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ABOUT THE COVER

This photograph as well as the graphs in the centerfold were by Gerald Schneider at the N at Manhattan College in New York City. The facilities for fencing are very good: excellent lighting, good floors.



This is the last time I will view with alarm or point with pride from the Editor's seat. Henceforth I will be inundating you with platitudes from the President's chair. I don't know if this will result in an im-

provement in my ability to compose provocative, succinct and thoughtful articles but at least it will be a change for all of us.

The new editor will be Mary Huddleson, 2201 Bywood Drive, Oakland, Ca. 94602. Please send her material for the magazine, not me.

When you read this I will be the president. As of the time this is written I am president-elect. Between now and then I will be very busy with decisions and appointments and planning. My natural impulse is to run off in all directions at the same time so I have to make myself think everything over very carefully. This is a much sounder way to behave although it is not nearly as much fun. So I can't say much now about who will be doing what. That tantalizing information will have to wait for the next issue.

Some people will be reappointed and some will not. Some programs will continue virtually unchanged and some will not. New projects will be in the works. But so much depends

On money.

On people.

Both my voice and my ears are hoarse as a result of the talking and listening I did at the Nationals. I want to hear from all of you. Suggest anything you want from a minor splinter pull to radical surgery but bear in mind...

Money.

People

This is our sport. If you get pleasure out of it you should help bear the burden so that we can make fencing into a great american sport. This means money and people. Don't write and tell me that the AFLA should provide money to train new coaches and help them get started when you don't belong to the AFLA. Where does the money to do this come from? From us, all of us. If you are not willing to help with money or time then I, for one, couldn't care less what you think. Lots of you who call yourself coaches do not belong to the AFLA. How foolish as well as selfish. Without a national

organization you would soon be without students. During the next year we will be working on a number of projects to help build up fencing and assist coaches who belong to the AFLA. I have absolutely no interest in doing one single thing for any fencer or coach who will not pay his or her dues. I am not being mean-spirited for its own sake; without money we can't do what we want to do and our source of income is dues.

If we had 100,000 members instead of about 7,000 sports editors would pay attention to us, schools would be more interested in starting fencing, it might be possible to start manufacturing our own blades, outside advertisers would want to advertise in American Fencing and we could do so much for everyone.

So you coaches, join the AFLA and get your students to join. Ask the parents of young fencers to support us by becoming regular members. This is what is known of as enlightened self-interest.

Yearly members will be receiving renewal notices from the AFLA secretary shortly. If you fill in the form correctly and send it in right away you will get your card quickly. If you wait until October when all the competitions are starting throughout the country it will take longer. That is when the divisional secretaries start sending in the memberships collected at competitions. The national secretary is swamped. If you wait until October you might as well rejoin the League at the competition. This way your division will know you have joined.

Before you snort and fume because you did not received your card from some time after you joined at a competition remember that the bout committee at the competition may not get around to turning over the forms and money to the Divisional Secretary for two weeks and that the divisional secretary might not send it in for another few weeks. A month or more is shot before the information even reaches the national secretary.

So send in your form and check right away.

We need volunteers at all levels.

Helping out at the divisional level is of primary importance. If you like to fence and to compete you should do your share to help your division. If you want to become involved at the national level please drop me a line. But, please, don't volunteer if you don't mean it. Tell

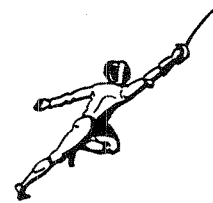
me what you are interested in doing.

Additions to the Club Roster will be printed next issue. We don't have room in this issue. Send in your club information.

Let's all get together and put fencing on the map.

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I want to thank all of you who voted for me. If you didn't, that's past history. Lets all get together and make this a great organization.



INTERNATIONAL SELECTION SYSTEM FOR THE 1980-1984 QUADRENNIAL

By Steve Scott

Selection to International teams since 1972 has been strictly according to an objective point system announced at the signing of the quadrennial and printed in American Fencing. The practice has been to avoid any major changes once the system was announced, but to completely re-evaluate the system after the selection of the Olympic Team and prior to the start of the following quadrennial. While there are differences concerning the details of the system selection pursuant to an objective point system announced at the start of the quadrennial appears to be generally accepted and not dissent.

It can be anticipated that a new Olympic Fencing Committee will be appointed in September. One of the first items of business at its September meeting will be to discuss the selection system. There is no way any committee could meet for the first time and create a selection system from a cold start at the conclusion of the meeting. Therefore the Olympic Fencing Committee has appointed me Chairman of a special subcommittee.

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From the President



by Irwin Bernstein

Summing Up

Writing 24 magazine columns, chairing 12 meetings of the AFLA Board of Directors and over 20 of the Olympic Fencing Committee, answering how many phone calls and letter 4 years as President has actually passed quite rapidly. Enjoying the prerogative of a former elected official, who is no longer a candidate for any other elected office, I can take this opportunity to make a few personal remarks and even single out a few people.

The election itself deserves some mention. I won't try to analyze the reasons for various voting totals because each voter's private decision usually reflects a multitude of thoughts, feelings, and pressures. I am disappointed by the lack of interest in this important election evidenced by the voting of less than half of the eligible voters, including some who filed ballots late or incorrectly. I trust these side line members will withhold criticism of their new leadership until they have again demonstrated their credentials as participating citizens of the AFLA. As to the few candidates and others who injected bitterness and personal attacks into an otherwise friendly situation, it is they, not their targets, who were diminished by their actions.

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION SYSTEM

Consisting of David Micahnik and all athletic representatives to the Olympic Fencing Committee. The function of the subcommittee just appointed will be to study the subject and prepare drafts of proposals for the September meeting of the new committee. It is important to emphasize that the subcommittee will not create a selection system now but merely do the homework which is essential prior to the first meeting of the next Committee.

I urge everyone to give careful thought to international selection and submit to me ideas, suggestions, complaints, or proposals as soon as possible. Do this now. After the selection system is announced in September, it will be too late. Mail to: Stephen B. Sobel, 158 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park,

In 4 years as Secretary and 4 more as President, I have made many friends and enjoyed being a vital part of a lively and dynamic organization. I intend to remain active in ways in which I can help Emily Johnson, just as she worked for Steve Sobel and me in responsible positions in our administrations. We all share a love for fencing and a long standing allegiance to the AFLA that transcends any differences we may have on specific issues. I am very pleased that Emily has asked me to continue representing fencing on the U.S. Olympic Committee in order to provide continuity in this essential function.

The Olympic Fencing Committee courageously broke new ground during the past 4 years. I am the first to acknowledge that the progress of our National Training Program was not always straight ahead and that errors were made and some people were turned off. However, I remain confident that we have been heading in the right direction and I will continue to support the evolution of the Program.

I have been blessed by the unselfish assistance of many AFLA members but I must mention a few specifically, even at the risk of mistakenly leaving out others. All of the national officers who served with me gave me their loyalty and best efforts but Howard Goodman was spectacular and I owe much to his expertise and understanding in a Treasurers position that at times was a monster. Carla-Mae Richards was the life support system of the Olympic Fencing Committee and stole many hours from family and business to contribute her administrative skills and fencing know-how in a very burdensome job. The entire Olympic Fencing Committee carried a heavy responsibility and although the performances of some members was not always what I wanted, I never had reason to question anyone's integrity or seriousness of purpose. Chaba Pallaghy worked his magic in the international cloakrooms and educated me in the mysterious ways of the FIE even as he improved the status of the AFLA. Jack Keane

ing Program where there was none. Csaba did so by donating a lifetime of fencing knowledge in a way that inspired many other fine coaches to contribute their efforts as well. Jack provided his unique brand of creative leadership that dared to experiment at the risk of disfavor now in order to lay a better foundation for the future of fencing in our country. Marius Valsamis was always available and dedicated his whole being to every task assigned to him. Colleen Olney constantly inspired me by demonstrating what one person can accomplish through dedication, initiative, and love. And, in the tradition of movie credits, where being listed last is a special distinction, Steve Sobel. It is difficult to succinctly sum up Steve's contribution to my administration. He was the Most Valuable Player on my championship college team in 1954 and has been my most valuable teammate in AFLA matters for over 20 years. Instead of resting on his laurels when I succeeded him in 1976, he just changed hats and kept on plugging in every way I asked plus many I didn't even know about to ask. The AFLA is fortunate indeed to have Steve Sobel in its midst.

During the next four years we will prepare to host an Olympics, try to build on a new development concept and continue to seek growth opportunities both on our own as well as within the U.S. Olympic Committee environment. I ask all of you who have supported me to give Emily Johnson your assistance for the continued progress of the AFLA.

REPORT OF CONTESTED ELECTION

By Stephen B. Sobel, AFLA Counsel

1. Pursuant to AFLA Bylaws, ballots were mailed prior to May 15 to all AFLA members over the age of 18 as of February 1st. The preferential voting system for officers with more than 2 candidates was the system approved by the Board at the February meeting. On the first day of the Nationals, ballot envelopes submitted by eligible voters which were signed and postmarked on or before June 10th were validated and counted.

2. The tellers have certified the following to be duly elected AFLA officers:
President - Emily Johnson
Executive Vice President - Mickey Conte
2 Vice Presidents - Colleen Olney and Charlie Thompson

Treasurer - William Latzko
Additional Director - Chaba Pallaghy

3. The validation and counting of the ballots took approximately 8 hours from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday, June 21st. The tellers, who volunteered their services for this important but time consuming tedious task were the following: Sheila Armstrong, Tom Bickley, Demi Huddleson, Connie Latzko, Mr. Madden, Mrs. Metkus, Peter Morrisor, Marta Nagy, Betsy Schneider and Nancy Valsamis. The AFLA owes a special vote of thanks to these people, and I urge the Board to adopt an appropriate resolution thanking them for their services. Furthermore, I specifically call to the attention of the Board the Marta Nagy who placed 6th in the Under 19 Women's Foil Event that afternoon, nevertheless came to help in the morning. Mr. Macden and Mrs. Metkus are parents of under 19 fencers. The involvement in AFLA administration of young competitors and their parents is beneficial to the AFLA, and should be both recognized and encouraged.

4. A special vote of thanks should also be extended to Santelli Fencing Equipment Company, which acted as an agent of the AFLA Secretary for the purpose of receiving all the ballots, and bringing them to the Nationals.

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WHITHER GOEST THE NATIONALS???

by Carla-Mae Richards

For the last seven years there have been discussions thru-out the American fencing land on what our NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS truly represent. Some, it is a fencing convention; the one time in the year that fencers from all over the country can get together and compare ideas and match wits on the strip. For others, it is the "TOURNAMENT" of the year to determine our **best fencers**, the pinnacle of a long season of fencing competitions.

During this time the predictions have come to pass that the number of entrants in the "NATIONALS" would double in both individual and team events. There is no longer a difference between pre-Olympic and post-Olympic years nor in the geographical location of the Nationals. Fencers are coming in droves, no matter what. We can expect his growth pattern to continue under our present qualifying scheme.

In the meantime with the dropping of Olympic points from the Sectional Championships the interest of fencers in competing in the Sectionals has diminished. Only the sectional winner will benefit - by automatic qualification, seeding preference in the Nationals and possible travel subsidy from the Section. Otherwise, it is just another event.

We now have from 150 to 220 fencers in each individual event; with the need for even rounds and two days to complete each individual event; with the requirement of 20 to 24 strips and machines, reels, locks, extension lights, gauges, weights, etc., for all those strips. Does this lead to our best fencers or to fencers able to survive an endurance contest? Are we not draining our best fencers for the sake of allowing less qualified fencers to participate in the "NATIONALS"? Did you know that: 40% to 55% of all entrants in each senior event had no affiliation in that weapon (meaning that they had not yet proven themselves in their own local tournaments); that 75% to 85% of non-classified fencers are eliminated by the end of the second round; that by the end of the third round only 5% or less of these fencers survive; that 95% of all alternates entered are eliminated by the end of the second round; and that 75% to 80% of all

round?

So what does this prove? Our better fencers spend two rounds "warming up" before testing their skills against each other. What do the other fencers gain from the tournament and add to the tournament? First and foremost, they represent a profitable or break-even tournament, i.e., they pay for the tournament. Secondly, they have the opportunity to see what fencing is all about. Yet, how many of all these fencers stay and watch the following rounds? Never enough, it seems, to provide the manpower to work the strips - keep score, time and the machines. How much do you learn by watching two days of fencing and top directing? As for the directing - how good can a top director be after directing for two days bout after bout after bout? Have you tried marathon directing? You start off in absolute control and see the minutest beat or derobement only to finally hope you see the right of way at the beginning of a complicated phrase and then pray for one light!! Do you really know how a director feels after all this - like they are walking on their knees and looking thru rose colored glasses?

We must separate our goals and relieve the Nationals of the burden of being all things to all fencers. Yes, it is true that the weight of sheer numbers underwrites the cost of the Nationals. But then what are the major costs of the Nationals: 1) the facility; 2) travel subsidies to finalists; and 3) expenses for the officials - directors and others. The facility costs are related to the size of the Nationals; the travel subsidies have always been a part of the Nationals' budget; and the officials' costs relate to the anticipated size - the larger the Nationals the greater the number of officials needed. We are now in the unenviable position of requiring 20 to 24 strips for 12 official events plus Women's Epee and Sabre for a total of 14 events in 8 days. Only by having space large enough can the events run on any sort of schedule; the larger the space required, the greater the costs. With a small Nationals - a proposed limit of 120 per senior event - we can revert to a space requirement of 12 to 16 strips, a size within the scope of many Divi-

sions can consider hosting the Nationals.

