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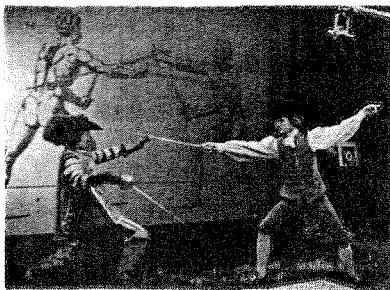
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"OMNIBUS" Presents . . .

On Sunday, January 30, a 15-minute Fencing program was televised for the first time over a nation-wide hook-up reaching some twenty million people. The show, "Omnibus," not only gave us a rare chance to "sell" the sport, but it also made a substantial contribution to our international fund.

We will not attempt here to describe the production itself; the AFLA will secure a 16mm. kinescope of the program and it will be available to clubs and divisions at a nominal rental. The entire narration was done by Jose de Capriles, and featured George Santelli as master of a fencing club where each weapon was explained and demonstrated. The cast included: Albert Axelrod, Frank Bavuso, Abram Cohen, Harold Goldsmith, Walter Henry, Allan Kwartler, Marieta Pinchart, Rene Pinchart, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Aubrey Seeman, Jo Shaff, Louis Shaff, Sewell Shurtz, Steven Sobel, Leonard Turk and George Worth.

Letters have come in from all over the country indicating our effort was well received and may have helped to popularize fencing. Herein are some of the comments which we acknowledge with thanks.



Historical Sequence on Omnibus TV Show. Left: Leonard Turke; right: Walter Henry.

"Although I am rather difficult to please, I must congratulate you for the presentation of Fencing on OMNIBUS. It had dignity—that extremely rare imponderable which is or at least should be the very essence of modern Fencing. . . . As a Fencing Master I am grateful to you and to OMNIBUS for your adroit presentation. . . ."

Aldo Nadi
Los Angeles, Calif.

"Everyone we have talked to thought it was excellent. . . ."

Donald S. Thompson
Shaker Heights, Ohio

"It was superbly done. . . . Such a marvelous and important sport should always be kept in the lime light."

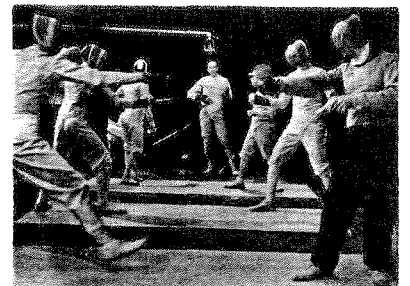
Gerard J. Biagini
El Cerrito, Calif.

"It was very good! Several non-fencers became interested in fencing so it has a good effect on our sport. Among the fencers, many of us felt like giving up because it was so far above us . . . but we won't."

W. Robert Witte
St. Louis, Mo.

"The Arizona Sector joins me in congratulating you on your fine performance. . . . It appears over a different network than the channels we have in Tucson; however we hired a 40 foot T.V. tower and were able to tune in on Phoenix."

Hilary J. Sandoval Jr.
Tucson, Ariz.



Salle Scene on Omnibus TV Show. Jose de Capriles in center commenting.

"The direction of the show, the lighting and the general effect should do much for fencing all over the country. Please extend our compliments to the men and women who appeared with you and to the coaches."

John C. McKee
Santa Monica, Calif.

"I enjoyed the program very much . . . it was well done and professional looking. I made a tape recording. . . ."

A. B. Bertucci
New Orleans, La.

"We thought it was tremendous. . . . Thanks for the treat. I might even buy a television set now that it has accepted fencing."

Calvert E. Schlick, Jr.
Baltimore, Md.

"Congratulations. We were favorably impressed and feel sure the lay public was equally impressed with the skill and sportsmanship of this most exciting sport."

John Knapp
New York, N. Y.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For the "Good Loser"

Let us **not** do away with the so-called "good loser," as Lewis M. Kenner suggests. By all means let us encourage the fierce competitive spirit and the will to win, but this need not mean that the "good winner" must be a "poor loser." In fact, the "good loser" is best exemplified by the habitual "good winner," who is bested by an opponent who has not as yet become a consistent winner.

To be a "good loser" in this case does not require overflowing with hearts and flowers. It requires nothing more than a courteous congratulatory manner, and a **suppression of the impulse to alibi** or in any way to tarnish the lustre of the opponent's victory.

I am just mid-Victorian enough to consider sportsmanship a virtue in its own right. And my reply to the Durocherian quip "nice guys don't win pennants" is to point to Walter Johnson who was always a gentleman, who was never expelled from a ball game, and who was such a great pitcher that many of the records he set still stand. Being relatively new to fencing, I do not know who is the fencing counterpart of Walter Johnson, but I am sure that he exists and many like him.

I salute this champion who is renowned for his winning but nevertheless is a "good loser."

James G. Bennett
4116—50th N.E.
Seattle, Washington

Let me add a little fuel to the fire on "good losers."

Sure I believe in winning. I like to win. That is my objective in entering every competition. But if 50 people enter a competition, 49 are going to lose.

If for no other reason than the mathematical certainty of a preponderance of losers to winners, it is necessary to learn to be a good loser.

It is easy to be a good winner. You can afford to be magnanimous. But how about the runner-up who might have missed the gold medal or the championship by a single touch? Suppose it is a fence-off for first place. The score is tied at four all. The last touch is awarded incorrectly through an error of the jury. Jurors are human. They sometimes make mistakes.

That, my friends, is when it is necessary to know how to be a good loser. And I think it is important. I think it is more important to the individual and to the sport than being a good winner.

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Pan American Games

Next issue will contain a complete coverage of the Second Pan American Championships at Mexico City.

Our team of ten men and three girls came home with three firsts, five seconds and two thirds to outscore their nearest rivals, Argentina, by a wide margin. Using the accepted Olympic point system, the over-all standings were: USA 70½, Argentina 49½, Mexico 23, Venezuela 16, Uruguay 11, Colombia 3. There is much that needs to be told about heroic individual performances and disappointments accepted without alibies.

Despite the excellent performance, our greatest pride is the genuine admiration and respect which all countries expressed for our sportsmanship. The good will we created will remain long after the victories are forgotten. J. R. deC.

EPEE MEN — NOTE

All epees used in the National Championships must have the official safety point approved by the F.I.E. and A.F.L.A. This is a rounded, "hedge-hog" point. All official AFLA competitions after Sept. 1, 1955 will require the use of this new point.

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Official AFLA Notes

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual AFLA meeting will be held on June 16, 1955 at 2:30 P.M. at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, 161st St. and Grand Concourse, N.Y.C.

The agenda will include election of officers, election of a National Nominating Committee, amendment to Chapter II, Sec. 1 (b) providing for Sectional dues to be paid to Division Secretary who has duty to transmit such dues to Section. Reports will be received from the officers and all Divisions.

The Annual Non-Divisional Meeting will be held on May 29, 1955 at 7 P.M. at the Fencers Club, 320 E. 53 St., N.Y.C.

Agenda will include election of Governors, election of Nominating Committee, and discussion of local programs.

HOTEL SITE FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Most of the 1955 National Championship events will be fenced in the ballroom of a top-rate New York hotel.

Through the efforts of Mr. Hugo Castello, N.Y.U. fencing coach, arrangements have been made for the use of the Concourse Plaza Hotel from June 13th through June 17th. This will provide a grandiose setting for all the individual events and also for Gala Nite.

The hotel, which has long been a center for sports activity, overlooks the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds. The New York Yankees, Giants and out-of-town ball clubs reside there when in town and it now bids fair to become a fencing center for the I.C.F.A., held there on March 11 and 12, was an outstanding success and discussions are on for next year's N.C.A.A. Championships.

Although the hotel is removed from the hub of midtown Manhattan, it is only a fifteen-minute subway ride from Times Square. Its rooms are clean and comfortable and its restaurant and bar have become the meeting place for leading sports figures.

A central "Salle" for the Nationals will not only serve as convenience for contestants and officials, but will provide the social relationship which has long been the desire of fencers who come to this event. The spirit of a "Fencing Convention" with a free exchange of ideas and good fellowship is an atmosphere which should be enjoyable and profitable to all.

The hotel is providing a special rate for all fencers and their guests. The daily rate will be:

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To obtain the special rate, mention should be made that reservation is for the National Fencing Championships.

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

IMPORTANT—NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All persons wishing to compete in the National Championship Tournament are reminded that qualifying—either automatically or by selection—**does not constitute an entry**. Each individual who is eligible to compete **must** send his entry and entry fee to Jose de Capriles, Chappaqua, N. Y. not later than May 29, 1955. This rule also applies to team entries. Please send full name, club affiliation, return address and entry fee. Money for entry fee will not be accepted at the time of competition.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

At the January 24th Board of Governors Meeting, reports from the various committees were as follows:

The Foreign Secretary reported that the League has 941 F.I.E. members and as such is entitled to one or two more votes in the F.I.E., which will add to the U.S. prestige in International fencing. The secretary reported that present membership is ahead of last year's total at this early date.

The Publicity Committee reported that the Pan-American Bazaar netted over \$350 for the Olympic Fund. An additional \$750 would be forthcoming from the Ford Foundation for the appearance of the Pan-American Team on the Omnibus Television Program.

The Statistical Committee suggested that a report by Roger Jones concerning a change in the classification system be sent to the Rules Committee for further study. A motion was approved and carried.

The National Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations for the 1955-'56 season: President, Jose de Capriles; First Vice-President, Dr. Paul Makler (East); Second Vice-President, Harold Van Buskirk (Southwest); Third Vice-President, Gerard Biagini (West); Fourth Vice-President, Edmund Zeisig (Midwest); Secretary, Ralph Goldstein; Treasurer, Rudolph Ozol; Foreign Secretary, Tracy Jaekel.

The Metropolitan Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations for governors of the Non-Divisional Group for 1955-'56 season: Maria Tishman, Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Leo Nunes, Ralph Marson, Basil Whittingham, Dorothy Friedman, Sol Gorlin, Norman Lewis, and George Worth.

The optional use of a smaller and simpler connection for the electric epee was authorized by the Board. This connection would give more room behind the bell guard for the hand.

The Olympic Fund showed a balance of over \$2,500. Mention was made of the fact that the girls on the team made substantial contributions to raising the \$700 necessary to send two girls to the Pan-American Games. Contributions were also noted from Princeton and the Coaches Association.

Mr. Stanley Sieja, Princeton Coach, commented on the "No Foul" rule in college fencing. Although some judges take a while to get used to it, the coaches think it is working nicely.

PAN AMERICAN BAZAAR

Under the Chairmanship of Lou Shaff a large group of metropolitan fencers organized a bazaar to raise money for the Pan American team. The event was held at the Grand Central YMCA through the good offices of our friend Douglas Boyea.

A wide variety of games and novelty booths provided wonderful opportunities for everyone to lose their money in a good cause. Ingenuity, imagination, artistry and hard work made the evening a social and economic success.

A group of Mexican folk dancers provided additional entertainment, and the evening terminated with the auctioning of numerous works of art by some of our gifted friends. The Pan American fund benefited by over \$350.00. We hesitate to list the many who worked so hard, lest one be overlooked, but to them all goes our sincere thanks.

An affair of this type is so much fun and, with a little organization, can be so profitable that we recommend it to the divisions as a way to help raise the funds we need so badly for the 1956 Olympic Games.



Mrs. Ralph Goldstein and Mr. Leo Sobel at work at the Pan-American Bazaar.

The SnackBar Crew relaxes during the Pan-American Bazaar.

Mr. Irving Terry was the "shutter" man at the Pan-American Bazaar.

Mr. Ralph Goldstein answers a fencing question posed by Mrs. Georgio Santelli. Miss Ann Drungis is kibitzer.

Pieter Mijer operating his Thrust Game at the Pan-American Bazaar.

We, of the OREGON DIVISION, are claiming the 'YOUNGEST' AFLA member in the United States. She was just a few hours old when her father presented her with a gift of an AFLA membership card. Her name is ZENA JOE NOTTINGHAM . . . she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nottingham (the maestro of the Nottingham School of Fencing).

Intercollegiate Events

CORNELL WINS THREE-WEAPON CHAMPIONSHIP IN I.C.F.A.

By Lou Shaff

Heralding a return to the glamor of pre-war intercollegiates, the Grand Ballroom of the Concourse Plaza Hotel in New York was the sparkling setting for the 58th annual championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association. Held on March 11 and 12, the event which is heavy laden with fencing sentiment, showed no lack of it this year, for the stalwarts from Ithaca battled their way through eleven strong teams to give George Cointe his first Three-Weapon championship for the Big Red. After twenty-three years of building fine teams and fine character high above Cayuga's waters, pay dirt came to the much respected coach by fielding a really well-balanced team for this was one of the rare occasions in which the three-weapon winner did not place first in any weapon.

However, the unique manner of the achievement can only add to the lustre of the victory, for although Columbia retained its epee and sabre titles and Navy captured the foil championship, Cornell stayed threateningly close to the top in all departments. Columbia's undoing came in the foil event where they took ninth place, having garnered only 10 touches, while Cornell was only one bout behind the victorious Navy team, 26 to 27. Navy, with a strong contingent in all weapons, lost a few too many close ones in epee and found itself in a three-way tie for third place in this weapon with Yale and C.C.N.Y., while Cornell again was breathing down the neck of the winners, 21 to 22. In the sabre event Columbia managed a wider margin by taking 28 bouts. Navy was second with 23 but this place was decided by counting touches, for Cornell, too, had added 23 bouts to their total.

