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## THE A.F.L.A. PRESIDENCY

by Jose de Capriles

In accordance with modern tradition, this year the incumbent President of the AFLA, completing his fourth term in office, will not stand for re-election. It therefore becomes important for the general membership to determine the qualities that the League has a right to expect from Dr. Makler's successor.

It is of course entirely proper to insist that a serious candidate for the office of President should have previously rendered good service to the League, and preferably in a national rather than a local capacity. However, the Presidency must not be looked upon as a reward for hard work. It is an office of leadership, and as Mr. Alaux so clearly stated: "The administrative aspect of the national organization doesn't require leadership - that can be taken care of by an executive secretary". The office must seek the man and not vice versa.

The President of the AFLA is the figurehead, spokesman and public image of U.S. fencing. He is automatically a Vice President of the International Fencing Federation and, because of his office, should normally be Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee. In both positions international prestige as a fencer or administrator is an important asset. Similarly, because of his contacts with the leaders of other U.S. sports organizations, including the U.S. Olympic Committee, the President's personal prestige within this country can be a benefit or a deficit for fencing. While it is not essential that he have an impressive record in national and international competition, there is no doubt that such a

record is highly desirable. Equally important for the prestige of fencing is the President's achievement as a leader in business or professional organizations.

The President presides at meetings of the AFLA and of its Board of Directors and should have the poise and experience as a leader of group discussion and action that are necessary to conduct such meetings. As head of a national organization with many geographic subdivisions having different problems and often conflicting views, he should be understanding, patient, persuasive and, above all, level headed. He must be able to get people to work together with minimum friction. He should be forceful without being arbitrary or rigid. Although the President need not be a glad-hander, a dour personality cannot function in this office with any hope of success.

Finally, a word of warning is in order. The personality and ability of the President play an important role in the molding of policy for fencing in the U.S., but the choice of the right man for President will not solve all our problems. Let us not forget that all policy is set by the Board of Directors and not by any one man. In addition, the work of the AFLA requires many hands. Thus, the program to encourage the growth of membership must indeed be intensified, but it depends primarily on the local efforts of divisional officers and individual members rather than on the national President. The change in the Presidency should be a reminder to all loyal fencers that each one of us has a job to do to promote our wonderful sport.

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## DE CAPRILES REFLECTS ANOTHER HONOR ON AMERICAN FENCING

Miguel A. de Capriles, who has just completed a four-year term as President of the International Fencing Federation, has been named Honorary Delegate-at-Large of the Amateur Athletic Union. In conferring this honor, Executive Director Donald F. Hull wrote:

"During the past year we have sadly lost our distinguished Honorary Delegate-at-Large, General Douglas MacArthur. Our National Convention recently requested that I transmit to you on their behalf, an invitation to be an Honorary Delegate-at-Large for the coming year. Our regular delegates are elected by district associations and national sports organizations . . . We would be deeply honored if you could favorably consider this invitation . . . This Honorary list is restricted to ten of the outstanding Americans who have made a contribution to Amateur Athletics. You certainly have earned this honor and I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept it".

We are proud that our sport still has the active interest of men of such stature.

## Personals

### ARTHUR KAYE

We regret to announce the death of Arthur Kaye on February 7 at Pasadena, California. Mr. Kaye was an outstanding foil competitor in sectional and national events and was Open Foil Champion of the Southern California Division.

### JANICE LEE ROMARY

Janice underwent major surgery on short notice the first week of January. She is reported recovering very well and has the best fishes of all of us.

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Vince Surdi for their first daughter, Jo-Ann, born January 6, 1965.

## NEW RULES BOOK

The Rules Book has been mailed to all paid-up non-student members of the AFLA. Students and all others wishing copies may send \$3 to Mrs. W. J. Latzko, 33 - 62 Street, West New York, N.J.

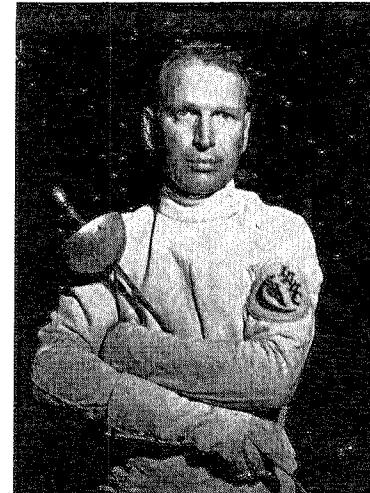
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## NOMINATIONS

Two slates for 1965-66 AFLA officers have been filed with the Secretary and will be voted upon at the next annual meeting of the League.

The nominations of the Nominating Committee, due on or before February 1, 1965 were not received by the Secretary until February 10th and are not complete. Nominations pursuant to Article XI, Section 4 of the By-Laws have been properly filed and are complete. The two slates are:

### Committee



### Article XI, Sec. 4



**President** - Norman L. Lewis

**Vice President** - Jack A. Baker, Pacific Coast

**2nd Vice President** - James Campoli, Midwest

**3rd Vice President** - Nelson I. Fishman, N.

Atlantic

**4th Vice President** - Nominee of Southwest  
(before 5/1/65)

**Secretary** - William J. Latzko

**Treasurer** - Leo Sobel

**Foreign Secretary** - George V. Worth

### Directors-at-Large:

Jose R. de Capriles

Donald S. Thompson

Dr. Paul T. Makler

### Non-Divisional Directors:

Ralph M. Goldstein

Connie Latzko

## WARNING

The British translation incorporated in our Rules Book (pp. 13-127) has several errors in changing metric to linear measurements and grams to ounces. Wherever there is any discrepancy the metric and gram figures are the official ones and shall govern.

We suggest you note this in your book.

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## MACCABIAH FENCING COMMITTEE

Albert Axelrod and Al Polansky have been named co-chairmen of the U.S. Maccabiah Games Fencing Committee.

Axelrod, bronze medalist in the Olympic oil of 1960 also won the bronze medal in the 1961 Maccabiah Games. He will serve as captain of the U.S. Team.

The VII Maccabiah Games will be held in Israel. The schedule calls for departure from N.Y. on August 19 and return to N.Y. on September 4. A fencing squad of 15 men and women is contemplated and selections will be based on performance during this past and current season, including the Nationals. Fencers of Jewish faith who are interested in competing should write to Albert Axelrod at 31 Ardsley Road, Scarsdale, New York.

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## BOARD MEETING, Feb. 2, 1965

The Board clarified the rule on composite teams. The prohibition applies only to the National Championships. Divisions may permit composites in accordance with Part VIII, Chapter 3, Section 5 of the 1965 Rules Book. If the event is part of the qualifying round for the Nationals, composite teams may compete, but they do so hors concours.

The Board ruled that amateurs may compete against professionals in specially organized competitions having the approval of the division Executive Committee. Proper announcement must be made and no purse may be awarded to anyone competing.

The Secretary reported that no nominations had been filed by the Nominating Committee as of February 2, 1965.

Mr. Miguel de Capriles reported on changes currently being discussed with respect to the U.S. Olympic Committee. The motion to appoint him fencing representative for the next twelve months and thereafter until the Board terminates the appointment will be voted upon at the next meeting.

The Board approved underwriting the Martini & Rossi - NYAC Tournament up to \$1,500. Mr. Norman Lewis was appointed Bout Committee Chairman and Dr. Daniel Bukantz was appointed Captain of the U.S. Team in the Match of Nations event.

The Executive Committee was limited to the maximum allocation of \$500 for any purpose. The Olympic training camp has been so successful that the Board authorized \$500 to insure its continuation this year.

A motion by Jose de Capriles that an Under-19 national tournament be established, with a limited final round to become part of the National Championship tournament, was seconded and will be considered at the next meeting.

William J. Latzko

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The articles "Olympic Critique", "Failure of the AFLA" and "Olympic Review" reveal why fencing is at an all-time low in the USA. The reasons are clearly projected — namely lack of sportsmanship, leadership and morale in American fencing.

When a candidate for the Olympic Team actively promotes a campaign to bar top encers and US citizens from the team because they were formerly nationals of Hungary, he certainly in my opinion lacks sportsmanship. When that same man is appointed by the President of the AFLA, serving also as Captain, to manage the Team that includes all but one of the men he sought to bar, this proves in my opinion a lack of good judgment and leadership. No wonder team morale was manifestly low.

