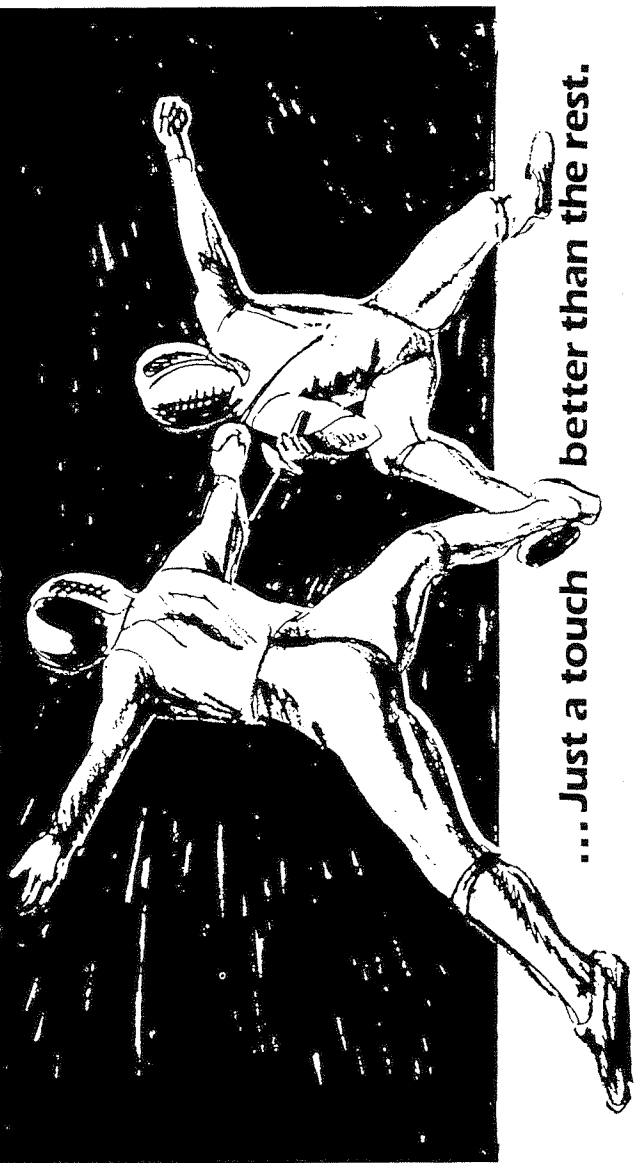


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Sabre Classic finalists line up for introduction at the Fencing Center in San Jose, Calif. Morman, Banos, Marcil, Lekach. Glucksman, Westbrook. Photo by Gordon Clark. Story by

EDITORIAL

On the following pages our readers will find statements from candidates for election to national offices of the USFA. These candidates were either nominated by the USFA Nominating Committee or filed the appropriate written petitions with accompanying signatures. Conspicuous by its absence is the name of our incumbent president, who will doubtless file by petition after we go to press. He has, however, sent us in timely fashion a brief essay on his philosophy which can be found on page 20.

In the firm belief that the best voter is an informed voter, we hope that our eligible members will take the time to read the candidates' statements and then to fill out and mail in their ballots, which they should receive via mail in early May.

In continuing the discussion of the goals and purposes of our organization and of the US Olympic Committee, we do not deny that the USOC is indeed interested in "the most competent amateur representation possible" for the Pan-Ams and for the Olympic Games. This is an Olympic year, so the heat is on our leaders (particularly from the media) to try to produce some medals. Our attention from now until August will be centered on our Olympic athletes. We maintain, however, that both the USOC and the USFA have other interests besides the search for gold, silver and bronze international medals. We quote from the USOC Constitution, Article II (there are 14 items in all):

"The object and purposes of the USOC shall be to

1) establish national goals for amateur athletic activities & encourage attainment of these goals; -----

6) promote & encourage physical fitness & public participation in amateur athletic activities;

7) assist organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of amateur athletic programs for amateur

athletes; -----

9) foster the development of amateur athletic facilities for use by amateur athletes & assist in making existing amateur athletic facilities available for use by amateur athletes;"

12), 13), 14) are to "encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic activities" for women, for the handicapped, and for ethnic minorities.

We submit that the purposes quoted above have wider domestic goals than winning international medals. The same is more true of the purposes contained in Article II of USFA By-Laws (page B-1 of your Rule Book), which should be required reading for all candidates for national office.

It is obvious that we must strive to develop our sport at all levels: parents, juniors, grass roots, elite. No one level can exist without the other and the success of one depends upon the success of the others. They help maintain each other. If we abandon one at the expense of another, we lose the support of an important segment of the fencing community.

Fencers are an intelligent and many-talented lot. They are difficult to handle, but it is possible to get enthusiastic cooperation from them without treating them like children and by keeping them informed on what is going on.

On a personal note, now that I have joined *la société des gueules cassées*, many thanks go to all well wishers, whose expressions of concern have been of great help on the strange road to recovery from an auto accident. We owe a particular debt of gratitude to our USFA Secretary, Eleanor Turney, who personally drove back and forth many times across San Francisco Bay, carrying manuscripts and printers' galleys and saving us at least a full ten days' time in the publication of this election issue.

— MTH

CANDID CANDIDATES

READ! PONDER! VOTE!

The following information was submitted by each of the candidates as indicated. We publish their statements so that our voting membership may be better informed of the background and opinions of those who seek office in our national organization. Whether we win or lose the elections, they all deserve our thanks for the time and energy which they have demonstratively devoted to our sport and which they are willing so to devote in

FOR PRESIDENT

Ralph M. Goldstein

The U.S.F.A. Nominating Committee has selected me as the official nominee for the presidency. I take this opportunity to inform you of my platform.

1. As president, I will try to accomplish the following:

A. Reply promptly to all requests and complaints and give fair consideration to all issues presented.

B. Keep an open administration — see to it that the membership is informed of all actions of all committees and commissions.

C. Promote training of younger qualified people for eventual running of the U.S.F.A. by placing them on important committees.

D. Encourage our current top fencers to participate in the day to day activities of the U.S.F.A.

E. Recommend that women coaches be seriously considered for cadre at Sports Festivals, international, Pan Am, and Olympic Teams.

F. Institute a new "Youth Training" program with a competent head to see to it that centers are set up throughout the country with specified capable coaches to do the training.

G. Improve the training program of our international fencers.

H. Implement the recommendations of a current Olympian to bring world class fencers in all weapons to our circuit events.

I. Direct the attention of the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to

increasing membership and financial sponsorship to augment meager resources.

J. Create an atmosphere of informality and objectivity.

K. Achieve all of the above through cooperation and support of the Directors and the membership.

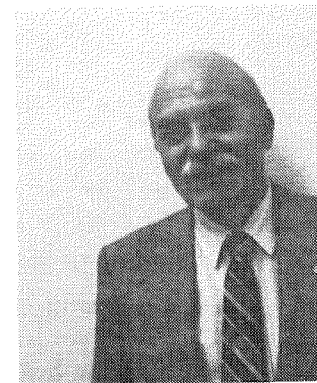
2. My qualifications are based on 20 years of experience as a fencer, national, and administrator. These are:

1. Member of the AFLA/USF 1930s.

2. Fenced competitively in all weapons for over 30 years in international, sectional, national, and national events. National member of many National Youth Teams, three Olympic Teams (1956, 1960) and Captain of the U.S. Team at the 1958 World Championship Am Team, and 1960 Olympic Team.

3. National Secretary of the USFA 1952 until 1961.

4. Foreign Secretary of the USFA 1952 until 1961.



5. Member of the US Olympic Fencing Committee from 1952 to 1968 and 1972 to 1982.
 6. Member of the US Fencing Coaches Association.
 7. Editor of *AMERICAN FENCING* from 1969 to 1977.
 8. State Chairman for fencing at the Empire State Games from their inception in 1978 through the present.
 9. National Governing Board representative to the USOC at the National Sports Festival (1981). Officiated at NSF at Indianapolis (1982) and Colorado Springs (1983).
 10. Officiated in all weapons at national and international events throughout my career, and since retirement from business have devoted all my spare time to our sport.
3. I will NOT do the following:
 - I. I will *not* make (and have *not* made) deals and I will make *no* promises to anyone in exchange for support.
 - II. I will neither try to control the contents of the *AMERICAN FENCING* magazine nor limit it by cutting its budget. It must be an open forum for the membership and independent from the administration with full freedom of the press.
 - III. I will *not* look for support with promises of appointments to prestigious positions.
 - IV. I will *not* remove and alienate knowledgeable experienced, and hard working members from committees if they do not support my candidacy.
- If all of the foregoing, as well as other progressive plans, are realized, the result will be the improvement of our organization, our sport, and our international performance. I am committed to implementing these ideas and have the time to do so. I have retired from business and for the last four years have devoted all my time (except for family obligations) to the running and officiating of major fencing events, and I plan to continue this regimen.

I earnestly solicit your vote.

— Ralph M. Goldstein

FOR PRESIDENT:

Dr. Marius Valsamis

Occupation: Professor of Pathology at the New York Medical College and Director of a Clinical Laboratory in the New York City Hospital System with a half million dollar yearly budget.

Marius has been involved with fencing for 34 years. He started working for the league at the divisional level in Philadelphia in 1965. He first volunteered his services as a physician at the National Championships in 1967. Since that time, he has served as volunteer physician and worked variously as manager, acting chief of mission, and designated president of jury for over 10 international teams. He suggested and helped start the USFA (then AFLA) medical commission and established the only functioning doping control program in the sports world in the USA. As a result, the fencers as a group are the most knowledgeable athletic group concerning this aspect of sports in this hemisphere.

He has served as divisional board member for over 7 years, divisional chairman for 5 years, and national officer for 2 years. He was appointed to the F.I.E. Medical Commission in 1974 and has been assigned as physician in charge of 5 World Championships and assistant at 4 others. He has recently been named as a team captain for doping control by the USOC. He



helped to found the Met Division J.O. Program and was one of the organizers of the first Michel Alaux Grand Open which became one of the prototypes for the circuit events. He helped to organize and run the USOC Elite Athlete Program for Fencing and is presently one of three directors of the program. He has earned an international director's licence in three weapons and is a "congenital volunteer."

He says, "I am interested in helping fencers of all levels to develop their potential. I feel that the divisional level has been neglected and that a continuous stable program of development should be a major thrust for the association."

FOR PRESIDENT: LEWIS SIEGAL



FOR EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT CARL BORACK



Lewis Siegal and Carl Borack are as a slate respectively for President and Executive Vice President of the USOC. They possess backgrounds that have them to tackle a problem as enormous as running and elevating of the USOC.

Lewis Siegal, a 34 year old, is engaged in private practice in New York City where he specializes in business and the reorganization of corporations in financial difficulty. Lew has been in business for over 20 years, has been a member of the Western New York, Denver, Colorado Metropolitan Divisions of the USOC, currently a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the New York Fencers Club. He has been a member of foil and/or epee Olympic or In-Squad in each year since 1973 and is currently in contention for a place on the Olympic Epee Team.

Carl Borack, a 36 year old professional director lives in Los Angeles and works in all media, from co-producing "Big Fix" with Richard Dreyfus (with red), to designing and producing winning films and commercials for numerous clients including Mobil, Hoffman LaRoche, Universal/MTA Records, Texas Instruments, and Chevrolet. Carl has fenced for over 20 years and is a member of the Southern California Division. He was Foil National Champion in 1969, a national finalist in foil and sabre in 1971, a member of the Olympic Team (Captain of the Foil Team), member of the 1967 and 1971 Pan American Team, a member of the World Championship Team in 1965, 1967, a member of the Senior Championship Team in 1966, 1969 and a cadre member of the Under 20 Championship Team.