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, there was a favorable response to the idea that more emphasis should be given to Sectional Championships; we should make these events more meaningful and thus, attract a wider skill range. The best way to accomplish this is by incorporating the Sectional Championships into the flow towards the Nationals. By qualifying from the Division to the Sectional tournament to the Nationals we provide a natural skill progression for the fencers. One must have proven a competitive skill level in the region before advancing to the Nationals. Experience provides the basis of improving one's competitive skills but by small steps not by leaps and bounds. The Nationals are not the place to gain experience but the place to bring to the forefront the result of training and competitive exposure. It is at the Nationals that you have the opportunity to exhibit the integration of self and learning experiences - tested thru a range of events. The Sectionals provide a check point to test one's abilities among fencers from surrounding areas. If you cannot top these fencers, what is going to happen at the Nationals? Let us raise the level of fencing in the regions by providing more opportunities among those fencers. By enhancing the Sectionals we give the Section a chance to work with the Divisions - make the Section a stronger administrative unit of the AFLA. With this concept the National office could designate one of its officers as a Section coordinator to provide the technical assistance to assure uniformity of Sectional Championships as qualifying events.

Negatives to this concept include: Sections' inability to perform current administrative tasks - but then as the Section gains in stature, the more pressure will be placed upon the administrators for proper conduct of its responsibilities. Next, imposing upon the fencers a need to travel great distance to Sectionals and Nationals. In many cases the distance to Sectionals will be less than to the Nationals - for those who don't qualify to the Nationals the Sectionals will be the high point of their season. For those who do qualify to the Nationals, there are Sections who can provide some travel subsidy. We have been too concerned about incurring financial hardship on the fencers to the extent that we hesitate to stimulate more competition. The more we worry about this the less we

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In terms of strengthening the weaker Sections is it not easier for a National office to assist eight Sections than 58 or more Sections? The problems with Sectional administration are present in many Divisions but no one officer can hope to remedy sectional problems; for eight Sections that is a reasonable task for one person.

Let us put the National Championship in proper perspective. To do this we must step aside and look at the concept from a personal perspective, and not from personal preference or geographic self-interest. There comes a point at which we must provide our best fencers with an environment that will enable them to perform at their best. It is hard to how a marathon event enables one to perform at his/her best. One performs silently to endure, not to rise above but to simply survive. The "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS" should be the ultimate test for fencers. This is a major responsibility of the AFLA: to provide the environment for the amateur competition and improve our competitive base of fencing. By raising our standards and making the criteria more selective we automatically set in motion the means by which American fencing will improve. Give the encouragement to strive to his

A NEW FORMAT FOR FINALS

PROBLEM

Many people think the National Fencing Championships have outgrown the man- nability of mere mortals. Looking at competitors in a single event, or 40 or e teams, these people are calling for stic reduction in the number of fencers ifying to the tournament.

They argue most of the fencers who enter Nationals are simply not National-class ers. And they're right. But we shouldn't oo hasty in excluding the people who e up most of the AFLA membership (and ay most of the dues.). These people ay the entry fees that cover the ex- ses of running a National mpionship—and yet if they stayed e, the expenses would not be much ller, since top competitors and officials d still be entitled to travel money.

They should remember, too, that every e is precious to the AFLA—we need e people, not fewer. And we can't afford n anybody off.

Not a lot of time is wasted between rounds by manual labor of writing indicators on s, seeding the pools, and then writing e next round's scoresheets. Modern ounter technology should have no trou- in seeding pools and spitting out ssheets untouched by human pencils. Fort Worth, computer experts are al- y working on a program to organize the

Nationals. Cutting that two-hour wait en the early rounds to twenty minutes d be a worthy service to humanity. And byproduct, we hope it will take a lot of rudgery out of processing entries as The program will be available to future nals organizers.

SECTION DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUNDS

The rest of the world uses this system—we ld, too. Direct elimination with re- age from 32 is used in all major interna- tournaments. Our fencers need the ience. After 1980, international meets xchange the final pool of 6 for a final of 8, with no repechage. Many think rmat will attract more spectators.

One additional consideration is the fact

fencers, instead of 24, as in the quarterfinals. Sometimes the difference can save running a whole extra preliminary round.

by Lois Goldthwaite

SOLUTIONS: A NEW FORMAT

I propose a new format for the National Championships. Each individual event would have a field of 72: the top 24 people from the International Squad in that weapon, the top 3 qualifiers from each of the 8 sec- tions (not counting Squad fencers), plus 24 more from qualifying rounds held the previ- ous day **at the Nationals**.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The key to the system is the qualifying competition held the previous day. A similar system is used in golf and tennis, where the qualifiers are nicknamed "rabbit rounds." Many European fencing tournaments also hold a preliminary qualifying round for local fencers, from which all foreign entrants are exempt.

Let us suppose that 244 competitors have entered men's epee at the Nationals. The top 24 from the Squad plus 3 from each section would be exempt from the qualifying rounds. So that leaves 196 fencers to be whittled down to 24.

Round 1: (196) 32 pools of 6 with 3 up — 96 (two flights)

Round 2: (96) 16 pools of 6 with 3 up — 48

Round 3: (48) 8 pools of 6 with 3 up — 24

These 24 people would advance to the prin- ciple competition on the next day.

ADVANTAGES

The main advantage of the revised format is that it selects the strongest competitors from those who are largely unknown quan- tities to the organizers.

Another advantage is that more people get more fencing. In our present system, the top two seeds in each pool advance almost automatically. Why waste the time to make them fence all those bouts? And there's only one (or at most two) slots available for everyone else in the pool. With the new for- mat more of the "rabbits" can say they got out of the first round—and as I mentioned earlier, rabbits are most of the league's members.

Finding enough directors for the qualify-

people with byes could be assigned to di- rect. They'd have to do it anyway, in our present format, and at least this way they don't have to direct while they're trying to concentrate on fencing.

The revised format has an additional ad- vantage in that it would encourage participa- tion in the Sectional Championships, since three seeded positions are at stake.

This format would change only the running of the Nationals. It would not require any change in the way people qualify to the Na- tional Championships.

OBVIOUS QUESTIONS

Who qualifies from each section? No one would "qualify" from a section, other than the champion, as under present rules. The three highest-placed individuals who are not among the top 24 Squad members would be entitled to the seeded rankings, but they would still have to qualify to Nation- als from their divisions. These seeded posi- tions may **not** be passed down to other sec- tion members if the three highest don't com- pete at Nationals.

What if some of the people among the top 48 seeds don't go to Nationals? Those places will be filled with additional fence from the preliminary "rabbit" rounds. The fourth-place finishers from each pool in the third prelim round will be ranked accordi- ng to their indicators. They will then be called order to fill vacant slots in the round of 7

Will this format reduce the number of strips needed to hold the Nationals, and the attendant strain on space and scoring equipment? A minimum of 18 strips will prob- ably still be needed—and 20 or 24 would be more comfortable. And since early rounds would be smaller than the ones organizers now have to contend with, delays between rounds would be shorter. That means a more efficient use of the strips.

Let me reassure everyone that the National Texas Division will not do anything **weird** at the 1981 Nationals without a rules change authorized by the Board of Directors.



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PROPOSALS TO CHANGE QUALIFYING SYSTEM TO THE NATIONALS

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEME

The following proposal was presented to the Board of Directors in June for final consideration in September (sponsored by Irla-Mae Richards, George Masin, Bill Smith and Colleen Olney).

1. The quarter-finalists of the previous Nationals are automatic qualifiers to the next Nationals;

2. The top 24 fencers in the Olympic point system in mid-season are automatic qualifiers to the Nationals;

3. Retain other automatic qualifiers as in the Rules Book;

4. Grant automatic qualifier status to top Under-19 Sectional fencer in that region (in recognition of their performance to promote youth fencing);

5. Limit the number of alternates to no more than half the number of qualifiers (if 4 or more then only the first two alternates are eligible to enter as alternates);

6. Qualify 4 to 10 fencers in each region from each Sectional qualifying event according to the number of eligible fencers in that event:

Based on taking 20% from each region - the specific recommendation is: 20 or less eligible competitors - 4 qualify; between 21 and 25 eligible competitors, one additional; between 26 to 30 eligible competitors, two additional; to an upper limit of 6 additional qualifiers for a total of 10 qualifiers in a Section (and, in which case, only the five alternates would be able to enter as alternates).

7. Retain and make more stringent the rules for petitions and appeals to fence in the Nationals without participating in the qualifying event.

It would be necessary to coordinate the Sections to establish uniform qualifying criteria from the Divisions to the Sections and to determine suitable timing of Sectionals to minimize conflicts with other schedules.

During this past season at least three Sections held their Sectional Championships in the middle of May conflicting directly with collegiate exam periods. Since a large percentage of our competitors are college stu-

dents it is important to take this into consideration.

II. DIVISIONAL AND SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEME

The following proposal has been submitted by Charles Thompson of S. Carolina.

1. Quarter-finalists of the previous Nationals be automatic qualifiers to the next Nationals;

2. The six (6) finalists from each Sectional Championships qualify to the Nationals;

3. The number from each Division be reduced to a minimum number of two (2) for ten or less eligible competitors in the qualifying round; for each additional ten (10) eligible competitors, the number of qualifiers would be increased by one (1).

This proposal still recognizes the direct line of Division to Nationals - and not the need to develop a progression in one's fencing growth before fencing in the Nationals. In addition, it becomes important to oversee the qualifying rounds in both the Divisions and the Sections and we dilute the strength of the Sectionals. This type of compromise solution does not face the ultimate goal of making the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS the focal point of our better fencers from the country thru proven tests of competitive skill.

III. RETENTION OF CURRENT SYSTEM - DIFFERENT FORMAT OF THE NATIONALS

This proposal by Lois Goldthwaite and Tom Bickley of Texas would retain the convention aspect of the Nationals (and the numbers for the financial aspect of hosting the Nationals) but separate the entrants into two groups: the proven, strong fencers from the unproven ones. In this proposal the first of two days for each senior event would be devoted to the rabbits - the qualifiers from the Divisions - from which 24 to 36 would qualify to the second day of the event.

On the second day of the event the top 24 from the Olympic point system and the top three from each Section (excluding the point fencers) would participate without fencing the first day. Thus, on the second day we would have the top 72 to 84 fencers in the country.

The concern with this proposal is that we are still dealing with large numbers of competitors that drain the organizing committee and the limited pool of qualified officials. It is not fair to ask the fencers for the second day of the event to come a day earlier to officiate the early rounds nor to drain their energies prior to their participation in the "NATIONALS". This proposal would need 16 to 18 strips for the senior events alone, with additional strips required to interweave other events. We would still expect a requirement of 20 to 24 strips. The weeding out of less skilled fencers should be done within the regions not under the guise of a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NOTE: The comments made with each of the above proposals are those of the author of the article, "Whither Goest the Nationals?", as a result of discussions with many people from the different areas of the country the last few years. Each of the proposals has its merits and the comments are related directly to the aforementioned article on the meaning of the NATIONALS themselves. Those wishing to express their opinions on this issue and/or the proposals may go directly to American Fencing or submit them to the Chairman of the Committee responsible for the final presentation at the September Board of Directors meeting, Sept. 27th: Mrs. Carla-Mae Richards, 100 Longfellow Rd., Newton, MA 02162. The enactment of a change in the qualifying system to the Nationals will be effective either for the 1981 or 1982 Nationals.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

While attending the recent National Championships this June at Manhattan College I noticed the petitions being circulated dealing with a subject that has been popping up during the last fencing season (and talked about much before). I am speaking about the revision of the qualifying formula for the National Championships. There seems to be a solid movement to revise the system which currently qualifies competitors from their respective divisions to that of one which will qualify competitors from the sectional championships. The main reason behind this movement seems to stem from the desire of the organizing committees for the Nationals to cut-back **considerably** on the

numbers of competitors in each event (not reaching over 250 in some). I'm not full informed on all of the reasons behind this move but I feel that what we have here is a very volatile issue that should be decided by the people who will be most affected - the competitors.

I have had many conversations on this subject with competitors, coaches and especially beginning fencers. I can honestly say that after discussing the subject with at least 100 people, I see no strong support for this proposal. I am against any change which I feel will turn back the trend that is just stating as far as popularity for our sport. When you speak of cutting back on the numbers of competitors you are talking about eliminating the beginners, unclassified and class C fencers who are struggling for placement in their divisions. Sure the same number of people will attend the Sectional Championships, but the same familiar faces will be the ones to qualify from there to the Nationals. There are eight Sections in the league, so to cut down the numbers in the Nationals we would have to restrict each section to at least 20 people (to be fair). So now we are talking about 160 people. But what about automatic qualifiers, square members and the like? I think it would be a misrepresentation to say any further reduction would be in the interests of the Fencer. Besides this we are talking of large scale discouragement for the beginning fencer who might have to work for years (more) just to qualify. I feel it is a little hypocritical to see on one hand the U.S. needs that strong Grassroots program to encourage new fencers (old and young) and on the other hand to discourage these same fencers by excluding them from what will undoubtedly become a tournament for the few number of the Elite, at the top. This is only one face.