The same Manager now sets himself up as an expert and writes an article criticizing almost everyone but himself for the poor showing in Tokyo. What prompted his attack against Paul Pesthy, another American of Hungarian origin and a silver medalist at Tokyo in Modern Pentathlon, and, more important, his argument against any Pentathlete making the Fencing Team? Anyone who has studied records and training techniques or knows anything about Modern Pentathlon could not claim that Pesthy's winning of a silver medal in that Olympic event adversely influenced his fencing — quite the contrary. What is referred to as Pesthy's five-day "ordeal" was:

**1st Day** - Riding a 1,500 meter horse-show type course. Total time of riding consisted of 15 minutes warm-up in the bull ring and 3.14.7 minutes of competition. Remainder of day and night devoted to rest.

**2nd Day** - Fencing 36 one-touch epee bouts with 3-minute limit per bout.

**3rd Day** - Shooting one round of 20 timed shots against a turning silhouette target. Practice took 10 minutes and competition less than seven minutes - in the morning. Remainder of day and night devoted to rest.

**4th Day** - Swimming against time and only one performance, 300 meters free style. Warm-up took three minutes and timed swim was four minutes 4.9 seconds - in the morn-

ing. Remainder of day and night devoted to rest.

**5th Day** - Running against time and only one performance, 3,000 meter cross-country. Warm-up 10 minutes, time of competition 15 minutes 12.1 seconds - in the morning. Remainder of day and night devoted to rest.

Pesthy had two full days of rest between the finish of Modern Pentathlon and the start of Epee Fencing in Tokyo. It must be remembered that he has been training concurrently for both events for the past eight years and has, during this period, amassed national championships in both. Expert opinion of doctors and trainers indicates that after many months of Pentathlon training and with two days of rest, an Olympic Pentathlete will be in better physical condition and better emotionally attuned to an Olympic Fencing competition than any other fencer with normal fencing training only.

Pentathletes from 1912 to 1964 have been doubling in the Olympics and Pan Am Games in riding, shooting or fencing. In fencing, Generals George Patton and Harold Rayner, Colonel Fritz Weber and, more recently, William Andre, Robert Beck and Paul Pesthy did not weaken US Olympic Epee Teams even though they doubled. Many top fencers in many countries have been developed by Modern Pentathlon, especially in Sweden, Hungary and the US. Pentathlon has produced many national champions (including Rayner in foil, Beck and Pesthy in epee, in the US) and one world epee champion. Even a sabreman, Michael Dasaro, who never won a national sabre title before or since, won when he was being physically conditioned as a member of the Modern Pentathlon squad at Fort Sam Houston.

Last, but not least, the US Olympic rules permit doubling. The AFLA has no authority to override this rule or to upset a 68-year precedent. The recommendation giving a captain and two coaches the right to dismiss any team member, selected by competition, on some arbitrary basis is not only against Olympic rules but could have repercussions that would harm the sport and the Olympic movement.

As for the point system allegedly introduced by Dr. Makler, if based on a correct formula evolved by mathematicians and statisticians and not by doctors, lawyers and candle stick makers, and if not changed several times during its application, it could have advantages. However, experience all over the world indicates that formulas are no substitute for one or two key competitions with the same competitive pressures and problems as Olympic contests.

To conclusively prove the poor quality of leadership of our 1964 Fencing Team, neither its captain nor its manager protested the use of Iron Curtain directors, including a Red Hungarian, on every one of the three sabre strips for the entire second round where three US citizens, defectors from communist Hungary, were competing. All three were eliminated, but in my opinion and that of many others only one on the basis of actual fencing. Certainly there were other directors available at the time. U.S. Pentathlon managers prevented irregularities in Tokyo which, if uncorrected, would have placed U.S. 3rd instead of 2nd.

The article on the failure of the AFLA makes the same point. Nominations and elections of officers of the AFLA is at an all-time low of intrigue, indecision, cliques and maneuvers. Positions in the management of fencing are sought after for personal glory instead of seeking men who are in a position to serve fencing. Recently the management of the AFLA has evidenced considerable dictatorial inclinations. Unless we get the type of leadership in fencing which we should have, fencing is going to continue to fall off in accomplishments and popularity. I, for one, am so discouraged by the petty and unsportsmanlike conduct of fencing management that I am losing enthusiasm in contributing my time, efforts, trophies and in any plans I might have had to continue to help the sport anonymously.

Michel Alaux, the Olympic Coach who believes in sports for sport's sake (the other Olympic coach believes in state subsidization of athletes) is one of many exceptions to the above generalizations and holds fencing above any personal ambitions or jealousies. Yet, in his article, the following bold addition was

inserted "Pesthy's one-sided game was ineffective against Germany, and at this point he had competed in five days of gruelling Pentathlon competition, two rounds of individual epee and a team match against Britain". Please note this reference does not give the number of days rest or a description of the "gruelling" competitions. This, therefore, is another attack against Modern Pentathlon and a poor alibi for the poor showing of the Olympic Fencing Team that had neither leadership nor morale.

John V. Grombach

**Ed. Note:** The insert was ours and should have been so labeled. Our apology to Mr. Alaux.

General Grombach speaks with authority regarding physical condition and emotional balance of athletes. In addition to his own background as competitor and amateur coach of fencing, he has coached many service teams in various sports including football and has participated in the conditioning of professional athletes - including one world champion boxer and two leading contenders. He has been closely associated with U.S. Modern Pentathlon Olympic, Pan Am and CISM championship teams since 1928, and was Director of Athletics of Fort McClelland. He is the author of twelve books and manuals on sports.

## Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer

**Epee Open:** 1. Fred Linkmeyer, SCFC; 2. Don Benge, SCFC; 3. Lou Goldberg, SCFC

**Foil Open:** 1. Joe Elliott, Sdn; 2. William Edwards, LAFC; 3. Rudy Berger, LAFA

**Foil Unclass:** 1. Carl Borack, Sdn; 2. Bob Block, Sdn; 3. Dan McCammon, SCFC

**Sabre "C":** 1. Herb Missler, FSF; 2. Carl Borack, Sdn; 3. Sal de Bellis, Vnice

**Epee "C":** 1. Don Benge, SCFC; 2. Joe Elliott, Sdn; 3. Phil Marsh, FSF

**Unclass. Sabre Team** won by Faulkner SF (Marsh, Crawford, Missler)

**Women's "B":** 1. Bernice Filerman, Sdn; 2. Pat Gardner, FSF; 3. Terry La Monte, HFC

**Women's Unclass:** 1. Rene Zukerberg, HFC; 2. Yvonne Kriens, FSF; 3. Sandy Barr, HFC

**Women's "C" Team** won by Hawthorne HS (Zuckerberg, Bennett, LaMonte)

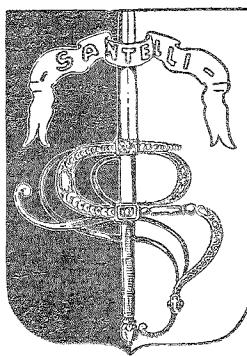
**Women's "G":** 1. Terry LaMonte, HHS; 2. Sherry Rose, Venice; 3. Rene Zukerberg, HHS

**Women's Unclass Team** won by Hawthorne HS (Zuckerberg, Barr, Bennett)

The review and critique of our 1964 Olympic results by Bob Blum and Michel Alaux deserve comment. Based on personal evaluation of our performance in other high-level international competitions, including two World Championships, I am in whole-hearted agreement that psychological factors have consistently been our greatest weakness. With rare exception, U.S. fencers have generally performed below their potential when the big moment comes. More international experience is desirable to overcome this deficiency, but it is also bound to be a limited and costly answer for the foreseeable future.

I endorse the suggestion that the Olympic Team be selected from a squad of 8-10, designated one year before the Games. Team spirit needs development in this fashion. I also endorse the idea that no Olympic fencer be permitted to compete in another sport in the Games - the temptation to do both is strong, but it is a mistake. These suggestions are not radical and they deserve trial; however, to be effective, the must be adopted right away.

Roger F. Jones



## CHAMPIONSHIP EQUIPMENT

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## About "Failure"

I have the greatest respect for Ralph Goldstein, a devoted and hard-working AFLA officer whose record deserves admiration and honor. His sincerity is unquestionable and he knows more about the inner affairs of the AFLA than I do. He and Mr. Solomon have characterized my article with choice epithets, . . . but look what the Minutes of the Board and other reliable sources reveal:

1. Treasurer's Reports since dues increase show Income more than twice the Expenses. The "profit" for 1962-63 was 128% and for 1963-64 was 116%. A spot-check of AFLA records back to 1936 reveals no instance of an operating loss. Assets were about \$8,000 when dues were increased.

