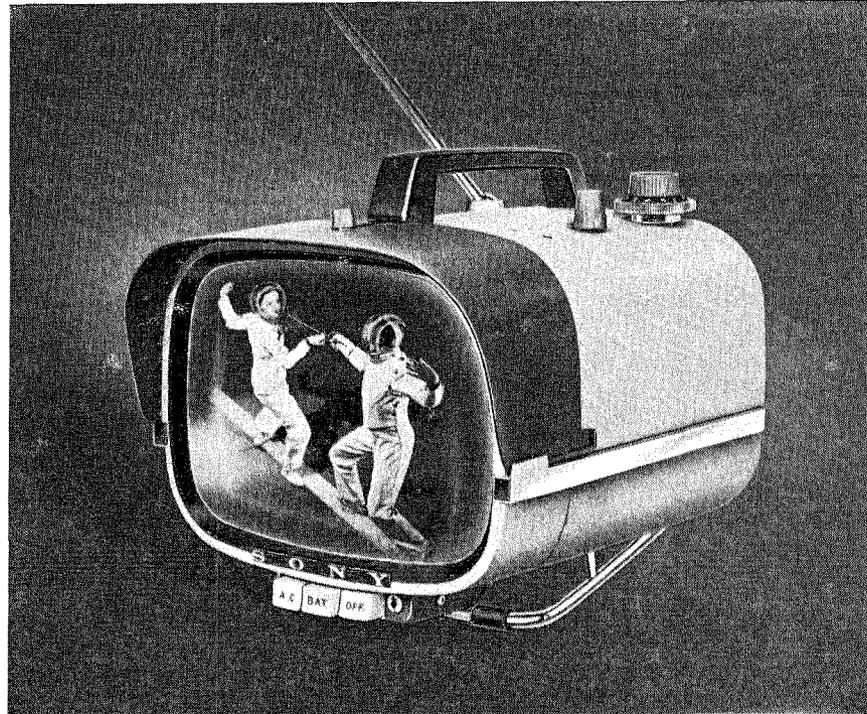
Round 2: Zablocki d. Hamori 10-9; Keresztes d. Pawlowski 8-5.

3rd Place: Pawlowski d. Hamori 9-7

1st Place: Keresztes d. Zablocki 9-7

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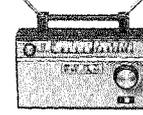
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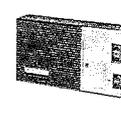
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DIVISIONAL

Philadelphia

by Elizabeth Wheeler

1. David Micahnik, Csiszar; 2. Martin izar; 3. K. McMahon, U of P.
1. John Krajcir; 2. Paul Makler; 3. John I of Csiszar.
il: 1. Joseph Weglarz, Northeast HS; ar, Girard College; 3. J. Cohen, Olney
1. J. Cohen, Olney HS; 2. M. Book-
mple HS; 3. D. Winward, Olney HS.
C. Ware, Salle January; 2. P. Hirshorn,
D. Micahnik, Csiszar.
P. Hirshorn, U of P; 2. D. Promish,
D. Steinman, Csiszar.
T. Balla, Unatt.; 2. D Micahnik, Csiszar;
varadi, Csiszar.
an: 1. L. Dyer; 2. V. Wade; 3. J. Craw-
Csiszar.

Long Island

by Alfred Bachner

1. Capt. William Pardee, Swordsmen; 2.
ivin, FC; 3. Alfred Bachner, Swordsmen.
: 1. Inge Edson; 2. Selma Satrin; 3.
y—all Swordsmen.
1. Herb Spector, Santelli; 2. Laszlo
AC; 3. Henry Stein, Swordsmen.

Iowa

by Thelma Beers

finals were held at Ames. Win-
rom Des Moines Y (DM), Grinnell
) and the Cyclone Sabres (CS)
ate University.
1. David Abel, CS; 2. Ken Richards, G;
ensen, CS.
: 1. Mike Salz, G; 2. Ron Nash, CS;
Abel, CS.
: 1. David Abel, CS; 2. Gary Freed,
r Brown, CS.
: 1. Frank French, CS; 2. David Abel,
e Salz, G.
: 1. David Abel, CS; 2. Ray Sorensen,
ry Freed, CS.
s: 1. Frank French, CS; 2. David Abel,
y Freed, CS.
ss.: 1. Kathy Staver, CS; 2. Polly Smith,
rraine French, CS.
on by Cyclone Sabres (Abel, Sorensen,
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Gulf Coast

by Jean Thompson

Women's Open: 1. M. Hampton; 2. Dodd; 3. Looke.
Foil Open: 1. Sklar, HFC; 2. Fooks, HFC; Holmes,
U of T.
Sabre Open: 1. Cox, USMPT; 2. Reed, HFC; 3.
Shelby, HFC.
Women's Open: 1. Kolenda, HFC; 2. Hampton, Ind.;
3. Keller, DFC.
Foil Open: 1. Cargill, Ind; 2. Cox, USMPT; 3. Ed-
wards, HFC.
Foil Jr.: 1. Fooks, HFC; 2. Edwards, HFC; 3. Gause,
Bucs.
Epee Novice: 1. Gause, Bucs; 2. Fooks, HFC; 3. Ed-
wards, HFC.
Sabre Jr.: 1. Fooks, HFC; 2. Pollard, HFC; 3. Bause,
Bucs.
3-Weapon: 1. Holmes, U of T; 2. Sklar, HFC; 3.
Fooks, HFC.
Foil Prep: 1. Laub; 2. Patrick; 3. Beard.
Sabre Prep: 1. Laub; 2. Patrick; 3. Barb.
Foil Open: 1. Reed, FCH; 2. Cargill, Ind; 3. Gause,
Bucs.
Sabre Open: 1. Sklar, FCH; 2. Reed, FCH; 3. Laub,
FCH.