What of the reduction in the income generated by all of these soon to be excluded entries? Of course it could be said with less competitors there would be less need with regards to facilities. The Nationals could be reduced to a four-day weekend some say but with a tighter schedule and full use of the facilities this last Nationals could have probably been held within five instead of seven days, without any reduction of the numbers. I don't want to be misunderstood. I thought that this last National was run well but, towards the end of the week there seemed to be a lot of slack and open space and could

have been reduced by one day for sure.

I feel that anything having to do with cutting back on the numbers who qualify could seriously jeopardize what everybody involved in Fencing in the U.S. has worked for. If you look back a couple of years you can see that the large numbers of entrants can be traced and surely co-related to the upsurge that fencing has experienced in the last five years. Most important of all, we must realize that this is Fencing not Tennis (or any other such sport whose tournaments are subsidized by sponsors with money) and what supports Fencing is AFLA Membership dues, period. You start telling people that it might take more time than it currently takes to qualify for the Nationals and they just might find another sport.

Besides all of this, what of the ever-increasing travel costs to the competitors? It used to be the competitor once qualified to the Nationals was also qualified to the Sectional and was free to choose which he could afford or would like most to attend. It would now become mandatory to attend the Sectional and then the Nationals (hopefully) thereby costing more to the fencer.

I think it is obvious that there are a few turned stones dealing with this area and

as a competitor. AFLA member and amateur coach I feel it would best serve all involved (mostly the fencers) that no hasty decision be made without full public discussion on this issue.

Sincerely yours,
Stuart P. Kaufman

COMING ATTRACTIONS

26th CANADIAN HEROES FENCING TOURNAMENT

The 26th Heroes Tournament will be held October 11th and 12th, 1980, London, Ontario, Canada in all four weapons. For further information, contact Christ Ram, 542 English Street, London, Ontario, Canada, N5W 3V2. Phone (519) 433-2689

1980 ATLANTA OPEN

This will be held Oct. 18 & 19. This is a six-weapon tournament. Contact Helen Kassten, c/o Atlanta Fencers' Club, 15 Fifth St., NW, Atlanta, Ga 30308 (404) 892-0307.

1980 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSH PS

by Connie Lat

Draddy Gym at Manhattan College in New York City covers about an acre and a quarter. During the last week in June, 1980 this was filled with fencers. More than 1000 fencers competed in regular Nationals and non-championship events. The facilities and personnel handled what is probably the largest tournament staged in modern times.

Men's Foil was won by Greg Massialas, Salle D'Asaro. Thus he became the first of the gold medalists who is a member of the 1980 Olympic Team. The Men's Sabre champion, Peter Westbrook, of The Fencers Club, successfully defended his title. He is also an Olympian. Nikki Franke, Salle Csiszar, regained her title from fellow Olympian Jana Angelakis. Leonid Dervbinskiy, New York Athletic Club, regained his title from Paul Pesthy.

Under-19 events were won by: foil - Demetrius Valsamis, Fencers Club; sabre - Richard Blum, University of Pennsylvania; epee - Adam Meyers, University of Pennsylvania; women - Jana Angelakis, Tanner City Fencers Club.

A recorder number of teams entered the competition, representing clubs, schools and division composites. The Foil Team title went to The Fencers Club, consisting of John Nonna, Neal Cohen, Michael McCahey and Jack Tichachek. The Sabre Team from the New York Athletic Club: Philip Reilly, Stan Lekach, Tom Losonczy and Edgar House, beat The Fencers Club for the gold medal. The United States Modern Pentathlon Team of Robert Nieman, John Moreau, John Fitzgerald and Greg Losey defended their title to the Epee Team championship. Nikki Franke led the Women's Foil Team Team from Salle Csiszar to victory. Her teammates were Jeannette Faulkner and Sharon Everson.

The New York Athletic Club regained the Martini-Rossi Trophy for overall performance.

Although not National Championship events, more than 75 women epeeists and about 50 women sabre fencers competed in separate events. The Senior Olympic events in men's and women's categories in three weapons attracted more than 200 competitors. Seasoned veterans and 'young'

for age-groups.

Planning and preparing for an event of this size requires many types of dedicated people. These kinds of people are the heart of the Amateur Fencers League of America. All the competitors and spectators enjoy the smoothness of the event. This was due to the devotion of two people, aided by a large group of helpers from all over the United States. Bout Committee Chairman Latzko and Directors Commission member George Kolombatovich performed so well that all events finished early each evening, with a minimum of confusion. This added to everyone's enjoyment and allowed the competitors to perform to their full capacity.

EDITORS NOTE:

As an experiment we are listing the competitors in order of finish rather than set out the results round by round. Please American Fencing know which way you prefer.

RESULTS - 1980 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S EPEE - 179 competitors

Rank	Name	Club
FINAL		
1	L. Dervbinskiy	New York A.C.
2	P. Schifrin	Salle D'Asaro
3	J. Moreau	Fort Sam Fencer
4	S. Bozek	Tanner City FC
5	R. Nieman	US Modern Pent
6	R. Frenson	New York A.C.
SEMI-FINAL		
7	P. Pesthy	New York A.C.
8	R. Yarrison	Salle Richards
9	S. Vendenberg	UnattacheeJ
10T	G. Losey	Fort Sam Fencer
10T	G. Masin	New York A. C.
12	L. Siegel	Fencers Club
QUARTER-FINALS		
13	C. Hanson	Salle Csiszar
14	P. Burchard	Salle D'Asaro
15T	W. Dragonetti	Salle Csiszar
15T	G. Kocab	Dearborn F. C.
17	R. Hurme	NYU Club
18T	J. Fitzgerald	Fort Sam Fencer
18T	J. Meltralle	Forty-Niner's
20	R. Hurley	Salle Sebastiani
21	T. Glass	Salle Sebastiani
22	C. Schneider	Fenc. Acad. Inc
23	W. Weintz	New York A. C.
24	C. Alexander	Salle Gascon
FOURTH ROUND		
25	B. Jugan	Halberstadt FC
26	W. Landers	D.C.F.C.
27	H. Farley	Salle Richards

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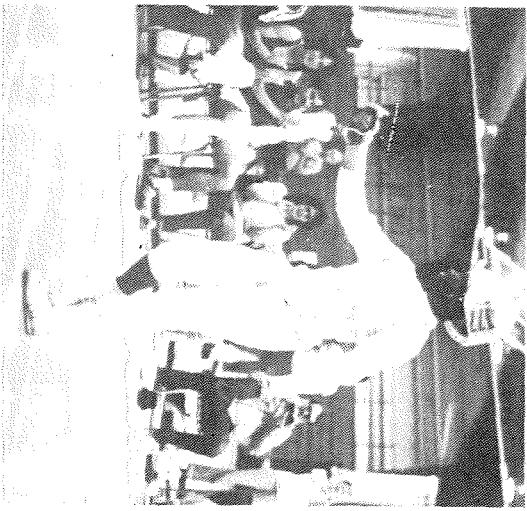
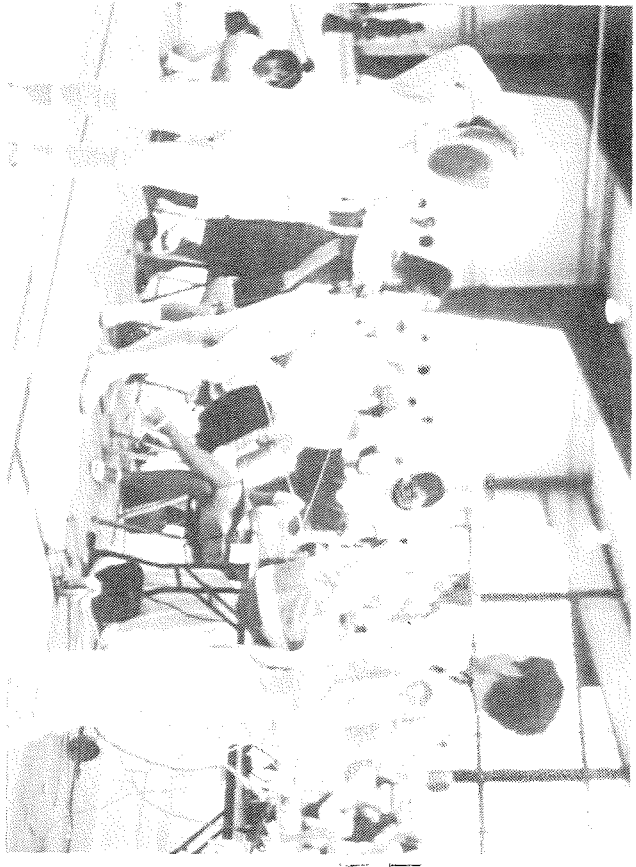
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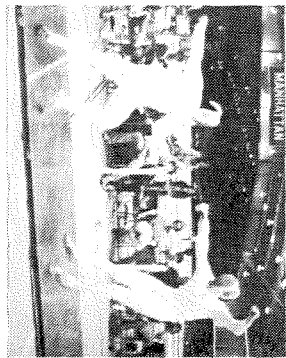
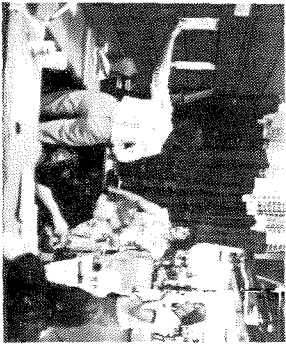
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29	G. Kogler	Fenc. Acad. Mich.
30	M. Burley	U.S. Modern Pent.
31	J. Flint	Salle Csiszar
32	W. Weber	Tanner City FC
33	W. Behrens	Unatt.
34	A. Peters	Salle Sebastiani
35	K. Tindell	Notre Dame
36	R. Petretti	Unatt.
THIRD ROUND		
37	J. Melchar	Fencers Club
38	B. Kinter	Salle Csiszar
39	C. Abianedo	Salle D'Alerta
40T	E. Babitsky	New York A. C.
40T	W. Gelhaw	Salle Gascon
42	J. Rodrigues	MIT
43	E. Ranes	Salle Auriol
44	M. Storm	Salle Csiszar
45	A. Meyers	Univ. of Penna.
46	L. Beres	US Mod. Pent.
47	M. Faulkner	Atlanta FC
48	J. Thomas	Crsi F. V.
49	D. Brynestad	San Antonio F. S.
50	G. Schneider	Salle Palasz
51	D. Griffin	Unatt.
52	C. Michaels	Fort Sam Fencers
53	A. Messing	N.Y. Turn-Verein
54	B. Boyle	Unatt.
SECOND ROUND		
55	W. Lasley	Univ. No. Carolina
56	S. McPherson	U.S. Modern Pent.
57	J. Bruce	Salle Auriol
58	B. Driggs	Fort Sam Fencers
59	R. O'Flaherty	D.C.F.C.
60	M. Bellard	Oakland Daggars
61	D. Glensk	Austin Fenc. Assn.
62	D. Wells	Salle de Nord
63	R. Vidor	F. C. of Marin
64	M. Masters	Fenc. Acad. Mich.
65	D. Adams	Salle Sebastiani
66	J. Haney	Unatt.
67	G. Thoreson	Salle Sebastiani
68	R. Carver	Itinerant FCS
69	T. McAvory	Unatt.
70	D. Rainford	Fencers Club
71	L. Shelley	Orsi FV
72	A. Eibel	Salle del Orso
73	R. Gonzales	Hungarian Amer. AC
74	N. Mattox	American Fenc. Acad.
75	T. White	Forrest Fencers
76	T. Eckersdorff	San Antonio
77	J. Scott	Unatt.
78	A. Fadel	Pewaukee FC
79	S. Trevor	Alcazar
80T	R. Coll	Fencers Club
80T	S. Barth	N.Y. Turn Verein
82	E. Goshorn	Los Angeles A.C.
83	H. Cain	Fort Sam Fencers
84	A. Carames	Fencers Club
85	P. Soter	Halberstadt
86T	J. Helmick	U.S. Mod. Pent.
86T	L. Storm	Pigs Eye Stickers
88	R. Stull	Southwest Texas
89	V. McGovern	Stockton St. Coll.
90	L. Remaly	Hungarian Amer. A.C.
91	M. Hirsch	D.C.F.C.
92	M. Ytterberg	Salle Sebastiani
93	H. Hill	Williamsburg
94T	C. Firus	Forty Niners

96	B. Moore	Fairfield County FC
97	G. Taggart	Texas AMU
98	D. Blakley	Itinerant FCS
99	M. Vickers	NY Turn Verein
100	B. Storm	D.C.F.C.
101	D. Blaybey	Letterman AMC
102T	W. Nyden	Unatt.
102T	J. Osnes	Unatt.
102T	W. Shuford	Piedmont FC
105	M. Wheeler	Halberstadt FC
106T	F. Bavuso	Fencers Club
106T	G. Greenberg	Binghamton FC
106T	G. Scott	Panther FC