It is no secret that fencing is in need of help on almost every level that exists, from local fencing to our international teams. A professional approach must be taken towards the development and promotion of the sport. It is necessary to encourage fencing to gain the grass roots momentum which will increase our clubs, divisions and USOC.

ship. We need to gain support (financial and otherwise) for our senior and junior fencers and create an energy and awareness behind our international teams. Siegel and Borack have the contacts with the people involved in our sport who have the passion to want to make "it" happen and the professional abilities to create the tools required to gain and maintain support for fencing.

Tools like:

— A film on how to watch a fencing bout that could be made available to schools, the media, and USFA divisions. This professionally made "tool" could also be edited to accompany a verbal presentation. Some of this footage could also be combined with swashbuckling footage to create a clip that could be used to draw interest to our sport by interposing historical/romantic footage with the modern sport.

— A press kit, complete with video clips that can be used to promote local tournaments, and pamphlets, information and advice on how to prepare press releases and contact the appropriate media.

— Fund raising tools for athletes, clubs and divisions.

— Video cassettes to assist in teaching the directing and coaching of fencing.

— A monthly newsletter to report competitive results (divisional, national, and international) and to provide timely and current information and notices to fencers.

A major goal of Siegel and Borack will be the recruitment of successful individuals who have an affinity for fencing to assist in building the USFA and its image, and in gaining corporate support and sponsorship for our fencers at all levels.

With Siegel's and Borack's impressive fencing credentials, it can be understood why they feel that they will bring clarity and vision to the aspirations and needs of our competitive fencers. Both have traveled and competed extensively in Europe. They are not in awe of our European competitors; however, they do possess a healthy and modern awareness of the tasks at hand. Among the goals and ideas related to the competitive scene are:

— Requiring North American Circuit

Events to be held over two days and combine them with coaching and junior olympic clinics. This will enable the fencers and officials to be at their best in the finals, bring the running of these events into conformity with the format of all major world competitions and our own National Championships, permit a proper schedule of events to be worked out to obtain proper media coverage, and permit results to be forwarded to national and local media within set deadlines.

— Provide funding for the top junior fencers to all North American Circuit Events.

— Creation of a Fencer's Bill of Rights so that each fencer will know what his or her rights and responsibilities are.

— Arranging for travel reimbursement for the athletes representatives to the Olympic Fencing Committee so that they can take an active part in the decisions of the Committee.

— Purchase and use of video cameras to tape North American Circuit Events and international competitions. Copies of tapes would be made available to enable our fencers to study their own abilities and those of the top ranked international competitors.

The above is only a sampling of the ideas that Siegel and Borack will pursue on behalf of the USFA. Each of you has already or will receive shortly a letter more fully detailing their plans to make your sport grow. Because of their working relationship, each believes that only if they are both elected, can they accomplish what needs to be done. If you care about the future of fencing in America, it is important to cast your ballot for Siegel and Borack.

FOR EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT:

SAMUEL DAVID CHERIS

I am running for the office of Executive Vice President of the United States Fencing Association in order to help form an administration that is willing and able to perform the tasks necessary to enhance the ability of all fencers to individually produce

their best results and to achieve their maximum satisfaction from participation in the sport of fencing, and to put together an international team structure capable of achieving the best possible results for the United States with fencers chosen by an objective system.

It is necessary to turn the thought process of the USFA around to one in which the administration establishes a budget covering the needs of the fencing community for the next four years and then to expend its major effort in securing the funds necessary to fulfill those programs. This is a large task but I believe there are many individuals capable and willing to attack this program if they knew where the money would be spent if they were able to garner the support of companies throughout this country. To me it is a self-defeating mechanism to look at the available funds and to then fight between grass-roots programs and elite programs to spend the small sums that are available to us.

With respect to the Olympic Fencing Committee which operates a good portion of the elite program, and oversees the North American Circuit, I believe this committee should be made up of twelve persons, three of whom are appointed each year and none of whom may be reappointed immediately after their term has expired. In initial establishment of this group, the twelve persons would all be appointed at one time, three for one year terms, three for two year terms, three for three year terms and the final three for four year terms. This would create a committee which will constantly be adding new individuals but will not suffer complete turnovers with each new administration causing the new committee the necessity of reinventing all the experiences previously undergone by past committees.

In order that the Fencing Officials Commission can more properly select officials for the North American it is necessary for us to solicit from the top fencers their comments, whether they be good or bad, about all of the individuals who are currently being used and seek their assistance in naming those who would provide the most

competent officiating possible. The Officials Commission should continue efforts to run clinics and to bring officials who wish to put in the time and to become good at their trade.

With respect to national coaching cadre, those fencers who are in the forefront of each weapon should provide the picture Fencing Committee with the names of those coaches they feel would best describe their performance as well as those who would least enhance it. We remember that the United States Fencing Association is not here to promote coaches, not here to promote administrators, not here to promote coaching cadre, it is here to promote the fencers, the amateur athletes, and the amateur coaches. We are the ones it is all about.

I hope you will once again give me the opportunity to serve you this time as Executive Vice President. If any of you know my views on any other topic not discussed, please feel free to contact me and I will respond as rapidly as possible. My qualifications are listed below.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have served as a member of the Fencing Officials Commission for the past five years and as Chairman of the Colorado Fencing Association on two occasions. I am currently serving as the Vice President and Assistant Secretary of the USFA and have been in charge of handling the entries of competitors in World Cup and other international tournaments. I have served as a member of the Bout Committee for the National Championships for 1979, 1980, and 1981, as well as at numerous North American Circuit Events. I was Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the International Championships and have been responsible for the operation of the workshop program at the U.S. Fencing Training Center, which has conducted 15 clinics, with participants from more than 10 divisions. I have served as the Bout Committee Chairman for the 1984 National Championships in Chicago, and I have also served on the Board of Directors of a number of

corporations. Finally, I am a tax partner and member of the Management Committee of Hall & Evans, a large Denver, Colorado law firm.

**FOR EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT:
CARLOS FUERTES**

Education:

San Jose State University, BA, 1978

Hastings College of Law, JD, 1981

Attorney at Law

Teaching Experience:

Assis. Fencing Coach, Cal State University, Northridge

Athletics Coach, Los Angeles Valley College

Maitre d'Armes, Falcon School Fencing

Other:

U.S. Army: Sergeant; Household Finance Manager; Farmers Merchant Bank, Trust Officer.

Member, U.S. Olympic Squad, 1968, '72

Pacific Coast Section Sabre Champion 5 times

All American NCAA — 1974

Internationally ranked fencing director

Fencing Manager, 1984 Los Angeles

Olympic Organizing Committee

My experience in the field of fencing administration has been primarily on the local level. The only large exception is that, for the past year, I have been working for the LAOOC as Fencing Manager and Competition Director (under Fencing Commissioner Romary) for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

I have served as a committee member of the Southern California Division for 2 years, as chairman of the Sabre Committee for 10 years, as Chairman of the S. California Division for the past 2 years. During my 2 years as Chairman, I have put the division in a sound financial level with assets of \$15,000 in cash and probably another \$5,000 in old equipment.

I'm division-oriented and believe the USFA should extend all possible technical, financial, and organizational help to local divisions.

I believe that my wide business experience and background will bring to the USFA a person well acquainted with finan-

cial problems and my main push will be to raise money and to work toward better financial backing of the Junior fencers.

**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
COLLEEN OLNEY**

(No communication received)

**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
GEORGE MASIN**

(No communication received)

**FOR SECRETARY:
FRED RHODES**

My name is Fred Rhodes and I am a candidate for the office of National Secretary. I am a dentist by profession and serve the USFA at present as the Chairman of the Illinois Division.

I have had an interest in organized fencing since 1970, when I took my first class at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle. I joined the AFLA that year and even won my first tournament: the Under-19 Sabre Divisional Championships. I was hooked.

My interests and skills within fencing have grown substantially in the 14 years since that milestone. I wanted to learn how to wire foil blades and wound up doing stints in the weapon control at the 1971 & 1979 World Junior Championships, running my own fencing equipment business during college, armoring such tournaments as the 1st Junior Olympic National Championships and the 1972 NCAA's, and serving as armorer or assistant on the past 4 U.S. World Championships teams. I was interested in directing and have attained National ratings in all weapons, including an International "B" rating in foil that I earned this past summer. I wanted to help run the Chicagoland Open and became its tournament director in 1972. I wanted to help out in the Illinois Division and have served as its Treasurer, Vice-chairman, Bout Committee Chairman, and, for the past 4 years, Chairman.

During my tenure as Division Chairman, I have become involved with the workings of the National Board of Directors. I have, since becoming a voting member of that

body, attended every meeting. I have worked within the Board to help get the Chicagoland Open on the North American Circuit and to win the bid for 1984 Nationals for Illinois. I have also served the Board as a member of the ill-fated Logo Committee and as Co-Chairman of the Collegiate Fencing Council

My interest in national office is simply an extension of these years of work in fencing. I believe that, at the tender age of 31, I can inject a "youthful" viewpoint into National administrative policies. I would also like to represent the point of view of the Midwest Section at the Executive Committee level.

My candidacy is also a function of my desire to see our sport grow larger, stronger, and more popular. I believe that all three of these issues: "grassroots" and junior development, elite junior and senior programs, and public relations can be addressed by the National Secretary's office. With the establishment of the Central Office

in Colorado Springs, many of the duties of the Secretary are diminished. The Secretary is now freer to other areas of interest to the USFA. Activities of the next Secretary will be the role of that office for years to come. I would like to be the author of the definition and I ask for your support very much.

**FOR TREASURER:
WILLIAM LATZKO**

Bill Latzko is a management consultant in the area of quality assurance and specializing in service operations. He has a solid background in manufacturing and service industries. He has held the position of plant manager at Joseph Dixon Crucible Co. and Metals. He has served as director

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control for Mundet Cork Corp., director of management science and quality control for Columbia Record Club (CBS) and assistant vice president for quality control for the Irving Trust Company.

He has lectured and taught at universities, management associations, and banking institutions in the U.S. and abroad. He is the author of "Quality Control in Bank Operations," as well as author of many articles and papers on quality control.

Bill is a graduate of Fordham University, BS; Rutgers, MBA; and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

"As a member of the Fencing Community for 40 years, I have enjoyed the sport and friendship it offers.

"I have also felt rewarded by giving service to the community to help it grow. I have been Treasurer for the past 4 years and served previously as Secretary for 8 years, as well as on many committees and at many fencing meets in all capacities from competitor, bout committee, armorer, director, and spectator. I believe that this extensive experience of fencing, and my talents as a financial manager will be of continuing benefit to the U.S. Fencing Association if I am reelected as Treasurer."



FOR NATIONAL DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR: CHABA PALLAGHY

U.S.F.A. Offices Held:

Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan Division, 1959-1960 and 1970-1971. Member Board of Directors AFLA 1959-62 and continuously since 1969. Chairman of newly formed U.S. Commission on Fencing Rules and Officials, 1971-76. Elected AFLA Vice-President, 1972; National Director, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982. Member U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee, 1972-80, 1981-82, 1983-84. Co-chairman, 1972 National Championships Bout Committee. Foreign Secretary of the AFLA from 1972 to 1980.

Competitive Career:
Metropolitan sabre champion several times. Finalist in National Championships every time when competed. Gold and bronze medalist, 1963 Pan American Team.

Director:
Officiated and directed at numerous national and international competitions, from 1957 on, including the finals of the 1971 Jr. and Sr. World Championships, 1972 Olympic Games (3 events) and Pan American Games of 1967, 1975, and 1979.

International Offices:
Elected: Vice-Pres., Pan American Fencing Fed., 1979; member FIE Executive Committee in Moscow in absentia for the president quadrennium. Represented the (AFLA USFA at the following congresses by appointment of the Presidents in office: 1974, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '82.

Member Bout Committee, Jr. World Championships, 1979; Chairman, Bout Committee, Pan American Games, 1983. Appointed Referee in Chief, Jr. World Championships, 1982; given same appointment to forthcoming Jr. World Championships in Leningrad, USSR.