2. Membership LOSS since dues increase is 6% (2952 in 1962, 2767 two years later). The 1961-62 recruiting effort achieved a GAIN from 2421 to 2952, or 28% in one season! Strangely, this program did not continue. Dues were raised instead.

3. In Britain, with a population less than 1/3 of ours, the Amateur Fencing Ass'n. pulls around 3,000 members and has 438 affiliated clubs. Individual dues are \$1.40 (10 shillings), a flat rate for everyone; each club pays \$6.16 (£2.2). In France, dues are equivalent to \$2, including group insurance against injuries and death.

4. In the past 50 years the U.S. has had 3 individual Olympic medalists and three team medals (none, in World Championships). No individuals have placed first and no team higher than third. Smaller and poorer countries than the U.S. have placed dozens of times. Axelrod's medal in 1960 was the first individual medal in 28 years!

5. After the 1963 World Championships, team captain Joe Paletta reported: "Dasaro, Davis and Orban were sent by the Army, I was sent by the Navy, and the civilian members footed their own bills." Also, "It is a shame we couldn't send America's best," and "the Russians had more coaches, trainers and assistants than we had fencers". At the time, there were \$3,104 in the AFLA International Fund and \$6,090 in Unappropriated Reserves.

No doubt the new Rules Book is large, well-constructed and complete, nor am I ungrateful for the volunteer labor of editors, etc. But what group does **not** issue Rules Books?

And since we've got the Rules Book, what justification is there for keeping the dues high? The added income from a 20% growth each year might have paid for the Rules without an increase in dues.

All the talk about the large number of competitions now available to members is confused thinking - the fencer does **not** get these for his dues, he pays an additional entry fee for every meet. What the rank-and-file member gets for his outrageously high dues are the Rules Book and this magazine, period.

The AFLA would be much healthier with ten to twenty thousand members, and that size can be attained at a lower cost to the individual. Money would be available for expenses with enough left over to spend on World Championship teams, travel for Sectional finalists to the Nationals, and other development projects. From the broader base, it is reasonable to assume better fencers will arise to represent the U.S. abroad.

In 1962 I predicted that a dues increase would result in a membership loss. Now what? It's up to YOU, the members.

Albert Manley  
Portland, Oregon

I feel Mr. Manley has a good point which Mr. Goldstein ignores in his rebuttal. The membership rolls as of January, 1965, total 1,586; 277 of whom are non-competitive associate members. This is indeed a dismal record (without placing the blame). Something is wrong.

Theodore Jerome  
Santa Barbara, California

The issues raised have been extensively discussed in the past in these pages. Nobody likes to pay dues or taxes. Please note, however, that it costs about \$3.50 per person for the services of the National office and the magazine. This would be greater if the Editor was paid for his services or the League Officers were paid or reimbursed their expenses. A proposal to reduce dues should include some way to reduce expenses. A solvent AFLA is now in a position to press a program to attract more fencers. A League of 10,000 members undoubtedly could and should reduce dues, but a near-bankrupt League is not likely to become a strong one.

Dr. Paul Makler President, AFLA.

## THE GOODYEAR-OLYMPIC PROPOSAL

by Miguel de Capriles

A three-cornered arrangement between the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., the U.S. Olympic Committee, and a special committee (of which J. Ehret Mahoney is chairman and I am a member) representing the national governing bodies in Olympic sports, promises to provide substantial financial support for the Olympic program in the years between Olympic Games. The arrangement involves about \$2,000,000 in television revenues for five international sports "spectaculars" to be held in the fall of 1965, the spring and fall of 1966, and the spring and fall of 1967.

The basic plan is to invite the leading performers of the top three, four or five countries in a limited group of related sports to compete with American athletes in each of the "spectaculars." The host city in each case would underwrite the events and would stage them over a period of about two weeks. Goodyear would pay \$400,000 for the television rights for each of these festivals, 25% of this sum to go into the general Olympic treasury and the remaining 75% to be allocated to the various national governing bodies in proportion to the number of their Olympic competitors. Fencing has been selected as one of the sports for the first show in the fall of 1965, and has been allocated approximately 1/30 of the amount available to the national sports governing bodies. If all goes well, this could amount to \$50,000 over the next three years. If one or more of the projected festivals cannot be held, the amount for fencing will decrease \$10,000 for each show that is omitted.

Negotiations are currently under way to reach agreement with a sponsoring city for the first "spectacular." As soon as this is done, the participating sports bodies will issue the required invitations to the leading international competitors, and will devise the appropriate formula for the competition. Technical arrangements will be made by Young & Rubicam, advertising agents for Goodyear, with the television networks. The Goodyear proposal offers the most alluring prospect of substantial revenue for the AFLA in all the years that I have been fencing.

## RULES FOR NATIONALS (June 19-26) See pp. 156-160,

### 1965 Rules Book

#### Entries

Entries for team and individual events must reach Fred Linkmeyer, 414 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif. not later than May 29, 1965 and must contain the following information. They will not be accepted unless accompanied by the registration fee and appropriate entry fees. (See entry form on page 60 of the 1965 Rules Book)

First and last name; mailing address; school club; division; events entered; amount enclosed; classification in each weapon; class of membership; basis for qualification.

#### Fees

Registration Fee - \$2.50 payable by every competitor and includes a ticket to Gala night.

Individual Events - \$5.00 for each entry \$10.00 for So. California members

Team Events - \$10.00 for each team \$20.00 for So. California teams

**Note:** Since entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by appropriate fees, there is no provision for "late charges". Similarly, there will be no acceptance of entries postmarked after May 29, 1965.

#### Foreign Entries

Foreign teams are not permitted. Individual entries may be accepted until May 29, 1965 at the discretion of the Board of Directors or the AFLA Executive Committee.

#### Equipment and Safety

No fencer in dirty or unsafe apparel will be permitted to fence.

**Weapons:** Each fencer must have a minimum of two acceptable weapons available for every bout and they must be near the strip where he is assigned.

**Body Cords:** Foil and epee fencers must have at least two body cords in working condition certified by technician) with a three-pronged connector at the reel end.

**Bib:** Men and women must have insulated metallic vests that properly cover the entire target. The mask must be sprayed with insulating material and the bib may not extend below the top of the collar bone in front.

**Epee:** The protective undergarment is mandatory. If the trousers do not extend to the ankles, stockings must cover the entire leg below the trousers so that no bare skin is exposed. Epee must have the flat 8mm point with the rim beveled or dulled with emery paper.

**Note:** Equipment should be in perfect condition when you arrive at the Nationals. Any necessary repairs will be at fencer's own cost.

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Room with breakfast only: single \$7.50 per day, double \$5.50 per person per day.

Individual Meal Prices (cafeteria): Breakfast \$1; Lunch \$1.50; Dinner \$2; Sunday Brunch \$1.50.

Reservation card will be mailed upon receipt of entry.

#### Certification

The Secretary of each Division must comply with pages 158 and 159 of the Rules. Immediately upon completion of the divisional qualifying rounds, the following information must be sent to Mr. Anthony Orsi, National Secretary, 125-23rd Avenue, Paterson 3, N.J.:

Certified list of the number of individuals participating in each of the qualifying events; certified list of the fencers entitled to qualify in each weapon from the division (including automatic qualifiers) in order of their estimated strength; certified list of alternates in each weapon, in order of placement; certified lists of teams authorized to represent the division, and of any alternates.

These lists must reach Mr. Orsi not later than May 29, 1965 and do not constitute the required entry for the competitors or teams.

A series of uncaught typographical errors and omissions have occurred in drawing up the Bylaws of the Amateur Fencers League of America, Inc. To correct these, a Special Meeting of the League is being called for April 20, 1965 to vote on presenting the following amendments to the membership at the Annual Meeting in June.

1. Article IV, Section 2, first paragraph, add:  
". . . or who has been reinstated as an amateur by the Board of Directors."
2. Article V, Section 1 (f) and Section 1 (g), change the word "Corporation" in the first sentence to read "Amateur Fencers League of America."
3. Article VII, Section 1 (a), add the words "Life Associate Members" before the words "Life Members."
4. Article XI, Section 3, change the date in the second paragraph from "March 1st" to "April 1st". This change was approved by the membership in the June 7, 1963 Annual Meeting.
5. Article XI, Section 8, change to read ". . . Treasurer, Foreign Secretary, Directors at Large, or Non-Divisional Directors . . ."
6. Article XIII, Section 1, add the words "Life Associate Members . . ." after the words "Life Members" in the first paragraph.