FIRST ROUND		
109	F. Richardson	Salle Borracho
110	Bruce Woloshin	L. I. Swordsman
111	V. Zlobinsky	Columbia Univ.
112	A. Stern	John Hopkins Univ.
113	K. Crosby	Provo FC
114	G. Pingree	MIT
115	S. Kaufman	F.C. of Marin
116	R. French	Univ. of Miami
117	T. Heublein	Forty Niners
118	S. Michaan	Fencers Club
119T	V. A. Martin	Dearborn FC
119T	G. Von Seggern	Salle D'Alerta
121	K. Campbell	San Antonio
122	C. de Roulet	Letterman AMC
123	M. Hecht	Paterson Coll.
124	B. Mellen	Wayzata H.S.
125	S. Waller	Salle d'Armes
126T	R. Marx	Salle Auriol
126T	K. Maysel	South West Texas
126T	M. Miroczyk	Fenc. Acad. Mich.
129	C. Zebuth	St. John's Univ.
130	T. Batcha	PPFL
131	T. O'Reilly	Salle Bosco
132	M. Corona	Unatt.
133	J. Roloff	Letterman AMC
134	Kevin Green	Pigs Eye Stickers
135	P. Bergmann	Salle Richards
136	F. Nagorny	Salle Kadar
137	E. Robinson	New Orleans FC
138T	R. Alexander	Salle del Orso
138T	P. Giamo	New York A.C.
140	K. Swick	Salle Geraci
141	J. Harrison	Atlanta F.C.
142	J. Templeton	Salle Iacovelli
143	P. Gerring	Stanford F.A.
144	D. Cantrell	Westchester FC
145	B. Chandler	Univ. of Virginia
146	T. F. Bickley	Itinerant FCS
147	R. Cunningham	Univ. Mo. - K.C.
148	S. Hullenbeck	Brentwood H.S.
149	T. Stewart	Ocala FC
150	F. DiPasquale	Crumbertland CC
151	K. Gaubatz	Unatt.
152	T. Lansford	Tri-State U.
154	D. Dally	Texas AMU
154	A. Stein	Mamaroneck H.S.
155	T. Tishman	Unatt.
156	J. Schock	New York A.C.
157	M. Holbrow	Hungarian Amer. A.C.
158	B. Rachman	Clenson Univ.
159	H. Chang	Brown Univ.
160	J. Tomasson	Yale Univ.
161	P. Simmons	Univ. of Missouri-KC
162T	M. Farber	Salle Santelli
162T	P. Ferrara	Piedmont FC
164	T. Bedford	Cal. St. U.-Northridge

165T	D. Fleming	Univ. of Mo.-KC
165T	P. Zylks	Provo FC
168T	T. Gillham	Madison FC
168T	B. Smith	Skidmore FC
170	B. Swanson	Univ. of Colo.
171T	J. Hassett	Univ. of Fla.
171T	B. Oliver	Colorado Univ.
173	J. Kleinman	L.I. Swordsman
174T	B. Rigby	Univ. of Mo-KC
174T	J. Thibodeau	Pigs Eye Stickers
176	R. Shatzkin	Commack H.S.
177T	S. Aillard	Silver Blades FC
177	L. Roth	Albany
179	W. English	Yale Univ.

MEN'S SABRE - 128 competitors		
FINAL		
1	P. Westbrook	Fencers Club
2	P. Reilly	New York A.C.
3	S. Lekach	New York A.C.
4	J. Glucksmann	Fencers Club
5	E. House	New York A.C.
6	F. Nagorney	Salle Kadar
SEMI-FINAL		
7	G. Bartos	New York A.C.
8	A. Orban	New York A.C.
9	T. Losonczy	New York A.C.
10	D. Goldberg	Salle Csiszar
11	S. Blum	Fencers Club
12	P. Friedberg	Univ. of Penn.

QUARTERS FINAL		
13	M. Sullivan	New York A.C.
14	J. Marotta	Fencers Club
15	W. Goergin	Fenc. Acad. Mich.
16	S. Normando	Fencers Club
17	W. Yung	N.Y. Turn Verein
18	M. Benedek	Salle D'Asaro
19	R. Maxwell	Fencers
20	Y. Sohn	Salle Csiszar
21	R. Martinez	San Jose State U.
22	C. Gall	New York A.C.
23	R. McDonald	Salle D'Asaro
24	F. Morea	New York A.C.

THIRD ROUND		
25	B. Thomas	Olympic FC
26	E. Majlany	Boutsikaris
27	R. Blum	NYFC
28	G. Chiang	Halberstadt FC
29	D. Andrews	San Jose State U.
30	G. Gonzalez-Rivas	MIT
31	J. Tishman	NYFC
32	P. Burchard	Salle D'Asaro
33	C. Schlick	L.I. Swordsman
34	H. Spector	WFC
35	J. Fazekas	APA
36	C. Trammell	NOFC

SECOND ROUND		
37	E. Barkdale	Yale
38	S. Renshaw	NYAC
39	A. Kabil	NYAC
40	G. LaTorre	Boutsikaris
41	D. Weisenfeld	Tanner City FC
42	B. Essig	Oakland Daggars
43	P. Potopowicz	NYFC
44	J. Berson	Princeton U.
45	D. Nocenti	Princeton U.
46	P. Tykodi	SMU
47	B. Reed	San Jose State U.
48	W. Verdeman	Salle d'Armes

49	R. Figueroa	NYTV
50	J-M. Oppenheim	NYTV
51	R. Bhinder	DUTC
52	H. Mones	L.I. S.
53	D. Franek	S. Pa
54T	M. Johnson	NOFC
54T	J. Runyan	LAAC
56	T. Thompson	U. Ca
57	B. Mebine	Halbe
58T	G. Hasyn	S. Cs
58T	C. Thompson	Unatt.
60	J. Vozella	Tanne
61	E. Louie	Unatt.
62	P. Zylks	Provo
63	S. Boides	Halbe
64	S. Cheris	IAC
65	W. Dragonetti	S. Cs
66	D. Strait	G. Ch
67	P. Poulou	S. Ric
68	R. Schmidt	Dutch
69	W. Morrow	Scher
70	R. Cunningham	UM-K
71	G. Armi	Notre
72	F. Chew	NYFC
FIRST ROUND		
73	W. Kirchner	LAAC
74	T. Evans	U. of I
75	W. Bardallis	Deart
76	D. Fingerman	S. D'A
77	A. D'Agnese	S. Aur
78	A. Toms	Olymp
79	D. Larkin	NYFC
80	M. Caliuori	Bouts
81	K. Chamas	S. Cor
82	R. Bryan	Sewic
83	G. Greenberg	Bingh
84	G. Scott	Panth
85	H. Kessler	L.I. Sv
86	K. Fore	Forres
87	K. Crosby	BYU-f
88	D. Cantrell	Westc
89	M. Barandy	York
90	R. McGraw	Unatt.
91	R. Santini	S. Ric
92	R. Isaac	Alban
93	J. Walling	Stockt
94	H. Marvel	Woffo
95	S. La Russo	Palme
96	D. Fleming	UM-K
97	D. Tash	So. Fc
98	D. Ling	Salle I
99	C. Coats	Unatt.
100	D. Crossing	Denve
101	S. Dunlap	Atlant
102	J. Agh	Mama
103	L. Roth	Alban
104	D. Guth	TAMU
105T	D. Hubbard	Bellair
105T	B. Segal	Oakla
105T	J. Sweet	Letten
108	M. Frey	TAMU
109T	J. McDermott	S. Ric
109T	E. Schilling	Fairfie
111	T. Heublein	49ers
112	M. Pophler	Clems
113	J. McMahon	S. Sar
114	K. Hogan	S. Set
115	D. Hawkins	Stever
116	D. Tebano	Bingh
117	J. Kaplan	S. Ga
118	R. Mituniewicz	L.I. Sv

119	J. Templeton	S. Iacovelli	53
120	C. Hall	IFCS	54
121T	F. Richardson	S. Borracho	55
121T	D. Dally	TAMU	56
123T	D. Bonham	BYU-Provo	57
123T	O. Boone	NOFC	58
125	B. Rigby	UM-KC	59
126	G. Ott	Cornell U.	60
127T	S. Allard	Silver Blades FC	
127T	G. Taggart	TAMU	

SECOND ROUND

61	R. Marx	Salle Auriol	
62	R. Bhinder	Dutchess	
63T	L. Siegel	Fencers Club	
63T	J. Zelikowski	Fenc. Acad. Mich.	
65	T. Curn	Salle Sebastiani	
66T	J. Flint	Salle Csiszar	
66T	D. Grupe	More FC	
68	C. Ofner	Salle Csiszar	
69	P. Barnett	Guilford H.S.	
70	S. Michaan	Fencers Club	
71	V. Kan	Salle d'Armes	
72	M. Asherman	Salle Richards	
73T	A. Axelrod	Fencers Club	
73T	M. Piazzola	Unat.	
75	G. Mueller	Notre Dame	
76	N. Mattox	American Fenc. Acad.	
77	S. Berman	Salle Richards	
78	M. Auricchio	New York A.C.	
79	R. Irizarry	Pinehurst	
80	J. Cooper	Salle Csiszar	
81	A. Messing	N.Y. Turn Verein	
82	A.D. Rivera	Unat.	
83	M. Belcher	Cornell	
84	J. Yamashita	Univ. of Penna.	
85	G. Schneider	Salle Palasz	
86	M. Gross	Atlanta F.C.	
87	D. Moss	Salle Kadar	
88	J. Manzano	Letterman AMC	
89	D. Kirsch	Salle Santelli	
90	D. Miller	Salle Auriol	
91	G. Greenberg	Binghamton FC	
92	A. Aciman	Fencers Club	
93	R. Vidor	F.C. of Marin	
94	S. Brozak	Columbia Univ.	
95	R. Lawrence	St. Marks	
96	V. McGovern	Stockton St. Coll.	
97T	R. Edgington	Salle d'Armes	
97T	A. Hodge	Olympic FC	
99	E. Mullerkey	Tanner City FC	
100	M. Lofton	Salle Tanya	
101	K. Poyd	Hungarian Amer. AC	
102T	L. Battifarano	New York A.C.	
102T	C. Hagen	Wayzata	
104T	T. Lansford	Tri-State U.	
104T	P. Zylks	Provo FC	
106T	M. Glasser	Unat.	
106T	T. Williams	Alcazar	
108	J. Wolfson	Univ. of Penna.	
109	A. Clarke	Soutsikaris FC	
110	M. Johnsen	New Orleans FC	
111T	R. Bedi	Univ. No. Car.	
111T	D. Blakley	Itinerant FCS	
111T	P. Gerring	Stanford FA	
111T	M. Higgs-Coulthard	Tanner City FC	
115	G. Fiducia	Salle Csiszar	
116	R. Woolner	Salle Richards	
117	K. Green	Pigs Eye Stickers	
118	F. Lategano	New Orleans FC	
119	H. Rudolph	Fla. Atla. Univ.	
120	S. Smith	Cornell	
121	H. Settles	Unat.	

123	K. Hogan	Salle Sebastiani	194T
124	T. Wichnick	No. Carolina SU	196
125	J. Pallares	Miami Int'l. FC	197
126	B. Smith	Skidmore FC	198
127	E. Goshorn	Los Angeles AC	199T
128T	C. Coats	Unat.	199T
128T	C. Thompson	Unat.	201
130	A. Bosco	Fairfield Cty FC	202
131	R. Cunningham	Univ. of Mo-KC	
132	S. Barth	N.Y. Turn Verein	
133	B. Chair	New York Univ.	
134	H. Zuker	Boeing F.C.	1
135	T. Bedford	Cal. S. U./Northridge	2
136	D. Dally	Texas AMU	3
137	J. Brodeth	L. I. Swordsman	4
138	G. Von Seggern	Salle D'Alerta	5
139	K. Crosby	Provo FC	6
140	B. Rigby	Univ. of Mo-KC	
141	D. Tebano	Binghamton FC	
142	D. Crosslin	Denver FC	7
143	R. Gonzalez	Hungarian Amer. AC	8
144	T. Tishman	Unat.	9
145T	K. Dunham	Denver FC	10
145T	G. Van Der Wege	Austin FA	11
147	C. Uribe	Salle D'Asaro	12
148	T. Heublein	Forty Niners	
149	J. Barnett	Guilford H.S.	
150	S. Vandenberg	Unat.	13
151T	G. Krywolap	S. Palasz	14
151T	T. Pryor	Unattached	15
153	D. Cantrell	Westchester F.C.	16
154T	A. Lamorte	Unattached	17
154T	J. Walling	Stockton State C.	18
156	C. Ballettraci	Guilford H.S.	19
157	M. Straka	S. Csiszar	20
158	M. Warner, L. I.	Swordsman	21
159	R. French	U. of Miami	22T
160	P. J. Posner	NY Fencers Club	22T
161	C. Abianedo	S. D'Alerta	22T
162	M. Davis	FAM	
163T	S. Kaufman	FC of Marin	25
165	R. Mason	Horizons Four	26
166	S. Hickey	South Bend FC	27
167	S. Mossavat	Unattached	28
168	J. Junas	Fairfield FC	28
168	J. Capo	Notre Dame	29
169	F. DiPasquale	Cumberland CC	30
170	W. Nyden	Unattached	31
171	B. Oliver	Colorado U	32
172	A. McManus	Rochester FC	33T
173	B. Rachman	Clemson	33T
174	C. Hall	IFCS	35
175	R. King	Cornell	36
176	E. Thompson	U of S.C.	
177	H. Kavet	S. Richards	37
178T	M. Frey	TAMU	38
178T	B. Tindall	Unattached	39
180T	W. Allensworth	Wofford Col.	40
180T	M. Stanley	Unattached	41
180T	G. Unruh	Wichita FC	42
183	R. Muniz	SWT	43
184T	R. Elam	Piedmont	44
184T	A. Sachs	Brandeis U.	45
186	B. Pena	S. Gascon	46
187T	R. Herman	Blackhawk	47
187T	S. LaRusso	Palmetto Fencers	48
187T	L. Shaffer	Unattached	49
190T	E. Donnen	Orlando FC	50
190T	H. Nicholas	Unattached	51
190T	J. Templeton	S. Iacovelli	52