Gold Coast

by Max Lombard

Women's Teen Age: 1. Nancy Gore; 2. Lenny
Cramer; 3. Frances Zinn—all DeTuscan.
Foil Teen Age: 1. Howard Eisenfeld, DeTuscan; 2.
James Vaughan, Central; 3. Ron Miller, Central.
Open Epee: 1. Jeff Bart, Youth Center; 2. Henry
Logan, Youth Center; 3. Mike Morgan, DeTuscan.
Open Sabre: 1. Sy Eisenfeld, DeTuscan; 2. Gerry
Taines, DeTuscan; 3. Elio San Juan, Florio.
Novice Epee: 1. Jeff Bart, YC; 2. Henry Logan, YC;
3. Bob Klinberg, DT.
Novice Sabre: 1. Howard Eisenfeld, DT; 2. Bob Klin-
berg, DT; 3. Jeff Bart, YC.
Junior Epee: 1. Bob Klinberg, DT; 2. Manny For-
rets, YC; 3. Herman Grayson, YC.
Junior Foil: 1. Bob Klinberg, DT; 2. Herman Gray-
son, YC; 3. Ed McPharland, YC.
3-Weapon: 1. Gerry Taines; 2. Mike Morgan; 3. Bob
Klinberg—all DeTuscan.
Women's Open: 1. Loretta Kushner; 2. Nancy Gore;
3. Bessie Cureton—all Coral Bables Youth Center.
Junior Epee: 1. Howard Eisenfeld, DT; 2. Herman
Grayson, YC; 3. Bob Klinberg, DT.

North Texas

by Charlene Cunningham

Women's Open: 1. Helen Grey; 2. Helen Keller;
3. Marietta Towry.
Open Sabre: 1. Ed Sims; 2. Tom Bickley; 3. Bill
Towry.

Northern California

by Elizabeth Ferrari

Epee 'C': 1. Severo Pasol, LGH; 2. Col. L. H. Brown-
lee, LGH; 2. Ames Green, PAC.
Women's Handicap: 1. Tommy Angell, HSF; 2. Eliza-
beth Ferrari, HSF; 3. Emily Johnson, HSF.
Foil Unclass.: 1. William Stenwick, SFSC; 2. Bruce
Mebine, HSF; 3. Tom Arnold, HSF.
Women's Unclass.: 1. Jeabbe Garrett, FFA; 2. Mary
Lou White, Unatt.; 3. Pat Howarth, MPFC.
Sabre 'B': 1. Jack Baker, PAC; 2. Frank Dollard,
PAC; 3. Col. H. Brownlee, LGH.
Women's 'B': 1. Patricia Barkdull, HSF; 2. Shirley
Canter, Unatt.; 3. Donna Holloway, HSF.

Kansas

by Ted Hootman

The Kansas Championships attracted thirty
entries from Kansas City, Kansas University
and Wichita FC.
Women: 1. Bille Harpole, WFC; 2. Lee Arnold, WFC;
3. Bergan, WFC.
Foil: 1. Farid, WFC; 2. Kasold, KU; 3. Capt. Stiles,
WFC.
Epee: 1. Dr. Engler, KC; 2. Farid, WFC; 3. Willson,
KU.
Sabre: 1. Willson, KU; 2. Capt. Stiles, WFC; 3. Dave
Stiles, WFC.

Kentucky

by Paul Ross

Open Foil: 1. Bill Seiler, Louisville Y; 2. Paul Ross,
Lex.; 3. John Gehant, Louisville FC.
Open Epee: 1. Albert Wolff, Louisville Y; 2. Bill
Seiler, Louisville Y; 3. Charles Thomas, Cincinnati FC.
Open Sabre: 1. Robert Hensley, Lex.; 2. Jim Gil-
christ, Cincinnati FC; 3. Scott Moore, Huntington.
Women's Open: 1. Gigi Ivone, Cincinnati FC; 2. Mary
Gehant, Louisville FC; 3. Pat Moore, Huntington.

Southwest Ohio

by Gigi Ivone

Our Fall Invitation meet attracted repre-
sentatives from six divisions. Results:
Women: 1. Anna Maria Schneider, Cincinnati FC; 2.
Ann McComas, Cincinnati FC; 3. Mary Gehant, In-
dianapolis FC.
Epee: 1. Walt Henry, Indianapolis FC; 2. Charles
Thomas, Cincinnati FC; 3. Albert Wolff, Louis-
ville Y.
Sabre: 1. Ron Weaver, Columbus; 2. Jim Gilchrist,
Cincinnati FC; 3. Walt Henry, Indianapolis FC.
Foil: 1. Larry Loveland, Ohio State; 2. Jim Gil-
christ, Cincinnati FC; 3. Jim Iliff, Cincinnati FC.

New Jersey

by Mary Ellen Flynn

Women's 'C': 1. Ginnie O'Reilly, FDU; 2. C. Simpson,
B'klyn; 3. Jay Reid, Santelli.
Sabre 'B': 1. John Grady, Princeton; 2. John Sands,
Princeton; 3. James Phillips, FC.
High School Foil: 1. Mike Gaylor, Ramapo HS; 2.
Tom D'Ambola, Essex; 3. Fred Davesa, Essex.