Aspirations:

Domestically, to continue, if elected, in the office of National Director. In this capacity I believe to be able to best express my long time experience gained as competitor, official, and director, to continue to speak out to represent the interests of fencers on all levels, without geographical limitations.

Internationally, to continue to represent the USFA and the interest of the Western

Hemisphere at the FIE, in the tradition established by Mike de Capriles, the only non-European ever elected President of the FIE. If re-elected to the FIE Executive Committee and the Judges Commission, to continue to broaden the inroads gained for



American fencing, so vital to the sport. My seniority and long associations formulated will be important in an organization where and longevity play significant role in decision making process.

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REPORT OF USFA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers of the USFA for the 1984-86 seasons, to be voted upon at the 1984 Annual Membership Meeting at the National Championships in Chicago in June:

President: Ralph Goldstein

Executive Vice-President:

Carlos Fuertes

Vice-President: Colleen Olney

Vice President: George Masin

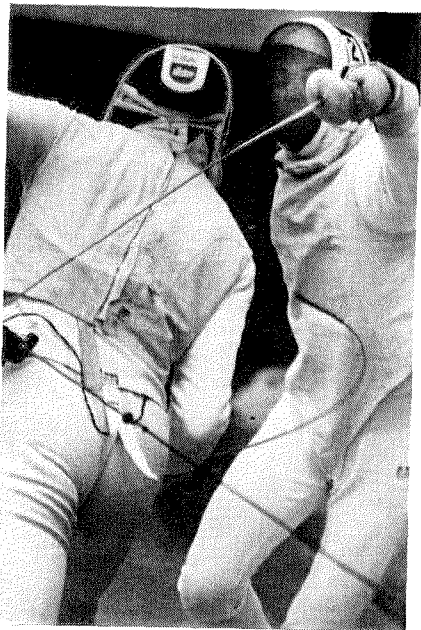
Secretary: Fred Rhodes

Treasurer: William Latzko

National Division Director:

Chaba Pallaghy

D'Asaro Men's Foil: Massialas' attack misses, Smith's counter attack does not. Smith took first place, Massialas second. Photo by Gordon Clark.



The 1984 Senior Olympics in Fencing will be held at the USFA National Championships on June 9 & 10 (see schedule below). Age groups start at 35 years and increases in 5 year increments. Entry is open to any fencer 35 or older in Men's and Women's Foil, Men's Epee and Men's Sabre. Entry fees are \$13.00 per event. Make checks payable to: Mr. Erwin Guttman, 538 Pinewood Dr., Glencoe, Illinois 60022. For further information call Mr. Guttman at (312) 835-1888.

SENIOR OLYMPIS SCHEDULE

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Sunday, June 10	1:00 p.m. — Men's Foil Men's Epee

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MINUTES OF THE 1983 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the USFA membership was held at the University of San Francisco, Memorial Gym, June 4, 1983. Michel Mamlouk, President called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Twenty six members were present, twenty one were present by proxy to Eleanor Turney, twelve were present by proxy to Nancy Sebastaini, and two hundred and thirty were present by proxy to Dr. Fred Rhodes.

1. The minutes of the 1982 Annual meeting were accepted as published in the American Fencing, Volume 34, issue #4 March/April 1983 by voice vote.

2. The President reported on the improving record of North American Fencers in the Under-20 World Championships. Steve Trevor placed 8th. Peter Westbrook has fenced very well in European competitions. This improvement may be due to the Senior Lesson Plan adopted.

The President reported on the Junior program of the Italian Federation. They have age-grouped national competitions in all weapons. The entry in these competitions has grown to 1,500 in 19 years. The success of this program is demonstrated by the 4 gold medals won by the Italians in the U-20 World Championships. This program should be adopted by the United States.

3. The Secretary reported that all business operations of the USFA have been transferred to the USFA office in Colorado Springs. Carla-Mae Richards, Executive Director and Anne Whiting, Administrative Assistant were introduced to the members. They have improved the services to the membership and we have had a 5% increase in membership.

4. The Treasurer has submitted a financial report to be given also to the Board of Directors. The USFA is financially solvent and is on budget for the year.

5. Vice President (Colleen Olney) reported that several Sectional Junior Camps will be held. Many divisions have Junior Programs. These programs must be planned and directed by the Division Officers.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE USFA BY-LAWS To amend procedures in order to accommodate National Championships.

a. The third sentence of Article 3 is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following: "This Committee shall submit its nominations with the Secretary on or before December 15th of the year preceding the meeting; and the Secretary shall, on or before January 1 thereafter, mail to each member of the corporation a copy of the nominations filed by the Nominating Committee, or such notice shall be published in the January/February issue of the official publication of the Corporation and be available upon request to any member of the Corporation."

b. Article XI Section 4 is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following: "Additional nominations may be made at any time by petition of not less than 50 voting members of the Corporation provided such petition is presented to the Secretary of the Corporation by April 1."

c. Article XI, Section 5, Subsection 5 is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following: "(b) The ballot shall be placed in the envelope provided; the envelope shall be signed by the voter and returned to the Secretary on or before the 14th day of the month preceding the National Championships. The postmark date shall indicate the timeliness of the ballot." The reference to "May 31st" in Article XII, Section 2 be deleted and replaced by "the 14th day."

e. The reference to "May 15th" in Article XII, Section 3 shall be deleted and replaced by "the 28th day."

The changed By-Laws were presented by proxy vote opposing the change and cast.

7. Elections, The Nominating Committee for National Officers for the 1984-86 were elected. They are listed

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**BYLAWS
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE USFA BY-LAWS
TO AMEND DEFINITION OF "CLUB"
AND AMEND CLUB DUES**

1. Section 1(b) of Article IV is deleted and replaced with the following:

"(b) Club membership shall be open to any organization or group of permanent character which (i) actively promotes or offers instruction in or provides facilities for engaging in the sport of fencing and (ii) has met its obligation with respect to the payment of dues for the current fiscal year as specified in these By-Laws. Any organization or group meeting the Club membership requirements shall, upon payment of the appropriate Club membership fee, submit a list of its individual members to the USFA prior to February 1st of each year. The USFA shall notify the organization or group that its Club membership has been approved. There shall be two categories of Club memberships:

- (1) **BASIC:** Any organization or group that meets the requirements set forth above and has at least five individual members shall be eligible for the BASIC Club membership category.
- (2) **INSURED:** Any organization or group that meets the requirements set forth above and has at least ten individual USFA members shall be eligible for INSURED Club membership category and will thus be eligible for coverage under the USFA Liability Insurance program, to the extent such program is in effect."

2. Section 1. of Article V is amended as follows:

"BASIC CLUB	\$20.00	N.A.
INSURED CLUB	\$30.00	N.A."

The above replaces the line for club dues category.

**PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF
NATIONAL OFFICERS**

The undersigned hereby appoints Eleanor L. Turney, Colleen Olney, Marius P. Valsamis, MD or any of them, in his stead, attorneys and proxies to vote with all powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present at the Annual Meeting (including all adjournments thereof) of members of the United States Fencing Association, Inc. to be held during the period of June 8-16, 1984 in Chicago, Illinois at the site of the National Fencing Championships, as follows:

1. On the proposed changes in the By-Laws as printed:

_____ for the proposed changes
_____ against the proposed changes

2. Upon other business as may properly come before the meeting, or an adjournment. This proxy shall be voted as directed, and if no direction to the contrary is indicated, it shall be voted FOR all changes to the By-Laws. I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of the USFA as of this date and have attained my 18th birthday.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please Print Name _____

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tional representation: Burton Moore (North Atlantic); Albert Davis (Metropolitan); Gerald Schneider (Mid-Atlantic); Bernard McGovern (Southeast); Nancy Sebastiani (Southwest); Frank Nagorney (Midwest); Gerrie Baumgart (Rocky Mountain); Mary Huddleson (Pacific Coast).

8. There was no unfinished business.

9. The President presented tokens of appreciation to Dr. Bruce Mebine and Wallace Oliver for their efforts in organizing the 1983 National Championships.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Submitted by
Eleanor Turney

BROTHERS

— by Frank Collins

All fencers, as a British author once said, see themselves as Brothers of the Sword. Of these fencers, a surprising number are ac-

tually brothers by birth. It would that more brothers get involved in than any other sport, especially at tional and international levels of c tion.

At the 1983 Pan-American Ga: example, the Banos brothers fe Canada, while the Ortiz brothers fe Cuba. In the 1983 World Champ the Etropoliski brothers (twins) fe Bulgaria with spectacular results.

The names of many more broth to mind: Kamuti for Hungary, Ri France, Borrmann for West Germ older fencers will recall those fr Nadi, Mangiarotti, di Rosa, and M

In the United States, we h brothers Marx (not the Marx Broth in an earlier era we had Hugo ar Castello and Miguel and Jose deCa of whom made significant contrib American fencing.

Editor's query: Have there been no

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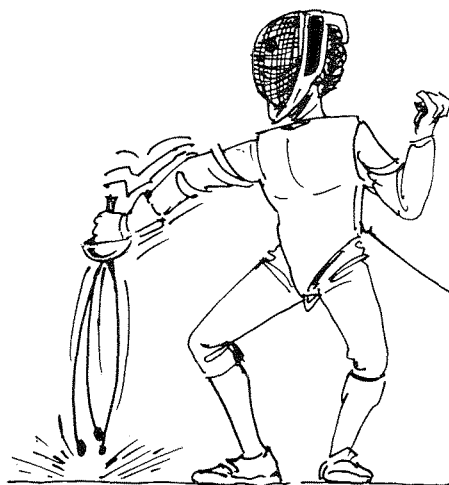
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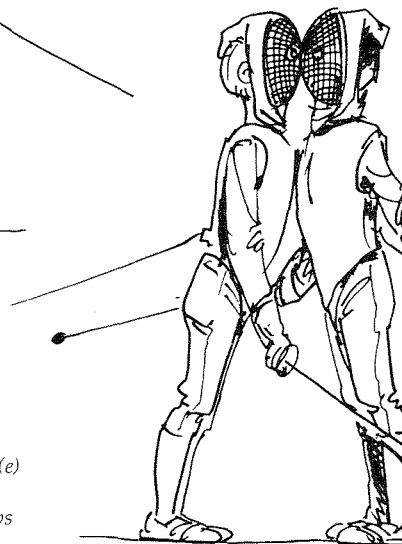
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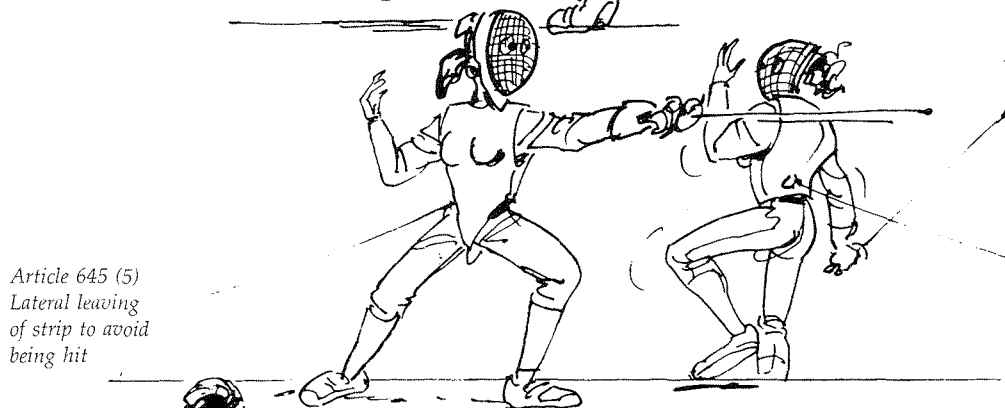
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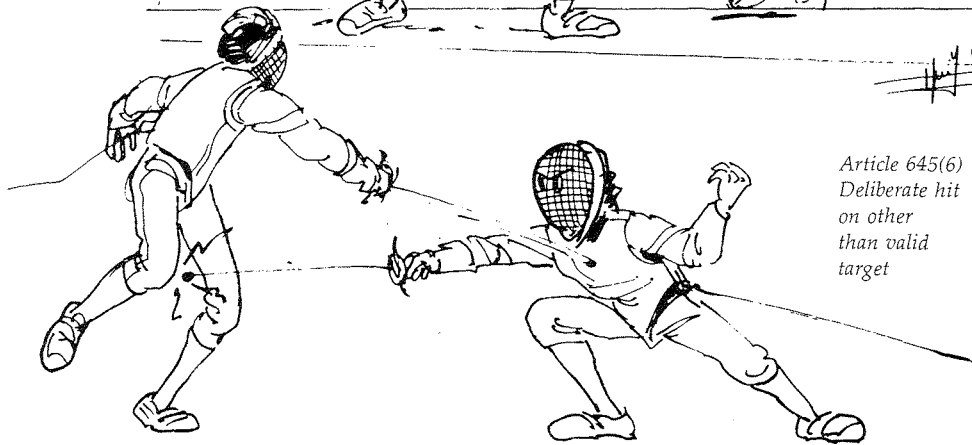
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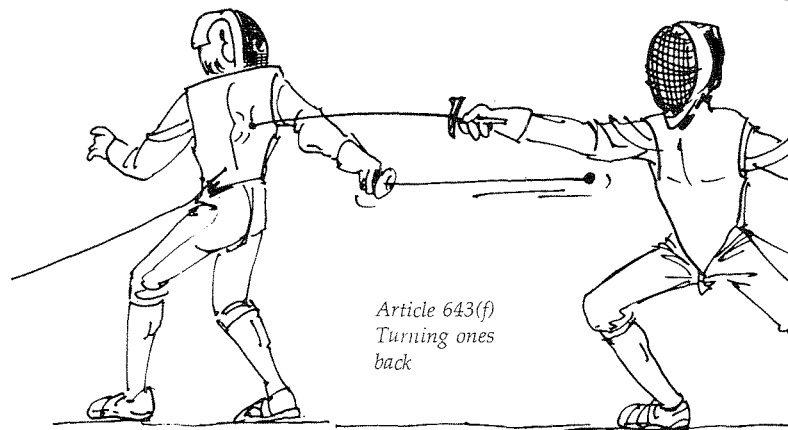
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Incidental
corps a corps