MEN'S FOIL 202 competitors

FINAL			
1	G. Massialas	Salle D'Asaro	
2	M. Lang	New York A.C.	
3	M. Smith	Atlanta F.C.	
4	J. Shamash	Pannonia A.C.	
5	P. Garard	Salle Auriol	
6	E. McNamara	New York A.C.	
SEMI FINAL			
7	H. Hambarzumian	Salle Auriol	
8	J. Nonna	Fencers Club	
9	M. Marx	Salle Auriol	
10	M. McCahey	Fencers Club	
11	E. Donofrio	New York A.C.	
12	G. Nonomura	Letterman AMC	
QUARTERS FINAL			
13	A. Peters	Salle Sebastiani	
14	P. Mathis	Fencers Club	
15T	J. Bukantz	Fencers Club	
15T	A. Flom	Salle d'Armes	
17	N. Campbell	Salle Csiszar	
18	R. Petretti	Inat.	
19	E. Wright	Salle Santelli	
20	B. Jugan	Halberstadt F.C.	
21	P. Bennett	Salle Santelli	
22	G. Esponda	Letterman AMC	
23	Peter Burckard	Salle D'Asaro	
24	E. Ballinger	Unat.	
FOURTH ROUND			
25	J. Tichacek	Fencers Club	
26	J. Herring	New York A.C.	
27	D. Driskill	Olympic F.C.	
28	D. Halstead	Mori F.C.	
29	J. Powers	New York A.C.	
30	Walter Dragonetti	Salle Csiszar	
31	D. Rainford	Fencers Club	
32	W. Gelnaw	Salle Gascon	
33	M. Masters	Fenc. Acad. Mich.	
34	N. Cohen	Fencers Club	
35T	M. Bellard	Oakland Daggers	
35T	D. Valsamis	Fencers Club	
THIRD ROUND			
37	B. Milligan	Salle Palasz	
38	M. Hood	More F.C.	
39	E. Rosenberg	Fencers Club	
40	V. Manning	New York A.C.	
41	S. Gross	Salle d'Armes	
42	J. Biebel	Pewaukee FC	
43	T. Friedman	Salle Bardakh	
44T	D. Eastman	Pewaukee FC	
44T	M. Kahmi	Salle Santelli	
46T	J. Matcalle	Forty Niners	
46T	W. Wills	Schenley Park FC	
48	L. Pastor	Princeton Univ.	
49	D. Wheeler	D.C.F.C	
50	M. Meudt	Olympic F.C.	
51T	C. Alexander	Salle Gascon	
51T	R. Mooney	Los Angeles A.C.	

WOMEN'S FOIL - 179 competitors

FINAL		
N. Franke	Salle Csis	
G. D'Asaro	Salle D'Ar	
S. Moriates	Salle D'Ar	
J. Angelakis	Tanner Ci	
D. Welton	Salle Auri	
T. Yelap	Salle Seb	
SEMI FINAL		
E. Ingram	IAC	
M. Miller	Mori FC	
V. Senser	Salle D'Ar	
S. Everson	Salle Csis	
A. Metkus	Los Ange	
C. Massiala	Pannonia	
QUARTER FINAL		
I. Farkas	Fairfield C	
A. Russell	Unatt.	
M. Nagy	Salle San	
C. McClellan	Penn Stat	
A. Kayler	Pannonia	
E. Kolos	Pannonia	
J. Faulkner	Salle Csis	
S. Johnson	Salle D'Ar	
H. Konecny	Fairfield C	
M. Fabian	Salle San	
C. Carter	Salle d'Ar	
E. Girompone	Fencers C	
FOURTH ROUND		
S. Posthumus	Hatbersta	
D. Cinotti	Boutsida	
C. Benjamin	Salle d'Ar	
I. Maskal	Salle San	
D. Robertson-Christman	Los Ange	
S. Monplaisir	Fencers C	
L. Goldthwaite	Itinerant F	
K. Bartuska	Hungarian	
D. Stone	Orsi FV	
V. Adams	Unat.	
M. Annavedder	Fencers C	
S. Hollander	Unat.	
THIRD ROUND		
D. Knoblauch	San Jose	
L. Piazza	Brentwoo	
N. Slagowidow	Fencers C	
J. Ellingson	San Jose	
L. Clark	Salle D'Ar	
M. Mitchell	West Ben	
J. Littman	Patimello I	
Sheila Armstrong	NYU Club	
W. Paschedag	Salle Bos	
M. Szabunia	Univ. of F	
G. Eaton	Fencers C	
S. Marcy	Albany	
S. Huseman	San Jose	
D. Theriault	Schenley	
K. Lacity	Stockton	
D. Orgain	Temple U	

SECOND ROUND

55	M. Eiler	Salle Bosco	130
56	B. Higgins	Miami Int'l FC	131T
57	P. Walbridge	Cornell	133
58	M. Gillham	Madison FC	134T
59	M. Sonnenfeld	Cornell	136
60T	S. Moore	St. Marys Coll.	137
60T	P. Sheridan	Orsi FV	138T
62	A. Walters	IFCS	140T
63	J. Gearty	Ohio State U.	140T
64	S. Edgington	Salle d'Armes	Su142
65	C. Hamori	New Orleans FC	143
66	N. Reynolds	Salle Bosco	144
67	E. Estvanik	Tanner City FC	145
68	M. Jo Kent	Unat.	146T
69	I. Mandy	NYU C'rb	146T
70T	S. D'Agnese	Salle Auriol	148
70T	A. Klinger	Lewis & Clark	149
72	L. Downing	Unat.	150
73	N. Anderson	Penn State U.	151
74	P. Straka	Salle Csiszar	152T
75	H. Valsanis	Fencers Club	154
76	P. Wullenweber	Amer. Fenc. Acad.	155
77	V. Smith	Salle d'Armes	156
78	L. Keleher	Homewood AC	157T
79	W. Miles	Salle Csiszar	157T
80	B. Leigh	Halberstadt FC	160T
81T	K. Cunningham	Tanner City FC	160T
81T	M. Sullivan	Tanner City FC	162T
83	D. Perez	Los Angeles AC	164T
84	E. Bathon	Notre Dame	164T
85	T. Dominguez	Miami Int'l FC	164T
86T	L. Cornelius	Ohio State U.	167T
86T	P. Read	Univ. of Penna.	167T
88	R. Samet	Salle Tanya	169
89	P. Caple	Alcazar	170
90	B. Todd	Cornell	171T
91	R. Dunnington	Salle d'Armes	171T
92	S. Hill	Fairfield County FC	173T
93	E. Erdos	Salle Kadar	173T
94T	N. England	Austin FA	175
94T	H. Meyer	Los Angeles AC	176
96	G. Collins	Temple Univ.	177
97	D. Basinger	Atlanta FC	178
98	E. Schneider	Salle d'Armes	179
99	M. Adrian	Lewis & Clark	
100	T. Malinstrom	Wayzata FC	
101T	T. Barbieri	Letterman AMC	
101T	T. Kitchin	Unat.	
103	K. Ivory	Unat.	
104T	S. Harmon	Salle d'Armes	
104T	A. Rinker	Purdue FC	
106	I. Jasjuk	Univ. of ILL CC	
107T	G. Avolio	Salle Auriol	
107T	Y. McCormack	Temple Univ.	

FIRST ROUND

109	E. Juhasz	Unat.
110	L. Ronchetti	Austin F.C.
111	A. Halberstadt	Homewood A.C.
112	J. Lane	Salle Geraci
113	B. Collins	Denver F.C.
114	L. Bugge	Madison FC
115	J. Kelly	Foothill Coll.
116	P. Wert	Nittany Club
117	N. Walters	Itinerant FCS
118	C. Daniel	Los Angeles AC
119	L. Lanau	Miami Int'l FC
120	J. Offerle	Salle Gascon d.
121	D. Weidner	Univ. Nor. Car.
122	N. Keller	Unat.
123	S. Newman	L.I. Swordsman
124	S. Brown	Salle Auriol
125	J. Carey	Oswego St. FC
126	B. Skidmore	Unat.
127	G. Baurngart	Unat.
128	N. Anderson	Louisiana St. U.
129	P. Mullins	Duke Univ.

S. Flynn	Forty Niners
M. Blodeaux	Temple Univ.
C. Cogswell	Tanner City FC
J. Rachman	C.C. HS
W. Friedman	Unat.
K. Kassabaum	U.C. San Diego
D. Cluff	Vassar Club
V. Yao	Halberstadt
T. Robbins	Madison FC
K. Sweeney	Salle Nimzowicz
C. Cheney	Palmetto FC
K. Lake	Univ. Mo-KC
P. Kreitz	Coucher Coll.
P. Martin	No. Car. State U.
K. Arnold	Forty Niners
M. Lansford	Notre Dame
J. Cull	Bellaire FC
N. Davies	Queens Coll.
M. C. Elliott	Metropolitan
S. Wasserman	Hung. Am. AC
J. Wiggerhorn	Ohio State U.
M. Haney	Salle Nimzowicz
D. Van Dewall	Austin FA
E. Stewart	Ocala FC
C. Henridge	St. Catharines
M. Jo McMahon	Car. Melton U.
L. Ferraro	Hung. Am. AC
V. Marmora	Unat.
S. Ross Atlanta FC	Atlanta FC
F. Griffith	Miami Int'l FC
J. Des Georges	Salle Auriol
E. De Nike	F. A. Mich.
K. Brynildsen	NY Turn Verein
S. Rabinski	New Paltz
S. Azuribrado	Salle Santelli
P. Klick	Salle d'Alenta
K. Rahl	Schmitts FC
D. Dominelli	Westchester FC
C. Caruso	Palmetto FS
L. Miller	Homewood AC
P. La Coste	New Orleans FC
H. Mitchell	Itinerant FCS
M. Troester	Homewood AC
M. Friedman	St. Peters Coll.
J. Wilson	Atlanta FC
C. Cabe	William & Mary
L. Neil	William & Mary
S. Kramer	Williamsburg
K. Ranum	Homewood AC
A. Madden	Salle Sebastiani

EPEE TEAM - 45 Teams Fenced

Byes (Based on Seeding): New York AC, U.S. Modern Pentathlon, Salle Csiszar, Salle Sebastiani, Salle D'Asaro, Tanner City FC

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- Pool 1: U.S. Army d.** Yale 7-2, Virginia Composite 7-2; **Yale d.** Virginia Comp. 5-4.
- Pool 2: Fencers Club d.** Hungarian American AC 6-3, S. W. Texas State 5-2; **S. W. Texas State d.** Hungarian American AC 7-2.
- Pool 3: D.C.F.C. d.** Piedmont 6-3; **Piedmont d.** Pig's Eye Stickers (forfeit)
- Pool 4: Prsi Fencing Village d.** Denver FC 7-2 Panther FC 7-2; **Denver FC d.** Panthe. FC 5-4
- Pool 5: Marin Fencing Academy d.** Cal. State U. Long Beach 49ers 4-4 (33 hr vs. 35 hr), Illinois Composite 5-3; **Cal. State U. Long Beach 19ers d.** Illinois Composite 9-0.
- Pool 6: Salle d'Armes d.** Wisconsin Composite 5-4, Stockton State College 5-2; **Wisconsin Composite d.** Stockton State College 7-2.
- Pool 7: Salle Palasz d.** Fairfield County FC 6-3, Salle Gascon 5-4; **Salle Gascon d.** Fairfield County FC 5-4
- Pool 8: Fort Sam FC d.** Univ. of Mo. - Kansas City 6-3, Salle Auriol 5-3; **Salle Auriol d.** Univ. of Mo. - KC 5-2.
- Pool 9: Univ. of Pennsylvania d.** Salle Geraci 6-3, Alcazar FC 5-3; **Alcazar FC d.** Salle Geraci 6-3.
- Pool 10: Letterman Army Medical Center d.** American Fencing Academy 5-4, Provo 5-3 **American Fencing Academy d.** Provo FC 5-2

Pool 11: San Antonio Internationals d. MIT 6-2, Salle Bosco 6-2; **MIT d.** Salle Bosco 8-1.

Pool 12: Itinerant Fencing & Chowder Society d. Central Florida Composite 5-1, Center-each 5-1; **Central Florida Composite d.** Centereach 5-4.