Maryland

by Dick Oles

Entries show an increase over last year.
We have decided to use direct elimination
in the finals of our four big open events.
Results thus far:

Pavese Foil: 1. Dan Lyons, DCFC; 2. John McCarthy,
USNA; 3. Vernon Edder, DCFC.
Women's Pavese: 1. Jane Burger, IYFC; 2. Una
Flynn, WFC; 3. Barton Heaps, IYFC.
Unclass. Foil: 1. Lee Stanley, IYFC; 2. Ed Flynn,
WFC; 3. Hugh Loebner, JHU.
3-Weapon Team was won by USNA (McCarthy,
Hawkins, Windham). We drew weapons by lot
and required a total of 15 touches to win. Several
times the third fencer went in with a 10-3 or
10-4 deficit and proceeded to win by 15-10 or
15-11.
Foil Unclass.: 1. Lee Stanley, IYFC; 2. Ed Flynn,
WFC; 3. Hugh Loebner, JHU.
Epee Unclass.: 1. Tom Ahearn, JHU; 2. Tom Beve-
ridge, MFC; 3. Tom McNamara, JHU.
Sabre Unclass.: 1. Saul Johnson, WFC; 2. Paul Smith,
Tri Weapon; 3. Charles Power, IYFC.
Women's Unclass.: 1. Barton Heaps, IYFC; 2. Lee
Townsend, IYFC; 3. Una Flynn, WFC.
Sabre Team won by IYFC (Stanley, Oles, Porter).
Mixed Foil Team won by DCFC (Lyons, Smith).

Oklahoma

by Arthur L. Wade

The fourth annual Tulsa Open was a com-
pletely electrical festival and marked our
"coming of age" in Oklahoma fencing. A
total of 70 competed in epee and men's
and women's foil. Results:

Women: 1. Alice Wade, Jr. (Tulsa); 2. Helen Keller
Salle de Gall; 3. Helen Reynolds (Dallas Y).
Foil: 1. Oscar Parsons (Diablos Blancos); 2. Peter
Walheim (Pentathlon); 3. Joachim Wolf (Shep-
pard AFB).
Epee: 1. Peter Walheim (Pentathlon); 2. Dennis
Jamison (Diablos Blancos); 3. Elmer Hoyle
(Tulsa Y).

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COMMENT REGARDING CHANGE OF RULE 557

not think it was the intent of the committee to do any harm to the four of the A.F.L.A. that surround the Ithan Division. Yet, these various would be seriously weakened if it were disadvantageous for fencers to go to their "home" Divisions if they are in another Division where there are no other fencers. At the same time, if they are to supply the competition and pro-coaching they cannot obtain at their "home" Divisions, the fencing enthusiasts who spend a great deal of money to travel outside their Divisions to join clubs where they can become members, are the ones the "home" Divisions often depend on for guidance both at tournaments and their Divisional operations.

Upon further consideration by the committee, some other rule could be suggested that would more closely fit the situation.

The above comment is based on the opinion of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Division at its meeting on November 29, 1962.

James H. Flynn
Member, Board of Governors, AFLA

The Executive Committee of Long Island also opposes the above proposition.

The change will not discourage teams composed of persons living in different divisions but will retard the growth of fencing in several divisions. Non-resident club memberships are recognized in the League's constitution (Art. V, Sec. 1).

Dr. Flynn modestly fails to point out that New Jersey could not have been so quickly revitalized after the War if the proposed rule had been in effect: He and many of his associates responsible for this growth were members of the NYAC. The girls in N.J. today are another example. By the enthusiasm of several Santelli members, girls' fencing in that division has developed so that it is on a par with, or superior to, New York. If they had to join the Metropolitan division they certainly would not spend long hours developing a New Jersey group. Long Island's growth would be similarly handicapped.

The purpose of the AFLA is to encourage the development of fencing, not retard it.

Laszlo Pongo

The Rochester Fencers' Club

by Mrs. Kenneth Barons

Over the past three years the Rochester Fencers' Club has been trying to outgrow its infancy and join the ranks of the many fencing Clubs in this country. Prior to this various organizations offered facilities and developed an interest in this sport. Then a group of fencers joined forces at a suitable location for regular meet-

ings. Bernard Puglisi, a graduate of Hamilton College and member of the Varsity Fencing Team from 1928-31, was a leading figure in this venture. Largely through his efforts meetings were held and all who were interested in fencing were invited. Officers elected and a constitution was drawn up.

At the time the constitution was drafted ambitious plans were made to hold an open invitational tournament for the area.

This proved so successful that a date was set and an open tournament for men and women has become an established event.

Our group has been most fortunate in the devotion of its members to the advancement of fencing as well as in furthering the aims and interests of the club.

Two of our charter members deserve special mention. They are: Gillian Sheen, British Olympic Champion of 1956, who helped to organize our club and is now an honorary member; and the late Gabor Marshall, Hungarian Olympian, who served as the Club's official coach and was a tireless promoter of fencing in the community until his untimely death in 1960.

At the present we meet and fence at the Rochester Institute of Technology, with Dr. Alphonso Lopez of Cuba as our coach.

We are hopeful that the future will see a continued growth of interest in this sport and that eventually we will have a salle of our own.

Our annual club foil championship, and the trophies donated by Dr. Puglisi, were won last year by Lydien Gibbs and Arthur Plouffe.

RICHARDS SETS RECORD

by Carla-Mae Festa

Edwin Richards of New England and the NYAC became the first individual to win all three weapons in the annual International Labor Day Tournament held at Montreal. New England's record was made perfect when Miss Marcia Wasenius of the Boston F.C. won the women's event.

