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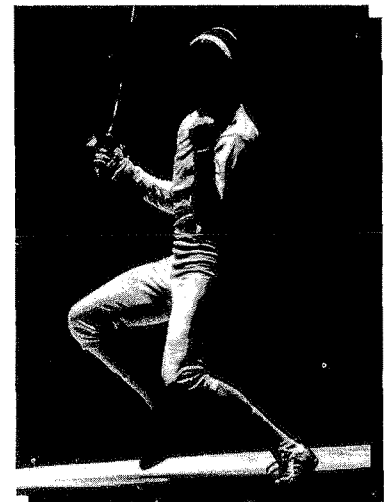
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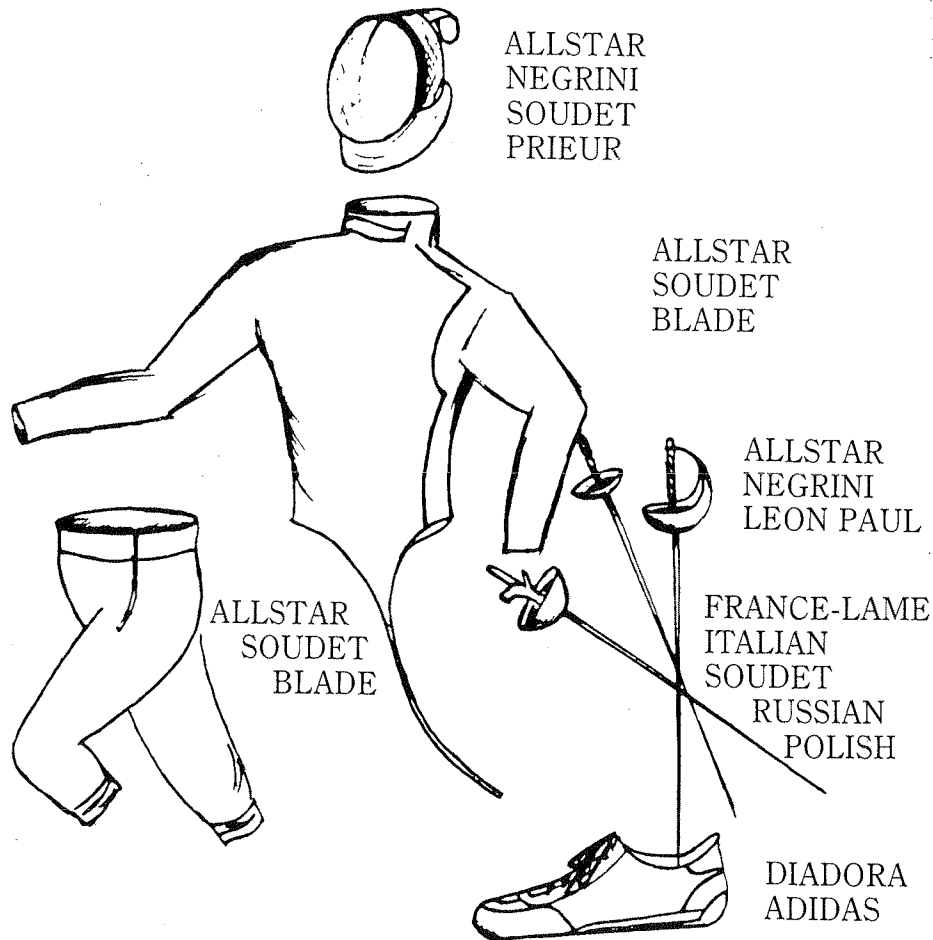
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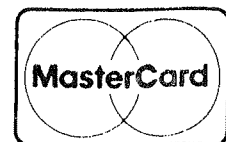


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In case you hadn't noticed, you are now looking at our new, updated *American Fencing*, which has finally emerged into the Twentieth Century. Also in case you hadn't noticed (and some of you have!), we did not issue #6 of our last volume 36. Instead, we thought our time and money were better spent on planning and publishing this new format. From our point of view, it was well worth the extra effort and our thanks go particularly to Diane King, art director, and to JoAnne McLeod and the lads at Dillon Litho Corporation, our printers, for their patience and interest in the undertaking of the new look.

We would now like to hear from our members and subscribers. So far, we have had some faint support from past and present administrations, but we have received more encouragement from our Board of Directors. Onward and upward.