Pool 13 Indiana Composite d. Fencers Club of Marin 6-3; **New York Turn Verein d.** Indiana Composite 5-4; F.C. of Marin d. N.Y. Turn Verein 5-4.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 32 TEAMS

NYAC d. Piedmont 5-1; Univ. of Penna. d. Letterman AMC 5-3; DCF d. American Fencing Acad. 5-0; Fencers Club d. N.Y. Turn Verein 5-1; Salle Sebastiani d. MIT 5-0; Salle Gascon d. Fort Sam FC 5-2; Marin Fencing Acad. d. Indiana Composite 5-2; Salle D'Asaro d. SW Texas State 5-1; Salle Csiszar d. Denver FC 5-0; Cal State U. Long Beach 49ers d. Salle d'Armes 5-0; San Antonio Internationals d. Wisconsin Composite 5-4; Tanner City FC d. Salle Auriol 5-2; U.S. Army d. Alcazar FC 5-2; Orsi Fencing Village d. Central Florida Composite 5-0; Salle Palasz d. Itinerant Fencing & Chowder Soc. 5-0; U.S. Modern Pentathlon d. Yale 5-1.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 16 TEAMS

NYAC d. U. of Penna. 5-0 DCF d. Fencers Club 4-1; Salle Sebastiani d. Salle Gascon 5-0; Marin Fencing Acad. d. Salle D'Asaro 5-2; Salle Csiszar d. CSU Long Beach 49ers 5-2; Tanner City FC d. San Antonio Internationals 5-3; US Army d. Orsi Fencing Vill. 5-3 U.S. Modern Pentathlon d. Salle Palasz 5-1.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 8 TEAMS

NYAC d. DCF 5-0; Salle Sebastiani d. Marin FA 5-0; Salle Csiszar d. Tanner City FC 5-2; U.S. Modern Pentathlon d. US Army 5-4.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 4 TEAMS

Salle Sebastiani d. NYAC 4-2; US Modern Pentathlon d. Salle Csiszar 5-1

THIRD PLACE MATCH

New York AC d. Salle Csiszar 5-1

FIRST PLACE MATCH

U.S. Modern Pentathlon d. Salle Sebastiani 5-1

TEAM PLACING

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| 1. U.S. Modern Pentathlon | 3. New York A. C. |
| 2. Salle Sebastiani | 4. Salle Csiszar |

SABRE TEAM - 28 Teams Fenced

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Pool 1: Fencers Club d. Provo FC 8-1, Washington FC 9-0; **Washington FC d.** Provo 9-0.

Pool 2: New York AC d. Salle d'Armes 9-0, Oakland Daggers 7-2; **Salle d'Armes d.** Oakland Daggers 7-2.

Pool 3: Philadelphia Composite d. Salle a'Armes Richards 7-2, American Fencing Academy 5-2; **American Fencing Academy d.** Salle d'Armes Richards 6-3.

Pool 4: San Jose State U. d. Yale U. 6-3, Los Angeles AC 5-2; **Los Angeles AC d.** Yale U. 6-3, Los Angeles AC 5-2; **Los Angeles AC d.** Yale U. 5-3.

Pool 5: Tanner City FC d. Salle D'Asaro 6-3, Texas A&M U. 8-1, Univ. of Virginia 9-0; **Salle D'Asaro d.** Univ. of Virginia 9-0, Texas A&M U. 8-1.

Pool 6: Boutsikaris FC d. Princeton U. 6-3, Stockton State College 8-1, Denver FC 7-2, **Denver FC d.** Stockton State Col. 7-2, Princeton U. 8-3; Princeton d. Stockton State Col. 8-1.

Pool 7: Long Island Swordsman d. Wofford College 7-2, Austin Fencing Alliance 7-2, New York Turn Verein 5-4; **N.Y. Turn Verein d.** Austin Fencing Alliance 6-3, Wofford College 7-2; Austin Fencing Alliance d. Wofford College 7-2.

Pool 8: MIT d. Orsi Fencing Village 8-1, Fairfield County GC 8-1, New Orleans FC 5-3; **New Orleans FC d.** Fairfield County FC 7-2, Orsi Fencing Village 6-3; Fairfield County FC d. Orsi Fencing Vil-

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 16 TE

New York AC d. Washington FC 5-1; MIT d. Salle Los Angeles AC d. Long Island Swordsman 5-1; Sar d. American Fencing Academy 5-4; Philadelphia Salle d'Armes 5-0; Boutsikaris FC d. New York Tu Tanner City FC d. New Orleans FC 5-2; Fencers Club 5-0.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 8 TE

New York AC d. MIT 5-0; San Jose State U. d. Lo 5-1; Philadelphia Composite d. Boutsikaris FC 5-1; Ft Tanner City FC 5-1.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 4 TE

New York AC d. San Jose State U. 5-0; Fencers d Composite 5-1.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Philadelphia Composite d. San Jose State U. 5-3

FIRST PLACE MATCH

New York Athletic Club d. Fencers Club 5-3

TEAM PLACING

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| 1. New York Athletic Club | 3. Philadelphia |
| 2. Fencers Club | 4. San Jose St |

MEN'S FOIL TEAM - 27 teams fenced

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Pool 1: Pewaukee FC d. New York AC 5-4, Denver **York AC d.** Denver FC 5-4.

Pool 2: Fencers Club d. Pig's Eye Stickers 8-1, Al **Alcazar FC d.** Pig's Eye Stickers 5-4

Pool 3: Salle Auriol d. Long Island Swordsman 7-2 Long Beach 49ers 5-0, **Long Island Swordsman d.** Long Beach 49ers 5-2.

Pool 4: Salle D'Asaro d. Salle d'Armes Richards 5-4, FC 7-2; **Salle d'Armes Richards d.** New Orleans **Pool 5: Salle Santelli d.** Hungarian American AC 5 Fencing Academy 7-2; **Hungarian American AC Fencing Academy 5-4.**

Pool 6: Mori FC d. Orsi Fencing Village 7-2, Pro Letterman Army Medical Center 5-1; **Letterman A Center d.** Orsi Fencing Village 6-3, Provo FC 8-1.

Pool 7: Salle d'Armes d. Illinois Composite 8-1, Fa FC 6-3, Olympic FC 5-2; **Olympic FC d.** Fairfield C Illinois Composite 8-1; Fairfield County FC d. Illino 8-1.

Pool 8: Salle Csiszar d. Salle Gascon 5-4, Wofford C **Salle Gascon d.** Wofford College FC 5-0

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 16 TEAMS

Fencers Club d. Hungarian American AC 5-0; **New Mori FC 5-2; Salle d'Armes d.** Salle Gascon 5-1; **S d.** Cal. State U. Long Beach 49ers 5-4; **Salle Sar d'Armes Richards 5-0; Salle Csiszar d.** Olympic **terman AMC d.** Pewaukee FC 5-3-Salle Auriol d.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 8 TEAMS
Fencers Club d. New York AC 5-1; Salle D'Asaro d. 5-4; Salle Santelli d. Salle Csiszar 5-0; Salle Auriol AMC 5-1.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 4 TEAMS
Fencers Club d. Salle D'Asaro 5-4; Salle Santelli d. Sa

THIRD PLACE MATCH
Salle Auriol d. Salle D'Asaro 5-3

FIRST PLACE MATCH
Fencers Club d. Salle Santelli 5-1

TEAM PLACING

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| 1. Fencers Club | 3. Salle Au |
| 2. Salle Santelli | 4. Salle D/ |

WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM - 38 teams competed

Pool 1: Salle Csiszar d. Marlboro FC 8-1, Palme

Pool 2: Salle Santelli d. Homewood AC 7-2; Miami International FC 5-0; **Miami International FC** d. Homewood AC 5-1
Pool 3: NYU Club d. Austin Fencing Alliance 5-3; Connecticut Composite 5-2; Connecticut Composite d. Austin FA 9-0
Pool 4: Fencing Club d. New Orleans FC 7-2; Temple U. 7-2; **Temple U.** d. New Orleans FC 6-3.
Pool 5: Los Angeles AC d. Letterman Army Medical Center 7-2; St. Mary's College 5-1; **St. Mary's College** d. Letterman AMC 5-4.
Pool 6: Salle d'Armes d. Hudson-Bershire Composite 9-0; Long Island Fencing Academy 5-0; **Long Island FA** d. Hudson Berkshire Composite 5-0.
Pool 7: Tanner City FC d. Salle Nimzovich 9-0; Orsi Fencing Village 5-0; **Orsi Fencing Village** d. Salle Nimzovich 5-0.
Pool 8: Cornell FC d. Foothill Jr. College 9-0; Univ. of Pennsylvania 5-3; **Univ. of Pennsylvania** d. Foothill Jr. College 9-0.
Pool 9: Salle Auriol d. Salle d'Armes Richards 7-2; Ohio State U. 5-1; **Ohio State U.** d. Salle d'Armes Richards 5-3.
Pool 10: San Jose State U. d. Tulane Fencing 9-0; Westchester FC 8-1; **Westchester FC** d. Tulane Fencing 5-0.
Pool 11: Halberstadt FC d. William Paterson Coll. 7-2; Cal-State U.-Northridge 7-2; Penn State U. 5-3; **Penn State U.** d. William Paterson Coll. 8-1; Cal. State U. -Northridge 5-1.
Pool 12: Itinerant Fencing & Chowder Society d. Stockton State College 6-1; Wellesley College 9-0; Salle Bosco 5-1; **Salle Bosco** d. Stockton State College 9-0; Wellesley College 9-0; Wellesley College d. Stockton State 8-1.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 24 TEAMS

Salle Santelli d. Madison FC 5-2; Univ. of Pennsylvania d. Itinerant Fencing & Chowder Society 5-2; Tanner City F.C. d. Long Island F. A. 5-1; San Jose State U. d. Ohio State U. 5-1; Salle Bosco d. NYU Club 5-3; Los Angeles AC d. Temple U. 5-3; Fencers Club d. St. Mary's College 5-1; Penn State U. d. Cornell FC 5-4; Salle d'Armes d. Orsi Fencing Village 5-1; Salle Auriol d. Westchester FC 5-1; Connecticut Composite d. Halberstadt FC 5-2; Salle Csizsar d. Miami Internatl 5-0.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 12 TEAMS

Salle Santelli d. Univ. of Pennsylvania 5-0; Tanner City F.C. d. San Jose State U. 5-2; Los Angeles A. C. d. Salle Bosco 5-4; Fencers Club d. Penn State U. 5-3; Salle Auriol d. Salle d'Armes 5-3; Salle Csizsar d. Connecticut Composite 5-0.

DIRECT ELIMINATION ROUND OF 6 TEAMS

Tanner City FC d. Salle Santelli 5-3; Los Angeles AC d. Fencers Club 5-4; Salle Salle Csizsar d. Salle Auriol 5-3.

FINAL POOL AND TEAM STANDING

1. Salle Csizsar d. Tanner City FC 7-2; Los Angeles AC 5-0.
2. Tanner City F.C. d. Los Angeles A.C. 6-3
3. Los Angeles A.C.

UNDER 19 MEN'S EPEE - 32 competitors

FINAL

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| 1 | A. Meyers | Univ. of Penn. |
| 2 | D. Adams | Salle Sebastiani |
| 3 | D. Buxmeyer | Orsi FV |
| 4 | P. Lewison | Baruch |
| 5 | J. Leung | Univ. of Penn |
| 6 | B. Mellen | Wayzata HS |

SEMI FINAL

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| 7 | S. Trevor | Alcazar |
| 8 | T. Lansford | Tri-State U |
| 9 | M. Lofton | Salle Tanya |
| 10 | C. Fabbriini | Salle Geraci |
| 11 | B. Vauls | Rutgers U. |
| 12 | A. Teelucksingh | Univ. of Penna. |

QUARTER FINAL

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| 13 | C. Melcher | Fencers Club |
| 14 | J. Hodde | U of N Car. |
| 15 | M. Jones | Lexington FC |
| 16 | C. Hagen | Wayzata |
| 17 | B. Storm | DCFC |

FIRST ROUND

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|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 19 | K. Dunham | Denver FC |
| 20 | R. Hochstrasser | Salle Geraci |
| 21 | J. Barnett | Guilford H.S. |
| 22 | J. Bruce | Salle Auriol |
| 23 | R. Shatzkin | Cominack H.S. |
| 24 | D. Daly | Centereach |
| 25 | M. Scott | Texas AMU |
| 26 | A. Goldstein | F. A. Mich. |
| 27 | T. Morse | Mamaroneck HS |
| 28 | P. Chvany | Dartmouth-Hanover |
| 29 | E. Thompson | U. of S. Car. |
| 30 | T. Gillham | Madison FC |
| 31 | P. Ferrara | Piedmont FC |
| 32 | B. Lee | Princeton Univ. |

UNDER 19 MEN'S SABRE - 24 competitors

FINAL

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|---|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | R. Blum | U. of Penna. |
| 2 | D. Powell | CCHS |
| 3 | B. Kogler | F. A. Mich. |
| 4 | J. Friedberg | U. of No. Car |
| 5 | J. Edwards | St. Louis FC |
| 6 | D. Fingerman | Salle D'Asaro |

SEMI FINAL

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|----|-------------|-----------------|
| 7 | D. Valsamis | Fencers Club |
| 8 | M. Poehler | Clemson U. |
| 9 | P. Wharton | Ramapo Swords |
| 10 | M. Lofton | Salle Tanya |
| 11 | A. Meudt | Olympic FC |
| 12 | N. Kagan | Morris Hills HS |

FIRST ROUND

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|----|--------------------|-----------------|
| 13 | Y.-W. Cheung | Princeton |
| 14 | D. Gray | Tanner City FC |
| 15 | S. Hamot | Princeton U. |
| 16 | D. Peltz | Los Angeles AC |
| 17 | B. Keane | New York AC |
| 18 | D. Carney | Salle Richards |
| 19 | K. Peyronnin | N. Orleans FC |
| 20 | M. Higgs-Coulthard | Tanner City FC |
| 21 | J. Leung | Univ. of Penna. |
| 22 | J. Agh | Mamaroneck OS |
| 23 | B. Katz | Hung. Amer. AC |
| 24 | K. Kelley | Wofford Col. FC |

UNDER 19 MEN'S FOIL - 35 competitors

FINAL

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|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | D. Valsamis | Fencers Club |
| 2 | C. Hagen | Wayzata |
| 3 | D. Miller | Salle Auriol |
| 4 | J. Brown | St. John's Prep |
| 5 | M. Lofton | Salle Tanya |
| 6 | T. Lansford | Tri State U. |