Miss Wasenius has been fencing for six years and arrived from Finland less than two years ago. The Misses Robinson and Gillierb, both of Canada, placed second third in the women's event, while Sophronia Pierce of the Salle Santelli was fourth.

Richards fenced well in all events, losing only one bout in each of the finals. There were five Americans and three Canadians in the foil final. Tony Zombolas of Chicago placed second over Herbert Obst of Montreal. Ralph Spinella, Joel Wolf and Marvin Grafton were other finalists. In epee the U.S. took all three medals when Spinella placed second and Jay Powell was third. Gus Witt, Chairman of the New England division, placed second in sabre and Canada's Carl Schwende was third.

As usual, the Canadians were genial hosts and it is easy to see why the Tournament has been popular for eleven years.



ALBERT AXELROD

MARTINI CHALLENGE

The Martini Challenge, held annually in Paris, is the strongest foil competition in the world excepting only the Olympic and World Championships.

The U.S.'s only entry, Albert Axelrod, returned to top form and tied for third with World Champion Parulski of Poland. The event is run by 10-touch direct elimination bouts.

Laszlo Kamuti of Hungary defeated France's Barrabino by 11-9 in the final encounter. Axelrod missed a chance for the big prize when he lost 10-3 to Barrabino. He had previously defeated Langlois of France 10-6, Strudnik of Poland 14-12 and Jay of Great Britain 10-6. The Jay bout was considered by most to be the highlight of the entire tournament.

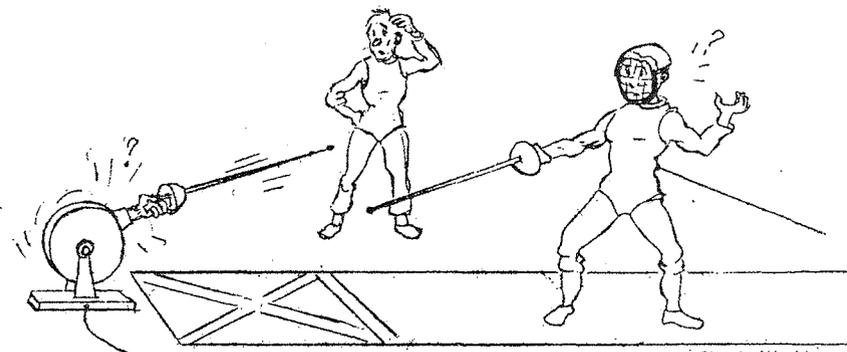
MATCH OF NATIONS

Preliminary (Direct Elimination)

USA d. France 16-15 (Axelrod d. Barabino 5-4, Dyer d. Roulot 5-3, Micahnik lost to Guittet 6-8).
Great Britain d. Italy 16-15 (Jay lost to Carpaneda 4-5, Hoskyns lost to Calarese 3-5, Alexander d. Saccaro 4-5).

Final

USA d. Great Britain 15-12 (Axelrod lost to Jay 2-5, Dyer d. Hoskyns 8-2, Micahnik tied Alexander 5-5).



Claude Weakley

DID THEY CHECK THE TENSION ON THAT REEL?

AMERICAN FENCING

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TODAY'S INTERNATIONAL FENCING SCENE

by Dr. Francis Zold

at the Rome Olympiad felt that era in the history of fencing had an end. The eclipse of Italian and leadership in the thrusting weapons, ending the dying-gasp victory of epees in epee, was clearly imminent there were unmistakable danger Hungary's perennial sabre champion hammer (and sickle) struck in the 8 titles, 4 went to the Soviet and Poland, 1 each to Germany and

ional authorities, such as de Beau-Capriles, Filogamo, Mangiarotti, olimont, Rozgonyi and others, all that Hungarian sabre fencing has quality. Basic essentials have been and even the best fiddlers can one or two tunes. As the current of the F.I.E. has said, the age of champions in fencing has passed. winners are good fencers, but only after in a given day than even inated in the semifinals. Formerly tell a Hungarian competitor in on a distant stirp with his mask was clearly distinguishable by his. Today this is no longer true.

ret of Hungarian success in sabre ility to produce something new in tactics, method or execution — progressive which took time to The very beginning of the Hunool was the fusion of the Italian th the simpler, quicker movements better exploit the Hungarians' use of timing. The new style was ill unnecessary motions. The old of second-intention attacks, aints and countertimes and all the d technique that produced long ad made fencing a pleasure to e gone. To prevent stop-hits the s developed a sabre stance with arm and the coquille seldom out h the point, either horizontally or The parrying technique was simp- g only the 3d, 4th and 5th po-reat stress was placed on the the foot movements to exploit the instant of inertia or momentum opponent has begun to move his has not yet completed his step.

There was a premium on fast direct attacks which brooked of no stop-hits, and lightning-fast direct ripostes.

Statistical analyses of the last few World Championships show that about 2/3 of the hits were scored on the attack, and of these about 4/5 were direct attacks. Equally, over 80% of hits made on ripostes were by direct ripostes. Yet Hungarian sabre fencing did not become monotonous or mechanical. It retained its variety by the element of surprise and by the explosive nature of the attacks.

It is this inventiveness that seemed to have been lost by the present Hungarians. The great sabreurs — the Old Guard — had become too old; the middle section, disillusioned earlier at finding they could never quite reach the top, had retired; and many of the talented young fencers and good masters had either stayed abroad or left Hungary in the fall of 1956, to the incalculable loss of the Hungarian team.