Article 645 (5)
Lateral leaving
of strip to avoid
being hit



Article 645(6)
Deliberate hit
on other
than valid
target



Article 643(f)
Turning ones
back

WHERE IS U.S. FENCING GOING?

by Michel A. Mamlouk, President, USFA

It is time all of you faced reality. We cannot and will not have any progress UNLESS

You realize that on an international level, US fencing (with one exceptional fencer) is rated today at the low end of the ladder.

You realize that for the past 20 years we have been competing against FULL TIME PROFESSIONALS. All the eastern countries plus most of the western countries have as a sole OBLIGATION, FENCING.

You realize that our fencers under the present system CANNOT compete at the international level, because of responsibilities such as "making a living" and family obligations.

Western European countries have come to grips with this problem, why don't we? Have you looked at the average ages of today's European champions and leaders in the field? ITALY has, long ago, TWENTY years ago, and has done something about it. Their "older" fencers, over 22, have the same problems as our fencers. They held onto their National and International champions and started to build on the only age group that have time to train and make a full commitment to the sport, CHILDREN FROM ages 8 to 15. WHY don't we?

To reach our goal and justify receiving USOC FUNDS, I am suggesting the following:

Maintain our present point system.

For the next four years for senior world events, fund and select top juniors to complete the team.

Require our fencers to make full commitment in return for funds provided for trips, training sessions, and take the necessary time to train, as per a well spelled and defined USFA program.

Bring discipline into our ranks.

IF the funds from the USOC continue to flow in, we use the major part for developing fencing at an age group of 8 to 15.

Invest the interest from the expected

"windfall profit" from the L.A.O.O.C. into two National training centers. We expect 20 millions to be shared between the 21 Olympic sports.

YOU MUST realize that we have to rebuild from the bottom up. We can do it, and we can achieve International results in SIX to TEN years. WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL RESULTS, you will NOT help IMPROVE US FENCING. Our efforts must be placed on developing SENIOR MEDALISTS in world events and place a lot more emphasis on bringing along deserving JUNIORS.

If all of you want is recreational fencing, then we certainly DO NOT need a National office NOR the subsidy we receive from the U.S.O.C. Make NO MISTAKE, the U.S.O.C. is interested ONLY in PAN AM and OLYMPIC results. The U.S.O.C. is NOT interested in recreational fencing ALONE. THE CHARTERED OBLIGATION OF THE U.S.F.A. is to develop the highest possible level in the U.S.A. so that we can be competitive on the International arena, and discharge USFA obligation to U.S.O.C. financial support. In doing this, we would then be able to stimulate major interest in fencing throughout the country. THE FACT OF LIFE IS THAT WINNERS STIMULATE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION FROM THE MASSES.

AN AD IN AMERICAN FENCING

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
WRITE US FOR RATES
TODAY!

CLEVELAND GRAND PRIX - 1983

- by William Reith, Organizer

The 8th annual Cleveland Grand Prix was held at the Mill Creek Nautilus and Fitness Center in Warrensville Hts. over Thanksgiving weekend. This year's tournament was sponsored by the George Santelli Company of Englewood, N.J., Mr. Ted Willis of Gates Mills, Ohio, Mr. John Stomfay-Stitz of Cleveland Hts., Ohio, and the Northern Ohio Division.

In the Men's Foil event, Don Blayney looked dominating as he took a 4-1 lead over the Canadian, Luc Rocheleau in the final match for first place. But the hard fencing of the day took its toll as Blayney developed leg cramps. Rocheleau brought it back to 4-9 with a long series of parry-ripostes as Blayney was limited to one action attacks. He managed one fleche attack as time was running out to bring the score to 5-9 before Rocheleau administered the final touch with a fleche attack to win 10-5.

Gonzales-Rivas showed his class and form in defeating Giovanni Giroto of Italy in the final match of the sabre. Each traded off attacks and parry-ripostes until the score stood 3-2 against Giroto. Giroto pushed, but was countered by an attack into his preparation by Gonzales-Rivas. George scored the next three touches by prise de fer, parry-riposte, and attack-counterattack situations. Giroto scored off George's attack with a parry-riposte to bring the score to 7-4. The next three touches were the result of pressure into attack-counterattack situations with Gonzalez-Rivas scoring two to one. The score was 8-5 as George scored again with a point-in-line and forced the final touch with the anxious Giroto counterattacking into the attack 10-5.

The most exciting match of the Women's Foil event started with the first bout of the final pairing Susan Badders with Mary Gilham. Mary proceeded to take Badders to the cleaners as she ripped off a 7-2 lead by timely attacks into Susan's preparations and a couple of well executed parry-ripostes. Susan fought back with all her determination and experience to bring the

score to 7 all. They traded touches but Badders scored the last touch with a lunging attack. Both ladies were utterly exhausted. Susan continued fighting Kathy McClellan 8-5, and ended with Caty Bilodeaux 8-4 as Caty had a back and shoulder injury during the bout.

Anne Klinger reconfirmed her status as women's Epee by defeating Margo 9-7 in a hard fought match. Kluge defeated Lisa Erdos in another close match 8-6 to gain the final and won Cynthia Carter of Washington, D.C. in the first round of the final.

Pia Albertson of Sweden won the women's Gilman fencing epee for the first time in her young career. With her loric style attacking style it is no wonder she was so natural. She defeated Susan Badders in the final match after disposing of Adrian and Kathy Furu in order to win the final round.

The Men's Gilman always gives an interesting perspective on fencing. This year's final bout between Jean Chouinard of Canada and Mohar Thuwaini of the Kuwait National was no exception. Foil was fenced in the final match. Chouinard had a teammate Rocheleau 18-17 and Jong 16-17 and was well rested, as he went rather quickly. Al-Thuwaini on the other hand won a tough match 18-17 and an overtime death match from Dave Moss 11-10. Thuwaini was in full control as he defeated Chouinard midway through the match. He brought it up to 9-4 with a series of attacks and counter ripostes. Thuwaini then received a warning as he fleched into Chouinard's corps as he fleched into Chouinard's corps. Chouinard made the score 9-5. Another corps by Al-Thuwaini resulted in the removal of a touch to 8-5 and Chouinard tied it up at 8-8. Jean-Marc then scored and Mohammed tied it at 9 all. Chouinard won 10-9 by forcing Al-Thuwaini

terattack into his attack. After a change of bodycords and lame, Chouinard led in the epee by 7-4 and then hit with one of his famous squat hits, sitting down with his arm fully extended and point on the opponent's arm. Mohammed countered with an all out attack and the score was 8-5. Al-Thuwaini looked exhausted as Chouinard scored the ninth touch on a typical epee counterattack, and the last one on a straight attack. He had almost no rest between each of the three last matches which were tough ones and at the end it took its toll.

All fencers commented on the Gilman and the demands it places on your body, but particularly on your concentration. One must focus on every touch as they will count in the first match for the second weapon total score. It is a great mental challenge to switch alternatively throughout the day between foil and epee.

The Madi Dods Epee event was the strongest of the weekend, with 16 A's, 8 B's and a few C's. In the final round of 8, Charles Schnieder defeated Slavak Rotkiewicz 10-8, Dan Nowosielski beat Luc Rocheleau 10-7, Ettore Bianci defeated Larry Newman 10-7, and Chouinard easily handled Mike Storm 10-4. Schnieder lost to Nowosielski 10-1. Bianci beat Chouinard 10-5 and Chouinard beat Charlie 10-8 to earn third place. Nowosielski sped off to a 5-0 lead over Bianci, before Bianci worked the score to 7-4. Bianci had leg cramps and suffered with them all day. It comes from lack of training and getting out of shape. He argued all day at each close call by the directors. In the final matches I directed him myself and at this point he received a warning for placing his point on the metallic piste. He repeated the action later in the bout and was upset to have a touch removed from his opponent. The score was 7-3. He brought it up to 9-5 as Nowosielski was fencing superbly, countering Bianci at every move with great counter parry ripostes and fleche attacks. Bianci drove his point into the piste, bent the blade double, and made a fleche attack. He was hit but the halt was called with the touching of the piste, and another negative touch was given instead of the boat being over. Bianci

argued offensively about the call and was all but given a warning for refusal to fence. He then proceeded to fence and as he marched down the strip swore at the director and cursed the tournament. He was immediately given the thumb wave and ejected from the meet. His result was scratched and second place left blank. It was ironic how the action which set off his temper and the negative touch actually would have saved him from defeat. His poor sportsmanship was the only bad note on an otherwise perfect weekend at the Cleveland Grand Prix.

RESULTS:

Ted Willis Foil (55)

1. L. Rocheleau, Canada
2. D. Blayney, Letterman
3. E. Kaihatsu, GLFA
4. J. Biebel, GLFA
5. M. Masters, FAM
6. M. DeJong, N. Dame
7. C. Higgs-C., N. Dame
8. A. Quaroni, N. Dame

J. S.-Stitz Sabre (37)

1. G. Gonzales-R., NYAC
2. G. Ginotto, WSU
3. W. Goering, FAM
4. J. Fazekas, Alcazar
5. D. Richards, DCFC
6. M. Fonay, Canada
7. N. Kessler, WSU
8. C. Owen, Alcazar

P. Caple W. Epee (21)

1. A. Klinger, Auriol
2. M. Szabunia, Csiszar
3. K. Lewis, Csiszar
4. L. Erdos, Kadar
5. M. Adrian, Auriol
6. C. Carter, DCFC
7. L. Chomobowy, Canada
8. S. Selig, N.J.