William J. Latzko  
Chairman  
Rules Committee

## New Jersey

by Mary Eileen Flynn

**Women's Novice:** 1. P. Ford, FDU; 2. A. Jacukiewicz, PSC; 3. A. Stokes, PSC

**Epee 'B':** 1. D. Steinman, SC; 2. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 3. S. Harwood, Pr. U.

**Women's Prep:** 1. B. Turner, RRHS; 2. M. Baldwin, PSC; 3. D. Kimble, PSC

**Foil 'B':** 1. C. Wertheimer, Pr. U.; 2. B. McKay, Col. U.; 3. R. Faste, Stevens

**Women's Unclass:** 1. C. Jones, PSC; 2. L. Borella, Unatt.; 3. D. Walker, PSC

**Sabre 'B':** 1. C. Schlick, FCNJ; 2. J. O'Sullivan, Pr. U.; 3. J. Cilio, PSC

**Women's 'C':** 1. A. Melnick, PSC; 2. C. Jones, Unatt.; 3. L. Borella, Unatt.

**College Invitation (foil):** 1. G. Mauroudis, Rutgers; 2. R. Faste, Stevens; 3. H. Holden, Drew

(epee): 1. M. Moroch, JCSC; 2. R. Oberlander, Rutgers; 3. G. Proteziak, NCE

(abre): 1. J. O'Sullivan, Pr. U.; 2. J. Cilio, PSC; 3. S. Krapes, JCSC

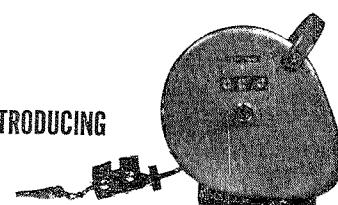
**HS Foil:** 1. T. Boutsikaris; 2. Walt Krause; 3. Wayne Krause - all Essex Catholic

**HS Sabre:** 1. J. Lino, Essex C; 2. G. Brown, Essex C.; 3. R. Phillips, Md.

**Women's 'B':** 1. C. Jones, PSC; 2. A. Melnick, PSC; 3. M. Mosley, Unatt.

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## SABRE TECHNIQUE

(Reprinted from *The Sword*, published by the AFA of Great Britain)

In the first issue this year (1964) of the Hungarian fencing magazine, a Brains Trust eminent fencers tries to clarify some points of sabre technique. The Brains Trust was composed of: Gerevich, 1948 Olympic Champion; Kovacs, 1952 Olympic Champion; Arpati, 1956 and 1960 Olympic Champion; Utz, sabre coach of the Hungarian Universities; Sacovits, Captain of the National Team. Their points were clearly intended for masters and fencers alike, and, omitting comments which seem irrelevant to our own particular conditions, they are as follows:

**Footwork.** A lunge should always be practiced in conjunction with other footwork, and particular attention should be paid to balance. The body must always be kept upright in a proper lunge, and the recovery is as important as the lunge itself. Lack of control in footwork allows one's opponent great opportunity for counter-attack; therefore foot movements should be short and rapid. It is absolutely necessary when lunging to keep the back flat and not drag it, as this will have an adverse effect on balance. A common fault is to push the front knee too far forward in the lunge and not to push hard enough on the back leg.

**Attack.** Regulate lunge according to distance. Distance is important in a lesson - more than the normal fencing measure of execute hits with the last inch of the blade. This will give a fencer confidence to take long attacks in competition. A top-class fencer never does extension and cut as separate movements, except possibly for retraction. Coordination is seen to be good when arm and leg start together but the blade arrives first. Many fencers make little use of the belly-cut, and there is much discussion of the flat of the blade, although such cuts are only possible if executed thus. We make attacks on the blade as these are often analysed as "parried". It is necessary to persevere with this form of attack, but the blade must be crisp to avoid misinterpretation. Practice beat attacks on the opponent's preparation. Many fencers tend to attack when their opponent is already retreating - it is

therefore necessary to avoid making a monotonous preparation. The fleche can bring many good hits and should be practiced, but be sure that the body is traveling forward - not up.

**Parry.** All sabre fencers parry too little and stop-hit too much. Practice both triangles of parries a great deal and do not keep to just one side. It is easier to parry when moving; therefore, parrying exercises should be carried out in conjunction with footwork, but the master must vary his timing considerably. Again, body position is very important. The master should also vary the strength of his cuts.

**Preparation.** You must always try to influence your opponent and not let this occur the other way around. Broken-time preparations will particularly worry your opponent, but be careful of distance and prepare this too. It is by far best to attack when your opponent is at lunging distance. Light, fluent footwork is needed for good preparations. Fighting exercises are invaluable (where real distance, timing and openings are given), and the master is treated as an opponent), but these exercises should not be too repetitive. Guard position must be varied according to distance, i.e., bring guard closer to body as distance narrows in preparation. All attacks in a lesson should be preceded by a preparation. Do not allow concentration to lapse during preparation as you should be watching for some reaction. For this reason it is important that a master should occasionally make a surprise counter-action into a long preparation - it will help to keep the pupil alert. It is important actually to show the target in second intention attacks, and the master should vary the timing of his stop hits.

**Stop Hits.** These are much used, but nearly always at the head. Not enough use is made to the arm or with the point. The arm is not a dangerous target because it is still possible to maintain distance while trying to hit it. International juries tend to favor the stop point.

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**Blade Control.** Many faults stem from the wrong grip - particularly in that the sabre is sometimes held as if it were a foil. A firm grip is needed when parrying otherwise you cannot be certain of either the parry or the riposte. It is only in the chest and belly-cuts that the wrist should be used much. In all cuts except these, the arm and blade should almost form a straight line. Too much wrist work will make your parries too wide. Bind and beat exercises are a great aid to blade control. Teach many feints to improve direction. Also demand many remises and double-cuts to improve weapon control.

**Controlled Exercises.** These are when two experienced fencers practice together what they have learned in lessons. The master should give them "topics" to practice. It is often a very good exercise for the defender to stand with his back to the wall.

**Method Fighting.** This is when a fencer practices individual movements by influencing an opponent into doing what he wants. It is not important how often you are hit, but only how often your intentions succeed. In this exercise fencers can be helped by fencers of lower standard than themselves. It is impossible to improve without this methodical practice.

B. Howes

## Western Washington

by Jean Robeson

**Foil Novice:** 1. Peter Brigham, Seattle; 2. Hugh O'Donnell, Portland; 3. Mark Wallace, Tacoma

**Women's Novice:** 1. Jan Marschall, Cornish School, Seattle; 2. Jane Davies, Cornish School, Mercer Island; 3. Salle Rocket, Tacoma

**Foil Open:** 1. Wade Longwirth, Portland; 2. Carl Ware, Fort Lewis; 3. Peter Bakonyi, Vancouver

**Women's Open:** 1. Harriet Brewster, Seattle; 2. Pat Hayes, Seattle; 3. Jean Robeson, Seattle

**Sabre:** 1. Peter Bakonyi, Vancouver; 2. Philip Bershas, Detroit; 3. Si Hernandez, Portland

**Epee:** 1. Dale Griffith, Seattle; 2. Si Hernandez, Portland; 3. Peter Bakonyi, Vancouver

## Long Island

by Alfred Bachner

**Epee Open:** 1. Peter Townsend, LIS; 2. Alan Greene, Unatt.; 3. Joe Brodeth, LIS

**Epee Open:** 1. Townsen, LIS; 2. Jost, Columbia; 3. Siedlick, LIS

**Foil Open:** 1. B. Schwartz, L.I.; 2. C. Murck, Yale; 3. J. Canvin, FC

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## Kentucky

by Bobbie Robinson

**Foil Open:** 1. Poul Ross, Lex FC; 2. Jim Gilchrist, Cinci.; 3. Ben Pritz, Cinci.

**Women's Unclass:** 1. Phyllis Castells, Cinci.; 2. Bobbie Robinson, Lex FC; 3. Lou Feltz, L'ville  
**Epee Open:** 1. Gary Stone, Lex FC; 2. Erick Petersen, Ind. U.; 3. John Gehant, L'ville.