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Now let us look at what the future has in store.

Scarcely 10 years ago Soviet fencing was a modest beginner knocking politely at the door of the Hungarians whose second class teams were always strong enough to defeat the best the USSR could muster. By 1955 the Russians began to make their mark. I wrote about them in these pages before the 1958 World Championships in Philadelphia, and they have dominated the world of fencing ever since.

The secret of Soviet success is the marshalling of all the resources of the State in the achievement of the desired objective. I was in Hungary when Soviet fencers and fencing instructors went there to learn... They watched, made notes, took photographs and endless reels of film. They have a complete instruction film on the movements of Gerevich. With infinite patience and industry they worked out a complete choreography of fencing movements and they conducted systematic research — with the help of doctors, psychotherapists, medical sports institutes, etc. — into the motor reflexes, capabilities, reactions and even mental concentration of fencers. These experiments were done and continue to be done on a large mass of human material. Literally hundreds of fencing athletes are being studied under all kinds of conditions.

How is this possible? In the Soviet Union and its totalitarian satellites the whole approach to sport is different from that in the West. They accept sport as a political instrument, one of the integral parts of national life. Sport is organized nationally and great masses are gathered for instruction; the elite are found and given every facility. Those who excel in games are granted special benefits of a material nature, as well as high moral recognition. Since sport is made a weapon of propaganda, the Soviets see nothing immoral in awarding benefits to promote the national interest in this field.

The type of training enforced in the USSR would be impossible to carry out in the free Western societies. Soviet fencers train daily, take part in complementary physical conditioning, spend considerable time in training camps and are sometimes on tour for weeks in a row. Thus the Soviet competitors do not enter the field on equal terms with those Western fencers who still regard the sport as a pastime or hobby rather than an occupation on the successful discharge of which depends their standard of living. While in the West even the names of the greatest fencers are hardly known, and while taking part in competitions at home as well as abroad actually involves financial sacrifice, in the Soviet Union a leading fencer is the object of officially-fostered hero worship: among other privileges, he is given foreign travel that is denied ordinary mortals, and in addition he enjoys a standard of living above that of his fellow citizens.

The emphasis on athletic ability in modern fencing, and the strenuous character of the major fencing competitions in the world, accentuate the advantage of Soviet-type training. The French and the Italians are still fencing beautifully but they do not have the stamina indispensable for the modern champions.

I do not say that the Soviet method is the right method nor that it produces invincible fencers. Occasionally a Hoskyns, Jay, Guittet or Schmid will do well and even carry off a title. But it is unwise to close one's eyes to the facts of life. To me it means that if, in spite of his enormous handicaps, a fencer from a Western country can triumph over his Soviet opponents and win a World or Olympic title, his glory will be greater still in the eyes of those who realize the odds that were against him.

North Dakota

by Lois Selberg

Foil Uncl.: 1. A. Hanna, 2. C. Johnson, 3. W. Selberg

Women's Uncl.: 1. J. Moore, 2. J. Boe, 3. D. Amidon

Epee Uncl.: 1. W. Selberg, 2. R. Williams, 3. A. Hanna

Foil 'C': 1. M. Vorrias, 2. C. Johnson, 3. A. Hanna

Sabre Uncl.: 1. A. Hanna, 2. W. Selberg, 3. R. Williams

Foil Introd.: 1. J. Leppart, 2. B. Amidon, 3. C. Sigdestad

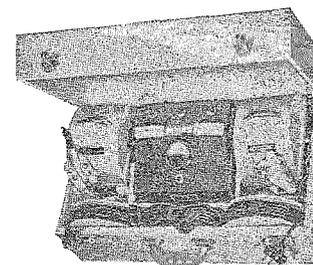
Women's 'C': 1. D. Amidon, 2. J. Moore, 3. C. Hamilton

Central Florida

by James E. Law

Foil Handicap: 1. Richard Bennett, Tampa FC; 2. Bob Warren, St. Pete; 3. Tony Muonz, Tampa FC. Castello Trophy won by the Tampa FC (Bennett, Blau, Munoz, Blanco).

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PHYSICAL FITNESS AND FENCING

by Julius J. Alpor

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Mr. Alpor is Head Coach of the Francisco Sports Academy. In addition to his outstanding ability as a fencer, he is an excellent athlete. He won the Hungarian military ski championship in 1949 and was on the Hungarian Pentathlon squad. The following is condensed from an essay submitted to the President Kennedy's Physical Fitness Committee.

* * *

General

Other national headaches is the physical fitness of our youth. It discloses an alarming weakness in such areas as endurance, strength and speed. "Corpus Sana in Corpore Sano" may be a Latin proverb but educators and parents agree that the correction of the physical fitness depends on the improvement of the individual.

Television brought to our living room every type of entertainment at any day, we have slowly given up even the most strenuous and find ourselves less time in healthy activity. Today, as horseshoe pitching, bowling, golf and target shooting are considered physical activities and are included in the physical education program of many schools. Such pastimes cannot be considered proper means to increase physical fitness in the young of America. Youth requires activities that emphasize not only skill but also provide an opportunity for the body to be conditioned to a high standard of strength, balance, motor skills, endurance and flexibility. . . . in a phrase, a soundly conditioned body.

Tests show a gap between the physical fitness of our youth and that of other nations where living standards are lower. Exercises that are more difficult life forces tend to harden themselves for their every-day struggles and a comfortable and easy life for the people. The only way to avoid laziness is to replace less physical activity with more exercise in sports. Too many young men consider themselves "sportsmen" be-

cause of their interest in watching football, baseball, etc.