The dramatic highlight for the new champions came when they met Columbia on the sabre strip. It was the tenth round and the scoreboard showed that all the chips were riding on the up-coming three bouts. James Brown of Cornell scored a clear-cut victory over Barry Pariser of Columbia in the first bout. Then Anthony Morales defeated his Columbia opponent, Martin Stein in the second bout and that was it. The grand totals read: Cornell 70, Navy 68 and Columbia 60.

Yale, in placing fourth was not up to its usual standards in sabre. But Kristraps Keggi, the Eli foil captain did credit to the dark blue by placing third in the individuals after fencing off a three-way tie for first. Princeton, Penn., C.C.N.Y. and N.Y.U. in finishing behind the first four in that order was no surprise as these coaches are working with new material this year. However, shrewd observers are not selling these teams short, for these coaches are capable of coming up with "block-busting" teams in another season.

Aubrey Seeman of C.C.N.Y. won the individual foil crown in a fence-off of a three-way tie. After Seeman and William Post of Cornell defeated Keggi of Yale, they fought to a four-all tie in one of the best bouts of the evening. Then Post at-



George Cointe with his victorious Three Weapon Cornell Team.

tacked against an extended point and lost the deciding touch.

John Parker of Navy took the sabre laurels by displaying an excellent defensive game characteristic of all the middle sabremen. Pariser of Columbia showed to good advantage but he could not overcome Parker's patience and deadly reposts. Wolverton of Navy showed the Blue and Gold courage by returning to the fray after sustaining a head injury.

Epee, too, required a three-way fence-off for first place and here Richard Pew of Cornell defeated Ayers of Columbia and Westerman of Rutgers to retain his individual title.

Hugo Castello did a flawless job on arrangements, which concluded with a Grand Ball, the first to be held in a hotel since 1939.

TEAM SUMMARIES

	Epee	Foil	Sabre	Total
1. Cornell	21	26	23*	70
2. Navy	18	27	23*	68
3. Columbia	22	10	28	60
4. Yale	18	21	19	58
5. Princeton	16	18	21	55
6. Penn	16	17	22	55
7. C.C.N.Y.	18	23	13	54
8. N.Y.U.	17	12	11	40
9. Brooklyn	13	16	11	40
10. Rutgers	17	9	7	33
11. M.I.T.	11	9	11	31
12. Harvard	11	10	9	30

* Navy 2nd on touches.

EPEE

Pool 1: Richard Pew, Cornell, 9-2; Nyles Ayers, Columbia, 7-4; James Woods, Navy, 7-4; Paul Rosenberg, N.Y.U., 7-4; William Pierskalia, Harvard, 6-5; Allan Hoffman, Princeton, 6-5; Robert Rothman, Brooklyn, 5-6; Joel Wolfe, City College, 4-7; Ed Bristol, M.I.T., 4-7; Eugene LeGoff, Rutgers, 4-7; John Sutton, Yale, 4-7; David Shrager, Penn, 3-8.

Qualifiers for individual championship: Pew, and, by fence-off, Ayers and Rosenberg.

Pool 2: Ray Ogren, Columbia, 9-2; John Kirkpatrick, Navy, 8-3; Jonas Ulenas, City College, 7-4; Donald Cyphers, Cornell, 7-4; Andrew Torchia, Yale, 7-4; Ira Weinberg, Penn, 6-5; Sam Sterart, Princeton, 6-5; Irving Barocas, Brooklyn, 4-7; Ken Anderson, Rutgers, 4-7; Harold Miller, M.I.T., 2-3; John DeVerrier, M.I.T., 1-5; Louis Guinot, N.Y.U., 3-8; Walton Rawls, Harvard, 1-4; Douglas Fitchen, Harvard, 1-5.

Qualifiers for individual championship: Ogren and Kirkpatrick.

Pool 3: Thomas Westerman, Rutgers, 9-2; Norman Zafman, City College, 7-4; Harry Eichenbaum, N.Y.U., 7-4; Alan Mitosky, Penn, 7-4; Raymond Carlson, Yale, 7-4; Mort Civan, Columbia, 2-5; Bernard Weiss, Columbia, 4-0; Jack Lowe, Cornell, 5-6; Jacob Gerstenfeld, Brooklyn, 4-7;

Charles Kusick, M.I.T., 4-7; Joseph Toot, Princeton, 3-8; John Jaudon, Navy, 3-5; William Auer, Navy, 0-3.

Qualifier for individual championship: Westerman.

FOIL

Pool 1: John Gonzalez, Navy, 10-1; Kristaps Keggi, Yale, 8-3; Aubrey Seeman, C.C.N.Y., 8-3; Philippe Mocquard, Cornell, 8-3; Aaron Kaop, Penn, 7-4; Ralph Demarco, Columbia, 6-5; Pat Pefix, N.Y.U., 5-6; Paul Forand, Harvard, 4-7; John Smith, Princeton, 4-7; Marcel Miernik, Brooklyn, 3-8; Frank Davinport, M.I.T., 3-8; Michael Schneider, Rutgers, 0-11.

Individual championship qualifiers: Gonzalez, Keggi, Seeman. (Keggi and Seeman qualify in fence-off).

Pool 2: Charles Piperno, C.C.N.Y., 8-3; William Post, Cornell, 8-3; Frank Zechlin, Navy, 8-3; Robert Goering, Yale, 8-3; Joe Prostick, Brooklyn, 7-4; Larry Smith, Penn, 7-4; John Farrell, N.Y.U., 5-6; Arthur Miller, Princeton, 4-7; Sanford Freeman, Rutgers, 4-7; Steven Schneider, Harvard, 2-5; Hubert Hocutt, Harvard, 1-2; Claude Stark, M.I.T., 2-5; Ben Edwards, M.I.T., 2-3; Lawrence Guarino, Columbia, 1-4; Stanley Zinberg, Columbia, 0-6.

Post and Goering qualified for individual championship in fence-off.

Pool 3: Wilfred Marioka, Princeton, 10-1; Joseph Crisanti, Cornell, 10-1; Rudolph Daus, Navy, 9-2; Albert Gordon, C.C.N.Y., 7-4; Herbert Goldberg, Brooklyn, 6-5; George Morley, Rutgers, 5-6; Philip Wedemeyer, Yale, 5-6; Bernard Hladik, Columbia, 3-8; James Harrison, Harvard, 3-8; Akira Togaski, M.I.T., 3-8; Leon Zelby, Penn, 3-8; Bernard Balaban, N.Y.U., 2-7; Noel Friedland, N.Y.U., 0-2.

Qualified for individual championships: Marioka won in fence-off.

SABRE

Pool 1: Barry Pariser, Columbia, 9-2; Walter Farber, Penn, 9-2; John Parker, Navy, 8-3; Norfleet Johnston, Princeton, 8-3; Jules Cohen, Yale, 8-3; James Brown, Cornell, 7-3; Martin Wertlieb, City College, 4-7; Ed Somody, M.I.T., 4-7; Pat Iofreda, Rutgers, 4-7; William Paul, Brooklyn College, 2-9; David Kenney, Harvard, 2-9; Tom Cakouros, N.Y.U., 1-10.

Qualified for individual championships: Pariser, Farber and Parker. (Parker qualified in fence-off).

Pool 2: Martin Stein, Columbia, 9-12; Anthony Morales, Cornell, 8-3; James Wolverton, Navy, 8-3; Edward Eyring, Princeton, 7-4; Richard Susco, City College, 6-5; Neil Hurowitz, Penn, 6-5; Lester Zuckerman, Yale, 5-6; Bob Flynn, N.Y.U., 5-6; Harvey Levine, M.I.T., 5-6; Nick Kontakis, Rutgers, 0-11.

Qualified for individual championships: Stein and Wolverton. (Wolverton qualified in fence-off).

Pool 3: Jerry Kaufman, Columbia, 10-1; Kenneth Mason, Cornell, 8-3; Thomas Sandmeyer, Navy, 7-4; Seymour Kaplan, Penn, 7-4; Gates Agnew, Princeton, 6-5; Richard Sterns, Yale, 6-5; John Craig, Harvard, 5-6; Saul Moskowitz, N.Y.U., 5-6; Arnold Asrelsky, Brooklyn, 3-3; Dan Friedman, Brooklyn, 1-4; Elliott Mills, C.C.N.Y., 3-8; Jerry Karol, Rutgers, 1-2; David Brockner, Rutgers, 2-6; Elliott Framan, 2-9.

Qualified for individual championships: Kaufman.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Epee (1) Pew, Cornell; (2) Ayers, Columbia; (3) Westerman, Rutgers; (4) Ogren, Columbia; (5) Kirkpatrick, Navy; (6) Rosenberg, N.Y.U. First three places decided by fence-off. Last three places decided by touches.

Foil (1) Seeman, C.C.N.Y.; (2) Post, Cornell; (3) Keggi, Yale; (4) Gonzales, Navy; (5) Morioka, Princeton; (6) Goering, Yale. First three places decided by fence-off.

Sabre (1) Parker, Navy; (2) Pariser, Columbia; (3) Stein, Columbia; (4) Kaufman, Columbia; (5) Farber, Penn.; (6) Wolverton, Navy. Third, fourth and fifth places decided by touches.



The victorious Navy Foil Team with the Little Iron Man Trophy.



Frank Kridel, Concourse Plaza Proprietor, right, receiving golden sabre from the Coaches Association at the I.C.F.A., with Andres Deladrier.

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M.A.C.F.A. Championships

By Marshall S. Turner, Jr.

The Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association conducted its 4th annual championships at the Johns Hopkins University on March 12.

A well-balanced Johns Hopkins team coached by Colvert Schlick won the three-weapon Yale Trophy for the second consecutive year by 8 bouts. Hopkins' over-all record was 39/15 while Haverford finished with 31/23, Temple 30/24, Lehigh 29/25, and Muhlenberg, competing for the first time, totaled 9/45.

The Hopkins fencers captured two of the team trophies as they won the epee and sabre titles. The foil championships went to a strong Temple team, which placed one-two in the foil standings.

All of last year's individual title winners were upset in the tourney. Epee champion, Hugh Montague, of Hopkins, was upended by teammate Dick Oles; sabre titleholder, Bill Masland of Haverford was replaced by Costel Denson of Lehigh; and the foil titlist, John Fratto of Temple, was upset by his teammate, Dave Murdock. 6

Perhaps the most exciting event of the afternoon was the sabre fence-off. At the end of the regularly scheduled matches, a three-way tie existed between Costel Denson, Bill Masland, and Hopkins' John Forte, with identical 8/1 records. In the fence-off Denson was first; Masland, second; and Forte, third.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Foil	Sabre	Epee	Total
Johns Hopkins	12	14	13	39
Haverford	8	13	10	31
Temple	16	6	8	30
Lehigh	5	11	10	26
Muhlenberg	4	1	4	9

N.A.I.F.C. Championships

By Sidney Schwartz

The fifth annual championships of the North Atlantic Intercollegiate Fencing Conference were held at the University of Buffalo and the home team retained the three-weapon crown which it has held since 1952. Eight colleges participated.

Buffalo won the "Buffalo Trophy" for foil teams, the "Santelli Trophy" for sabre teams and tied with Drew and Syracuse for the "Syracuse Trophy" for epee teams.

Individual titles were won by Bill La Mond of Buffalo (foil), Warren Campbell of Drew (epee) and Aldo Santorri of Buffalo (sabre). The tournament will be held at Syracuse University next year. Complete results follow:

	TEAM EVENTS			
	Foil	Epee	Sabre	3-Weap.
Buffalo	12v.	10v.	13v.	35v.
Detroit	11v.	9v.	12v.	32v.
Drew	8v.	10v.	8v.	26v.
Syracuse	9v.	10v.	7v.	26v.
Rochester	7v.	5v.	8v.	20v.
St. Lawrence	6v.	7v.	3v.	16v.
Lawrence Tech	2v.	4v.	4v.	10v.

INDIVIDUALS

FOIL: 1. Bill La Mond, Buffalo, 5-0; Robert Derdian, Detroit, 4-1; Robert Linares, Drew, 3-2.
EPEE: 1. Warren Campbell, Drew, 5-0; 2. George Wooding, Syracuse, 3-2; Jim Williams, Detroit, 3-2.
SABRE: 1. Aldo Santorri, Buffalo, 5-0; 2. Lee Falliers, Detroit, 4-1; 3. Willard Schopp, Syracuse, 2-3.

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INTERNATIONAL RULES FOR ELECTRICAL FOIL

The International Commission on the Electrical Apparatus has codified the F.I.E. rules on the electrical foil, as follows:

General

1. The fixed apparatus (the central machine, connections, reels) must be approved by the F.I.E. Commission on the Electrical Apparatus. For approval, a working set must be submitted, with detailed blueprints of construction, for examination by the Commission at least six months prior to the date of the event.

2. The personal equipment of the fencers (electrical foils, metallic jackets, and body wires) must be approved by a representative of the F.I.E. Commission on the Electrical Apparatus.

A. Central Machines

1. The central machines must function as follows: (a) A red signal will register valid touches; a white signal will register fouls; (b) the acoustic signal must give the same sound on both sides and may be given either by a bell or buzzer accompanying each optical signal or a single ring automatically limited to two seconds' duration; (c) the apparatus must permit the registration of a fair hit after a foul hit on the same side, but must **not** permit the registration of a foul hit after a fair hit on the same side; (d) the apparatus must not register the priority of touches when scored on both sides, except that, after the lapse of a determined time interval (not related to the interval of fencing time prescribed by the rules) following first signal, the apparatus must block all other registration of subsequent touches; (e) the exact time interval will be determined by experience, and the apparatus must permit its regulation between half a second and two seconds; (f) a hit on the metallic strip or on the metallic parts of the opponent's foil must not be registered by the apparatus and must not prevent the registration of a simultaneous hit made by the opponent; (g) the apparatus must be able to withstand a momentary increase in resistance within the closed circuit up to 250 Ohms without causing the registration of a foul.