**Foil Unclass:** 1. Wes Gunther, L'ville; 2. Gary Stone, Lex FC; 3. Don Graham, Lex FC

## North Dakota

by Lois Selberg

**Epee "C":** 1. Steve Werre; 2. Carroll Penley; 3. Vince Buras

**Sabre Unclass:** 1. Carroll Penley; 2. Allan Hanna; 3. John McMahon

**Pro-Am Epee:** 1. Charles Selberg; 2. Steve Werre; 3. Carroll Penley

**Women's Open:** 1. Mary Gehant, L'ville; 2. Anne Cartwright, L'ville; 3. Anna Zimmerman, Lex.

**Sabre:** 1. Robert Hensley, Lex; 2. Bill Seiller, L'ville; 3. Gary Stone, Lex.

**Women's Unclass:** 1. Sue Edmonds, W. Va.; 2. Nita Schwartz, Lex.; 3. Bobbie Robinson, Lex.

**Foil Open:** 1. Paul Ross, Lex.; 2. Francis Wolff, L'ville; 3. John Gehant, L'ville.

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## MY OBSERVATIONS IN TOKYO

by Csaba Elthes

The fencing events gave an accurate picture of the development and relative strength of the participating nations. Certain countries correctly evaluated the indications apparent in the world championships of the previous year, by intelligent follow-up, reaped the profit in Tokyo. I am primarily thinking about the Hungarians who took four gold medals (the other four going to eastern-block countries), and France and Italy who made serious efforts in their preparation and improved their level of performance.

Undoubtedly one reason for superior performances is planned preparation, but this is not the whole story. The direct elimination system, as predicted, is more favorable to the stern-block countries because it favors fighting over technical excellence and gives overwhelming advantage to those with greater international experience. In both of these cases the east has a significant lead over the west. The government-supported sport program of the east permits extensive participation in international competitions, and in those countries sport is tied to livelihood so that there is a great incentive to achieve results. **Ed Note:** Good team spirit can overcome the eastern "incentive".

In addition, the change in the rules which places individual events ahead of team events proved a disadvantage - especially for the French. It is an almost unfailing tradition of the extremely individualistic sport of fencing that those who fence well in the individuals do poorly in the subsequent team events. This is completely understandable from the psychological point of view. Only the result of the U.S. team was realistically based on individual ability. Undoubtedly the Russians fence the best sabre today. The same accolade must be given to the Hungarian women.

It has been proved that diligent preparation is the basis of even the most modest results. This was proved in Gdansk by Arabo, Woyda, Skyns, L. Kamuti, etc. and in Tokyo by the prepared Zablocki together with Calarese, Rulsky, Horvath, Jay and Pawlawsky. Regardless of their seasoned experience and talent, a few months relaxation from the

year-around training forced the latter to give up their prominent positions to those who were better prepared. In vain did they show occasional traces of greatness; it was not sufficient to achieve results in such a great competition. The point was again proven by the most diligent, but only limitedly talented, Hungarian sabreman Pezsa. He did not fence well, but fought for victory with his unlimited reserves of stamina developed throughout the year's hard training.

The sabre individual also gave proof of the inefficiency and defect in the direct elimination system. It kills all beauty in fencing and degrades fencing to fighting. The fear of elimination and the wish to win at any price characterizes the competition, and this struggle, accentuated by the absence of the machine, provides the director with an almost insoluble task. It puts an undue burden on the best fencers, while the mediocre ones gain in advantage on the grounds that they have nothing to lose. In fencing, as in any nerve sport, there exists the so-called ten-minute blackout. This may be catastrophic for a competitor, since he cannot make up later for a defeat suffered during such a "blackout". I am convinced that the direct elimination system is the number one public enemy of fencing and must disappear from Olympic and World championships.

The Tokyo events were primarily the Olympics of good fighters and well prepared fencers. Therefore really good and beautiful fencing was rare indeed.

A welcome development was the emergence of new fencing strength. The German sabremen and the young Rumanian and Japanese foil fencers came up strong and with them the sport becomes substantially richer.

The Poles, because of the inadequate preparation of some of their stars, failed to fulfill their promise. The French lost the foil team title because of the "wisdom" of their leaders who championed placing the individual event ahead of the team. The Italians seem to have passed their low point. In this situation, the U.S. fencers could not be expected to achieve any significant results. The lack of a planned year-long preparation, the errors of selection

and the direct elimination system made our chances non-existent even before the fencing started. Even Axelrod who was in top form and who is perhaps our only fencer in the international class, had to bow before the superior international poise and planned preparation of Olympic Champion Franke - another great "achievement" of the direct elimination system. Anyone who saw Axelrod fence at the time must be convinced that in a round-robin he could have repeated his third-place performance in Rome. The foil team was our strongest team and only a horrible let-down by the French made qualifying impossible. The victory over Rumania's strong, young team was excellent. Glazer fenced best among the team members. Our epeeists fought hard but their limited technical and tactical knowledge coupled with a total lack of international experience predestined them to failure.

We were looking forward with great expectation to the performance of our sabre team. There were even optimists who dreamed of gold or at least a bronze medal. These believers in miracles did not realize that in Olympic and World Championship fencing there are no miracles. The lack of preparation and the errors of selection showed clearly. The optimists did not realize that results can be expected only of a team which is forged into a unit in the fire of international competition. Ad hoc teams cannot win medals. The Soviet team which won had suffered many defeats together in the previous years. The U.S. team wasn't a unit; it was built on fencers with a glorious past who did not train regularly and together for several years, and the other part of the team (well prepared) couldn't fill the gap. Such a team, disunited and unprepared, isn't fit to conquer a strong and highly prepared team such as Russia. Despite a good start and in spite of Morales' brilliant victories (Rylski 5-0, Rakita 5-1) the miracle did not happen because if it had it would have been a mockery of everything we call fencing. If it could happen, only the insane would torture himself with rigorous, planned preparation, physical conditioning, ascetic life, regular daily training, etc. I must repeat that the amateur preparation of old times has been supplanted by the professional preparation in fencing just as it has in swim-

ming and track. The one who doesn't follow this road falls behind hopelessly and waits in vain for miracles. The leaders of the sport in the U.S. did not learn from the example of the 1962 World Championships in Buenos Aires, where a similar team failed although the circumstances were much better.

If we don't want to fall behind hopelessly in Mexico, we have to face the facts.

Starting the spring of 1965 we must begin planned preparation. In foil and epee we have excellent young fencers. We can't say the same about sabre, where some of the most talented young fencers have retreated. We have to start building the teams urgently and must build team spirit in international competitions. We should establish small national squads and urge the members and their coaches to harder work. We have to make the selections flexible and consider only those fencers who work hard. We have to make the relationship among leaders, coaches and competitors a much closer one. We must establish training days for each squad where all members can train together, and impress upon them the importance of exercises at home. We have to find a way to include women's foil in the NYAC international competition. Professional coaches should get some modest remuneration for their over-time services and should be listened to at selection time.

## Arizona

by Augi Gustilo

**HS Foil:** 1. Mike Galwey; 2. Bob Clifton; 3. Ross McKinley

**HS Girls:** 1. Yvonne Gallego; 2. Sharon Galloway; Paula Schmitt

**Three-weapon:** 1. Art Olsen; 2. Dave Snell; 3. Ben Vigil

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**Foil:** 1. Art Olson; 2. Ben Vigil; 3. Augi Gustilo

**Women:** 1. Eva Schutt; 2. Yvonne Gallego; 3. Linda Kipnis

**Epee:** 1. Nick Olson; 2. Ben Vigil; 3. Dave Snell

**Sabre:** 1. Nick Olson; 2. Ben Vigil; 3. Art Olson

**Mixed Doubles** won by Ben Vigil, Linda Kipnis, Dave Classon

**Direct Elimination winners:** Art Olson, foil; Ben Vigil, epee; Russ McKinley, novice foil; Bill Ronsstadt, novice epee.