H. James Men's Gilman (30)

1. J-M. Chouinard, Canada
2. M. Al-Thuwaini, Kuwait
3. D. Blayney, Letterman
4. L. Rocheleau, Canada
5. D. Moss, Kadar
6. M. DeJong, N. Dame
7. C. Chisholm Csiszar
8. C. Mulhinch, WSU

J. Szentkiralyi WF (45)

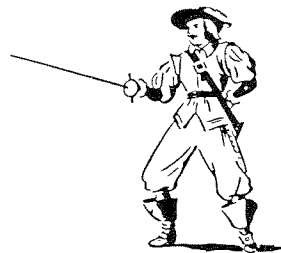
1. S. Badders, Auriol
2. C. Blodeaux, Columbia
3. M. Madon, N. Dame
4. K. McClellan, Csiszar
5. M. Gillham, MFC
6. H. Konecny, NYFC
7. P. Alberson, N. Dame
8. K. Pekarik, CFC

W. Reith W. Gilman (20)

1. P. Alberson, N. Dame
2. S. Badders, Auriol
3. M. Adrian, Auriol
4. L. Erdos, Kadar
5. A. Klinger, Auriol
6. S. DiNicola, N. Dame
7. K. Furu, FAM
8. J. Ray

M. Dods Epee (45)

1. D. Nowosielski, Canada
- 2.
3. J-M. Chouinard, Canada
4. C. Schneider, FAM
5. S. Rotkiewicz, Sebast.
6. L. Newman, Bardakh
7. M. Storm, USMPTC
8. L. Rocheleau, Canada



Once again the Oregonians, led by Colleen Olney, held the Junior Olympics and once again it was very well done. The competition was held at Benson High School which was an easy walk from the host hotel. The competition was held in two adjoining gymnasiums with room for eighteen strips. Eight events in three days kept the strips occupied and the officials busy.

Oregonian "Fencers Mothers" set up a lunch room with sandwiches, fruit, cookies, soup, coffee, etc., in the same building, which was a life saver for the competitors and officials. With so much going on all the time, it was impossible for most people to get away during the day.

The fencers, as always, were splendid. They came to fence and fence they did. The level of the fencing was good. Some of it was excellent. Particularly impressive was the performance of the Under 16s.

The gymnasiums were jumping with coaches, parents, family, and a whole horde of older fencers who came to direct at their own expense because they believe in the junior programs and know the importance of good directing at these Championships.

All in all it was a great success and we owe our appreciation to the Oregon Division for doing such a good job.

-Emily Johnson, Bout Committee Chair



U-20 Men's Foil (96)

1. M. Van Der Velden, Ind.
2. S. Sabharwal, Columbus
3. J. Burg, Wisc.
4. M. Phillips, Minn.
5. P. Marcus, Louisiana
6. C. Higgs-Coulthard, Ind.
7. J. DeMarque, Conn.
8. D. Tatzel, Long Island
9. E. Cheu, C. Cal.
10. E. Schicker, Ill.
11. L. Wilson, Phil
12. W. Mindel, Metro.
13. W. Wheeler, N. Ohio
14. K. Hunter, N. Ohio
15. A. Thurogood, Phila.
16. M. Yu, C. Cal.
17. M. Kent, Conn.
18. D. Guston, Conn.
19. B. Selzler, Inland Emp.
20. T. Sadruddin, Oregon
21. T. Hensley, Kent.
22. N. Albarzan, Metro.
23. S. Kline, Minn.
24. F. Scaramuzza, Ill.
25. J. O'Neill, New Eng.
26. J. Nurmile, N. Ohio
27. J. Orvos, N.J.
28. Wei-Tai Kwok, Conn.
29. A. Feldman, Penn.
30. D. Kinhan, Oregon
31. J. Delisle, Ill.
32. A. Halpern, Phil.
33. J. Scarpino, Long Is.
34. M. Messer, New Eng.
35. C. Gillen, N.J.
36. R. Aiken
37. M. Ellingson, GA
38. A. Laino, N.J.
39. D. Holeman, Oregon
40. T. Stuhldreher, W. Pa.
41. J. Bender, Met.
42. C. O'Loughlin, S. Cal.
43. J. Grullon, Met.
44. M. Glick, Penn.
45. D. Chang, West. WA
46. R. Benitez, Color.
47. J. King, Ind.
48. D. Durham, OK
49. C. Shelton, N. Tex.
50. J. Hill, Oregon
51. T. Gargiulo, Cen Cal.
52. T. Erickson, Minn.
53. T. Guerra, LA
54. D. Guntermann, Ind.
55. I. Madrid, Mich.
56. H. Bases, Hud-Berk
57. B. Ratliff, Gold Coast
58. J. Orvos, N.J.
59. N. Platt, Long Is.
60. D. Hollibaugh, Inl. Emp.
61. C. Fabricius, Color.
62. W. Goulding, S. Cal.
63. M. El-Asha, Orange Coast
64. D. Cotton, Sa
65. C. Owen, N. J.
66. J. German, Lc
67. R. Baddour, C
68. J. Chun, Neb.
69. D. Krogh, Ore
70. J. Haddock, S
71. W. Thompson
72. W. Schalick, E
73. M. Erickson, E
74. W. Dixon, Gu
75. H. Whetstone
76. G. Tar, Gulf C
77. D. Galindez, J
78. J. Kitchen, N.
79. J. Urban, N.J.
80. B. Haggerty, J
81. M. Childs, G/
82. S. Jashinski, J
83. D. Bases, Wes
84. J. Bedell, Orat
85. T. Weems, V/
86. D. McCloy, N
87. T. Fuller, Cc
88. M. Enns, Orej
89. A. Weintraub,
90. B. Utian, N. C
91. J. Pagnam, S.
92. F. Zoltan (NS)
93. T. Thomas, (N
94. P. Safran, (NE
95. H. Adachi, (N
96. T. Iori, (NS) :

U-20 Women's Foil

1. C. Blodeaux,
2. M. Sullivan, C
3. M. O'Neill, Ph
4. M. Madon, W
5. R. Hayes, N.J.
6. I. Hamori, Wt
7. J. Yu, C. Cal.
8. M. LaMarca, J
9. G. Rossmann,
10. M. Wichick, L
11. K. Coombs, C
12. S. Greene, N.
13. M. Hechavarr,
14. K. Kralicek, C
15. C. Murphy, N
16. W. Miller, Ha
17. J. Hynes, N. E
18. J. Rachman, P
19. H. Taylor, Cen
20. A. Barreda, N
21. D. Dobest, Ill
22. N. Sperling, I
23. T. S. Kass, Cok
24. T. J. Hill, Oregi
25. S. Haratunian
26. L. Posthumus
27. J. Borum, Virg
28. J. Wichick, Lo
29. A. Mindell, N
30. W. Thomas, N

31. S. Ort, Met
32. J. Hall, N. Eng.
33. T. S. Hill, Harrisburg
33. T. M. Jones, N. Ohio
35. T. C. Wyong, Orange C.
35. T. A. Reibman, N. Carolina
37. L. Dumas, Louisiana
38. P. Fox, Gulf Coast
39. L. Fox, Met
40. G. Tabori, S. Cal.
41. A. Hawkins, Mich.
42. K. Kowalski, N. Texas
43. B. Leiser, Oregon
44. C. Coyle, N. Carolina
45. N. Munson, Louisiana
46. A. Kelly, Mich.
47. L. Leits, Oregon
48. A. Schiolla, N. Texas
49. Z. Zenowich, Met
50. C. Marcus, S. Cal.
51. K. Harris, Ill.
52. L. Betchkal, N. Ohio
53. M. Levitan, N. Cal.
54. M. Mebine, N. Cal.
55. T. A. Manges, Minn.
55. T. E. Cherniack, N. Ohio
58. T. M. Tar, Gulf Coast
58. Yi-Li Wu, N. Cal.

U-20 Sabre (53)

1. M. D'Asaro, C. Cal.
2. R. Wilson, West.
3. Y. Tarik, S. Cal.
4. K. Stoutemire, Ind.
5. T. Consoli, Ind.
6. G. Rossi, N. Eng.
7. B. Cottingham, N. Jer.
8. D. Johnson, Ind.
9. P. Cox, N. Eng.
10. P. Ciemins, N. Ohio
11. K. Small, N. Cal.
12. N. Faroujia, C. Cal.
13. T. Regn, N. Jer.
14. R. Kamper, N. Jer.
15. D. Atkins, S. Cal.
16. J. Barreda, N. Eng.
17. C. Owens, N. Ohio
18. D. Haas, N. Jer.
19. J. McNulty, Ill.
20. J. Chen, Ohio
21. J. Edwards, Ind.
22. A. Baxter, Phil.
23. C. Reohr, Phil.
24. D. Whang, Wisc.
25. M. Moyers, N. Tex.
26. D. Sardy, Met
27. S. Szegfu, Louisiana
28. J. McElgin, Phil.
29. B. Smith, Oregon
30. M. Cramer, S. Cal.
31. M. Phillips, Minn.
32. T. Burns, Ind.
33. M. Lipton, N. Tex.
34. A. Weintraub, Mich.
35. Z. Szegfu, Louisiana
36. M. Pettigrew, C. Cal.
37. B. Thompson, Capitol
38. S. Jafri, N. Carolina
39. P. Cox, Louisiana
40. D. Kristhar, Columbus
41. D. Galindez, Ariz.

42. D. Mandell, Maryland
43. W. Dickson, Gulf Coast
44. J. Ewton, N. Tex.
45. T. Mroczek, Minn.
46. R. Flynn, S. Jersey
47. A. Reibman, N. Carolina
48. D. Stallman, Mich.
49. T. Muslemi, Inland Emp.
50. T. Iori, S. Jersey
51. A. Lingas, Oregon
52. A. Carter, Met.
53. D. Norris, Oregon

U-20 Epee (62)

1. J. Pitt, Metro.
2. T. Garguilo, Cen. Calif.
3. K. Hunter, N. Ohio
4. M. Phillips, Minn.
5. C. Melcher, Met.
6. D. Mandt, N. Texas
7. W. Wharton, Harrisburg
8. A. Baxter, Phil.
9. T. Gillham, Wisc.
10. L. Murk, C. Cal.
11. J. Urban, N. Jersey
12. G. Cicchetti, N. Eng.
13. G. Petranek, N. Eng.
14. J. Sociof, N. Jersey
15. J. O'Neill, N. Eng.
16. J. Haugh, Ind.
17. P. Marcus, Louisiana
18. J. Young, Westchester
19. E. Hergert, N. Cal.
20. T. Griffie, Indiana
21. R. McNutt, Colorado
22. O. Barcares, Long Island
23. D. Kapper, Long Island
24. A. Weintraub, Mich.
25. D. Lewin, N. Calif.
26. A. Smithline, S. Calif.
27. M. Murcell, Oregon
28. W. Wheeler, N. Ohio
29. J. Normile, N. Ohio
30. J. Orvos, N.J.
31. A. Halpern, Phil.
32. D. Horn, Orange Coast
33. C. Higgs, Coulthard, Ind.
34. D. Coletta, N.J.
35. D. Dudinski, N. Eng.
36. E. Lee, N.C.
37. K. Struve, N.J.
39. C. O'Laughlin, S. Cal.
40. B. Wilkie, Ind.
41. C. Reohr, Phil.
42. A. Stein, Harris.
43. D. Durham, Ok.
44. D. Arnaud, C. Fla.
45. M. El-Asha, Or. Coast
46. C. Ramsey, Oregon
47. T. Bates, Oregon
48. B. Utian, N. Ohio
49. J. Orvos, N.J.
50. E. Blaupied, San Diego
51. W. Thompson, Inland Emp.
52. R. Corwin, Oregon
53. M. Masset, Columbus
54. J. Gross, N. Texas
54. T. G. Procop, Mich.
56. S. Carter, Oregon
57. T. J. Bishop, Long Island
57. D. Brett-Major, Gold Coast