2. The operating buttons should be located on top or in front of the apparatus. The signal lamps must be located on top, so that they may be visible to the fencers, the judges, and the manager of the apparatus. If possible, additional lamps may be installed outside of the apparatus to increase the visibility of the signals.

B. Reels, Cables, Metallic Strips

1. Reels, cables and metallic strips are identical with those used for epee. However, due to the fundamental difference in principle between the two registration systems, only reels in excellent condition may be used for foil.

2. The distribution of the various connections on the three branches of the reels and cables shall be as follows: (a) the outside prong, 15 mm. from center, is connected with the metallic jacket; (b) the

center prong is connected with the foil wire; (c) the outside prong, 20mm. from center, is connected to the rest of the foil and the metallic strip.

C. Electrical Foils

1. A single electric wire in the weapon is in permanent contact with the pointe d'arret. In the passive state, the point is also in contact with the rest of the foil. When there is a touch, this contact is broken.

2. The pressure to be exerted on the pointe d'arret before registration is at least 500 grams; that is, such a weight must be resisted by the spring in the button.

3. The travel distance is at least half a millimeter; that is, the pointe must recede at least that distance before registering a touch; and after registration the point must not recede further than an additional half millimeter.

4. The attachment of the button to the blade is made by a threading of 3x0.6 or 3.5x0.6. This length of the thread must be at least 5 mm. for steel buttons. In case buttons of a light alloy are used, the attachment must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The blade itself must provide a cylindrical part with a diameter of at least 3 mm. and a length sufficient to permit the required threading. Attachment by welding or soldering is forbidden.

5. The single wire must be contained within a groove running the length of the blade. At the point where the wire enters the button, the width of the groove must be 0.5 mm. or less, and its depth must be 0.6 mm. or less, measured from the outside rings of the threading, so that the weakening of the section may be minimized. **The use of tubular blades carrying the wire on the inside may be authorized provided that these blades comply with the requirements of the rules concerning safety and flexibility.**

6. The electrical resistance of the single foil wire, measured from the button to the connecting plug, shall be 1.5 Ohms or less. The resistance of the circuit, measured from any point of contact on the blade or guard, to the appropriate prong must be 2 Ohms or less. The insulation between the two prongs when the contact in the button is broken, must be at least 50,000 Ohms.

7. The diameter of the body of the button must be between 5 mm. and 7 mm., excluding insulation. The diameter of the pointe d'arret may not exceed the diameter of the body of the button. The active part of the pointe d'arret consists of a half-sphere, which may be roughened by serration, but the use of "pineapple" type prongs as in the epee pointe is not permitted.

8. The pommel of the foil must be completely covered with an insulating material; the same is true of the body of the button and the foil blade up to a length 150 mm. from the button. This insulating material may be adhesive tape or varnish.

9. The working parts behind the guard must be arranged in such a way that it is impossible for the fencer to manipulate or change the contacts while fencing.

D. Body Wire

1. The body wire consists of three wires having a resistance between prong and prong of 0.5 Ohms or less.

2. On the back of the fencer, the body wire shall end in three prongs of the type used for epee, connected as follows: the prong at 15 mm. from center connected with the metallic jacket; the middle prong connected with the foil wire; the prong at 20 mm. from center connected with the rest of the foil.

3. The method of attachment of the wires to the jacket and to the foil is not prescribed, but must assure contact without possibility of interruption in the course of combat.

E. Metallic Jackets

1. The conductive surface of the jacket must cover the valid target of the fencer completely, without exception. The general rules are amended so that **the bib of the mask is not valid target**. When the fencer is in the normal garde position, the bib may not reach more than 2 cm. below the collar.

2. The metallic cloth must be tested with the aid of a weight of 500 grams, constructed so that at one end it will consist of a hemispherical form having a radius of 4 mm. The weight, poised on this end, when placed on the metallic cloth resting on a soft base, must assure continuous contact with a maximum resistance of 1.5 Ohms.

F. General Regulations for Competition

The basic regulations for the electrical epee shall apply except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the rules herein set forth for the electrical foil.

G. Judging

1. The materiality of a touch can be established only by the electrical apparatus. Except in the case of a touch awarded as a penalty, the Director cannot call a touch against a fencer unless the apparatus indicates that a touch has been scored against him. However, the apparatus controls only the materiality of touches; when both fencers are hit, the Director shall make a decision in accordance with the conventions of foil fencing.

2. In order to use the registration apparatus to best advantage, the Director must be thoroughly familiar with the principles underlying the electrical apparatus, to wit: (a) if both lights, white and red, go on on the same side, the foul has preceded the fair touch; (b) except for this, the apparatus does not show whether one touch preceded another. If the lights go on on both sides, and the Director does not have a clear idea as to which actions in the phrase resulted in the touches registered by the apparatus, so that he cannot establish validity with accuracy, it is preferable for him to replace the fencers on guard without awarding the touch. It is understood that the Director will disregard any signal resulting from thrusts which arrive outside the authorized phrases of combat or on outside surfaces.

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H. Failure of the Apparatus

If the apparatus does not function in its regular manner, the Director must annul the last touch every time that it is established that the registration by the apparatus may have resulted without the scoring of a touch or that a hit made by the opponent might not have been correctly registered. The situation must be verified by the same type of tests prescribed for electrical epee.

I. Penalties

1. The provisions governing illegal weapons are the same for foil as for epee.
2. The fencer who appears on the strip with a metallic jacket which has already been rejected because it does not completely cover the valid target, or because it has "holes" on which fair hits may conceivably be registered as fouls, will be compelled to continue the competition with a jacket provided by the organizing committee. In this case, he may not complain if this jacket covers more than his personal valid target.
3. The fencer who seeks to avoid the registration of a fair hit against himself, by establishing contact between his foil and his metallic jacket, shall after a single warning (valid for the entire pool) be penalized one touch each time that he commits the offense.

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DIRECTORS' SCHOOL

By Allan Kwartler

You will recall that our previous guest speaker emphasized that a director must have a feeling for the fencing game. Miguel de Capriles, our guest speaker for the sabre session, pointed out that a good sabre director should be a sabre fencer. He explained that foil judges (watching sabre) generally miss touches made to the head because the foil target does not include the head. Subconsciously they are still judging foil.

The best way to become proficient is to watch a lot of fencing, try to recognize the actions, then reconstruct them correctly in proper sequence. (Editor's note: We agree wholeheartedly with the above statement. As further proof, here is an interesting story. At a recent competition a director was needed for one bout. A non-fencer who had watched every sabre competition for several years was so familiar with the actions that he did a very creditable job of determining the right of way.)

Other problems in sabre discussed by Mr. de Capriles were:

1. Placing fencers on guard at proper distance (approx. 4 meters apart) before the order is given to fence, to help eliminate jumping the gun.

2. Blade hitting target and defending blade at the same time, which is a valid touch. This, however, should be differentiated from a whipover, when the blade whips over defender's guard or blade.

3. Use of ambiguous terms, e.g.:
 - a. "Through steel," which could mean a whipover (therefore no touch), or an insufficient parry (good touch).

- b. "Flat" touches, which are almost inconceivable in sabre fencing. A cut made with both cutting edges on the target is valid. Hitting with the non-cutting back edge is not valid. However, after such a cut is made, drawing the blade back can make it a valid touch, since the upper 1/3 of the blade (the cutting edge) is brought into play.

4. Point touches must hit head-on. A point touch is not considered a good hit if it slides and the cutting edge hits, i.e., no point on the target. However, if the point hits and then slides, the touch is valid.

5. Attacking with a bent arm: this point was particularly stressed, because it serves notice to us of how European directing differs in some cases from ours. There is no rule saying a fencer must attack with a straight arm; an attack is a forward movement of the weapon into a threatening position, with the arm straight or bent. For example, Levasseur of France moves forward with the arm bent and attacks from that position. A stop against this attack is not given. Also, Kovacs of Hungary makes his fleche attacks with the elbow close to the body, and when he hits is given the touch. Again, the stop is not given.

In foil the same principle applies. Should Fencer A attack with a bent arm, and land, Fencer B's stop, landing at the same time, is wrong. (B has provoked a double touch.) This, of course, is the result of the influence of the French school of fencing, which started the attack with the arm bent, contrary to the Italian school. However, it should be borne in mind that the rules of

fencing are not based on any one school of fencing, since both schools today are almost completely integrated. This point will be discussed further at our next session.

We wish to thank Sewall Shurtz and Umberto Milletari for their help as sabre demonstrators, and James Convin and Aubrey Seeman for their electrical foil exhibition. Our thanks again to the Fencers Club for the use of their salle.



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NORTHWEST FENCING TOURNAMENT

By Miss Sherry Wissler

Fifty-nine persons took part in the Annual Tournament which was held in Seattle on March 25 and 26. The results:

Women's Open: 1. Katherine Modrell, Seattle; 2. Cheryl Cannon, Spokane; 3. Jan Gay, Portland.

Women's Junior: 1. Jan Gay, Portland; 2. Beverly Clawson, Vancouver; 3. Norma Betton, Seattle.

Open Foil: 1. W. C. Modrell, Seattle; 2. Pay Buie, Portland; 3. Don Naylor, Portland.

Junior Foil: 1. John McDougal, Portland; 2. Tate Minckler, Portland; 3. James Wentworth, Spokane.

Open Sabre: 1. Alfred Raisters, Seattle; 2. W. C. Modrell, Seattle; 3. Robert Simpson, Vancouver.

Open Epee: 1. Dan Drumheller, Spokane; 2. W. C. Modrell, Seattle; 3. Ralph Gage, Seattle.

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Constitution of the Amateur Fencers League of America

AS AMENDED TO JUNE 14, 1954

Article I

The Name

The name of the League shall be "The Amateur Fencers League of America."

Article II

The Objects

The objects of the League shall be:

(a) The encouragement of the sport and art of fencing in the United States of America, its territories and possessions,

(b) The defining of amateur status in respect to fencing and the formulation and enforcement of regulations relating thereto,

(c) The formulation and publication of rules for the management of fencing contests and exhibitions in the United States of America, its territories and possessions,

(d) The grouping of all amateur fencers within its territorial jurisdiction for the purpose of conducting annual local and national championships, and competitions preliminary thereto or designed to awaken and maintain interest in competitive fencing as well as in the art of fencing as a cultural pursuit and an exercise, and

(e) The maintenance of relations with fencing associations and societies of foreign countries, and committees or other organizations interested in promoting international competitions and the advancement of the sport and art of fencing.

Article III

Membership and Definition of an Amateur Fencer

Section 1. Membership in the League shall be limited to those citizens or residents of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, who are genuinely interested in the advancement of amateur fencing.

Membership shall be of six classes: Honorary, Life, Active, Collegiate, Student and Associate.

Honorary Membership shall be open to anyone who shall have rendered distinguished service to the cause of fencing. To become an Honorary Member of the League any candidate shall be elected by the Board of Governors of the League by the unanimous vote of those voting who must comprise at least two-thirds of the entire Board then entitled to vote. Honorary Membership shall have all the rights and privileges of Active and Collegiate Members but shall be exempt from the obligations of paying any initiation fee or dues.

Life Membership shall consist of those qualified to be Active or Collegiate Members who shall pay to the League the Life Membership fee specified in the By-Laws. Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active and Collegiate Members but shall be exempt from the obligation of paying dues subsequent to the payment of the Life Membership fee.

Active Membership shall be open to all amateur fencers who have attained the age of 25, upon being elected to membership by the Board of Governors or admitted to membership pursuant to the terms of the By-Laws of the League and upon payment of the initiation fee and dues for the current year specified in the By-Laws.

Collegiate Membership shall be open to all amateur fencers who have attained the age of 19 but have not yet reached their 25th birthday, upon being elected to membership by the Board or admitted to membership pursuant to the terms of the By-Laws of the League and upon payment of the initiation fee and dues for the current year specified in the By-Laws.

All **Active and Collegiate Members** shall be entitled to participate in any competition held under the auspices of the League subject to such regulations and limitations as the Board may from time to time lay down with respect to particular categories or classes of members; except in the case of new members admitted to membership on or after February 1st of each year, who shall have neither voting rights nor the right to hold office during that year. Active and Collegiate Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters that may be voted upon by the League pursuant to this Constitution and the By-Laws and to hold any office to which they may be elected or appointed. Membership shall not entitle any member to any share in the assets of the League except to the extent stipulated in any resolution adopted by a majority of all members of the League at a Special Meeting called for the purpose of passing upon a proposal of dissolution of the League, without its being succeeded by any successor League, Association or Corporation. All rights and privileges of any member shall cease upon his or her death, resignation, expulsion or failure to pay dues.

Student Membership shall be open to all amateur fencers who have not yet attained the age of 19 upon being elected to membership by the Board of Governors or admitted to membership pursuant to the terms of the By-Laws of the League and upon payment of the initiation fee and dues for the current year specified in the By-Laws. Student Members shall be entitled to participate in any competitions held under the auspices of the League, to the same extent that any Active or Collegiate Member is so privileged, but shall not be entitled to any of the other rights and privileges of membership.