**Halberstadt Sabre:** 1. Nick Olson; 2. Ben Vigil; 3. Art Olson.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES

1. May a fencer change his sword hand during a bout? During a pool?
  2. What happens when time expires and the score is 2/2 in foil; in epee; in sabre?
  3. May a member of a team be replaced during a team match?
  4. May a fencer using a normal French foil or epee alter the position of his hand on the handle during a bout?
  5. What should you check when a shaped handle or any form of attachment to the handle is used?
  6. Is a hit off target ever valid in foil? In sabre?
  7. If both fencers are touched in sabre and you as President have no opinion as to validity, may you ask the judges to express an opinion?
  8. Is a curved blade allowed in sabre? If so, how much of a curve?
  9. When is a martingale not obligatory?
  10. What may you do, as President, if a fencer is indisposed (cramp, etc.)? If the same fencer is indisposed again in the same bout, what may you do?
  11. If a fencer is the victim of an accident what may you do?
  12. What action should you take if you consider that a fencer is trying to cause or prolong interruptions and delays in a bout?
  13. Under what circumstances must you null a good touch scored by an action "under way" as halt is called?
  14. Suppose simultaneous touches are made (any weapon), and one fencer was off the strip when the touches arrived. What does the President do?
  15. Does a hit on the body cord ever count good?
  16. If, in a turning movement, the two judges watching fencer A abstain, may the President ask the two judges watching fencer whether or not a touch arrived on A?
  17. If a fencer attacks with the point in sabre, and passes, but the cutting edge clearly touches the target, is it a good touch?
  18. If there is a double touch in epee but one of the hits is doubtful and has to be annulled (may have been on the floor), may one of the fencers demand that the double touch be scored?
  19. What is the last moment during an attack on which a stop-hit can be made in time in foil; in sabre?
  20. If a fencer acknowledges a touch, must it be scored?
  21. In electric foil or epee may you score an obvious touch which failed to register due only to a defect in the machine?
  22. What should you do if a team or individual is not present when the pool or match is due to start?
  23. What should you do if a fencer who has been called on deck for the next bout does not come on the strip when his name is called for the bout?
  24. A scores a hit which is registered by the machine. B has also obviously made a good hit, but it does not register because his body wire has become unplugged inside his guard. You believe that B's hit would have been well ahead of A's. What should your decision be?
  25. If, after several hits have been made in a bout, a fault is found in the apparatus, may you annul these hits?
  26. If a fencer's blade breaks, must you annul a touch scored against him?
  27. In a phase there is an attack and a riposte. Jury with four judges. On the attack one judge says "NO", the other "OFF TARGET" and the President votes "YES". The other two judges say "YES" on the riposte.
    - (a) Does the President's vote allow him to give the touch to the attack?
    - (b) If not, is the riposte scored?
  28. May a judge call "Halt"?
  29. What should you check about a sabre guard?
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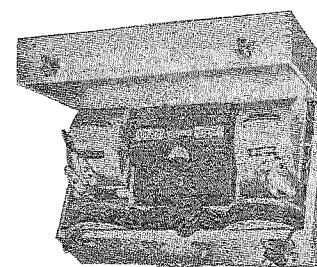
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**Sabre Team** won by JCC (Fishman, Enten, Khinoy)  
**Epee Unclass:** 1. W. Rosett, JHU; 2. R. Kirby, JHU; 3. J. Cohen Tri-Wpn  
**Sabre Unclass:** 1. S. Teichman, JHU; 2. R. Phillips, Tri-Wpn; 3. J. Gerath, JHU  
**Women's Unclass:** 1. B. Wasserman, DCFC; 2. J. Thompson, Lancaster; 3. J. Doherty, DCFC

## Kansas

by Ted Hootman

- Foil Unclass:** 1. Mike Munson, KUC; 2. Bruce Eden, WFC; 3. David Storer, KUC  
**Foil Open:** 1. Art Wade, Tulsa Y; 2. Elmer Hoyle, Tulsa Y; 3. Jay Stiles, WFC  
**Women's Open:** 1. Alice Wade Jr., Tulsa Y; 2. Joan Hagers, Tulsa Y; 3. Carol Crumrine, KUC  
**Epee Open:** 1. Ted Hootman, WFC; 2. Steve Wells, KUC; 3. Bruce Eden, WFC  
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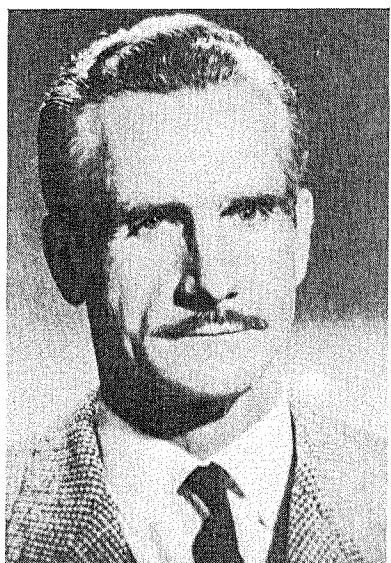
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| 27 | — Turin                   | — Challenge Martini-Rossi — Women's Individual     |
| 28 |                           | — Epee Individual                                  |
| 28 | — Poiter                  | — All weapons — Individual                         |
| 3  | — Berlin                  | — Challenge Jeanty — Women's Individual            |
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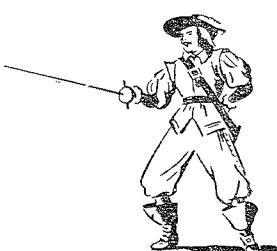
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## DANIEL PAUL NEVOT

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## North Texas

by Marietta Towry

The Dallas Y Invitational attracted 79 fencers and lasted two days. The results:

**Foil:** 1. Baisal Smith, MPT; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas Y; 3. Frank Finnerty, Gen. Dyn.  
**Epee:** 1. Baisal Smith, MPT; 2. Don Johnson, MPT; 3. Charles Younger, MPT  
**Sabre:** 1. Axel Tan, Holland; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas Y; 3. Bon Waltz, MPT  
**Women:** 1. Mozelle Hampton, Austin FC; 2. Naomi Abbott, Waco Y; 3. Frances Duke, Oklahoma City FC  
Division events:  
**Foil Open:** 1. Lt. Bill Ebert, Waco; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas Y; 3. Bob Russell, St. Marks  
**Boys Novice:** 1. Jeff Burt, St. Marks; 2. John Bush, Cistercian Acad.; 3. Dick Giles, St. Marks  
**Foil Novice:** 1. Bon Russell, St. Marks; 2. Lynn Hurlbert, NTSU; 3. Ted Vitek, Ft. Worth  
**Women's Open:** 1. Helen Orr, Ft. Worth; 2. Naomi Abbott, Waco; 3. Marietta Towry, Dallas Y  
**Women's Prep:** 1. Patricia Nevot, Dallas Y; 2. Kathie Foster, Dallas Y; 3. Pat Dowlearn, Dallas Y  
**Sabre Junior:** 1. Steve Nelson, Dallas SC; 2. Angelo Micocci, Ft. Worth; 3. Bon Russell, St. Marks  
**Foil Junior:** 1. Bob Russell, St. Marks; 2. Jared Foster, Dallas; 3. Frank Finnerty, Gen. Dyn.  
**Foil Open:** 1. Bill Ebert, Waco; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas Y; 3. Bob Russell, St. Marks  
**Women's Open:** 1. Mozelle Hampton, Austin; 2. Marietta Towry, Dallas Y; 3. Naomi Abbott, Waco Y  
**Foil Junior:** 1. Bob Russell, St. Marks; 2. Lynn Hurlbert, N. Tex. State; 3. Angelo Micocci, Gen. Dyn.  
**Foil Under 15:** 1. Burtt, St. Marks; 2. Busch, Cistercian Prep.; 3. Giles, St. Marks  
**Sabre Junior:** 1. Steve Nelson, Dallas SC; 2. Angelo Micocci, Gen. Dyn. 3. Bob Russell, St. Marks  
**Women's Open:** 1. Helen Orr, Gen. Dyn.; 2. Naomi Abbott, Waco Y; 3. Marietta Towry, Dallas Y  
**Women's Prep:** 1. Patricia Nevot, Dallas Y; 2. Kathy Foster, Dallas Y; 3. Pat Dowlearn, Dallas Y

## Colorado

by Jo Sullivan

**Sabre Open:** 1. Bill Carson, CUFC; 2. Chuck Wakefield, CFC; 3. Steve Schoolman, CUFC  
**Sabre Unclass:** 1. Bill Carson, CUFC; 2. Mel Wilson, CFC; 3. Neil Greene, CFC  
**Sabre Open:** 1. Chuck Wakefield, CFC; 2. Roger Clayton, CUFC; 3. Robert Schopp, CFC  
**Three Weapon Team** won by Colorado U. FC  
**Epee Open:** 1. Mel Wilson, CFC; 2. Chuck Wakefield, CFC; 3. Steve Schoolman, CUFC  
**Foil Open:** 1. Chuck Wakefield, CFC; 2. Robert Schopp, CFC; 3. Harry Pratt, CFC  
**Women's:** 1. Jo Sullivan, CFC; 2. Terry Pressman, CUFC; 3. Dusty Thomson, CFC  
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by Laszlo L. Pongo

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## N.Y. - P. S. A. L.

by Daniel Gottesman

Jamaica High School captured its first P.S.A.L. fencing championship and finished its fourth consecutive undefeated regular season. Coached by Mr. Gerald Perlin the team's record now stands at 25 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie. Leading Jamaica to the championship were Daniel Gottesman, Captain Jules Smith, Jerry Chad, Craig Stronsky, Joseph Shamash, and Joe Tsue.