Who is to blame? The parents, the schools, the community, or the government? Everyone must share the blame but in my opinion the major responsibility lies within the schools.

The ten to eighteen years the child spends in school is the time not only for mental development but also for the development and maturing of the body. The school must lead both in the right direction. Communities can help by providing playgrounds and recreation centers for after school. The government, which controls the armed forces, should have more control of the physical development of the raw material it may later need. If the promotion of sports is a private enterprise, only the money-making spectator sports will be supported — to the financial advantage of owners and players, but certainly not to the improvement of the physical fitness of our youth. The government must support and propagate all sports on the Olympic program regardless of whether they attract a mass of spectators or not. Many minor sports cannot be supported by private enterprise and so should be backed up and propagated by schools and public funds. Such programs should be initiated at once. The education of instructors for minor sports should also be emphasized. Special courses will not only increase the number but will better the qualifications of instructors.

The basic sports for physical fitness are gymnastics, track and field, and swimming but a sound program must include the many minor sports which also develop strength, flexibility, endurance and balance. The disadvantage of games like baseball and football is that those youngsters who are on the team are the only ones working, are usually already physically superior, and the weaker students who need the most exercise are found cheering from the sidelines. Team sports are important to develop group spirit and for recreation but not to the disadvantage of the individual sports such as boxing, fencing, rowing, skating, skiing, tennis, wrestling, etc. Most of these can be practiced on weekends and holidays in the company of parents so that the whole family benefits.

The American people are one of the most talented nations in the world. But natural talent becomes outstanding because of inherent driving power that needs guidance from the parents or the coach. These exceptions should not encourage us to neglect the physical fitness of the rest of the youth.

The lack of physical fitness in girls is also serious. I do not believe they should become athletes but they should choose sports that help the elasticity of the flesh, improve their condition, strength, posture and poise. Gymnastics, swimming, rhythmic dancing, basic ballet, snow and water skiing, basic fencing and skating will be the most important for them.

Sports should get regular coverage on TV and films should be shown explaining the different minor sports to the public. Organizations and companies could be stimulated to encourage their employees to practice and participate in sports.

Fencing

After discussing general physical fitness I pick out fencing as one of the minor sports that needs special attention because of the misconceptions of this sport by both physical education instructors and the general American public.

Fencing is more than a sport. It is a physical activity and a strenuous mental activity. Moliere gave an excellent definition: "Fencing is the art of giving cuts without receiving them. The necessity of touching the opponent but avoiding his cuts makes the art of fencing very difficult and complicated. The eyes which observe and prevent, the brain which considers and decides, the hand which carries the decision through must harmonize accuracy and speed to give the necessary life to the sword." It is a contest with blunt swords between two persons. It tests your speed and stamina, gives elasticity to your muscles, develops coordination, instills precision, acts to correct posture, gives grace to the body and develops both mental and physical condition by stressing self-discipline. It does not require a specially built body. Speed and agility can conquer muscular strength and size. It is a life time sport, not restricted to a certain age, but children under twelve seldom can be kept interested because they are mentally not ripe enough. Fencing can be and is practiced all year 'round. Because it requires the study of tactics, one finds it taught in the military schools of the world as an indispensable sport. Is it not basic to combat knowledge that one explores his adversary's weaknesses, plans, prepares and acts without hesitation whether attacking or defending?

Fencing is a contact sport where the contact of the blade is a mediating of the minds between two fencers. Actions and reactions must be instantaneous. It is one of the fastest sports because the distance between

targets and threatening point of the blades is very small. The beginner feels first only the physical effects of the game but when the movements have been mastered, the development of the mental qualities begin to take shape. Where physical qualities are equal, intellectual superiority achieves victory. Between equally intelligent fencers, the mechanical and technical skill become decisive.

Fencing is not a great spectator sport. It is mostly entertaining to those who are fencers or understand the game. It is a physical contest between two people trying to read each other's mind. A good fencer quickly learns whether his opponent is timid or aggressive, cautious or audacious, honest or dishonest, frank or shrewd, candid or tricky, impetuous or patient. Fencing is a creative sport. The fundamentals are the same to everyone but after mastering them the fencer puts his own mental and spiritual qualities into the game. A fencer improvises constantly. Temperament plays an important part, but nobody can say that a fiery temperament is better than the cool calculating mind.

Fencing cannot be learned by reading about it. The precision, speed and timing must be controlled by lessons from expert instructors. When a person fences to keep fit or for recreation he may discontinue lessons but competitors can never stop taking them.

One misconception of fencing by the American public is rooted in the belief that fencing is somehow related to ballet. Fencing is a combat sport and has nothing to do with the ballet even though both develop balance and grace. Fencing movements are better related to the movements of a tiger — the smoothness of a movement is often a cover for readiness to explode with a vigorous attack.

In Europe fencing is backed by more than three hundred years of tradition and many great schools producing well trained fencing masters. The Amateur Fencers League of America was founded in 1891 but to this day no school in the entire nation has been established to teach professional fencing coaches. The European domination in this sport is thus not accidental. England approved fencing professors through the British Academy of Fencing established after the Second World War. This English effort has since paid off with one Olympic Champion in 1956, a World Epee Champion in 1958 and a World Foil Champion in 1959. Similarly, nothing was heard about fencing in Russia

he 1952 Olympics. A concentrated, ment supported effort since then has Russia the strongest fencing nation. g with a third place in the 1956 Olym- ire, she dominated the 1960 Olympiad tree championships, two second places ie third. In the 1961 World Cham- ps she took four Championships, two i and two thirds.

situation here requires a long range crash program side by side, with one the next Olympics and the other on terment of the physical fitness of our

The first step, in my opinion, should : establishment of a Central Sports sponsored by a large foundation or vernment. University physical educa- ograms must be expanded to give more n to fencing and other individual

The two-year program of the Central School should concentrate on the minor and should emphasize the practical of teaching. Each State or Armed area should provide scholarships to ding sports people who want to be- encing Masters and Sports Instructors.