Associate Membership shall be open to any amateur or professional who is interested in the sport of amateur fencing. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active and Collegiate Members subject to the following limitations: (a) they shall not be entitled to compete in amateur competitions; (b) they shall not be eligible for the National elective offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Foreign Secretary, nor the Divisional elective offices of Chairman or Vice-Chairman; (c) such additional limitations as may be fixed in the By-Laws.

Section 2. An Amateur Fencer is one who has not accepted directly or indirectly any fee, gratuity, money or its equivalent as a consideration for the performance of any act or service arising from his knowledge or skill in fencing; and who is not and has not been a professional in any other branch of athletics. The above, however, shall not apply to writing, editing or publishing articles, magazines or books on fencing.

Members of the Armed Forces of the United States detailed, appointed or assigned as instructors of fencing are exempt from the provisions of this article when in the discharge of such official duty.

Article IV

Management

Section 1. The Management of the League shall be vested in a Board of Governors composed of (1) the President, (2) the Sectional Vice-Presidents, (3) the Secretary, (4) the Treasurer, (5) the Foreign Secretary, (6) the last three Presidents of the League, (7) the Chairman of each Division and (8) "Non-Divisional"* and "Additional" Governors of the number hereinafter specified.

The Governors, other than those who are members of the Board by virtue of their office or prior office as above provided, shall consist of the following:

(* See Article VI for definition of "Non-Divisional.")

(1) A number of Non-Divisional Governors to be fixed each year by dividing the number of Non-Divisional Life, Active, Collegiate and Associate Members, as of the date of the previous Annual Meeting, by 35 and adding one thereto. Where the number of Non-Divisional Governors so determined results in a fraction, the number to be elected and hold office shall be the nearest whole number.

(2) One Additional Governor for each Division having on the League roster 50 or more Life, Active, Collegiate and Associate Members in good standing at the end of the preceding fiscal year (August 31). In the case of a Division having more than 87 such members on such date, the Division shall be entitled to more than one Additional Governor so that there shall be one Governor, including the Division Chairman, for every 35 such members in the Division. Where the total number of Governors to which a Division is so entitled results in a fraction, the number to be designated or elected and hold office shall be the nearest whole number.

In the case of Non-Divisional Governors and Additional Governors, the number to hold office shall be determined each year by the Secretary of the League by the 15th of January, the number so determined to be applicable to the Board of Governors.

The President, the Sectional Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Foreign Secretary and the Non-Divisional Governors shall be elected annually in the manner specified by the By-Laws of the League. The Divisional Chairman and Additional Governors, if any, of each Division shall be elected or designated annually by each Division thereto entitled in the manner specified by the By-Laws of the League and of the Division.

In addition, there may be a Recording Secretary who may be appointed by the Board of Governors. The Recording Secretary shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Board but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting.

Section 2. The Board of Governors shall have such powers and duties as may be specified in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the League, and in particular the Board shall have power to interpret and apply Section 2 of ARTICLE III of this Constitution and to grant reinstatement thereunder.

The Board of Governors by a two-thirds vote of the members voting shall have full power to reprimand, suspend, deny continuation of membership to, or expel any member whose conduct may be deemed detrimental to the welfare, interests or character of the League, always provided however that any action other than reprimand or suspension for a year or less may be taken only after the following conditions have been satisfied: (a) notice must be served upon the members of the Board and upon the Member against whom the proposed action is to be taken, setting forth generally the character of the conduct forming the basis for the proposed action; and (b) if requested by the Member to be disciplined or by three members of the Board, within ten days after the mailing of notice of the proposed action, a committee of not less than five members of the

League must be appointed by the President to investigate the conduct charged against the Member, said committee must give the Member an opportunity to be heard in respect to the charge and, after completing its investigation, must file a report favoring the action proposed to be taken by the Board.

Where any Member has been riprimanded or suspended for one year or less without such Member having been afforded an opportunity to be heard by the Board of Governors, the Member shall be entitled to demand, within 15 days after notice of the action by the Board, a hearing on such action and any suspension so under appeal shall not be valid for more than 45 days from the date of receipt by the Secretary of the League of such demand.

Section 3. The officers of the League shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the League.

Section 4. The Board of Governors may in their discretion, and upon the same vote as is provided for the election of Honorary Members in ARTICLE III of this Constitution, elect an Honorary President, an Honorary Vice-President and/or an Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Any such Honorary officer shall be elected for life and shall be entitled to all the privileges of an Honorary Member and to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors but shall not be entitled to vote as a member of the Board.

Section 5. In addition to the officers provided for in Sections 1 and 4 of this ARTICLE IV, the Board of Governors may in their discretion elect additional Vice-Presidents (not more than two in number) for such purposes and term of office not exceeding one year, and with such duties as the Board may determine. Such additional officers shall be designated Special Vice-Presidents and they shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Board but shall not be entitled as such to vote at the meetings.

Article V

Divisions and Sections

Section 1. In order to facilitate the development of fencing in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, the Board of Governors may, upon application in conformance with the By-Laws, create administrative units to be known as Divisions. Such Divisions shall be created by a charter designating the territorial limits of jurisdiction and setting forth such powers as the Board may prescribe and reserving to the Board the right and power to rescind or amend such Charter at its discretion or when the total number of Life, Active and Collegiate Members in the Division has fallen below ten.

Membership in a Division shall be limited to persons eligible for membership in the League who reside in, or belong to a fencing club located within the territorial limits of the Division.

Section 2. In order to encourage annual inter-Divisional competitions throughout the United States of America, its territories and possessions, the Board of Governors is empowered to create non-administrative units to be known as Sections. Such Sections shall encompass large areas whose geographical limits shall be fixed and recorded by the Board. All Divisions lying within the area covered by the Section shall be members of the Section and shall support the annual Sectional Championships as provided in the By-Laws of the League.

Section 3. Subject to the directives and limitations contained in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the League, each Division and Section is empowered to draft the By-Laws under which their respective functions shall be carried out.

Article VI

The "Non-Divisional" Group

Section 1. All members of the League who are not eligible, or do not apply, for membership in a Division shall be classified as "Non-Divisional" Members.

Section 2. The Non-Divisional Group shall be administered by the officers of the League and the Non-Divisional Governors.

Article VII

Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in writing at any Annual Meeting and be acted upon at the next Annual Meeting, or the Board of Governors may at any time call a Special Meeting the League for the purpose of proposing amendments to this Constitution, and in such case amendments so proposed to and approved by Such Special Meeting may be acted upon at the next succeeding Annual Meeting, always provided, however, that such Special Meeting be called to meet on a date not less than sixty days prior to the next succeeding Annual Meeting and that the notice calling such Special Meeting set forth the general tenor of the amendment or amendments to be proposed to and approved by such Special Meeting.

Article VIII

Taking Effect of Revision

This Constitution, as well as any By-Laws adopted at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall take effect sixty days after its adoption at the Annual Meeting of the League held in New York City on June 15, 1953. Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws so adopted shall be mailed to every Division of the League within thirty days after the Annual Meeting and notice to that effect shall be given to all members. All members of the League who shall not have tendered a resignation prior to the effective date of this Constitution shall be deemed to have accepted its provisions and to have waived any right they may have had theretofore pursuant to the Constitution in effect prior to the taking effect of this Constitution.

NOTE: The By-Laws will be published in the next issue.

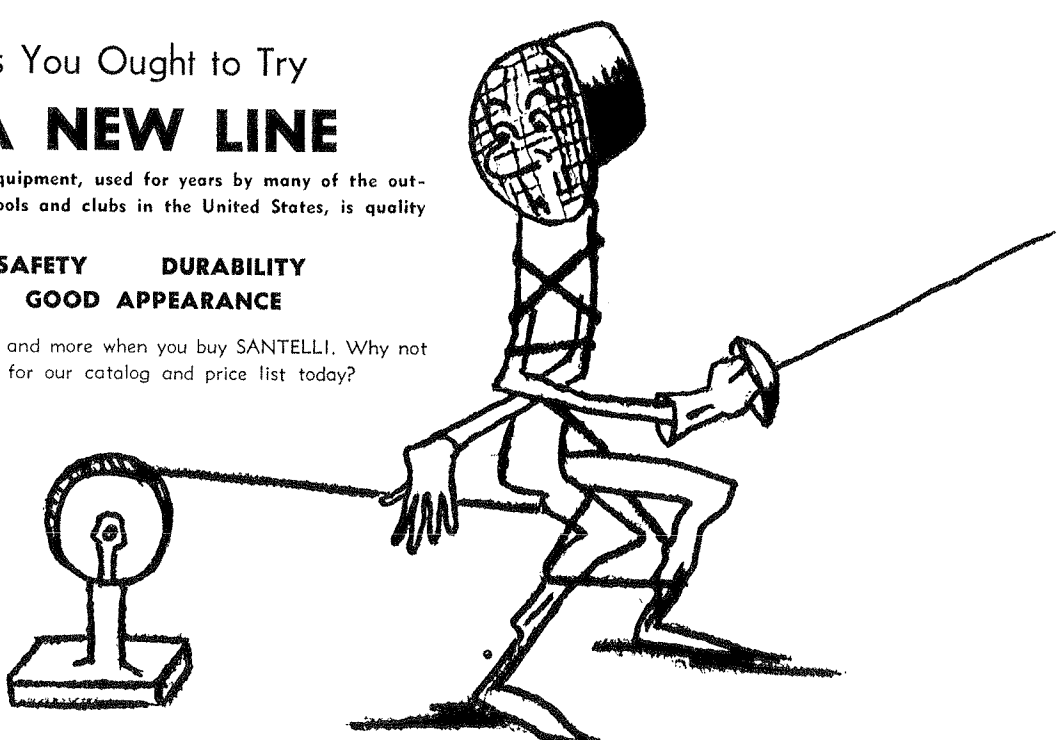
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News from the Divisions

Western New York

By Charles W. F. Jacobs

The following are results of competitions held up to February 13:

OPEN INVITATIONAL (Third Annual) 10/16/54

Women's Foil: (1) J. Goodrich, Lapeer, (2) N. Zielinski, Buffalo, (3) F. Breton, Buffalo.

Men's Foil: (1) F. Dye, Buffalo, (2) D. Manchester, Lapeer, (3) L. Williams, Buffalo.

Epee: (1) W. Kohsman, Buffalo, (2) J. Goslin, Cleveland, (3) A. Jedrzewski, OB.

Sabre: (1) S. Schwartz, Buffalo, (2) J. Goldstein, Buffalo, (3) R. Jones, Buffalo.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

Women's Foil 2/13/55: (1) J. Johnson, R.I.T., (2) F. Breton, J.C.B., (3) Cooper, R.I.T.

Men's Foil 10/31/54: (1) A. Plouffe, Rochester, (2) D. Bohacket, Rochester, (3) F. Dye, Buffalo.

Epee 1/16/55: (1) W. Kohsman, Buffalo, (2) C. Jacobs, Buffalo, (3) D. Bohacket, Rochester.

Sabre 1/16/55: (1) S. Schwartz, Buffalo, (2) D. Bohacket, Rochester, (3) A. Plouffe, Rochester.

JUNIOR EVENTS 11/21/54

Women's Foil: (1) B. Brill, Rochester, (2) P. Nicolas, Buffalo, (3) M. Richmond, Buffalo.

Men's Foil: (1) L. Williams, Buffalo, (2) R. Jones, Buffalo, (3) C. Jacobs, Buffalo.

Epee: (1) F. Catlin, Elmira, (2) S. Schwartz, Buffalo, (3) A. Castellion, Buffalo.

Sabre: (1) R. Jones, Buffalo, (2) L. Williams, Buffalo, (3) H. Aiztrauts, Rochester.

Novice Epee 10/31/54: (1) G. Haentges, Buffalo, (2) C. Jacobs, Buffalo, (3) A. Brown, Buffalo.

Novice Sabre 11/5/54: (1) D. Hermanson, U.B., (2) A. Jedrzewski, U.B., (3) P. Vassillion, U.B.

Prep Women's 2/2/55: (1) L. Guminiski, Buffalo, (2) F. Rexicker, U.B., (3) H. Vale, Buffalo.

Three Weapon Individual 1/23/55: (1) L. Williams, Buffalo, (2) S. Schwartz, Buffalo, (3) F. Dye, Buffalo.

Men's Foil Team 2/6/55: 1. Rochester Composit. L. Ficaro, D. Bohacket, A. Plouffe.

Women's Foil Team 2/13/55: 1. R.I.T. Team, J. Johnson, C. Cooper, B. Brill. 2. B.F.C. Team No. 1, F. Breton, M. Richmond, N. Zielinski*. 3. B.F.C. Team No. 2, L. Guminiski, F. Rexicker, H. Vail. * Alternate fencing J. Galvin.

Epee Team 12/5/54: 1. U.B. Composite. S. Schwartz, A. Jedrzewski, W. Kohsman, 2. Sword Club, R. Jones, D. Bohacket, F. Dye. 3. Rochester Composite, A. Plouffe, M. Sangrund, D. Perry.

ROCHESTER OPEN INVITATIONAL 1/9/55

Women's Foil: (1) C. Cooper, R.I.T., (2) N. Zielinski, Buffalo, (3) J. Johnson, R.I.T.

Men's Foil: (1) A. Plouffe, Rochester, (2) D. Bohacket, Rochester, (3) L. Williams, Buffalo.

Epee: (1) W. Kohsman, Buffalo, (2) A. Plouffe, Rochester, (3) P. Johnson, Tri-City.

Sabre: (1) L. Williams, Buffalo, (2) A. Aiztrauts, Rochester, (3) C. Nelson, R.I.T.