57. T. D. Galindez, Ariz.
60. Derek Cotton, San Diego
61. T. Iori, S. Jersey
62. H. Tzizonias, Met.

U-16 Sabre (33)

1. P. Ciemins, N. Ohio
2. N. Faroujia, C. Cal.
3. L. D'Amico, C. Cal.
4. J. McElgin, Phil.
5. D. Mandell, Md.
6. M. Calderisi, Ill.
7. E. Horn, Or. Coast
8. A. Ewing, N.J.
9. D. Pobutkiewicz, N.J.
10. T. Koehn, Oregon
11. J. Hermann, Ind.
12. D. Howe, N.E.
13. D. Whang, Wis.
14. P. Pottinger, Met.
15. O. Leichter, N.J.
16. E. Meserve, N.E.
17. R. Matthews, L.A.
18. D. Coffey, OK
19. J. Knoll, HRSBG
20. J. Southworth, HRSBG
21. R. Martin, N. TX
22. K. Abel, Oregon
23. J. Boggs, Oregon
24. D. Brett-Major, C. Cst. Fl.
25. D. Stallman, Mich.
26. H. Silva, Ill.
27. D. Dietz, N. Tx.
28. A. Carter, Met.
29. D. Norris, Oregon
30. W. Tetes, Capitol
31. P. Suk, Ind.
32. T. Mroczek, Minn.
33. J. Slater, Letterman

U-16 Epee (36)

1. T. Garguilo, C. Cal.
2. S. Kline, Minn.
3. B. Berens, S. Cal.
4. D. Mandt, N. Tex.
5. M. Homyak, N. Jersey
6. J. Knoll, Harrisburg
7. D. Horn, Orange Coast
8. T. Erickson, Minn.
9. M. Fiorillo, N. Jersey
10. D. Blake, N. Eng.
11. D. Coffey, Okla.
12. P. Smith, C. Cal.
13. F. Chen, N. Jersey
14. M. Geiken, N. Cal.
15. M. Owen, N. Ohio
16. S. Gilbert, N. Texas
17. S. Thompson, S. Cal.
18. M. Yorukoglu, Georgia
19. P. Swanson, N. Eng.
20. B. Dowling, Gold Coast
21. E. Kvim, Met
22. M. Freeman, Ill.
23. D. Campbell, Ind.
24. J. Southworth, Harris.
25. M. Boustany, St. Louis
26. J. Marsh, N. Jersey
27. R. Koltys, Mich.
28. B. Pallasch, Ill.
29. W. Thompson, In. Emp.

30. K. Ambrose, Mich.
31. M. Kennedy, Ind.
32. J. Linder, In. Emp.
33. M. Anderson, N. Ohio
34. M. Stough, Okla.
35. D. Charlick, N. Ohio
36. Brett-Major, Gold Coast

U-16 Men's Foil (63)

1. M. Yu, CCA
2. M. Kert, CT
3. M. Yorukoglu, Georgia
4. P. Ciemins, N. Ohio
5. M. Calderesi, Ill.
6. J. Rothwell, N.J.
7. T. Erickson, Minn.
8. H. Silva, Ill.
9. B. Berens, S. Cal.
10. M. Ellingson, GA
11. M. Boustany, St. Louis
12. D. Krogh, Oregon
13. J. Huttenbach, Met.
14. S. Flores, C. Cal.
15. S. Kline, Minn.
16. T. B. Atkins, Met.
16. T. J. Marsh, NJ
18. T. D. Whang, Wisc.
18. T. D. Coffey, OK
20. D. Dunston, Ill.
21. A. Chvany, N. Eng.
22. P. Farguhar, W. PA.
23. M. Owen, N. Ohio
24. B. Dowling, FL. Gold Cst.
25. M. Enns, Oregon
26. D. Bertell, Mich.
27. J. Begue, NJ
28. D. Korhage, N. Tx.
29. D. Lundoner, MET
30. D. Bases, Westchester
31. P. Wharton, N. Eng.
32. G. Tar, Golf Cst.
33. C. Wilcke, Gold Coast
34. A. Weber, L.I.
35. M. Fiorillo, N.J.
36. T. Weems, VA
37. C. Balz, Mich
38. B. Hagerly, Minn.
39. P. Smith, C. Cal.
40. S. McWaller, N. Eng.
41. J. Linder, Inland Emp.
42. J. Merritt, Ind.
43. T. A. Goodisman, W. Wash.
43. T. C. Booth, N. Tx.
45. D. Campbell, Ind.
46. T. Bornhizer, N. Ohio
46. T. W. Thompson, In. Emp.
48. P. Suk, Ind.
49. S. Thompson, S. Cal.
50. J. Lehr, Or. Coast
51. S. Gilbert, N. TX
52. M. Stough, Ok.
53. C. Seligman, Or. Coast
54. J. Weinberg, N.C.
55. T. Koehn, Oregon
56. B. Deazley, Oregon
57. J. Hermann, Ind.
58. P. Higgs-Coulthard, AZ
59. V. Regan, N. Cal.
60. M. Anderson, N. Ohio
61. T. J. Anderson, N. Ohio

61. T. J. Slater, N. Cal.
63. D. Tulchin, N.C.

U-16 Women's Foil (37)

1. S. Harutunian, Conn.
2. A. Barreda, New Eng.
3. J. Wichick, Long Island
4. P. Fox, Gulf Coast
5. J. Weitzman, New Jersey
6. J. Hill, Oregon
7. L. Posthumus, C. Cal.
8. L. Leite, Oregon
9. T. West Moy, Met.
10. Y. Keudoin, Long Island
11. J. Rossman, Long Island
12. I. Szedo, New Jer.
13. K. Kowalski, N. Tex.
14. T. Goodnight, Oregon
15. K. Kariagin, S. Cal.
16. A. Batson, Virg.
17. J. Posthumus, C. Cal.
18. E. Ico, New Jer.
19. M. Tar, Gulf Coast
20. V. Wu, New Eng.
21. M. Jones, N. Ohio
22. E. Porter, New Eng.
23. S. Turner, S. Cal.
24. R. Grant, Ind.
25. A. Manges, Minn.
26. S. Duff, Ind.
27. M. Harrelson, N. Carolina
28. K. Iverson, N. Jersey
29. D. Mills, N. Tex.
30. L. Betchkal, N. Ohio
31. B. Haugh, Oregon
32. M. Kumm, Wisc.
33. E. Whitlow, N. Ohio
34. K. Linkous, N. Carolina
35. S. Patterson, I. EF
36. L. Cassis, Mich.
37. Y. Madon, S. Cal.

Men's Sabre

- Michael D'Asaro
Russell Wilson
Geoffrey Rossi
(alternates)
Don Johnson
Robert Cottingham
Peter Ciemins

Men's Epee

- Kevin Hunter
Terrence Gargi
Andrew Baxter
(alternates)
David Mandt, J
James Pitt
Wayne Wharto

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INTERVIEW WITH JAN ROMARY

Jan, you are "Commissioner of Fencing" under the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee. Just what does the Commissioner of Fencing do and what are your responsibilities? How long have you been working at this job?

I was appointed Commissioner on November 10, 1981 and have been working in that capacity ever since. I am completely in charge of and responsible for every aspect of Fencing Venue at Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center for the 1984 Olympic Games

What is the relationship, if any, between the LAOOC and the USOC?

The USOC is a National Olympic Committee. Its function is to direct the Olympic movement within the United States and to field U.S. Olympic teams through the National Governing Bodies. The USOC is responsible to the International Olympic Committee to insure development and safeguarding of the Olympic Movement and Sport within our country. The LAOOC Board of Directors and Executive Committee do have some USOC members. However, the USOC must be autonomous and completely independent from government and other affiliations.

The LAOOC was put together for a single purpose: to organize and operate the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad from 28 July to 12 August, 1984, in Los Angeles, California. The LAOOC exists as an independent, private corporation, without official ties to government. Though no funds will be forthcoming from government for the 1984 Games, the LAOOC requires a close working relationship with many governing bodies: Federal, state, county, and city, as well as with the International Olympic Committee.

You were part of the USOC cadre of the Montreal Olympics in 1976, were you not? What did you do there?

I was Women's Team Administrator in Montreal in 1976, which meant that I was in charge and completely responsible for the



Jan Romary (Los Angeles Times photo).

entire US women's teams in all sports. This included everything from supplies, transportation, mail, equipment, liaison with Team Managers and all services of USOC staff groups.

I remember you were "on duty" at all hours of the day and night and carried a beeper around with you when we went out to dinner, so that you could be immediately summoned in case of emergency.

Before Montreal, you competed as an athlete on several U.S. Olympic fencing teams. Which ones and where? You and Maxine Mitchell both made the finals (of six in those days) in individual women's foil in Helsinki. You came very close to winning a medal at that time. No U.S. women have done as well since that time, have they? Why?

Yes, I was on six Olympic teams as a competitor: London 1948. Helsinki 1952. Melbourne 1956. Rome 1960. Tokyo 1964. Mexico City 1968. I tied for third in Helsinki in 1952 and in a 4 way fence-off came in fourth. Maxine was also a finalist and came in sixth. In Melbourne I was again fourth.

Maria Cerra Tishman was fourth in London in 1948.

Albie Axelrod was third in Rome, in 1960, in individual foil.

And on the national scene, were you not several times women's foil champion?

Yes, a few times. I was US National Champion in 1950, 1951, 1956, 1957, 1960,

1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968 and also 8 times on the US Women's championship team.

That certainly is quite a record. I do remember watching you and Maxine Mitchell at a National Championships fencing on a "short" women's team and clobbering everyone even though you had to give up three bouts out of every nine per match. After that performance, the AFLA changed its rules and made it illegal to fence without a complete team. Those were the days! But, to get back to the present: Do you think the Olympics have been more politicized since those days?

If they were in the past, I have no knowledge of it, but the LAOOC has made every effort to keep political issues out of the Olympics.

What has been your most memorable moment from all of your fencing experiences?

Being the first woman to carry the flag at the head of the entire US contingent in Mexico City in 1968 was an unbelievable thrill. I floated on air the entire time.

What kind of facilities are the fencers going to have at Long Beach? Where will they be housed?

The fencers will be housed at USC and UCLA with the National Olympic Committee. The facilities in the air-conditioned Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach will be first rate. There will be 16 competitive strips for the preliminaries, seating 2800 in the Exhibition Hall, with the finals strip in the beautiful Terrace Theater, which seats approximately 3000. There will be 25 practice strips at the Convention Center. Practice commences July 14, 1984.

In the athletes' lounge there will be TV for watching other Olympic events and closed circuit to watch fencing and Atari games. There will also be a separate quiet lounge with cots for sleep or resting.

The location of the Long Beach Convention Center affords all sorts of outside activities with the Queen Mary, Spruce Goose, Shoreline Village, first-rate restaurants, sailing and downtown Long Beach shopping to fit every pocketbook.

Whatever the fancy, Long Beach has a wonderful mixture of Southern California qualities. It is casual, yet cosmopolitan. a

major metropolitan center with s zest.

Fencing shares the facility with Yachting just across main parking lot.

Since there are 4 sports (Archer Beach, there will be a mini-pre technology, ABC and food at the tion Center. An extra, never done hot food for fencers and coaches nals.

The fencers in the U.S. are always ing about the lack of television cover sport. Will there be television coverage fencing at Long Beach? What kind much?

ABC will have five camera locat Terrace Theater and remote came preliminaries. We have been infc we would have National and Int coverage. There will also be tentional Foreign radio-TV booths. telecast some of the finals from tl Theater and perhaps a complete American is in the final 8.

Are the Russians providing the fencing for the Pentathlon event also?

The Visti equipment is being pr Fencing and Modern Pentathlon

What happens to the equipment. Olympics are finished in Los Angeles

The Visti Fencing Equipment loaned to the LAOOC for the 1984 Fencing Competition and will be when the Games are concluded.