In the crash program present fencing in- structors should be invited to improve their skill at fencing clinics held on both coasts of the country. Persons selected for the Olympic Team must be encouraged to spend their vacation in the Central Sports School taking special training from quali- fied specialists.

In the long range program qualified in- structors will carry their interest and enthusi- asm to all sections of the country and the nation will soon begin to see the fruit of their educated efforts. Parallel with the es- tablishment and work of the Central Sports School, every effort must be made to arouse public interest and participation. The AFLA is divided into 49 regional divisions for close local contact with news media. Many more radio and TV interviews with outstanding in- structors, competitors and sports people are necessary.

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- Yale Trophy 3 P.M. Temple	\$ 1.50
alif. - Foil Team 7:45 P.M. Leuzinger HS	2.00
- Women's "C" 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	1.75
- Women's Intercollegiate Invitation 9 A.M. FDU (Teaneck)	2.50
- Women's Handicap 1 P.M. Parkville HS	
- Sabre Championship, Women's Novice 2 P.M. Brandeis	
Ohio - Women & Sabre, Qual. for All-Ohio	
l., D.C. - Foil Open 1:30 P.M. Central Y	1.50
- Foil, Epee Unclass; Sabre, Women Open. 1:30 P.M. Des Moines Y	1.75
Dak. - Women's B 8 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
- Sabre Team Championship 7:30 P.M. U of P	3.75
alif. - Epee Open 7:45 P.M. Leuzinger HS	2.00
Fla. - Foil Open 9 A.M. Pier, St. Pete (electric finals)	2.00
- H.S. Team (total touches) 9:30 A.M. (Columbia Sabre 'B' 12 noon N.Y.A.C.	1.75
Calif. - 3-weapon Team 8 P.M. S.F. Sports Academy	2.00
- Foil & Sabre Championship Tulsa	
Sabre Open, Foil Unclass. 1:30 P.M. Henry Clay HS, Lex.	1.00
- Women's Team 1 P.M. Parkville HS	
- Women's Team Championship 11 A.M. Fencers Club	8.25
- Foil Championship - Men & Women 2 P.M. Brandeis	
Dak. - Foil B 2 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
Ohio - 3-Weapon Championship 10 A.M. JCC	
l., D.C. - Women's Open 1:30 P.M. Central Y	1.50
- Foil Senior 7:30 P.M. U of P	.50

CHAMPIONSHIPS 9 A.M. Ohio State U.	
Women's Prep 6 P.M. Hunter	1.25
Dak. - Women's Introd. 8 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
- Women's Championship 7:30 P.M. U of P	1.50
alif. - Finals of Epee Open 7:45 P.M. Faulkner	2.75
Epee Open 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	
Epee Northside Y, Atlanta	
- Foil Prep. 1 P.M. Saltus-McBurney Y	1.25
- Sabre Invitation 2 P.M. M.I.T.	
alif. - Epee Team 'B' 8 P.M. SF Sports Academy	1.50

April

3-Weapon Championship 1 P.M. Towson HS	
- Sabre Team Championship 11 A.M. N.Y.A.C.	5.25
Dak. - Foil Introd. 2 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
alif. - Epee Masters, Women's Open 1 P.M. LAAC	2.00
l., DC - Epee Open 1:30 P.M. Central Y	1.50
Women's Beginner 7 P.M. Goucher College	
Dak. - Epee B 8 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
- Epee Championship 7:30 P.M. U of P	1.50
alif. - Epee Team Open 7:45 P.M. Valley Jr. College	2.00
Coast - Foil Team (electric) 11 A.M. Miami	
Women's Northside Y, Atlanta	
H.S. Boys Championship 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	1.00
- Foil - Freshman Invitation 11 A.M. N.Y.U.	
Epee Unclass. 12 noon N.Y.A.C.	1.25
- Women's Open 10 A.M. Paterson State	10.00
alif. - Sabre Open 2 P.M. Letterman	2.00
Ohio - All Ohio Championship 10 A.M. Fairfax	
- Foil & Women's Novice, Epee & Sabre Unclass. 1:30 P.M. Ames	1.25
- Foil Open 1:30 P.M. Ames	1.75
- Foil Open 1 P.M. U.S.N.A.	
- Foil Team Championship 11 A.M. Fencers Club	8.25
- Foil Teams, Men & Women 2 P.M. Brandeis	
alif. - Women's Open 2 P.M. Letterman	2.00
Fla. - Epee Open (1 touch) 9 A.M. St. Pete Y	.50
Dak. - Sabre B 8 P.M. Selberg FA	2.00
- Sabre Championship 7:30 P.M. U of P	1.50
alif. - Women's Open 7:45 P.M. Leuzinger HS	2.00