New Jersey

By Lucy Stamilla

In the Women's Junior Foil Competition held at the Paterson State Teachers College on January 20, 1955, three Paterson Staters took top honors. Miss Jane Dardia won first place. She was followed by second place winner Joan Ulrickson and by Jean Mareck, third place winner.

There were 15 fencers in the meet.

Northern California

The **Intermediate Foil** event, which drew 13 entries, was won by Laurance Brownlee, of Letterman Army Hospital, who scored a clean sweep of five victories in the final round at the Letterman Gym on January 14.

Final Standings

1st, Laurance Brownlee, L.A.H., 5-0; 2nd, Jack Baker, O.C., 4-1; 3rd, Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 3-2; 4th, James Sagen, B.F., 1-4 (23 touches rec'd.); 5th, Charles Ward, L.A.H., 1-4 (24 touches rec'd., 17 touches scored); 6th, Herbert Holman, S.F.S.C., 1-4 (24 touches rec'd., 11 touches scored).

Gerard Biagini of the Olympic Club won the **Senior Epee** by defeating all five other contestants at the Halberstadt School of Fencing on January 21.

Summaries

1st, Gerard Biagini, O.C., 5-0; 2nd, Salvatore Giambra, O.C., 3-2 (8 touches rec'd.); 3rd, Leal Kanstein, B.F.C., 3-2 (9 touches rec'd., 12 touches scored); 4th, Albert Lambert, B.F.C., 3-2 (9 touches rec'd., 11 touches scored); 5th, David Swift, B.F.C., 1-4; 6th, Jack Adams, H.S.F., 0-5.

First place in the **Intermediate Sabre** was taken by Daniel De La O of the Olympic Club after defeating Albert Lambert of Berkeley Fencers Club 5-1 in a fence off. Both men had earned a 4-2 record in the final round-robin of six, held at the Berkeley Fencers Club on January 28. There were 12 entries in this event.

Final Standings

1st, Daniel De La O, O.C., 5-1; 2nd, Albert Lambert, B.F.C., 4-2; 3rd, Laurance Brownlee, L.A.H., 3-2; 4th, Jose Tofoya, L.A.H., 2-3; 5th, Gordon Scheile, H.S.H., 1-4 (21 touches rec'd.); 6th, Ferard Leicester, O.C., 1-4 (22 touches rec'd.).

The **Senior Sabre** was won by Jack Baker of the Olympic Club, who earned five victories, with only one set-back, in the seven-man round-robin at the Halberstadt School of Fencing on February 4.

Summaries

1st, Jack Baker, O.C., 5-1; 2nd, Daniel De La O, O.C., 4-2 (20 touches rec'd.); 3rd, Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 4-2 (22 touches rec'd.); 4th, Gerard Biagini, O.C., 4-2 (24 touches rec'd.); 5th, Albert Lambert, B.F.C., 3-3; 6th, Jack Adams, H.S.F., 1-5; 7th, Ferard Leicester, O.C., 0-6.

The **Intermediate Foil Team** title was gained by the Letterman Army Hospital "A" Team of Laurance Brownlee, Jose Tofoya and Charles Ward, defeating Stamford University "A" Team, 5-0, and the Stamford "B" Team, 5-0, on February 12. Stamford's "A" Team (Robert Hodge, Carl Walter, John McDougal) earned second place by defeating the Letterman "B" Team 5-4.

The Letterman Army Hospital "A" Team won the **Intermediate Sabre Team** title at the Halberstadt School of Fencing on February 18. Laurance Brownlee, Jose Tofoya and Herbert Rhodes defeated the Halberstadt School of Fencing 5-3, the Olympic Club 5-3, and the Letterman "B" Team 5-1. The Halberstadt team of Jack Adams, Gordon Scheile and Neils Schultz earned second place by defeating the Olympic Club 5-3 and the Letterman "B" Team 5-0.

Oregon

By Dolores and Bob Geier

Our Big event of the season was the Oregon Invitational Foil Team and Individual, which took place at Reed College in Portland on January 28 and 29. The tournament, drawing a total of 58 entries, was well advertised through the media of newspaper and radio and individual ticket sales to the general public. The finals of the event were closely and enthusiastically watched by more than two hundred spectators and the fencing was unusually clean and strong compared with what we usually see here in the Northwest. A running sports-cast was given a commentator and each contestant was introduced as he came onto the strip. We gave a very impressive show to a very interested audience.

Foil Team (7 entries)

1. Bob L. Geier, Don Naylor, Pat Buie (Portland)
2. Tate Minckler, Dudley Collard, Robert Reed (Portland)
3. William Lamson Soule, Jr., Ralph D. Gage (Seattle), Stanley Crockett (Oregon)

Foil Individual (28 entries)

1. Bob L. Geier, Nottinghams S.F., Portland
2. Tate Minckler, Reed College, Portland
3. Pat Buie, Reed College, Portland

Women's Individual (9 entries)

1. Dolores Geier, unattached, Portland
2. Janice Gay, Nottinghams S.F., Portland
3. Alice Maude Coggins, Reed College, Portland

The Foil Prep competitions, for men and women, were held on February 4, also at Reed College.

Foil Prep (14 entries)

1. Dan O'Brien, Reed College
2. Mike Walters
3. John Osterhaug

Women's Prep (3 entries)

1. Ruth Leeds, Reed College
2. Joan Berray
3. Margot Wilson



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Southern California

By Fred Linkmeyer

Since the issuance of the last Bulletin, the following tournaments have been held. Results are published where event has been completed.

Senior Epee, 1/7/55, LAAC (13 entries): (1) Fred Linkmeyer, LAAC; (2) Dave Rice, LAAC; (3) George Siebert, Cavaliers.

Women's Intermediate Foil, 1/7/55, LAAC, (14 7,2osLAAChrd shrd shrd shrd shrd shrd shhhh entries): (1) Bonnie Merwin, FSF; (2) Iris Hoblit, unatt.; (3) Peggy Lundeberg, Cavaliers.

Senior Sabre, 1/14/55, Long Beach Y.M.C.A., (14 entries): (1) William Lundeberg, Cavaliers; (2) Werner Kirchner, Cavaliers; (3) John Westley, Cavaliers.

Men's Intermediate Foil, 1/21/55, Pasadena Y. M.C.A. (38 entries): (1) Martin Kirshner, FSF; (2) Carl Milletaire, unatt.; (3) Dave Rice, LAAC.

Intermediate Epee, 1/28/55, LAAC (28 entries): (1) Fred Davenport, Cavaliers; (2) Paul Breitman, Cavaliers; (3) Ken Leiberman, KFC.

Women's Intermediate Team Foil, 2/11/55, Bev. Hills Y.M.C.A. (8 teams entered): (1) FSF 1 (Alice Gerakin, Bettie Merwin, Bonnie Merwin); (2) Composite (Diana Sorensen, Helen Boehme, Iris Hoblit); (3) FSF 3 (Colleen Ford, Pamela Mason, Madelyn Miyamoto).

Women's West Coast Pan-America Olympic Tryouts 15 entries. First four places in each round requested by Olympic Fencing Committee.

1st Round, January 21, Friday, Pasadena YMCA: (1) Maxine Mitchell, HAC; (2) Alice Gerakin, FSF; (3) Trudi Wodgenske, Cav.; (4) Tie, Mary Jane Watson, FSF; Iris Hoblit, unatt.

2nd Round, January 28, Friday, L.A.A.C.: (1) Maxine Mitchell, HAC; (2) Tammy Angell, HSF; (3) Alice Gerakin, FSF; (4) Trudi Wodgenske, Cav.

The following tournaments were not completed. Time and place of fence-off will be announced at a later date. Finalists are listed below:

Intermediate Sabre, 2/11/55, Bev. Hills YMCA (24 entries): Robert Crawford, FSF; Martin Kirshner, FSF; William Lundeberg, Cavaliers; Ken Marx, FSF; Phil Romano, FSF; Herb Sauke, unatt.

Open Foil For Men, 2/18/55, LAAC (40 entries): Martin Kirshner, FSF; Josef Lampl, LAAC; Fred Martin, MSF; Ken Marx, FSF; Carl Milletaire, unatt.; Dace Rice, LAAC; Phil Romano, FSF; Herb Sauke, unatt.

Washington, D. C.

By Peter Conomikes

AFLA Competitions this year are being held at the Pentagon Officers' Athletic Club where excellent facilities exist. Results to date are:

Open Epee: (1) Capt. Len Doughty, USN; (2) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.; (3) Dr. Horace Craig, W.F.C.

Open Epee: (1) Palmer True, Baltimore; (2) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.; (3) Scott Breckinridge, W.F.C.

Women's Open: (1) Abbie Rose, Tri-Weapon; (2) Eleanor Turney, Virginia; (3) Hertha Wegener, W.F.C.

Open Foil: (1) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.; (2) Al Rose Jr., J. Hopkins; (3) Cal Schlick, Baltimore.

Georgia

By Warren G. Davis Jr.

Our Novice Foil was held at the Atlanta YMCA. The results:

(1) Ens. Gerry Finney; (2) Richard Wiegand; (3) Phil Massey.

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

The results of recent competitions follow:

Women's Open Foil, 1/22/55, Central YMCA, Houston (6 entries): (1) Betty Day, SdE; (2) Ruth Peaceman, SdE (on touches); (3) Mabel Morse, SdE.

Women's Novice Team, 2/5/55, Root Square Park, Houston (8 entries): (1) P. Fike and Ruth Rickard, Comp.; (2) M. Morse and N. Derrick, SdE.

Novice Foil Team, 2/5/55, Root Square Park, Houston (10 entries): (1) C. Reed and E. Groner, Rice; (2) D. Cadwell and B. F. Barry, SdE.

Open Sabre, 2/5/55, Root Square Park, Houston (8 entries): (1) Arnold Mercado, Ind. (on fence-off); (2) Jack Baird, Buc.; (3) Fred Sklar, Rice.

Prep Epee, 2/12/55, Texas A&M College (12 entries): (1) Edwin Kashy, Rice; (2) William A. Swann A&M; (3) John B. Carter, V.T. (on touches received); (4) Carl E. Wagner, A&M.

Prep Sabre, 2/12/55, Texas A&M College (10 entries): (1) Clarence Van Eaton, A&M; (2) C. L. Willis, A&M (on touches received); (3) Don Orr, V.T.

Women's Prep, 2/19/55, University of Houston (4 entries): (1) Felicia Duvall, SdE; (2) Beverly Baird, Galveston; (3) Zyla Watson, SdE.

Prep Foil, 2/19/55, University of Houston (11 entries): (1) Carl Wagner, A&M; (2) C. V. Eaton, A&M (on touches received); (3) Emmet McMahon, A&M.

Junior Epee: (1) Bob Montgomery, U.T.; (2) Fred Sklar, Rice; (3) Carl Hill, A&M.

Junior Sabre: (1) Charles Reed, Rice; (2) Arnold Mercado, Ind.; (3) W. L. Buettel, A&M.

Prep Epee: (1) Bill Swann, A&M; (2) Carl Wagner, A&M; (3) Bob Montgomery, U.T.

Prep Sabre: (1) Charles Willis, A&M; (2) Donald Steiner, Rice; (3) Dave Dillehay, Rice.

Women's Prep: (1) Beverly Baard, Galv.; (2) Felicia Duvall, SdE; (3) Reba Lindemann, HFC.

Prep Foil: (1) Carl Wagner, A&M; (2) Bryant Russell, A&M; (3) Peter Young, Rice.

Kentucky

By John H. Gehant

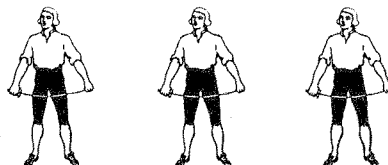
Albert Wolff went undefeated through a pool of nine to win the third annual Kentucky Three-Weapon Championship and retire the trophy which we had hopes would last a little longer. Second went to Jack Mooney of Louisville YMCA on touches over his club mate Carl Burge.

Other competitions:

Open Epee
 (1) Albert Wolff Louisville Y
 (2) Charles Thomas Louisville Y
 (3) Carl Burge Louisville Y

Women's Open
 (1) Mary Gehant Louisville Y
 (2) Mary Mytinger Ft Campbell
 (3) Pay Byrom Ft. Campbell

Open Foil
 (1) Lt. Robert Byrom Ft. Campbell
 (2) Carl Burge Louisville Y
 (3) Lt. John Miller Ft. Campbell



Illinois

By Nathan M. Shapiro

The traditional Milwaukee-Chicago 3-weapon team meet held yearly for a trophy was run off on February 6, 1955 at Salle Calvert. Minneapolis was invited to compete, making it a tri-city meet for the first time. The event, as in past years, proved a fencing and social success. Results:

Foil — Illinois (11), Wisconsin (10), Minnesota (6).

Epee — Illinois (12), Wisconsin (8), Minnesota (7).

Sabre — Illinois (15), Wisconsin (9), Minnesota (3).

Women — Illinois (9), Wisconsin (8), Minnesota (10).

Results of Other Competitions

Junior Foil Team, 11/28/54, University of Chicago (27 competing): 1) University of Chicago (M. Fain, P. Ross, J. Levine); 2) University Club (R. Berry, R. Venegas, A. Rose).

Open Sabre, 11/28/54, University of Chicago (8 entries): (1) Tom Legeza, (2) John Cameron, (3) Bruce Burkhardt.

Open Epee, 11/28/54, University of Chicago (14 entries): (1) Larry Kaufman, (2) Richard Berry, (3) Al Rose. 4-way fence off to determine above 3 places.