## Western New York

by Terry Pipitone

**Foil Novice:** 1. Joe Paul, UB; 2. Mike Howard, UB; 3. Jim Mondello, UB  
**Sabre Novice:** 1. John Rawleigh, RFC; 2. Bob Frey, UB  
**Foil Senior:** 1. Art Plouffe, RFC; 2. Barry Benisch, UB; 3. Tony Buzzelli, B  
**Epee Novice:** 1. Jim Olin, RIT; 2. Roger Kramer, RIT  
**Women's Novice** won by Virginia Whalen  
**Foil Novice:** 1. Jim Olin, RIT; 2. John Rawleigh, RFC; 3. Bob Bene, BFC  
**Pot Luck Tourney** won by Terry Pipitone and John Rawleigh

## Connecticut

by Burton Moore

The Division has over 100 members for the first time, and as of January 1965 is the fifth largest in the country.

**Women's Novice:** 1. Lucille Cyr, Wolcott FC; 2. Donna Mango, Wolcott FC; 3. Nancy Ring, Wolcott FC

**Sabre Novice:** 1. Lee Westfall, Ludlowe FC; 2. C. Wing Chu, Yale; 3. Anthony Crispino, Waterbury

**Women's Unclass:** 1. Eileen Verrier, Waterbury Y; 2. Nancy Chase, N.E.; 3. Sally Pechinski, NE

**Sabre Unclass:** 1. Jim Mohr, Yale; 2. Chris Murck, Yale; 3. Tom Edwards, Yale

**Women's Novice:** 1. Lucille Cyr, Wolcott FC; 2. Jean Cyr, Wolcott FC; 3. Robin Joseph, Waterbury Y

**see Unclass:** 1. Burton Moote, Norwalk FC; 2. Dave Hoy, Yale; 3. Al Greene, L.I.

**Sabre Unclass:** 1. Al Bublick, Norwalk FC; 2. Ken Shailler, Waterbury Y; 3. Chris Murck, Yale

**Sabre Novice:** 1. W. Lee Westfall, Ludlowe FC; 2. Howard McMackin, Ludlowe FC; 3. Anthony Crispino, Waterbury Y

**see Unclass:** 1. Phil Freeman, Norwalk FC; 2. Al Greene, L.I.; 3. Jay Powell, Met.

**Sabre Unclass:** 1. Chris Murck, Yale; 2. Al Bublick, Norwalk FC; 3. Ken Shailler, Waterbury Y

## Philadelphia

by Ann M. Thomas

**Epee Team** won by Penn "A" (Netburn, Miller, McMahon)

**Foil Team** won by Salle Csizar (Kolowrat, Battle, Fisher)

**Sabre Team** won by Salle Csizar (Davis, Byer, Dr. n, Brenner)

**Foil 'C':** 1. T. Makler, Penn; 2. L. Gerwitz, Unatt; 3. S. Permut, Penn.

**Sabre 'C':** 1. H. Byer, SC; 2. T. Makler, Penn; 3. T. Pecsvaradi, SC

**Epee 'C':** 1. R. McMahan, Penn; 2. J. Mahon, Penn; 3. S. Netburn, Penn.

**3 Weapon Team** won by Penn "B" (Permut, Netburn, Cohen)

**Foil:** 1. M. Davis, SC; 2. D. Micahnik, SC; 3. L. Gerwitz, Unatt.

**Women:** 1. V. Wade, SC; 2. A. Melnick, PSC; 3. C. Mitteldorf, PSC

**Sabre:** 1. D. Micahnik, SC; 2. H. Spector, SC; 3. T. Makler, Penn

**Epee:** 1. D. Micahnik, SC; 2. D. Steinman, SC; 3. C. Scott, Ed. HS

**Epee:** 1. D. Promish, SC; 2. J. McMahan, Penn; 3. D. Steinman, SC

**Foil Unclass:** 1. J. Drain, SC; 2. R. Battle, SC; 3. C. Power, Unatt.

## FOIL'S DISAPPEARING RIPOSTE

by Alexander Solomon

There are probably very few elder statesmen (anyone over 40) in the world of fencing who have not won a 5-touch bout with 5 ripostes. On the other hand, there are very few fencers over or under 40 who can recall an electrical foil bout won by 5 ripostes or with the aid of several counter-ripostes.

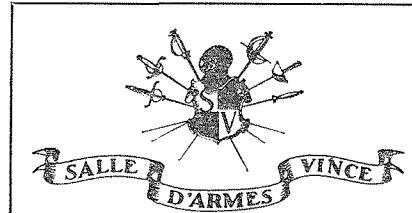
The incredible scarcity in today's electrical foil fencing of this once common and highly valued commodity was never better illustrated than in the 1964 Martini & Rossi Tournament. Ralph Spinella and the writer, after watching two bouts immediately prior to the quarter finals without sign of a riposte, decided to keep track of what happened in the rest of the event. Together we watched and carefully listed each touch for what it was, and this is what we found: Of the 100 touches scored in eight bouts, a total of 19 were ripostes, and only 2 were counter-ripostes. Makes one wonder how rare old-fashioned things can become.

Here, then, in the most important bouts of a major international competition, only one in five touches was a riposte or counter-riposte. But closer study of these bouts brings out other meaningful items such as that in the four quarter finals wherein 42 touches were made, there was a grand total of four ripostes with Herb Cohen making two of these in his bout with Ed Richards. Parulski-Magnan produced none, while Hoskyns-Jones and Davis-Franke produced one each. In contrast to this, the final four bouts (semi-finals, 3rd place match and championship match) produced 15 ripostes and two counter-ripostes. It is interesting to note that Cohen, in his brilliant 10-8 conquest of Franke (the new Olympic champion) made five ripostes and one counter-riposte, while in his 8-4 loss to Parulski he failed to make a single riposte.

In not one of the eight decisive bouts of this top-flight event did the fencer making the greater number of ripostes lose. But probably the most interesting of all is the fact that the three medal winners, Parulski, Cohen, Franke, accounted for 15 of the total of 19 ripostes and scored the two counter-ripostes. Any comments, anyone?

While it is probably impossible now to set a figure for the percentage of ripostes in the pre-electrification era that fencers of that period would accept, there is little doubt that it was markedly larger then than now. Nowhere are the reasons for this better explained than in Hugo Castello's classic "What Is the New Style in Foil" appearing in the July 1964 issue of American Fencing. He lists half a dozen novel but basic considerations that electrification has brought to foil, each having a definite impact on the game. Possibly none is more significant than "With electrical scoring, the remise will usually register much sooner than the riposte for all the latter's right of way".

Oh yes, a similar check of the equivalent eight epee bouts (with the aid of Jim Flynn) showed that 18 of the 108 touches scored, or one out of six, were ripostes. Sabre, as yet unelectrified, produced 31 ripostes out of 101 touches, or close to one out of three.