How many countries (and athletes) expect to enter the fencing events?

We anticipate 39 to 42 countries the fencing event, with 350 to 400

Do you expect to have any problem notorious L.A. summer smog at the Games?

Smog in Long Beach is unhea Fencing Venue is near the ocean temperature is 10 to 15 degrees k other areas of Southern California venue is fully air-conditioned.

What other questions would you like me ask you? What subjects have I n

There will be a self-help armory at USC and UCLA for the use of fencers, and/or cadre open during the day and at night. There is, of course, a self-help armory at Long Beach.

How do you feel about our modern U.S. Olympic fencers and their chances of doing well at the L.A. Olympics? Peter Westbrook seems to be our main hope, but his teammates should also be "up" for this Olympiad.

The U.S. has not won a medal since Albie Axelrod's third place in men's foil in Rome in 1960. No American has won a gold medal. We have but one direction to go and that is up. Our U.S. Olympic fencers, in my opinion, have all the qualities, physically and mentally, to be champions. The fact that they have not reached this potential is the individual responsibility of each of them. They must push a little harder, strive a little longer to reach the winning form. Peter certainly has a good chance, but it is up to him to make the sacrifices necessary to be a champion.

Thank you, Jan Romary!

RESULTS NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT

D'Asaro Women's Foil (Jan. '84, 76 entries)

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| 1. J. Ellingson, The FC | 13. C. Handelman, Halb. |
| 2. S. Badders, Auriol | 14. I. Maskal, Santelli |
| 3. V. Bradford, USMPTC | 15. E. Giomponi, Bardakh |
| 4. S. Johnson, USMPTC | 16. K. Coombs, S. Jose S. |
| 5. D. Waples, Auriol | 17. L. Clark, The FC |
| 6. M. Miller, Mori | 18. E. Cheris, Cheyenne |
| 7. J. Angelakis, Penn St. | 19. Jen. Yu, Stanford |
| 8. M. Sullivan, TCFC | 20. Jes. Yu, Yale |
| 9. A-F. Miller, Penn St. | 21. C. Bilodeau, Colum. |
| 10. H. Konecny, NYFC | 22. A. Metkus, Yale |
| 11. M. Szabunia, Csiszar | 23. O. Kay, S. Jose St. |
| 12. N. Latham, Bardakh | 24. J. Starks-F., Csiszar |

D'Asaro Men's Foil (Jan. '84, 91 entries)

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| 1. M. Smith, Atlanta | 13. P. Bennett, NYFC |
| 2. G. Massialas, The FC | 14. D. Rainford, NYFC |
| 3. M. Marx, Auriol | 15. S. Kogler, Wayne St. |
| 4. G. Nononoua, The FC | 16. D. Hinton, S. Jose St. |
| 5. D. Blaney, Letterm. | 17. M. Lang, Unatt. |
| 6. E. McNamara, NYAC | 18. J. Bukantz, NYFC |
| 7. M. McCabe, NYFC | 19. J. Biebel, GLFA |
| 8. P. Gerard, Auriol | 20. L. Sigel, NYFC |
| 9. J. Tichacek, NYFC | 21. E. Ballinger, Sant. |
| 10. P. Des Georges, Auriol | 22. P. Lewison, NYFC |
| 11. J. Gil, Unatt. | 23. P. Birchard, The FC |
| 12. H. Hambarzumian, Lettm. | 24. R. Marx, Auriol |

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One of the most frustrating kinds of breaks in a foil wire is the one right up in the tip, when the wire breaks loose from its soldered position in the little brass collar inside that little plastic cup in the bottom of the point housing. It's frustrating, I say, because although the rest of the wire is in fine shape (usually), and still well glued down, you are now going to have to strip it all out, and perhaps painfully scrape the groove clean and do the whole re-wire job.

But maybe not.

What I am going to describe in this column is a cute approach to salvaging such otherwise dead foils that was shown me by Henry Harutunian, coach of the Yale University team. It works, and if you have properly identified your breakdown, can greatly simplify the repair. Of course, if there is another break besides the one up front, or if you have made an incorrect estimate of what's wrong, then you will have wasted your efforts; but that's obvious.

Let us assume for your peace of mind, however, that you have correctly identified the defect as a break in the tip. The usual clue is a foil that goes intermittent: off-targets on beats, for example. When testing such a foil, flex the blade right up at the tip without depressing the point, and watch your meter or lamp test device. If you get an intermittent reading when the blade is flexed, that's as good evidence as you could want that the trouble is of this sort, and probably only this sort.

Well, what's the simple fix? First, don't strip out the wire. Leave it alone. Just unscrew the cylinder (barrel or button) from the end of the blade. If the wire is intact, of course, doing so would break it right off up in the tip. Since you already have a break there, you are doing no more harm. Now take apart the point assembly that you have just removed, as has been described before

in these columns. (Don't want to the back issue? OK: remove the se slide out the point top and pressu then push out the little plastic cup back, and remove the little brass p the plastic. Save everything.)

Now, take a bit of surplus blade couple of inches is plenty — that thoughtfully saved from a previou or assembly job. You do save the p cut off at the handle end, don't y Well, start, if you want to use the t I am describing.

With a fine-tipped soldering p move the bit of broken-off wire dered into the brass piece. Repla that inch or so of wire we were ju about. Be sure the solder joint is one. Reassemble: thread the wire plastic cup and seat the brass pi then put the cup into the botto cylinder and put the rest of the gether. Now you will reattach the onto the end of the blade, being get the stub of wire properly cente slot in the tip. Before screwing c cylinder, of course, be sure to pry t quarter inch or so of the survivi wire. Bend it at a right angle up a groove in the blade, and strip the l of an inch or so. Bend the stub of v the point to match, and strip Gently twist the two bare eighth-i gether and lightly tack solder thei ugly blobs of solder wanted or nee Slide a small piece of tubing over be sure no bare metal shows; then splice down on top of the groov blade. It will be completely cover you very neatly retape the end of t What you now have is a blade tha good as a newly wired one, and v the same.

This approach is one that can e

in the field, so to speak; you can do it right at a competition, between rounds, maybe even between bouts, if you are skillful and dexterous. One big advantage is that there's no waiting for glue to dry, quite apart from the absence of the mess of the glue itself.

The procedure will be even more effective for someone who plans ahead, and has a few spare parts to play around with. At a minimum, you could make up a couple of the little wire stubs attached to their brass

collars inside their plastic cups, and carry them in your kit. If you have the parts to play with, and they will match the rest of your equipment, you could have a couple of complete points made up this way, with the inch or so of wire protruding from their backs the only clue to what they were. Then you could just unscrew the point assembly and screw on a fresh one; tack the wires together, insulate and re-tape.

RESULTS

SANTELLI WOMEN'S NOVICE MEET

Anne Marie McGrath, with an undefeated final round record, was the winner of the Santelli Women's Novice held at Salle Santelli, Englewood, N.J., on December 28. Wellesley freshman, Stephanie Ewing, a former Ramapo High School fencer, placed second, followed by Linda Coulson, Corene Minchin, Suzanne Thomas, and Susan Kim. Thirty eight fencers participated in the First Annual Christmas Meet, sponsored by Santelli.

RESULTS:

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| 1. A. McGrath, Wm. Paterson | 5. S. Thomas, Ramapo |
| 2. S. Ewing, Wellesley | 6. S. Kim Wayne Hills |
| 3. L. Coulson, Wayne Hills | 7. A. Vinopal, Geraci |
| 4. C. Minchin, Wm. Paterson | 8. D. Mellor, Unatt. |

1983 KADAR OPEN

Case Western Reserve U., Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 1983.

Men's Sabre

- W. Goering, FAM
- J. Fazakas, Alcazar
- M. Fonay, Canada
- P. Tykodi, N.E.
- B. Kogler, Wayne St.
- N. Kessler, FAM
- W. Brandt, Iowa
- R. Beatty, W. Mich.

Men's Epee

- C. Schneider, FAM
- M. Davis, FAM
- D. Moss, Kadar
- J. Birkel, Kadar
- S. Johnson, Kadar
- G. Faithful, BGSU
- J. Nonnile, Alcazar
- D. Theriault, EnGFC

Women's Sabre

- M. Adrian, IFC
- E. Dienes V., Kadar
- A. Klinger, Auriol
- K. Furu, FAM
- L. Burdick, MSU
- C. McHenry, BGSU

Women's Epee

- E. Erdos, Kadar
- M. Adrian, IFC
- A. Klinger, Auriol
- D. Theriault, EnGFC
- F. Turner, Alcazar
- K. Furu, FAM

FIRST USFA COLLEGIATE OPEN

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill
January 13-15, 1984

Men's Sabre (38 entries)

- Dunadio, Penn.
- Keane, Penn St.
- Wilson, Columbia
- Janis, N. Dame
- Johnson, N. Dame
- Hauer, Penn St.
- Capin, Penn St.
- Fowlkes, Penn St.

Sabre Team

- Notre Dame
- Penn State
- Penn
- Columbia
- North Carolina
- Illinois
- Ohio State
- Northwestern

Men's Epee (48 entries)

- Quaroni, N. Dame
- Thomas, UW-Pkside
- Michaels, S. Antonio
- Chiao, Illinois
- Hill, Ohio St.
- St. Clair, N. Dame
- Hollenbeck, Penn St.
- Murphy, Penn St.

Epee Team

- Columbia
- Illinois
- Penn State
- Ohio State
- Notre Dame
- Northwestern
- Wisconsin
- Penn

Women's Foil (41 entries)

- Angelakis, Penn St.
- Richter, Ohio St.
- Wichick, Temple
- Meyer, Penn St.
- Horvany, Ohio St.
- Albertson, N. Dame
- O'Neil, Penn
- Hammann, Penn

Women's Foil Team

- Penn State
- Penn
- Temple
- Ohio State
- North Carolina
- Notre Dame
- Northwestern
- MIT

Men's Foil (46 entries)

- VanderVelden, N. Dame
- Wilson, Penn
- Rossabi, N. Carolina
- Holtz, MIT
- Altschul, Columbia
- Balestracci, Penn St.
- Clarke, Penn St.
- Hagen, Northwestern

Men's Foil Team

- Columbia
- Notre Dame
- Penn State
- Penn
- Illinois
- MIT
- Northwestern
- North Carolina

1984 VALENTINE'S OPEN

Feb. 11 and 12, at the Univ. of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.

Men's Epee (19)

- J. Yarger, SWIFT
- L. Myricks, Cinc. FC
- V. Miller, SWIFT
- A. Elam, Ft. Knox
- J. Poole, FC of L.
- K. Cunningham, Ft. Benj.

Women's Foil (22)

- K. Pekarik, Cinc. FC
- L. Felty, FC of L.
- K. Simpson, Bowling Gr.
- L. Grady, Lex. FC
- A. Driscoll, S. Heart
- R. Begley, FC of L.

Men's Sabre (19)

- J. Martin, Cinc. FC
- M. Meister, Cinc. FC
- D. Franco, Cinc. FC
- J. Yarger, SWIFT
- V. Miller, SWIFT
- D. Ewen, Lex. FC

Women's Epee (8)

- A. Driscoll, S. Heart
- L. Felty, FC of L.
- A. Grizzell, Lex. FC
- M. Denton, FC of L.
- R. Begley, FC of L.
- P. Hensel, Sacred H.