13-14—WOMEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE 9 A.M. FDU (Teaneck)	
14—Cent. Fla. - 3-Weapon 1 P.M. St. Pete Y	1.00
Ga. - Foil Northside Y, Atlanta	
Gold Coast - Epee Team 11 A.M. Lauderdale	
L.I. - H.S. Girls Championship 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	1.00
Met. - Sabre Unclass. 12 noon N.Y.A.C.	1.25
No. Calif. - Foil Open 2 P.M. Pannonia AC	2.00
Okla. - Epee Championship Oklahoma City	
15—Ky. - 3-Weapon, Women's Open 1 P.M. Henry Clay HS, Lex.	2.00
Md. - Sabre Open 1 P.M. USNA Women's Open 1 P.M. Towson HS	
Met. - Epee Team Championship 11 A.M. NYAC	8.25
N.E. - Sabre Team 2 P.M. Harvard	
No. Dak. - Women's Championship 1 P.M. Selberg FA	3.00
No. Ohio - Foil Team Championship 10 A.M. Fenn	
So. Calif. - Sabre Senior 1 P.M. LAAC	2.00
21—Met. - Foil Unclass. 1 P.M. Saltus-McBurney Y	1.25
Kansas - Foil Teams, men & women Wichita FC	1.50
N.J. - Women's Open, (Qual. Nat'l) 10 A.M. Paterson State	2.50
Phila. - Foil Championship 9 A.M. U of P	1.50
27—So. Calif. - Sabre Open 7:45 P.M. Valley Jr. College	2.00
28—Met. Sabre Championship, QUAL. NAT'L 12 Noon NYAC	1.75
Fla. Gateway - Divisional Championship (Closed) Jacksonville Y	2.00
No. Calif. - Foil Teams, Women 10 A.M., Men 3 P.M. Pannonia AC	2.00
Okla. - Foil Tulsa	
Phila. - 3-Weapon Championship 9 A.M. Temple	1.50
29—Md. - Epee Open 1 P.M. USNA	
Met. - Women's Championship, Qual. Nat'l 11 A.M. Fencers Club	2.75
N.E. - Epee Team 2 P.M. Harvard	
No. Dak. - Foil Championship 1 P.M. Selberg FA	3.00
No. Ohio - Sabre Team Championship 10 A.M. Akron Turners	4.50

May

5-6—NORTH ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 9 A.M. Atlantic City, N. J.	
Gold Coast - Divisional Championships 10 A.M. Miami	
5—L.I. - Sabre Championships 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	1.75
Ga. - Foil Novice Northside Y, Atlanta	
Kansas - Foil Open 8:30 A.M. Wichita	1.50
6—Ky. - Championship - Epee 10:30 A.M., Sabre 1:30 P.M. Louisville	2.00
No. Calif. - Epee Open 10 A.M. SF Sports Academy	2.00
So. Calif. - Foil & Women's Handicap 1 P.M. LAAC	2.00
6-7—Seattle - NW International Tournament 9 A.M. Fort Lawton	
10—N.J. - Epee Championship (Closed) 7:30 P.M. Brown School, Verona	2.00
11—So. Calif. - Sabre Team Open 7:45 P.M. Leuzinger HS	2.00
12—Cent. Fla. - Championships - Foil 9 A.M., Women 1 P.M. St. Pete Y	2.00
L.I. - Epee Championship 9 A.M. Willets Rd. School, Roslyn	2.75
Met. - Italo Santelli Memorial Sabre 11 A.M. NYAC	
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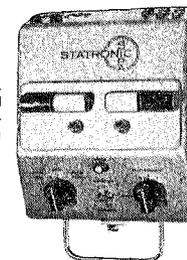
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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the League will convene at the site of the National Championships in New York City on July 7th, 1962. In addition to the election of officers and the proposed constitutional amendments the membership will be asked to vote on the following amendments to the By-Laws:

"Amend Chapter II, Section 1 of the By-Laws as follows:

(a) The annual **League** (national) dues for all Active Members shall be \$6., for all Collegiate and Associate Members \$4., and for all High School Members \$2. payable, in the case of non-divisional members, directly to the Secretary of the League and, in the case of divisional members, to the divisional Secretary to be paid over by him to the Secretary of the League.

(c) The annual **Non-Divisional** and **Divisional** dues for all Active Members shall be \$3., for all Collegiate and Associate Members \$2., and for all High School Members \$1. payable, in the case of non-divisional members, directly to the Secretary of the League and, in the case of divisional members, to the divisional Secretary for the purposes of the division. Annual divisional dues may be

waived in whole or in part by the Executive Committee of the division for all members of a particular class in the division.

(e) The **Initiation** fee for all Active, Collegiate, Associate and High School Members shall be \$1. payable on application for membership to the Secretary of the League in the case of non-divisional members and, in the case of divisional members, to the divisional Secretary for the purposes of the division.

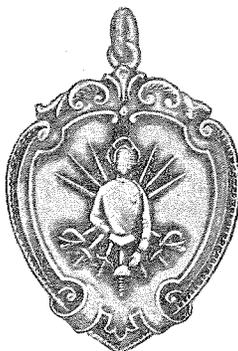
(f) The **Life Membership** fee shall be \$150. except that, where the applicant has been a member of the League in good standing for ten or more consecutive years, the Life Membership fee shall be \$75. Where the Life Member is a member of a division, two-thirds of the fee shall be paid over to the Secretary of the League and one-third shall be retained by the division.

(g) The **Life Associate Membership** fee shall be \$100. except that, where the applicant has been a member of the League in good standing for ten or more consecutive years, the Life Associate Membership fee shall be \$50. Where the Life Associate Member is a member of a division, three-fifths of the fee shall be paid over to the Secretary of the League and two-fifths shall be retained by the division.

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