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## SCHEDULES

March

— Long Island	— Sabre Champ. & Qual. for N. At'l. & Nat'l.	11 AM	Schreiber HS Pt. Wash.	2.00
Maryland	— Epee Champ. & Qual. for N. At'l. — Nat'l.	12:30 PM	Parkville HS	1.50
Metropolitan New England	— Women's Foil Team Champ. — Women's Intercollegiate	10:30 AM	FC	9.00
New Jersey	— Women's 'B'	1 PM	Brandeis	
No. Calif.	— Epee - One Touch	10:30 AM	FDU	2.50
No. Ohio	— 3 Weapon Team Champ.	2 PM	Fenn	4.50
Wash. DC	— Foil Champ.	1:30 PM	YMCA	1.50
— New Jersey	— Sabre - Qual. for N. At'l. & Nat'l.	7:30 PM	Verona	2.00
— So. Calif.	— Foil - Qual. Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
— Arizona	— International Invitation Tournament		Tucson	
Kansas	— Sabre Unclass, Women's Open		Kansas U.	1.50
Metropolitan New Jersey	— Jr. Olympic Comp.	12 Noon	NYAC	1.25
No. Calif.	— Foil Qual. for N. At'l. & Nat'l.	9:30 AM	FDU	2.50
No. Texas	— 3 Weapon Individual	1:30 PM	Pannonia	2.00
Kentucky	— Foil (Men & Women), Women's Team Champ.	10 AM	Dallas Y	
Long Island	— Sabre Open, Foil Unclass.	1:30 PM	Lexington	1.00
Maryland	— Women's Champ. & Qual. N. At'l. & Nat'l.	11 AM	Pt. Washington	3.00
— Metropolitan New England	— Sabre Champ. & Qual. N. At'l. & Nat'l.	12:30 PM	Parkville HS	1.50
New Jersey	— Epee, Qual. for Nat'l.	10:30 AM	NYAC	3.00
No. Dakota	— Foil Champ. & Qual. for N. At'l. & Nat'l.	1:30 PM	Brandeis	2.00
No. Ohio	— Women's Prep.	10 AM	FDU	2.50
Wash. DC	— Epee 'B'; Women's Open	1 PM	Fargo FC	2.00
	— Foil Champ.	2 PM	Fenn	2.50
	— Epee Champ.	1:30 PM	YMCA	1.50
	April			
— So. Calif.	— Sabre, Qual. Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
— Wash. D.C.	— Women & Sabre Teams	8 PM	YMCA	3.00
— Metropolitan No. Calif.	— Foil Team Champ.	12:30 PM	FC	9.00
No. Dakota	— Foil & Women, Unclass.	1:30 PM	Balboa HS	1.00
No. Texas	— Sabre 'B'	8 PM	Fargo FC	2.00
Oklahoma	— Sabre, Epee Open; Women's Open; Prep Boys, Girls		St. Marks	
— Long Island	— Foil, Sabre, Sabre Team Champs.	9 AM	Okl. City Y	
Maryland	— HS Boys' Champ.	11 AM	Pt. Washington	3.00
— Metropolitan New England	— Foil Champ. & Qual. N. At'l. & Nat'l.	12:30 AM	Parkville HS	1.50
No. Calif.	— Women's, Qual. for Nat'l.	10:30 AM	FC	3.00
No. Ohio	— Epee Open; Foil Novice	1 PM	YMCA	
— Wash. DC	— Women's Helen Mayer	11 AM	SF	2.00
— So. Calif.	— Sabre, Women. Champs.	2 PM	YMCA	2.50
— Metropolitan No. Dakota	— Foil Team	7:30 PM	MJHS	3.00
No. Calif.	— Foil Team, Qual. Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
— Metropolitan No. Dakota	— Epee Team Champ.	12 Noon	NYAC	9.00
— Kansas Kentucky	— Epee Champ.	8 PM	Fargo	3.00
— Foil Team (3 men, 3 women)	— Sabre & Epee Champs.	10:30 AM	Wichita	1.25
Long Island Michigan	— Sabre & Women's Open	1 PM	YMCA	2.00
— Sabre & Women's Qual. for State Champ.	11 AM	Pt. Washington	3.00	
New England	— 3-Weapon Ind. Champ.	12 Noon	Detroit FC	1.00
No. Calif.	— Foil Open	1:30 PM	Brandeis	2.00
No. Ohio	— Epee Champ.	2 PM	LGH	2.00
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17 — Michigan	— Epee, Qual. for State Champ.	12 Noon	Detroit FC	1.00
— No. Calif.	— Epee Open	1:30 PM	LGH	2.00
Oklahoma	— Epee & Women's Champ.	9 AM	Oklahoma City	
18 — Michigan	— Foil, Qual. for State Champ.	12 Noon	Detroit FC	1.00
New England	— Sabre Unclass; Epee Prep.	1 PM	MIT	1.75
23 — So. Calif.	— Epee, Qual. Pac. Coast and Nat'l.	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
Wash. DC	— Epee Team	8 PM	YMCA	3.00
24 — Arizona	— State Championship Women & Foil	9 AM	Phoenix Y	1.25
Kansas	— Foil - Beginners	1:30 PM	Wichita	1.00
Co. California	— Foil Team Open	1:30 PM	LGH	2.00
No. Texas	— Division Championships - all weapons		Ft. Worth	
25 — Arizona	— State Championship, Three Weapon	9 AM	Phoenix Y	
Kentucky	— Foil & Women's Champ.	10:30 AM		
Long Island	— Foil Open	11 AM	Pt. Washington	3.00
Maryland	— 4-Weapon Team	12:30 PM	Parkville HS	6.00
Metropolitan New England	— Sabre, Qual. for Nat'l.	10:30 AM	NYAC	2.00
New Jersey	— Epee Unclass,	1 PM	MIT	2.00
	— Women's Champ. & Qual. for Nat'l.	10 AM	FDU	2.50
No. Calif.	— Women's Open	1:30 PM	LGH	2.00
No. Dakota	— Foil Champ.	1 PM	Fargo FC	3.00
29 — Wash. DC	— 4 Weapon Team	7:30 PM	MJHS	
30 — So. Calif.	— Women, Qual. for Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
	May			
1 — Arizona	— State Champs. Epee & Sabre	9 AM	Tucson	1.25
Kansas	— Division Champs.- all weapons		Kansas U	2.00
Michigan	— Division Championships			
No. Calif.	— Epee Team	1:30 PM	LGH	2.00
1-2 <b>North Atlantic Sectional Championships</b>	Southwest Sectional Championships		Paterson State College, N.J.	
2 — Columbus	— All Ohio Championships		Dallas YMCA	
Metropolitan	— Foil 'C'	10:30 AM	Ohio State	
No. Calif.	— Women's Team Open	1:30 PM	FC	3.00
No. Dakota	— Women's & Sabre Champs.	1 PM	LGH	2.00
No. Calif.	— Women & Men's Handicaps	1 PM	Fargo FC	3.00
6 — New Jersey	— Sabre Championship	7:30 PM	SCFC	2.00
7 — So. Calif.	— Epee Team, Qual. Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:30 PM	Verona	
8-9 <b>Midwest Sectional Championships</b>		7:45 PM		2.00
8 — Metropolitan	— Jr. Olympic Championship	12 Noon	Lexington, Ky.	
No. Calif.	— Boys & Girls under 18	9 AM	NYAC	1.25
9 — Maryland	— Women & Foil - Beginners	12:30 AM	S.F. State	
Metropolitan	— Women's Championship	10:30 AM	Parkville HS	.50
New England	— Women's Open; Sabre Novice	1:30 PM	FC	3.00
No. Calif.	— Sabre Open	1:30 PM	Brandeis	2.00
13 — New Jersey	— Foil Championship	1:30 PM	LGH	2.00
14 — So. Calif.	— Foil Team, Q. for Pac. Coast & Nat'l.	7:30 PM	Newark BC	2.50
15 — Metropolitan	— Sabre Team, Foil Team, Q. for Sabre Championship	7:45 PM	SCFC	2.50
New England	— Scholastic Foil Championship	12 Noon	NYAC	2.00
No. Calif.	— Sabre Team Open	1:30 PM	Cambridge School, Weston	
16 — Long Island	— Boys under 19	11 AM	LGH	2.00
Metropolitan	— Foil Championship	10:30 AM	Pt. Washington	3.00
New Jersey	— Women's Open	10 AM	FC	3.00
21 — So. Calif.	— 3 Weapon Ind.	7:45 PM	LGH	2.00
22 — No. Calif.	— 4 Weapon Team	1:30 PM	Lexington	2.00
23 — Kentucky	— Women, 3 Weapon Ind.	1 PM	NYAC	2.00
Metropolitan	— Epee Championship	10:30 AM	PSC	2.00
New Jersey	— Epee Championship	10 AM	SCFC	2.00
No. Calif.	— 3 Weapon Team	1 PM		

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19 - Sat. - 9 AM	Foil Individual
20 - Sun. - 9 AM	Women's Individual
21 - Mon. - 9 AM	Epee Individual
22 - Tues. - 9 AM	Foil Team
23 - Wed. - 9 AM	Women's Team
24 - Thur. - 9 AM	Sabre Individual
25 - Fri. - 9 AM	Epee Team
26 - Sat. - 8:30 AM	Sabre Team
3 PM	Annual AFLA Meeting
8:30 PM	Gala Night

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