Men's Foil (31)

- T. Hensley, Lex. FC
- J. Yarger, SWIFT
- L. Myricks, Cinc. FC
- G. Doyle, Lex. FC
- T. Martin, Cinc. FC
- B. Grady, Lex. FC

Women's Sabre (8)

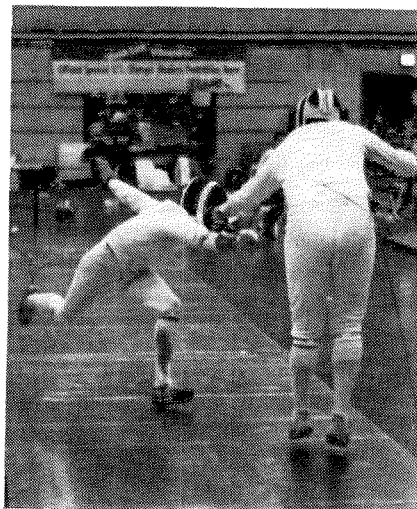
- L. Felty, FC of L.
- A. Driscoll, Sacred H.
- P. Hensel, Sacred H.
- M. Denton, FC of L.
- T. Bischoff, Oneida
- A. Grizzell, Lex. FC

1984 PENTATHLON OPEN

by George Nelson

One hundred three athletes competed in the 22nd Annual Pentathlon Open Epee Fencing Tournament at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio on January 28 and 29. Robert Marx of Salle Auriol was winner of the

John Moreau, left, vs. Lee Shelley at the 1984 Pentathlon Open finals.



Saturday competition, the second epee of the North American Circuit. Michaels, USMP, won the Sunday tournament, while John Moreau's second and third places gave him the first place trophy.

Seventeen men Mexican fencers from Canada, Great Sweden and Finland provided the national flavor that has often accompanied San Antonio tournament and has useful training session in addition.

In the Women's epee, Wendy N Great Britain repeated her previous performance. The results

Saturday

- R. Marx, Auriol
- L. Shelley, Orse
- J. Moreau, USMP
- R. Hurme, USMP
- L. Siegel, NYFC
- B. Matheson, LAMC
- H. Farley, NY
- C. Schneider, FAM

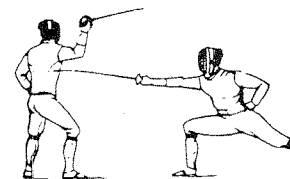
Sunday

- C. Michaels, USMP
- J. Moreau, USMP
- I. Sisniaga, Mexico
- M. Lamprecht, Sweden
- C. Menchaca, Mexico
- B. Lee, Halberstadt
- D. Rainford
- A. Skopik, TAMU

1984 NATIONALS GALA NIGHT

Come to celebrate Nationals at Gala Night! Saturday, June 16, 6 The Como Inn, 546 Milwaukee Chicago.

The Como Inn is a well-known resort close to the Holiday Inn (the official the Nationals). The price of \$15.00 a full course dinner and entertainment cash bar will also be available. W tournament starts, tickets to the Gala will be available for \$17.00, so we encourage you to send your reservation now send a check for \$15.00 per person to "1984 Nationals" with your registration materials. Tickets reserved in you will be available at the head table tournament.



A TALE OF 3 TOURNAMENTS

by Scott Knies

During a span of less than six weeks between 1983 and 1984, the finals of three U.S. fencing Assn. Olympic qualifying tournaments were held at The Fencing Center in San Jose. Each of these events were very different from each other despite being held at the same location and within the same format: a gala final.

The premier west-coast Sabre Classic on Dec. 10, 1983 materialized into "a model of what North American Circuit Events should be," according to many of the fencers and USFA officials present. However, the D'Asaro Foil events, Jan. 21-22, represented both the best and the worst sides of the fencing sport in America.

Excitement was high in San Jose for the first-ever west coast sabre circuit, and despite the nearness to the January D'Asaro events, the local organizers worked hard to prepare their new facility for the arrival of the New York boys who control American sabre fencing.

And most of them showed up, joining to comprise a modestly sized but tough field of 79. The spacious gym at San Jose State gave everyone enough room — which seemed to be needed before the start of competition. Territory was staked out by three clubs. A confident team of six Canadians took over one corner of the gym, the New York Athletic Club another, and the New York Fencers Club a third.

The first round began late after a right-of-way rules interpretation by Jack Keane, the Officials Commission representative. A few upsets occurred in the second round as the field was squeezed from 48 to 24. The third round and direct elimination from 16 moved smoothly through the afternoon and into evening with the eight finalists all making it over to The Fencing Center before the 8 p.m. starting time.

The sabreurs, true showmen that they are, appeared to enjoy moving from the open gym to the packed arena at The Fencing Center, where 350 spectators, food, drink and T.V. cameras surround the strip. Coordinating actions with the television

crew, the finalists cooperated through warm-ups, introductions and a brief scoring demonstration given for the benefit of the audience. The first bout got under way just before 9 p.m.

Maybe because it was the first U.S. circuit for our fencers after a summer of international tournaments, or maybe because it was the Olympic season, or perhaps because of the three Canadians in the finals, the fencing was excellent and the touches notably cleaner and more direct than the sabre finals at the San Francisco Nationals that June. The best bout of the finals was for third place between Stan Lekach and Jean-Paul Banos of Canada — a see-saw battle which saw Lekach make up a large deficit only to lose 11-9 as Banos made a tremendous riposte while falling off the strip. Many spectators crowded around the T.V. monitor to cheer the slow-motion replay of the final touch.

The first-place match between teammates and bed 'n breakfast roommates Peter Westbrook and Steve Mormando was anticlimatic despite a 12-11 score. Westbrook, enjoying every opportunity to remove his mask and gesture to the sympathetic crowd, said later: "I didn't care if I won or lost I was having so much fun out there." He lost.

The finalists were presented Sabre Classic T-shirts and bottles of fine California wine, leading one young New York sabreur to remark: "No medals! Well, what do you expect from a sabre tournament in California?"

The D' Asaro Foil events were not produced with the same ease and joy as the Sabre Classic. Athlete's rep Joe Shamash was perhaps the busiest person at the finals; handing protests, counterprotests and proposed protests at both events.

Nonetheless, the bottom line was the fencing and both winners, Joy Ellingson and Mark Smith, dominated their opponents in their respective finals. But it was no simple matter getting there, or staying there.

The entire format for the D' Asaro Foil Weekend was changed to a three-day event, primarily to accommodate the men's foil finals on a Sunday afternoon before an audience and media instead of late Sunday night in an empty gym. (This change was initiated after many of the top men foilists said they wanted gala finals of their own like D' Asaro women had in 1983).

This is not the place to judge the merits of a two-day format for circuit events or the holding of a finals in a separate location from the preliminaries, but there are obvious yeas and nays on either side. Some fencers complained the first-day should be fenced through to the directs instead of the third round, other said they loved performing before an audience and media, while still others loathed having to stay in San Jose an extra day.

The women started late Friday afternoon Jan. 20 and were down to 24 fencers after a tough second round ending by 9 p.m. Saturday was triple duty day with both events overlapping. Men's prelims to 24 started at 8 a.m., women's third round and directs from 16 after the men's second round concluded, and, finally, the women's finals. Thanks largely to the superior organization of Gay D' Asaro and Carla-Mae Richards, all the schedules synchronized and the women finalists were over at the Fencing Center before 8 p.m., staring at another capacity crowd of 350.

The women were radiant during their introduction — photos show all eight finalists laughing and happy (the camera even caught Margo Miller smiling). It was an entirely different scene six hours later, at two Sunday morning, when the awards were finally presented in the empty salle.

The smiles had been replaced by scowls after a protest and counterprotest were aimed by one-half of the finalists at the other half. A possibly defective scoring machine was the object of the controversy, although the protest did not surface until after the bouts in question had already been fenced.

A reporter for the Los Angeles Times, asked to come up and cover the D' Asaro weekend, stayed until the bitter end and

wrote an article about the protest as a news event and implying that had caused dissension amongst Women's Fencing Team.

Last week, at the Junior Olympiad, Ore., USFA President Milouk and the omnipotent Olympic Committee heard an "ultimate" concerning the incident and ruled D'Asaro Women's Foil Finals refenced. Like all OFC meetings, it also conducted behind closed doors not immediately apparent why a precedent setting determination. Sadly, protest business overshadowed powerful performance by Ellingson seems to fence her best in front crowd of family and friends. Joy, three former San Jose State All-Americans, in the top four of the original re-

Not surprisingly, the bout was still a bit numb for the men's foil on day afternoon. The 250 spectators chose to watch fencing rather than Super Bowl, waited patiently at the Fencing Center as the finalists arrived during the scheduled starting time.

Three of the eight fencers he start of the finals for an hour which "considered a protest", incredible whether they should fence the final Center., as scheduled, or return to Jose State gym. One local television had to leave during this delay Shamash engineered a compromise amongst the finalists and the fence underway at the planned site; with Greg Massialas and Mike Mar they were a step above everyone.

Smith easily handled Marx and for first place. It was the first National Circuit victory for the two tional Champ from Atlanta.

Many other details that contribute different levels of success in the events — the bed and breakfast raffle, concessions, public billboards, ESPN production fine hors d'oeuvres and business deal could not be included in this report of space constraint.

One conclusion that can be made



D'Asaro Men's Foil winners in order of finish: Smith, Massialas, Marx, Nonomura. Photo by Gordon Clark.

the San Jose events is that fencing has definite spectator appeal if marketed and produced properly. Our sport is personal, dynamic and colorful and most in the audience (seeing fencing for the first time) raved about the "aggressive, fast action" even if they had trouble with the score,

And finally, although the season is a long way from over, many questions have surfaced about the continued operation of the North American Circuit System. Do we want two-day events? Should they be open tournaments or limited to the top 16, 24 or 32? Are Olympic-qualifying events necessary each season when only the results for the year preceding the Olympic Games is counted? What role should the USFA play in funding athletes and juniors to these tournaments and helping local organizers with the high cost of running a competition? How can we get national television coverage and corporate sponsorship for all our major tournaments (J.O.s, National and Circuit events)? Are the spectator and media advantages of a gala finals enough to balance potential fencer protests which

could mar the entire competition before the public's eye? These questions and others must be answered, soon.

The Fencing Center believes that our sport would not prefer to have its top national tournaments concluded in a school gymnasium at 10 p.m. Sunday night before an audience of just 50 friends. To improve our major tournaments, increase USFA membership and create a public image of fencing in this country there must be changes — and support for those who implement them.



NEWS NOTES

WATER LOSS AND PERFORMANCE

If you lose 2% of your body fluid, your performance will drop. Without realizing it, your concentration, strength, and stamina will decrease. The human body is about 60% water, while a muscular athlete may be as high as 70% water. Water loss for the athlete can be critical. Water is second only to oxygen as being essential for life. Two-thirds of the body water is stored within the cells of the body — muscle cells, heart cells, brain cells. When 2% of body water is lost, cellular efficiency decreases — the muscles lose power, the brain isn't as sharp, the heart has to work harder.

When not engaged in sports, a person needs two liters of water a day. However, during competition or training you may lose as much as 3-5 liters of water — even more in hot, humid weather. This water must be replaced during practice and competition if you are to continue functioning at top form.

Don't take salt tablets. Water will be pulled from the body to dilute the salt. Use salt tablets *ONLY* if they are prescribed by the team physician. Most people normally consume three times the salt they need. Under certain conditions you may need extra salt. If the team physician prescribes extra salt, it can be taken as salt added to your food or by eating salty foods such as ham, salted nuts, chips, and other salty snack food.

(The above was prepared for the U.S. Olympic Council on Sports Medicine by the Swanson Center for Nutrition, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska.)

MORE ON THE NATIONALS

The Men's Foil Finals of the 1984 Championship Tournament will be held this year.

The Men's Finals will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton on Sunday evening, June 10, at a hotel located at 720 S. Michigan in downtown Chicago. This event is optional. All fencers are asked to be cordoningly.

All participants of the National Championship will be accorded the special admission rate of \$5.00. The general admission rate is \$10.00.

Tickets may be purchased at the ticket desk the week of the tournament by calling Ticket Master at 312/559-1111. You must provide your USFA membership number when you call in order to receive the reduced admission rate.

Please call Martin Kroll at 312/559-1111 if you have any questions.

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This is to be your own idea and your own drawing. Don't make it too complicated. First prizes for U-18, U-14, and U-10, years of age: \$20.

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