SEMI FINAL

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|----|----------------|-------------------|
| 7 | S. Kogler | Fenc. Acad. Mich. |
| 8 | C. Balestracci | Guilford FC |
| 9 | D. Gray | Tanner City,FC |
| 10 | B. Vauls | Rutgers Univ. |
| 11 | S. Brozak | Columbia Univ. |
| 12 | S. Trevor | Alcazar |

QUARTER FINAL

- | | | |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| 13 | K. Dunham | Denver FC |
| 14 | J. Winton | Princeton U. |
| 15 | R. Mooney | Los Angeles AC |
| 16 | P. J. Posner | Fencers Club |
| 17 | A. Clarke | Boutsikaris FC |

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|----|-------------|-----------------|
| 19 | M. McBride | Salle Geraci |
| 20 | P. Barnett | Guilford HS |
| 21 | R. Boyer | Taft HS |
| 22 | D. Ramirez | Jamaica HS |
| 23 | J. Pallares | Miami Int'l. FC |
| 24 | S. Manzano | Letterman AMC |

FIRST ROUND

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|----|--------------|--------------------|
| 25 | M. Mscisz | Colby |
| 26 | M. Jones | Lexington FC |
| 27 | Y. W. Cheung | Princeton U. |
| 28 | A. Mercado | Taft HS |
| 29 | M. Griffin | Alcazar |
| 30 | W. Leung | Jamaica HS |
| 31 | B. Storm | DCFC |
| 32 | D. Johnson | St. John's Prep |
| 33 | M. Watson | Houston Fencers |
| 34 | A. Meyers | Univ. of Penna. |
| 35 | E. Thompson | U. of So. Carolina |

WOMENS FOIL UNDER-19 - 43 competitors

FINAL

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|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | J. Angelakis | Tanner City FC |
| 2 | L. Piazza | Brentwood HS |
| 3 | L. Cornelius | Ohio SU |
| 4 | C. Hamori | N.O.F.C. |
| 5 | M. Sullivan | Tanner City FC |
| 6 | M. Nagy | S. Santelli |

SEMI FINAL

- | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------------|
| 7 | A. Metkus | L.A.A.C. |
| 8 | M. Fabian | S. Santelli |
| 9 | H. Valsamis | N.Y.F.C. |
| 10 | K. Biodeaux | M.I.T. |
| 11 | S. Hill | Fairfield City FC |
| 12 | S. Sobers | Unattached |

QUARTER FINAL

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|----|---------------|---------|
| 13 | S. Wasserman | H.A.A |
| 14 | C. Bosco | Salle r |
| 15 | M. Madon | L.A.A. |
| 16 | J. Lane | S. Ge |
| 17 | I. Hayes | Bouts |
| 18 | N. Reynolds | S. Bot |
| 19 | R. Samet | S. Tar |
| 20 | L. Clarke | S. D'A |
| 21 | N. Queener | S. Sar |
| 22 | K. Cunningham | Tanne |
| 23 | S. Hammon | S. d'A |
| 24 | N. Anderson | L.S.U. |

FIRST ROUND

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|-----|---------------|---------|
| 25T | E. Cronan | Wayne |
| 25T | H. Meyer | Manht |
| 27 | G. Avolio | Salle r |
| 28 | T. Malmstrom | Wayze |
| 29 | K. Sweeney | S. Nir |
| 30 | M. McKenzie | Wayne |
| 31 | C. Daniel | L.A.A. |
| 32 | J. DesGeorges | Salle r |
| 33 | E. DeNike | F.A.M. |
| 34 | L. Bugge | Madis |
| 35 | H. Blumenauer | N.C.S. |
| 36 | K. Lesser | Corne |
| 37 | J. Kelly | L.I. Fe |
| 38 | J. Rachman | C.C.F |
| 39T | C. Caruso | U.S.C. |
| 39T | P. Klick | S. d'Al |
| 41 | D. Weidrier | U.N.C. |
| 42 | D. Ehrich | T.A.M. |
| 43 | A. Favrot | N.O.F. |

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WOMEN'S EPEE AND SABRE

In the hot and humid gym at Manhattan College the Metropolitan Division held the third annual Women's Epee and Sabre event at the site of the National Championships. The fencing improves because the women fence others from different parts of the USA. The Bout Committee Chairmen, Ruby Watson and Karen Brynildsen, ran the event as efficiently and smoothly as possible. The fencers owe a vote of thanks to these two leaders of Women's Epee and Sabre from the Metropolitan Division. The unique "T" shirts designed by Emily Grompone are a delight to wear. We thank you for including these tournaments in the National Championships.

The Intergalactic Squad will be published in a later magazine. The results of the competition are listed below. The Women's Epee was a Group 1 event and the winner is the first A. Second and third place became the first B's. The Women's Sabre event was a Group 2 event and the winner is the first B. Congratulations to our newly Champions.

EPEE (82 entered 79 fenced)

Preliminary Round (3 Qualify)

- Pool 1:** 1) Littmann, Piedmont 4V, 2) Malmstrom, Minn 3V 3) Oyster Orange Coast 2V, Reiser, South Jersey 1V, Uni. Metro 0V
Pool 2: 1) Goldthwaite, N.TX 4V, 2) Orsi, NJ 2V (0) 3) McMahon W. PA 2V (0) Minish S. Cal 2V (-), Brynildsen Metro 0V
Pool 3: 1) Szabunia, Phil 3V(+9), 2) Antonelli, W. NY 3V(+5), 3) Van de Walli S. Tx 2V(+2) Faustlin, Metro 2V(-3) Mottley NJ 0V
Pool 4: 1) Blagowidow, Met 4V, 2) Lake, KS 3V, 3) Bartuska NJ 2V, Mullins N. Car 1 V, Bathon In 0V
Pool 5: 1) Yelton GCTX 4V, 2) England S. Tx 2V(+1), 3) Kadinsky-Cade W. NY 2V(+1), Watson, Metro 1V, Marsh NJ 1V
Pool 6: 1) Anderson LA 4V, 2) Annaveddar, Metro 3V, 3) Wilson GA 1V(-3) Fazekas 1V(-5) Kasselbaum OC 1V(-9)
Pool 7: 1) Klinger, L&C, 4V, 2) Jasiuk, Ill 3V, 3) Read, Phila 1V(-2) Wullenweber N. NY 1V(-7), Torres, C. Cal 1V(-8)
Pool 8: 1) Watson, N.OH 4V, 2) Huddleson, N. Cal 3V, 3) Hillbun N. Cal 2V, Flynn O.Co. 1V, Wrentz GCoTx 0V
Pool 9: 1) Walbridge N.NY 4V, 2) Booth, Capitol 2V(+4), 3) Ferraro Metro 2V(+3) Baumgart CO 2V(-1), Kramer VA 0V
Pool 10: 1) Cummings, Capitol 4V, 2) Davis, Metro 3V, 3) Ferraro NJ 2V Cheney, Pied 1V, Whitefield, H-B 0V
Pool 11: 1) McCellan Harrisburg 4V, 2) Adrian, L&C 2V(+3) 3) Turney N. CA 2V(-3), Davis, Metro 1V, Elliott, KS 1V
Pool 12: 1) Botengan, S. Cal 4V, 2) Schneider, Capitol 3V, 3) Massiala C. CA 2V, Brei, Metro 1V, Templeton NV 0V
Pool 13: 1) Gertz, Capitol, 4V, 2) Ranum, MD 2V(+5), 3) Fujimoto, S. CA 2V(+3) Rivera, Metro 1V, Alliano NJ 0V
Pool 14: 1) Arnold, OC 3V(+6), 2) Dunlap, N. CA 3V(+3) 3) Shannorhouse GA 2V, Ehrlich GCTX 1V, Olszewski, Metro 0V
Pool 15: 1) Erdos, N.OH 3V, 2) DeName N. TX 2V, 3) Stewart, C. Fla 1V Cull GCTX 0V
Pool 16: 1) Azumbrado, Metro 2V(+3), 2) Lapeyre MD 2V(-1), 3) ...

Round 2: (3 qualify)

- Pool 1:** 1) Adrian 4V, 2) Blagowidow, 3V(+4), 3) Reed, 3V(-3), Schneider 2V Smith 2V, Arnold 1V
Pool 2: 1) Goldthwaite, 5V, 2) Annaveddar, 4V, 3) Huddleson 3V, Booth 1V, Fujimoto, 1V Wilson 1V
Pool 3: 1) McCellan, 4V, 2) Antonelli, 3V(+3), 3) Szabunia, 3V(+2) Whitworth, 2V, Ferraro, 2V, Van De Walli, 1V
Pool 4: 1) Stewart 4V, 2) Erdos 3V, 3) Cummings, 2V(-1), Hillbun 2V(-2), Jasiuk, 2V(-4), Ranum 2V(-6)
Pool 5: 1) Yelton, 4V, 2) Gertz 3V, 3) Turney, 2V(0), Dunlap 2V(-1), England 2V(-3), Shannorhouse 2V(-4)
Pool 6: 1) Lake, 5V, 2) Littmann, 4V, 3) Botengan, 3V, Bartuska, 2V, Azumbrado, 1V, Kadinsky Cade, 0V
Pool 7: 1) Massiala, 5V, 2) Klinger, 4V, 3) Malmstrom, 3V, Orsi, 2V Anderson, 1V, Lapeyre, 0V
Pool 8: 1) Oyster, 4V(+11), 2) Walbridge 4V(+8), 3) Watson, 3V, DeName 2V, Davis, 1V McMahon 1V
Quarter Finals (3 qualify)
Pool 1: 1) Walbridge 4V, 2) Antonelli, 3V(+4), 3) Goldthwaite 3V(+4) McCellan, 2V, Cummings, 1V, Huddleson, 0V
Pool 2: 1) Littmann, 4V, 2) Szabunia, 3V(+2), 3) Massiala 3V(+1), Blagowidow, 2V, Turney, 2V, Oyster 1V
Pool 3: 1) Adrian, 4V, 2) Annaveddar, 3V(+2), 3) Erdos, 3V(+1), Lake 2V, Reed 2V, Malmstrom, 1V
Pool 4: 1) Watson, 4V(+9), 2) Yelton, 4V(+2), 3) Klinger, 3V, Botengan, 2V, Stewart 1V, Gertz, 1V
Semi Finals (2 qualify)
Pool 1: 1) Goldthwaite, 4V, 2) Adrian, 3V(+7), 3) Yelton, 3V(-1), Watson, 2V, Erdos, 2V, Annaveddar, 1V
Pool 2: 1) Massiala, 5V, 2) Littmann, 4V, 3) Walbridge, 3V, Klinger, 2V, Szabunia, 1V, Antonelli, 0V
Finals
 1. Littmann (A), 4V 2. Massiala (B) 3V(+3), 3. Walbridge (B) 3V(+3) 4. Adrian 2V(0), 5. Goldthwaite, 2V(-5), 6. Yelton, 1V

SABRE (52 Entered 46 Fenced)

Preliminary Round (3 qualify)

- Pool 1:** 1) Turkel, Phila, 5V, 2) Gertz, Capitol, 4V, 3) Adrian, L&C, 3V, Kasselbaum, OC 2V, Caruso, C.Fla. 1V Templeton, NV, 0V
Pool 2: 1) Littmann, Piedmont, 5V, 2) Knoblach, C. CA, 4V, 3) Szabunia, Phila 3V, Wilson, GA, 2V, Elliott, KS 1V, Orsi, NJ 0V
Pool 3: 1) Goldthwaite, N.TX, 4V(+11), 2) Pereira, Metro, 4V(+7) 3) Lenzini, N. Cal, 3V(+3), Torres, C. Cal 3V(+2), Abramson, GA 1V, Walleri, NJ 0V
Pool 4: 1) Weiss, CO, 4V, 2) Cluff, H-B, 4V, 3) Jasiuk, Ill, 3V, Kelly, C. CA, 2V, Whitworth W. PA, 2V, Watson, Metro ?V
Pool 5: 1) Higgins, GCFLA, 5V 2) Meyer, S. CA 4V, Wullenweber, W.NY 3V, Barends, LA, 1V, Marsh, NJ, 1V, Brynildsen, Metro 1V
Pool 6: 1) Davis, Metro, 5V, 2) Minish S. CA, 3V 3) Battelini SJ 3V, Gregory, C. Cal 2V, Kramer, VA 1V, Factor, W. NY, 1V
Pool 7: 1) Botengan, S. CA, 4V 2) Brown, Westchester, 2V, 3) Hamori, LA 2V, Shannorhouse, GA 2V, O'Neill, W. NY 0V
Pool 8: 1) Fujimoto, S. CA, 4V, 2) Klinger, L&C, 3V, 3) Antonelli W. NY 2V, Ferraro, NJ 1V, Olszewski, Metro 0V
Quater Finals (3 qualify)
Pool 1: 1) Szabunia, 4V(+8), 2) Higgins, 4V(+9), 3) Gertz, 3V, Weiss, 2V, Minish, 1V, Hamori, 1V
Pool 2: 1) Knoblach, 4V 2) Goldthwaite 3V(+4), 3) Davis, 3V(-1) Jasiuk, 2V, Brown 2V, Adrian, 1V
Pool 3: 1) Botengan, 5V, 2) Meyer, 4V, 3) Fujimoto 2V(-5), Antonelli 2V(-6), Klinger, 1V, Lenzini, 1V
Pool 4: 1) Littmann, 5V, 2) Pereira, 4V, 3) Wullenweber, 2V Battelini, 2V, Turkel, 1V, Cluff, 0V
Semi Finals (3 Qualify)
 1. Botengan (B) 4V, 2. Littmann (C) 3V, 3. Higgins (C) 3V 4. Davis ...