Open Sabre, 1/30/55 (8 entries): (1) T. Legeza, unatt.; (2) M. Metzger, Ill. F.C.; (3) Don Thompson, Univ. Club.

Open Epee, 1/30/55 (8 entries): (1) M. Gilman, unatt.; (2) M. Detzer, unatt.; (3) Al Rose, Univ. Club.

Open Foil, 2/13/55, University of Chicago (9 entries): (1) R. Berry, USN; (2) M. Gilman, Univ. Club; (3) N. Shapiro, Farand.

Novice Foil, 2/13/55, University of Chicago (31 entries): (1) K. Telford, Elmhurst F.C.; (2) P. Ross, Univ. Club; (3) R. Venegas, Univ. Club.

Women's Novice

1. Mary Curl, Harland, 7-0
2. Bretta Reinhardt, Harland, 6-1
3. Nancy Noven, University Club, 4-3

Northern Ohio

By Donald S. Thompson

Arrangements have been completed to hold the 1955 Midwest Fencing Championships in Cleveland on May 7 and 8. It is expected that 100 men and 40 women from 12 states will compete in the various weapons. The men's events and women's finals will be fenced at Woodland Recreation Center, 9206 Woodland Avenue. The preliminary rounds of the women's event will be held at Woodhill Recreation, 2932 Woodhill Road. It is anticipated that the tournament will receive wide publicity coverage. So far this season both AFLA and collegiate competitions in the division have been well reported and various special articles have appeared. Results of competitions:

Women's Foil, 1/9/55 (4 entries): (1) Joan Steigerwald, Woodland; (2) Judith Palffy, Wood.; (3) Lyn Klein, Salle Simonian.

Epee, 1/16/55 (13 entries): (1) W. Durrett, Wood.; (2) J. Gosline, S. Simonian; (3) A. Musyichuk, Cuyahoga Falls.*

3-Weapon Team Div. Championship, 1/23/55 (8 entries): (1) Composite (Gilman, Gosline, Bishop); (2) Akron (Boyajian, Musyichuk, Rowley); (3) Case Institute of Tech. (Michael, Kucheler, Hooks).

Individual high scorers: Foil, M. Gilman; Epee, J. Gosline; Sabre, J. Shelly.

Novice Foil, 1/30/55 (13 entries): (1) D. Pappas, Case; (2) R. Harris, Fenn; (3) R. Michael, Case.

Epee, 2/7/55 (12 entries): (1) W. Durrett, Woodland (on fence-off 3-2); (2) J. Gosline, Salle Simonian; (3) H. Fried, unatt.

Maryland

By Jane O. Buerger

We have not only hit the 100 mark—we've gone over in our membership! Recent results are as follows:

Open Epee: (1) William J. Andre, USN; (2) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.; (3) Palmer True, B.F.C.

Novice Epee: (1) Bob Mazan, Intl. Y.; (2) Dan Lyons, Washington; (3) Jack Hesperheide, York Y.

Novice Sabre: (1) Richard Iskraut, W.F.C.; (2) Everett Crosby, B.F.C.; (3) Joe Lee, York Y.

J.C.C. Invitation: (1) Dan Lyons, Washington; (2) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.; (3) Eaton Bayor, B.F.C.

School Boys: (1) Bill Weiss, City College; (2) Maurice Wells, City College; (3) Bob Mazan, Paterson.

Prep Foil: (1) Bill Yates, Poly; (2) Edward Henderson, Druid Hill; (3) Ramon Matthews, Druid Hill.

Open Sabre: (1) Thomas Sandmyer, USNA; (2) Hobart Edmonds, B.F.C.; (3) Paul Wolverson, USNA.

Women's Junior: (1) Jean Millman, Tri-Weapon; (2) Flo Drill, Tri-Weapon; (3) Dorris Hayes, International Y.

Women's Open: (1) Christiane Snacken, Prince George; (2) Doris Bernard, Intl. Y.; (3) Eleanor Turney, Independent.

Junior Foil: (1) Frederick Gillen, Ind.; (2) Lee Stanley, Intl. Y.; (3) Ed Harris, W.F.C.

Junior Sabre: (1) Commander Plemmons, USN; (2) Al Hurwitz, B.F.C.; (3) Vernon Elder, Prince George.

Pavese Memorial: Women—(1) Abbie Rose, Tri-Weapon; (2) Jane Burger, Intl. Y.; (3) Hertha Wegner, W.F.C. Men—(1) Eaton Bayor, B.F.C.; (2) Scott Breckinridge, W.F.C.; (3) Peter Conomikes, W.F.C.

Westchester

On February 7, 1955, William Goering of Yale University captured the Westchester Junior Foil Championship held at the White Plains County Center. Second place in a field of 24 entries went to Al Paredo of NYU, who was responsible for Goering's sole defeat in the 6-man finals. Aubrey Seeman of CCNY finished third over finalists Edgar Sanchez of the Masque and Foil Club of Naugatuck, Conn., Robert Goering of Yale, and Thomas Bickley of Salle Santelli.

The following is a list of contestants: Bernie Balaban, NYU; Thomas Bickley, Salle Santelli; Roland Block, Westchester; Joseph Brodeth, Saltus; Joseph Cano, NYU; Frank Chiodo, Masque and Foil Club of Naugatuck, Conn.; George Dappert, Westchester; Peter Dufault, Westchester; Robert Goering, Yale; William Goering, Yale; Louis Guinot, NYU; Joseph Hanson, Masque and Foil Club; George Leon, Fencers Club; John Norton, Yale; Al Paredo, NYU; Pat Uetix, NYU; Russell Post, Yale; Stewart Reuter, Westchester; Paul Reyes, Saltus; Edgar Sanchez, Masque and Foil Club; Aubrey Seeman, CCNY; Alvin Wachsmann, Westchester; David Wachsmann, Westchester; Dick Wolters, Westchester.

The Junior Sabre Championship was won by Barry Pariser of Columbia who was undefeated in the final of eight. Second place went to Jerry Kaufman, also of Columbia, whose only defeat was at the hands of the champion. Joseph Livergood of the Fencers Club placed third. There were fourteen entries.

Nebraska

By John Giele

The following is a report of activities and competitions to date held in the Nebraska Division:

Handicap Foil: 12/5/54, at Lincoln, Nebraska (12 entries). (1) Richard Dahl, Nebraska U. Fencers Club, (2) James Rogers, Nebraska U. Fencers Club, (3) Patrick Lemmers, Omaha U.

Novice Foil: 1/9/55, at Omaha, Nebraska (5 entries). (1) Patrick Lemmers, Omaha U., (2) John DePutron, Nebraska Fencers Club, (3) Gordon Shearer, Omaha "Y."

Novice Epee: 1/23/55, at Lincoln, Nebraska (5 entries). (1) John DePutron, Nebraska U. Fencers Club, (2) Cyril Harvey, Nebraska U. Fencers Club, (3) Nathan Miller, Nebraska U. Fencers Club.

Three clubs are organized in the Omaha area—Omaha "Y," Offutt, and a third yet unnamed, while there are three in the Lincoln area—Nebraska Univ. Fencers Club, Lincoln "Y," and a Lincoln Air Force Base group. In addition, fencers representing Omaha University and Concordia College, Seward, and several "independents" are developing. If things continue, Nebraska should develop some strong fencing next year.

We are also planning on sending several men to the Mid-West Championships this year.

Novice Sabre

1. Rudolf Link, NUFC
2. Patrick Lemmers, Omaha U.
3. James Rogers, NUFC

Junior Epee (Electrical)

1. Patrick Lemmers, Omaha U.
2. Nathan Miller, NUFC
3. James Rogers, NUFC

(NUFC—Nebraska University Fencers Club)

This was the first electrical epee event held in the Nebraska Division. It had good spectator and competitor interest.

New England

By Harriet Brewster, Secretary

Our division invites all AFLA members to compete in foil, outdoors on the Boston Common on Sunday, May 29, 11 A.M. Governor Herter gives a trophy for the men's event and Mayor Hynes for the women's. AFLA medals will be given. Last year trophy winners were Harold Goldsmith, N. Y. Fencers Club and Ida Balint, Saltus Club of N. Y. Here are results of recent events:

Foil Junior

1. Paul Sherman, Salle Vitale
2. Al Weisman, Salle Elde
3. Paul Demoge, Salle Vitale

Women's Junior

1. Collette Flesch of Luxembourg
2. Joan Zinck, Radcliffe
3. Barbara Lenehan, BFC

Epee Junior

1. Paul Demoge, Salle Vitale
2. Ed Richards, Salle Elde
3. David Thorndike, BFC

Sabre Junior

1. Phil Craig, Salle Elde
2. Wayne Neavear, Salle Elde
3. Harvey Levine, MIT

Epee Intermediate

1. Viswaldis Bergs, Latvian Fencers
2. Paul Demoge, Salle Vitale
3. Walton Rawls, Harvard

Foil Intermediate

1. Robert Dion, Salle Vitale
2. Robert Goldman, N. Y. Fencers Club
3. Ed Richards, Salle Elde

Women's Intermediate

1. Grace Marchant, Salle Vitale
2. Lillian Aylward, BFC
3. Collette Flesch, Luxembourg

"CHAMPION?"

By Fred Linkmeyer

Perhaps I have been in fencing too long. It may be that I have been conditioned to the old type of "champion" for too many years. Or then, I may be old fashioned.

This self analysis has been brought about by witnessing the actions of a new type of "champion." This new type does not hold with the old ideas of what constitutes a "champion." Rather, this individual has brought some of the modern flavor of international politics to the strip.

At a recent major tournament, this "champion" and a friend of the "champion" were entered. By coincidence the two were in the same preliminary pool. Three were going up to the finals. The friend began rather poorly by losing the first bout. This was almost disastrous since there were two other possible sources of loss to this individual, not counting the "sure" loss to the "champion."

Confident of victory, the "champion" proceeded to insure the friend's place in the finals by throwing the bout to the friend. It was so apparent that the audience gasped in sheer disbelief. This bout accomplished its purpose. The friend entered the finals. The "champion" was not at all abashed but proceeded to throw an arm around the friend and grin cheerfully in a sort of "see—I took care of you" manner. The friend was a little pale and visibly shaken by the obviously contemptuous glances cast by the onlookers.

In the finals, the "champion" again decided to favor this friend with another loss (to the "champion") and insure the friend's winning a place. This time the director, quite a "champion" too, warned against a repeat of the bout in the preliminaries. The "champion" reluctantly had to defeat the friend and the friend finished out of the money.

The new fencers watching this event were surprised at these actions on behalf of a "champion" and expected remorse, a little shame and the things that follow something of this nature. They were disappointed. The "champion" was quite relaxed and apparently not at all sorry for the entire affair. To the "champion," this seemed the natural thing to do. After awhile the friend seemed to accept it on the same basis. The one who did not seem to understand what had happened was the fencer sitting on the sidelines. The one who might have gone up had this thrown bout not occurred.

So I have given some serious thought to the matter of being a "champion." I had always felt that one should be kind, considerate and interested in promoting the sport of fencing. A "champion," I told myself, should never do anything to discredit the sport since a "champion" is looked up to by every beginning fencer as the pinnacle of success. A "champion" should sell fencing by setting a clean cut example.

This new "champion" cares nothing for the title except the trips and glory it might bring. This "champion" debases the title by throwing bouts wherever it might do the most good. This "champion" slanders fellow fencers. Heckles authority at tournaments. Can the importance of the individual cause the authorities to wink at these actions? I might even have to change my old ideas of honor and example in fencing. But—then maybe I should get out of fencing.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday	June 9	10:00 A.M.	FOIL TEAM—Fencers Club
		7:30 P.M.	SABRE TEAM—Grand Central YMCA
Friday	June 10	10:00 A.M.	EPEE TEAM—New York Athletic Club
Saturday	June 11	10:00 A.M.	3-WEAPON TEAM (up to finals)—New York Athletic Club
		1:00 P.M.	WOMEN'S TEAM—Fencers Club
Sunday	June 12	1:00 P.M.	SABRE INDIVIDUAL (up to finals)—Fencers Club
Monday	June 13	10:00 A.M.	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL (complete)—Concourse Plaza Hotel
Tuesday	June 14	10:00 A.M.	EPEE INDIVIDUAL (up to finals)—Concourse Plaza Hotel
Wednesday	June 15	10:00 A.M.	FOIL INDIVIDUAL (up to finals)—Concourse Plaza Hotel
Thursday	June 16	10:00 A.M.	EPEE FINAL—Concourse Plaza Hotel
		2:30 P.M.	A.F.L.A. Annual Meeting—Concourse Plaza Hotel
		7:00 P.M.	FOIL FINAL—Concourse Plaza Hotel
Friday	June 17	1:00 P.M.	SABRE FINAL—Concourse Plaza Hotel
		8:00 P.M.	GALA NITE, finals of 3-Weapon Team—Concourse Plaza Hotel

Competitions Held At: Fencers Club, 320 East 53rd St. (cork linoleum strips); Grand Central YMCA, 224 East 47th St. (rubber strips); New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South (cork linoleum and rubber strips); Concourse Plaza Hotel, Grand Concourse at 161st St. (rubber strips).

OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday	June 19	10:00 A.M.	Met. Outdoor Epee—Henrique Santos prizes—Travers Island
Sunday	June 26	10:00 A.M.	Met. Outdoor Sabre—Pieter Mijer medals—Travers Island
Saturday	July 2	10:30 A.M.	ITALO SANTELLI MEMORIAL SABRE—Place to be announced.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

APRIL

2	Met. WOMEN'S Individual, Junior	Noon—Fencers Club
3	New Eng. Spec. Mixed FOIL Team	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
3	Met. SABRE Individual, Open	Noon—N.Y.A.C.
7	N.J. WOMEN'S Open	7:30 P.M.—Passaic YMCA
16	Intercollegiate WOMEN'S Fencing Ass. Champ.	
17	New Eng. THREE WEAPON Indiv.	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
19	Met. FOIL Individual Prep	7 P.M.—Rohdes Acad.
21	N.J. FOIL (Qual. Rd. for Nats.)	7:30 P.M.—Passaic YMCA
23	Met. FOIL Indiv. Open	10 A.M.—Grand Central YMCA
24	Neb. Int. FOIL	U. of Nebraska
25	N.J. EPEE (Qual. Rd. for Nats.)	7:30 P.M.—Pat. St. Teachers College
30	Met. WOMEN'S Individual (Met. Open)	Noon—Saltus-McBurney
30	New Eng. EPEE Team	2 P.M.—M.I.T.

MAY

1	Met. EPEE Open	10 A.M.—Fencers Club
1	Neb. Int. EPEE	U. of Nebraska
1	New Eng. FOIL Team	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
2	N.J. SABRE Open (Qual. Rd. for Nats.)	7:30 P.M.—Pat. St. Tch. Col.
5	N.J. WOMEN'S Open (Qual. Rd. for Nats.)	7:30 P.M.—Passaic YMCA
7	Met. EPEE, Intermediate	Noon—Fencers Club
7	New Eng. SABRE Team	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
7	Midwest CHAMPIONSHIPS	Woodland Rec. Center
8	Midwest CHAMPIONSHIPS	Woodhill Rec. Center
8	Met. THREE WEAPON Team, Open	10 A.M.—N.Y.A.C.
8	New Eng. EPEE	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
14	Met. FOIL, Intermediate	10 A.M.—Grand Central YMCA
14	New Eng. WOMEN'S Team	2 P.M.—Cambridge YWCA
14	N.J. WOMEN'S Open Foil Team Outdoor	Noon—Pat. St. Teachers Col.
15	Met. SABRE MASTERS	1 P.M.—N.Y.A.C.
15	New Eng. SABRE Champ	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
21	Met. SABRE Individual, Intermediate	Noon—Saltus-McBurney
21	New Eng. WOMEN'S Champ	2 P.M.—Cambridge YWCA
22	Met. FOIL MASTERS	1 P.M.—Fencers Club
22	New Eng. FOIL Champ	2 P.M.—M.I.T.
23	N.J. WOMEN'S Junior Team	7:30 P.M.—Passaic YMCA
28	Met. WOMEN'S Intermediate	Noon—Saltus-McBurney
28	N.J. WOMEN'S Open Outdoor Hdp.	10 A.M.—Lambert Castle, Paterson
29	Met. EPEE MASTERS	1 P.M.—Fencers Club

JUNE — OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

4	N.J. EPEE, Individual Open	10 A.M.—Lambert Castle, Paterson
19	Met. EPEE	10 A.M.—Travers Islands
26	Met. SABRE	10 A.M.—Travers Island

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FENCERS CLUB RETAINS WASHINGTON SQ. CUP

By Jose de Capriles

The Fencers Club "A" trio of Skrobisch, Strauch and Wallner won by a comfortable margin in a round-robin of eleven teams. This popular epee competition is fenced in three individual pools, and each team enters one man per pool. The Fencers Club had five teams, one of which fielded only two men; Salle Santelli had one complete team and a one-man entry. Individual honors went to Bassin, Fencers Club "D," who was undefeated in his eight bouts in Pool 3 and pulled his team into second place.

Entries: Fencers Club "A", Skrobisch (1), Strauch (2), Wallner (3); Fencers Club "B", Shurtz (1), Goldsmith (2), Cohen (3); Fencers Club "C", de Capriles (1), Jaeckel (2), Bavuso (3); Fencers Club "D", Sonnenreich (1), Salzburg (2), Bassin (3); Fencers Club "E", Corbett (1); Leon (2) — (3); New York A.C., Barthell (1), Mamlouk (2), Flynn (3); N.Y.U. "A", Eichenbaum (1), Rosenberg (2), Guinot (3); N.Y.U. "B", Paredo (1), Farrell (2), Paletta (3); Salle Santelli "A", Mijer (1), Moss (2), Pongo (3); Salle Santelli "B", Marcell (1), — (2), — (3); C.C.N.Y., Wolfe (1), Zafman (2), Seeman (3).

	Results			
	I	II	III	Total
1. Fencers Club "A"	9	6	6	21
2. Fencers Club "D"	5	5	8	18
3. N.Y.A.C.	4	6	6	16 (57 vs)
4. Fencers Club "C"	8	4	4	16 (61 vs)
5. Fencers Club "B"	7	5	3	15
6. N.Y.U. "A"	4	5	4	13
7. C.C.N.Y.	5	4	1	10
8. N.Y.U. "B"	3	3	2	8
9. Salle Santelli "A"	2	3	2	7 (67 vs)
10. Fencers Club "E"	3	4		7 (71 vs)
11. Salle Santelli "B"	5		5	

SABRE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

(Seniors and Intermediates)

By Marilyn Rosenbaum

George Worth of Salle Santelli scored a clear cut victory over Richard Dyer of Salle Csiszar to gain top honors in the Nickolas Muray Senior Sabre Competition. Dean Cetrulo (S.S.) edged out Sol Gorlin (S.S.) to take third place.

Qualifying Round

Pool 1: (1) Worth, 4-1; (2) Cetrulo, 4-0; (3) Lazar, S.S., 3-2; (4) Chabot, S.S., 0-4; (5) Mamlouk, NYAC, 1-3; (6) Farber, S.C., 0-3.

Pool 2: (1) Kwartler, S.S., 3-1; (2) Blum, S.S., 2-2; (3) Sobel, S.S., 4-0; (4) Spingarn, F.C., 1-4; (5) Sully, NYAC, 4-0.

Pool 3: (1) Gorlin, S.S., 4-1; (2) Nyilas, S.S., 3-2; (3) Spector, S.S., 1-4; (4) Pongo, S.S., 4-1; (5) Flynn NYAC, 1-3; (6) Makler, S.C., 1-4.

Pool 4: (1) Kapner, S.S., 1-4; (2) Marcel, S.S., 3-2; (3) Shaff, S.S., 1-4; (4) Cohen, F.C., 3-2; (5) Dyer, S.C., 5-0; (6) Ozol, NYAC, 2-3.

Quarter-Finals

(1) Cetrulo d. Kwartler 5-3, 5-4; (2) Dyer d. Pongo 4-5, 5-4, 5-4; (3) Gorlin d. Cohen 5-4, 5-3; (4) Worth d. Sobel 4-5, 5-1, 5-4.

Semi-Finals

(1) Dyer d. Cetrulo 5-4, 4-5, 5-1; (2) Worth d. Gorlin 5-3, 5-4, 0-5.

Third Place Match: Cetrulo d. Gorlin 5-3, 2-5, 5-1.

First Place Match: Worth d. Dyer 5-1, 5-4.

WOMEN'S MET. OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Round for Nationals

By Beverly Feigelman

The Salle Santelli "A" team (B. Santelli, E. Siegel, G. Acel, A. Drungis) trounced the Fencers Club team (M. Boyce, J. Schoeck, D. Funke) by a score of 5-3 to win this competition. L. Knob, S. Pierce, and D. Friedman, the Santelli "B" team, defeated the Santelli "C" squad (C. Kopp, J. Miller, M. Rosenbaum) 7-2, thereby becoming the third qualifying team for the Nationals. The competition was held as one complete round robin.

Summaries

(1) Santelli "A" defeated Fencers Club 5-3; Paterson (Dardia, Marek, Reinauer) 9-0; Hunter (King, Maviglia, Schwabe) 8-1; Santelli "B" 6-3; Santelli "C" 9-0.

(2) Fencers Club defeated Santelli "B" 6-3; Santelli "C" 8-1; Paterson 8-1; Hunter 9-0.

(3) Santelli "C" defeated Paterson 5-2; Hunter 5-4.

(4) Hunter defeated Paterson 6-3.

MET. JUNIOR EPEE INDIVIDUAL

(1) Paredo, NYU, 8-1; (2) Rosenberg, NYU, 6-3; (3) Dollinger, AF, 6-3; (4) Corbett, FC, 5-4; (5) Seaman, C.C., 5-4; (6) Eichenbaum, NYU, 4-5; (7) Beckley, SS, 4-5; (8) Quinat, NYU, 3-6; (9) Sonnenrich, FC, 3-6; (10) Bernstein, unatt., 1-8.

METROPOLITAN SABRE TEAM

By Marilyn Rosenbaum

Salle Santelli "A" (George Worth, Tibor Nyilas, Dean Cetrulo, Al Kwartler) by winning 6 out of 6 matches, breezed to the top of a field of 11 entries. Fencers Club (Spingarn, Cohen, Millitari) although losing to Santelli "B" (3-5 bouts) in the semi-finals, won the close return match by a single bout in an exciting final round, to come in second. The New York Athletic Club and Columbia teams also qualified for the Nationals.

Preliminaries

Byes: Santelli "A," Salle Csiszar (Dyer, Otto, Belcher); Fencers Club, and NYAC (Giolito, Sully, Flynn, Mamlouk).

Pool 1: Santelli "C" (Lazar, Rubinstein, Marcell) d. Saltus (Gradkowski, Stephens, Ritayik), 5-1; Columbia (Stein, Pariser, Magnani) d. Saltus (Wittingham replacing Gradowski), 5-4.

Pool 2: Santelli "B" (Blum, Gorlin, Pongo) d. Santelli "D" (Henry, Kapner, Bickley) 5-2, and d. Cheshire (Goering, Zuckerman, Addis) 5-2; C.C.N.Y. (Susco, Mills, Wertlieb) d. Santelli "D," 5-4, and d. Cheshire 5-4.

Semi-Finals

Pool 1: Santelli "A" d. Santelli "C" 5-1. d. CCNY 5-0, d. NYAC 5-3; Santelli "C" d. NYAC 5-4, d. CCNY 5-1; NYAC d. CCNY 5-0.

Pool 2: Santelli "B" d. Salle Csiszar 5-3, d. F.C. 5-3, d. Columbia 5-3; F.C. d. Salle Csiszar 5-3, d. Columbia 5-1; Salle Csiszar d. Columbia 5-4.

Finals

Santelli "A" d. F.C. 5-2, d. Santelli "C" 5-1, d. Santelli "B" 5-2; F.C. d. Santelli "B" 5-4, d. Santelli "C" 5-3.

MET. EPEE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

By Beverly Feigelman

The Fencers Club "A" team (Wallner, Vebell, Skrobisch, Strauch) swept the final round robin, nosing out the Fencers Club "B" team (Shurtz, Goldsmith, Cohen) 7-2 to win this event. Salle Csiszar (Makler, Dyer, Rubin) took third place and Salle Santelli "B" (Turk, Henry, Mijer) fourth place. Eight teams competed.

Summaries

Preliminaries: (1) Fencers Club "B" defeated Salle Santelli "A" (Goldstein, Moss, Kapner) 6-3; and Salle Santelli "C" (Leventan, Bickeley, Spector) 8-1. (2) Salle Santelli "A" defeated Salle Santelli "C" 5-4. (3) Fencers Club "A" defeated Fencers Club "C" (de Capriles, Sonnenreich, Corbett) 5-2; NYAC (Grombach, Flynn, Mamlouk) 5-1; and Salle Csiszar 6-1. (4) Salle Santelli "B" defeated Fencers Club "C" 5-2; NYAC 5-3. (5) Salle Csiszar defeated Salle Santelli "A" 5-3; Santelli "C" 5-0; Fencers Club "B" 5-3.

Semi Finals: (1) Fencers Club "A" defeated Salle Santelli "B" 5-4; Salle Csiszar 6-1. (2) Fencers Club "B" defeated Salle Csiszar 5-4; and Salle Santelli "B" 6-1. (3) Salle Csiszar defeated Salle Santelli "B" 6-3.

Finals: Fencers Club "A" defeated Fencers Club "B" 7-2.

JUNIOR SABRE TEAM

By Marilyn Rosenbaum

The Columbia "A" team (Stein, Pariser, Kaufman) won all of its matches to take first place in the competition held on January 1, 1955. Cheshire (Goering, Zuckerman, Moore) lost to the Columbians, thereby coming in second. The nine other entries were Santelli "A," Santelli "B," N.Y.A.C. "A," N.Y.A.C. "B," Columbia "B," CCNY, and Yeshiva U.

QUALIFYING ROUND FOR NATIONAL FOIL (Men)

Grand Central Y.M.C.A.

March 5, 1955

17 entries — 8 entries qualify

Qualifiers

1. Daniel Marmer	Fencers Club
2. Peter Frank	Fencers Club
3. James Canvin	Fencers Club
4. D. Lerner	Fencers Club
5. Jack Oldstein	Salle Santelli
6. Phil Levitan	Salle Santelli
7. Charles Piperno	C.C.N.Y.
8. Roi Green	Salle Griffin

Alternates*

1. Aubrey Seeman	C.C.N.Y.
2. Oscar Price	Salle Santelli
3. J. Brodeth	Saltus-McBurney
4. Irving Shome	Unattached

Other Entries

R. Gradkowski and F. Philipbar (Saltus)

P. Anderson (N.Y.A.C.)

D. Schulewski (G.C.Y.M.C.A.)

M. Wertlieb (C.C.N.Y.)

*Alternate positions were determined with a fence-off between the 5th man on each of the semi-final strips. This fence-off determined the 1st and 2nd alternate positions. The 6th man on each strip fenced-off for 3rd and 4th alternate positions.



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MET. FOIL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

by Beverly Feigelman

The Salle Santelli veteran "A" team composed of R. Goldstein, A. Kwartler, A. Axelrod, L. Turk, defeated the Fencers Club "A" team (D. Bukantz, N. Lubell, H. Goldsmith, J. Strauch) by a score of 5-2 to capture this event. The Fencers Club "B" team edged out N.Y.A.C. to take third place. Twelve teams competed.

Summaries

Semi Finals: (Direct elimination): (1) Salle Santelli "A" defeated Fencers Club "D" 5-0; (2) Fencers Club "B" defeated Salle Santelli "B" 5-3; (3) N.Y.A.C. defeated Fencers Club "C" 5-1; (4) Fencers Club "A" defeated Saltus 7-2.

Finals: (1) Salle Santelli "A" defeated Fencers Club "A" 5-2; Fencers Club "B" (Marmor, de Capriles, Vebell) 6-3; and N.Y.A.C. (Giolito, Surdi, Sully) 8-1. (2) Fencers Club "A" defeated Fencers Club "B" 6-3; N.Y.A.C. 5-2.

SABRE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFYING ROUND FOR NATIONALS

By Beverly Feigelman

The ten qualifiers were divided among three clubs: Blum, Pongo, Sobel and Spector of the Salle Santelli; Kaufman and Parisser of Columbia; and Bassin, Hyde, Militari and Spingarn of the Fencers Club. Two alternates were named in the following order: Mamlouk of the N.Y.A.C. and Sonnenreich of the Fencers Club. Other contestants included Mills, Susco and Wertleib of CCNY; Apfel of Columbia; Frank, Canvin, Saczberg, and Schmuckler of the Fencers Club; Flynn and Moskwitz of NYU; Byfield, Marcel and Shaff of the Salle Santelli; Danziger, Ingber, Katz and Peyser of Yeshica; Miller, unattached.

WOMEN'S PREP

by Eve Siegel

Miss Joan Miller of the Salle Santelli won the Grace Acel gold medal for prep foil with a clean sweep of her bouts in the final. Twenty-one girls competed. Second place went to Louise Neal of Saltus and third to Beatrice Meviglia of Hunter.

Final Round

Miller, S.S., 5-0; Neal, Saltus, 4-1; Meviglia, Hunter, 3-2; Schelloski, N.J., 2-3; Geany, N.J., 1-4; Mulloy, Saltus, 0-5.

Other Entries

Glasser, Klein, Schachner and Stephens, B'klyn College; Baumohn, Minnes and Tatem, Paterson Teachers; O'Connor, J.C. Teachers; Schwake, Hunter; Ballinger, Bellavia, Burr, Feher, Meyer and Moyers, unattached.

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WILLIAM GOERING WINS JUNIOR SABRE

William Goering of Cheshire, Conn., won the Metropolitan Junior Sabre Championship and the Dr. Tibor Nyilas gold medal with an impressive record of 11 victories and only one defeat. Second place went to Stein of Columbia while Sonnenreich, Fencers Club, took third on touches over his clubmates Militari and Schmuckler. There were 18 contestants.

Results

Prelim. 1: Goering 3-0; Militari 3-0; Cakouras, N.Y.U., 3-2; Wertleib, CCNY, 2-3; Storer, NYAC, 1-4; Guinot, NYU, 0-3.

Prelim. 2: Bernstein, Unatt., 4-1; Balabent, NYU, 3-2; Camo, NYU, 3-2; Miller, BU, 2-3; Crosley, Santelli, 2-3; Anderson, NYAC, 1-4.

Prelim. 3: Stein, Col., 4-0; Garbatini, Conn., 4-0; Padula, Unatt., 2-2 (18 vs); Paredo, NYU, 2-2 (22 vs); Jachnowitz, NYU, 1-4; Alcott, F.C., 1-4.

Semi 1: Militari 3-0; Stein 2-1; Bernstein 2-1; Garbatini 1-3; Camo 0-3.

Semi 2: Goering 3-1; Sonnenreich 3-1; Schmuckler 2-2 (13 vs); Balabent 2-2 (22 vs); Padula 0-4.

Final: Goering d. Militari 5-4, Bernstein 5-2, Sonnenreich 5-3, Schmuckler 5-1 and Stein 5-2. Stein d. Militari 5-3, Sonnenreich 5-2 and Schmuckler 5-3. Sonnenreich d. Bernstein 5-3 and Schmuckler 5-1 (19 against). Militari d. Bernstein 5-3 and Sonnenreich 5-2 (20 against). Schmuckler d. Militari 5-3 and Bernstein 5-3 (21 against). Bernstein d. Stein 5-4.

KEVIS KAPNER WINS THREE-WEAPON TITLE

By Leo Sobel

Kevis Kapner of the Salle Santelli is the popular new champion. Kapner has been a strong competitor, especially in epee and sabre, for many years and although he has not yet won a National Championship medal he has frequently been the "spoiler" in National finals. This time he "spoiled" his way to a final match with Abram Cohen of the Fencers Club and defeated him 8-6 for the title. There were nine entries, so that seven byes were given in the first round of this direct elimination event.

Results

Round 1: Goering, Cheshire, d. Militari, F.C., 8-6.

Round 2: Cohen, F.C., d. Corbett, F.C., 8-4; Spector, Santelli, d. Bassin, F.C., 8-3; Kapner, Santelli, d. Ishkraut, Wash. F.C., 8-1; Lazar, Santelli, d. Goering 8-5.

Round 3: Cohen d. Spector 8-4; Kapner d. Lazar 8-5.

Final: Kapner d. Cohen 8-6.

QUALIFYING ROUND FOR NATIONALS

(Women)

19 entries — 8 qualify

Qualifiers

1. Ida Balint Saltus Club
2. Louise Knabb Salle Santelli
3. Dolly Funke Fencers Club
4. Julia Schoeck Fencers Club
5. Dorothy Stack Fencers Club
6. Mildred Boyce Fencers Club
7. Anne Drungis Salle Santelli
8. Dorothy Friedman Salle Santelli

Alternates

1. Gottlieb (Lucia); 2. Rosenbaum (Santelli); 3. King (Hunter); 4. Pierce (Santelli).

PETER FRANK WINS JUNIOR FOIL TITLE

Peter Frank, Fencers Club, was crowned junior champion in foil over a strong field of thirty-two contestants. Second place was resolved on touches between Jack Oldstein, Santelli, and Leon Schechter, Saltus, who placed in the order named. The final of nine was exceptionally strong.

Results

Prelim. 1: Anderson, NYAC, 4-1; Azzata, Col., 4-1; Schechter, Saltus, 3-2; Glasser, CCNY, 2-3; Miernick, B.C., 2-3; Manley, Griffin, 0-5.

Prelim. 2: Sully, NYAC, 5-0; Paredo, NYU, 4-1; Canvin, FC, 3-2; Witschi, Cornell, 2-3; Hochman, CCNY, 1-4; Reyes, Saltus, 0-5.

Prelim. 3: Podnos, Santelli, 4-1; Bernstein, Unatt., 4-2; Green, Griffin, 3-3 (24 vs, 27 for); Prostick, B.C., 3-3 (24 vs, 26 for); Brandies, FC, 3-3 (26 vs); Phillipbar, Saltus, 2-4; Braslow, Col., 1-4.

Prelim. 4: Frank, F.C., 5-1; Gordon, CCNY, 5-1; Price, Santelli, 3-3 (22 vs); Cano, NYU, 3-3 (25 vs); Gradowski, Saltus, 2-4; Shome, Unatt., 1-4; Bickley, Santelli, 1-4.

Prelim. 5: Oldstein, Santelli, 5-0; Brodeth, Saltus, 4-1; Leffand, Col., 3-2; Farrell, NYU, 2-3; Duryea, Tri-Weapon, 1-4; Tombarks, Unatt., 0-5.

Semi 1: Frank 3-1; Schechter 3-1; Price 2-2; Azzata 1-3; Bernstein 1-4.

Semi 2: Oldstein 4-0; Sully 3-1; Paredo 2-2 (withdrew); Gordon 1-3; Leffand, Col., 0-4.

Semi 3: Canvin 3-0; Anderson 2-2 (11 vs); Green 2-2 (16 vs, 14 for); Brodeth, 2-2 (16 vs, 12 for); Podnos 0-3.

Final: Frank d. Canvin 5-3, Green 5-2, Price 5-2, Schechter 5-4, Anderson 5-4, Sully 5-4 and Gordon 5-1 (7-1). Oldstein d. Canvin 5-4, Price 5-2, Frank 5-2, Schechter 5-1, Anderson 5-2 and Gordon 5-1 (6-2, 22 against). Schechter d. Canvin 5-4, Green 5-2, Price 5-3, Anderson 5-4, Sully 5-1 and Gordon 5-1 (6-2, 26 against). Green d. Canvin 5-1, Price 5-2, Anderson 5-3, Oldstein 5-4 and Gordon 5-3 (5-3). Sully d. Green 5-4, Anderson 5-4, Oldstein 5-3 and Gordon 5-3 (4-4). Price d. Anderson 5-2, Sully 5-0 and Gordon 5-1 (3-5). Anderson d. Canvin 5-4 and Gordon 5-2 (2-6, 36 against). Canvin d. Price 5-4 and Sully 5-4 (2-6, 38 against). Gordon d. Canvin 5-4 (1-7).

SALLE SANTELLI WINS JUNIOR FOIL TEAM

The Salle Santelli "A" team of Jack Oldstein, Oscar Price and Kevis Kapner was undefeated in its march to the title. Eight teams competed, and the final round was by direct elimination.

Results

Prelim. 1: Santelli "A" d. Brooklyn College 5-0, College Composite 5-4, and N.Y.A.C. 6-2; College Composite d. N.Y.A.C. 5-4, and Brooklyn 5-1; N.Y.A.C. d. Brooklyn 5-3.

Prelim. 2: Fencers Club d. Saltus 5-2 and RR YMCA 5-1; Santelli "B" d. Saltus 5-4 and RR YMCA 5-2.

Semi-Final: Santelli "A" d. Santelli "B" 5-1. Fencers Club d. College Composite 5-1.

Final: Santelli "A" 5, Fencers Club 3. Oldstein d. Canvin 5-4, Frank 5-4 and Brandeis 5-3; Kapner d. Frank 5-3 and Brandeis 5-1; Canvin d. Price 5-3 and Kapner 5-1; Frank d. Price 5-4.

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ELECTRIC FOIL AT MEXICO

By J. R. de Capriles

The competing nations at the Pan-American Games voted to hold the foil events with the standard weapon because of the almost total lack of opportunity to have practiced electric foil before these important events took place. The Mexican organizing committee had gone to considerable expense to obtain machines and some weapons and jackets, however, and everyone agreed it would be discourteous to let their efforts become futile. The twelve nations contributed to a fund with which a beautiful silver cup and six medals were purchased for a special individual competition with the electric foil. The cup was named in honor of the president of the Organizing Committee and each nation submitted one entry with Mexico allowed two.

Two machines were used (one broke down because the storage batteries were bad) and it took approximately ten hours to run the two preliminary and one final strips. The trouble was largely in the weapons—they were heavy, clumsy and whippy; some of them gave the fencers an electric shock when the recorded touch was turned off;

the points were not satisfactory. When everything operated properly, the bouts went quickly and without complaint.

Al Kwartler represented the U.S. and tied for second behind Paladino of Uruguay. But the big story from our point of view was not Al's good fencing but his sportsmanship which characterized our team throughout these championships.

Every fencer was given a jacket and weapon imported by the Mexicans. All weapons were badly made, as I've indicated. Albert Axelrod had brought along a special electric foil which he had assembled in the U.S. It had a tubular blade (which eliminates whipping), was perfectly balanced, and had a point with nylon sleeve that made it almost fool-proof. Everyone admired this beautiful weapon and recognized that it would give a tremendous advantage to whoever used it. Despite the keen competition Al Kwartler refused to take this advantage and fenced with a standard clumsy foil until the end. After the winners were determined he fenced with the "wonder weapon" and won his bout easily. His gesture was recognized and appreciated by every fencer present and did much to create good will for us.

Cleveland Will Be Site of Third Pan-American Games in 1959

By Jose de Capriles

The Pan-American Congress awarded the Third Pan-American Games to Cleveland, and we therefore will be expected to organize the fencing events for the Olympic Committee.

Col. Francisco Valero Recio, president of the Mexican Fencing Federation, is the president of the "Permanent Commission" which will function until 1957 and will crystallize the newly formed organization. The Commission consists of: Dr. Angel Roland, vice-president; Major Rafael Camara, secretary; Dr. Eduardo Hay, North American representative; Mr. Joaquin Simoes, South American representative.

In 1957 the Commission will call upon the U.S. to furnish the president, vice-president and secretary and to supervise the preparations for the 1959 Games. It will be an excellent opportunity for us to study the problems of running such an event and perhaps enable us to bid for the World Championships soon thereafter.

GALA NIGHT

Friday, June 17, 1955

CONCOURSE PLAZA HOTEL

Grand Concourse at East 161 Street, Bronx, N. Y.

8 PM to 10 PM—National Three Weapon Team Championship
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