ENGRAVINGS IN STEEL

By Giorgio Santelli and Edwa

Part II

A GLANCE AT TRAINING, TACTICS, AND STRATEGY.

Training, tactics, and strategy in fencing, start with physical training. Physical training starts with **SOMOTOLOGY**, THE STUDY OF BODY TYPES. Somotology may also "decide" which weapon you will fence the best.

There are three "pure" body types, but generally, human beings tend to be somewhat of a mixture.

Type I. MESOMORPH. Sturdy and strong. The boxer.

Type II. ENDOMORPH. A heavy body with large viscera. The Japanese sumo wrestler.

Type III. ECTOMORPH. A tall, lean body with long limbs. The high jumper.

Because of the electrical scoring and timing in Olympic and International foil fencing and because of the greater distance now generally kept between fencers, the weapon demands the **utmost** in speed, strength and endurance. Your powerful muscles **must** be able to contract and expand with the greatest velocity. The day is long past when two fencers would practically stand in one spot and hold a "conversation" with the foils. So, **after** you have been found fit by your physician, you will find that the quickest way of gaining and then maintaining your strength and endurance is, under proper supervision, through weight-lifting, going from simple to complex, and where your muscles pass through their full range of motion. No, ladies, you will not become "muscle-bound". This is superstition. On the contrary! After some weeks of earnest endeavor, you will be very pleased with your appearance!

Find a competent trainer and use proper equipment.

- 3V(+2) Szabunia, 2V, Gertz, 1V, Fujimoto 1V
Pool 2: 1) Higgins, 4V, 2) Davis 3V, 3) Botengan, 3V, Wullenweber, 2V, Pereira 2V, Meyer, 1V
Finals
 1. Botengan (B) 4V, 2. Littmann (C) 3V, 3. Higgins (C) 3V 4. Davis ...

Some Tactics:

1. If you are small, fast, and str MUST develop an excellent "hand" your parry-riposte game should be highest level, since your great air will be in the in-fighting"!

2. If your attempt to score is par must immediately REMISE, by A TION, if possible. Keep closing in to provoke a corps-a-corps. Besides poor fencing, you are subject to th

3. Your Attacks must be made utmost speed and determination.

4. Your "Stop-Thrust" must be with a blindingly fast **Lunge** just asponent lifts his foot. If your timing is you will catch him with one foot ST air—even if his attack is not very cated. And there will be just one I the machine against your opponei technique is good enough, and yo enough, your opponent will have to compound attacks, EVEN WHEN TANCE. The price? One hundred day, seven days a week, with perfiracy. "Little fencer", it is worth the you are quite tall:

1. Stay out of distance so that y reach can be of value.

2. Avoid in-fighting, but be capat taining the phrase if necessary.

3. When attacking the low lines, (hand, "break" your wrist and AN UPWARDS!

4. Stop thrust by withdrawing you foot, standing up bending forwa waist, stretching your **swordarm** ou possible, and snapping DOWN you with great velocity, fingers exten joined!! Your target should be yo nent's **shoulders!**

5. In general, use simple attacks well covered.

6. Since, somotologically speal will tend to be somewhat slower I small opponent, lunge one hundre day, seven days a week.

After a hard bout, the fencer sh himself the following questions:

1. Did I "choke"? (inhibited.) Or winner a superior fencer?

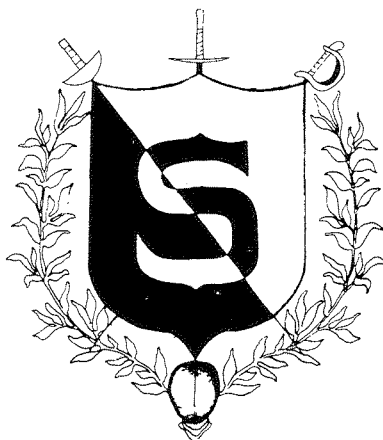
2. Am I a gracious "winner", bt

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The fencer should analyze his winning bouts as well as his losing bouts. He should be seated, take out a stop-watch, announce to himself that he is one touch behind with one minute to fence, and then **MENTALLY** fence himself out of the predicament. Jean-Claude Killy used to sit in his hotel lobby and mentally run a course over and over again until he could feel the timing coming part of him.

On the day of the competition, arrive **early** at the site, and, while you are observing the physical conditions, absorb the atmosphere! This is a **must** for all performers, be they athletes or musicians, or performers of any sort. After a while, you will begin to "feel at home" (**disinhibited!**)

Be careful to note the lighting. Is it natural or artificial. (Duels were usually held at dawn because the sun favored no one.)

Check the copper strips carefully, because if there are many repairs, the strips may be old and tear while you are fencing, and thus deprive you of a touch.

Are the repairs so soldered that bumps are formed? That is the one your toe might hit as you fleche! Are the strips too close to each other, or do they abut a wall, so that

when you make your **salto indietro** in the heat of the bout you crash into the next room??

If poor conditions exist, it is your duty to inform the bout committee. If nothing is done, leave. If you must fence, register a protest, or if it is a team competition, see that your Captain does.

Of the **utmost importance**, dress slowly, and carefully with a **spotless** uniform and at least one pair of pure wool gym sox!! Especially look for gaps of naked flesh from poor fitting uniforms. When you are late and rush to dress, you will only exacerbate your nerves.

Weeks before a major competition, carry your foil in your hand at home wherever you go, and especially when reading, or looking at television, until it becomes a **TRUE** extension of the arm. Remember the great scientist PAVLOV and the principle of the **CONDITIONED RESPONSE!**

Long distance running against the clock for endurance is needed. Short sprints against the clock at full speed in an attempt to break your previous record, are a **MUST!**

Psychologically, some fencers "peak"

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TECHNICAL TALKS

by Joe Byrnes

Some more miscellaneous stuff this time.

A lot of fencers are still showing up with electrical foils and epees either without any hold-down devices to prevent disconnection of the body wire, or with obsolete and illegal models with metal snaps and buckles. It has been years since those kinds were outlawed, and it is high time that people get with it.

The old problem with metal handles (they loosen up) won't go away. People keep asking about it. Since the metal the handles are made of is almost always aluminum, and aluminum "squirms" under pressure, the best approach is to combine a flat washer next to the handle, backed up by a lock washer immediately next the nut. That way there is less opportunity for the metal of the handle to conform to the angle of the lockwasher and thus hasten the loosening process.

Another frequent problem these days is the loosening of the cylinder (barrel, "button") at the end of the blade that holds the point. It is threaded onto the end of the blade, and the threads are subjected to tremendous vibration: it should be no wonder that they loosen up. The wonder should be that they all don't. In epee, this effect is a nuisance, and can eventually lead to the stripping of the wires inside the end of the cylinder, either shorting them together or grounding them out, or both. In foil, of course, it is a worse problem than in epee, since in epee the weapon will at least work for a time in that condition—through you shouldn't make a practice of letting it go. (if you're rich or just adore rewiring blades, ignore that last remark.) In foil, however, the loose cylinder gives off-targets almost from the first, beginning with intermittents, then continually. Since the cylinder is held under the taping in foil, you won't usually get the clear-cut vibration that is the dead give-away clue in epee. By the time you can feel the vibration in foil, the situation has already got pretty bad.

What to do? Re-tighten 'em, of course. Carefully. Grip the end of the blade, just below the cylinder, either in a vise or with one

pair of pliers, and with another (delicately adjusted are ideal) six cylinder clockwise, viewed from the blade. When you hear a p sound, that's far enough. Eve pitcher will go to the well once

Can you keep cylinders from the first place? Well, not easily. Loctite, crazy glue, various other a bit of teflon "pipe dope" (a pl that would have to be used in t assembly), being used as sure c they are partial cures, nothing s It all really depends on the toler machining of the original thread blade and cylinder, and we do control over that.

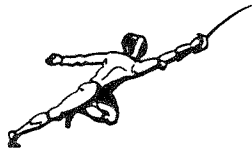
One other matter that I find increasing frequency is a tend part of some foil fencers to "light springs. A dozen years ago I found that practice utterly hilarious those days foil springs were only to go soft while you looked at needed no encouragement. springs are still of that kind. How days, with the narrower diamet used in the slimmer point asse permitted and favored for foi some foil springs that are really I think it's a fair estimate to s probably wouldn't want your foi able to throw back an epee wei point that can do that can stanc spring softened (clipped a bit ground a bit at the ends, or even a coil or so). But don't overdo. Y should easily manage a 50 weight.

There are fencers who lik springs so weak that they can the 500 gram weight, with the w rested on the floor and the blac the half way point to reduce vit sort of thing is taking an unnec Foil is not epee. The weaker especially if it has been artificial the more likely it is to go all sof bout and let you in for defect warnings and penalties in your

cise discretion. There are few foil springs so strong that they could prevent you from scoring a good touch—no matter what they may feel like to your nervous finger. After all, your foil is presumably going forward at a fair rate of speed, not backward, when it hits your opponent.

These observations do not apply to another common modern problem; the cylinder, usually in foil, but sometimes in epee, that has been nicked or otherwise deformed, and is actually catching the point.

But that's a subject for another column some day.



ENGRAVINGS IN STEEL

continued

their training several days before a match, stopping all work and concentrate mentally on destroying their opponents.

Other fencers, especially those gifted with fine second and tertiary intention, follow the Zen principle of emptying their minds of every thought, so that the mind becomes a clear mirror, ready to perceive the slightest move (thoughts) of the opponent. Utter concentration is one of the tactics of the great fencer. Conditioning can work both ways. Your mistakes can become reflexive, and may last forever.

Additional reading material: (Note, it is impossible to rank these books. They are EQUALLY most important supplementary reading.)

1. **CONDITIONED REFLEX THERAPY**, by Dr. Andrew Salter.
2. **ZEN IN THE ART OF ARCHERY**, by Eugen Herrigel. (This book is mandatory reading by order of some of the greatest coaches in other Sports.)
3. **PHYSIOLOGY of MUSCULAR ACTIVITY**, by Peter V. Karpovich, M. D., M. P. E. (Fifth Edition)

STRATEGY

"The strategy of any contest consists largely of outreasoning your opponent, of judging correctly the scope of his attack while so organizing your own as to assail him from an unguarded angle.

MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Midwest Regional Championships were held May 17 and 18 at the University of Michigan - Dearborn Campus. Competition was intense with 275 weapon entries from twelve divisions. Entries were as follows: Men's foil-42, Women's foil-42, Epee-35, Sabre-37, Under 19 Men's foil-45, U19 Women's foil-45, U19 Epee-25, and U19 Sabre-15. A Women's Epee tournament was also held with 12 entries. The UM-D Field House proved to be an excellent facility for the Championships with a spacious main floor area, locker rooms, additional rooms for weapon check and meeting, and observation deck. Assistance and cooperation from members of the Michigan Division and the other division helped to make the Championships successful.

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DIRECTING TECHNIQUES

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Every competent fencing official recognizes that his reputation rests on the confidence that he and the competitors have that the decisions he will make are sound. Just as important is the manner in which these decisions are made. The official must do everything he can to insure that his decisions can be accepted and not disrupt the bout nor the concentration of the competitors.

Mental preparation is the primary factor. An official is neither a competitor or a coach; he is a judge of the performance of others. This is always a difficult task, but especially if the official is also competing in the tournament or pool, or is a friend or teammate or coach of the competitors. The official must make a conscious effort to remove himself from the competitive situation to one of detached objectivity. In addition to the mental preparation, there are some specific techniques that every official can apply that will improve his officiating. These are:

- Maintain a crisp tempo — For decisions, hesitation is deadly. The best analyses delivered hesitantly cause more problems that flawed analyses delivered confidently. For competitive decisions careful consideration does not lend weight, but detracts from acceptance and distracts the competitors. The crisp tempo should be maintained for every aspect of the competition including getting the competitors on guard, applying strip rules, checking equipment, and announcing the qualifiers at the end of a pool.
- Maintain proper distance from the competitors (at least 12 feet, if possible) — This will help perception of the actions, but its major advantage is to remove the President from the actual competition and lend objectivity to his decisions. The Jury President must not walk toward the strip for each analysis or touch award; he is not holding a conference, but announcing his decision. Also, this bad habit takes time and allows the competitors concentration to drift.
- Announce decisions clearly. Point down to indicate right or left in the analysis, but up for the score, so that these motions are easily interpreted. This helps to make the

eye contact to make sure the score is alert and scores each touch, the score be announced after each awarded. Keep spectators aware of the scorekeeper.

- Do not personalize analyses—both fencers (and the scorekeeper) must avoid the bad mistake of looking at the fencer about to receive the touch. Do not say "you did this" or "you did that". Do not describe any actions, analyze the actions and forge your own conclusions. If one fencer asks a question answer it so everyone close by can hear. Do not describe everything or give lessons.
 - Analyze the competitors style—certain actions can be anticipated. This technique is particularly useful in analyzing blade meetings.
- The above are techniques that can be applied to all weapons. Techniques for each weapon will be discussed in the next

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