A junior fencer, Justin Tausig, leads off this issue with the account of an incident in the life of our great maestro, Giorgio Santelli. According to his wife, Betty, Giorgio no longer teaches because of his hip injury, but young Justin, "at 6'4" and still sprouting, continues to fence and has switched from foil to epee because it makes more sense to him."

Two important and lengthy notices are worthy of the attention of all fencers: one from the FIE Commission de l'Arbitrage and the other enumerating the new Rule Changes on Qualifying for the USFA Nationals. As we go to press, our National and International Calendars are still not "finalized," which means that fencers planning to enter any of the listed events should keep in close touch with our National Office in Colorado Springs to obtain entry forms and any last minute changes.

We welcome all regional and important divisional results. Unfortunately we seldom have space for listing local results with very small entries. If results from some significant tournaments do not appear here, it is because we have not yet received them at our editorial office in any reportable form. A mere listing of how our local favorites performed, with no mention of the official order of finish, is not sufficient for our nationwide readers. It is easier to send in results right away, rather than to put them on the back burner for a month or two in the hope of polishing them up a bit. So put us on your immediate mailing list, all you tournament directors and managers, for our editorial policy is firm: we do not print what we have not received.

—MTH



## National Nominating Committee

The function of the Nominating Committee is to select candidates for national office and to present a slate to the USFA Secretary before December 15, 1985. Committee members are expected to sound out sentiment in their respective Sections and to submit names which meet with general approval. National officers are elected for two year terms and there are no restrictions in the By-Laws as to number of terms.

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# Calendar

## USFA National Calendar: 1985 - 1986

*(Preliminary Version)  
Check with National Office  
for confirmation of Circuit  
dates and entry forms.*

MONTH	DATE	WEAPON	EVENT NAME	CITY
Oct.		MFES, WF	Penn. State Junior Open	Penn. State U.
Nov.	2, 3	MFES, WF	Temple Collegiate Open	Phila., PA
	15,16	ME	CIRCUIT #1	San Francisco
	16,17	WE	CIRCUIT #1	San Francisco
		WF, MS	CIRCUIT #1	Chicago, IL
		MF	CIRCUIT #1	Chicago, IL
	22-24	MFES, WF	Penn. St. Collegiate Open	Penn. State U.
Dec.	8	MS	CIRCUIT #2	East Coast
	13,14	WE, MF	CIRCUIT #2	Cleveland, OH
	14,15	WF, ME	CIRCUIT #2	Cleveland, OH
<b>1986</b>				
Jan.	3, 4	WF	CIRCUIT #3	New York City
	4, 5	MF	CIRCUIT #3	New York City
	10,11	ME	CIRCUIT #3	Colo. Springs
	12	WE	CIRCUIT #3	Colo. Springs
	12	MS	CIRCUIT #3	No. Carolina
	10,11	MFES, WF	USFA Collegiate Open	No. Carolina
Feb.	8, 9	ME "A"	"Cuidad de Caracas"	Caracas, Ven.
	14,15	MF "A"	"Coupe Cuba"	Havana, Cuba
	15,17	MFES, WF	Nat'l U-16 & U-20 Champs.	St. Paul, MN
Mar.	22,23	MS "A"	New York Sabre "A"	New York City
	27-31	MFES, WF	World Under-20 Champs.	Stuttgart, W.G.
Apr.	5	MS	CIRCUIT #4	New Orleans
	4- 6	MF, WF	CIRCUIT #4	West Coast
	11-13	ME, WE	CIRCUIT #4	Phila.
May	23,24		FIE Annual Congress	Paris, France
	24,25	WF "A"	"Coupe Buenos Aires"	Buenos Aires
June	14-21		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	New York City
July	25-		WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sofia, Bulgaria
Aug.	3		NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL	Houston, TX

## World Cup Events "A" 1985 - 1986

DATE	EVENT NAME	COUNTRY
<b>Women's Foil</b>		
18-19 January 1986	"Coupe CAOLA"	Budapest HON
8- 9 February 1986	"Staufierland Turnier"	Goppingen ALF
1- 2 March 1986	Trofeo "SCIENZA 85"	Turin ITA
22-23 March 1986	Tournoi International	Leipzig RDA
<b>Men's Foil</b>		
7- 8 December 1985	Champion. Internation. d'Autriche	Vienne AUT
25-26 January 1986	Challenge "Martini"	Paris FRA
14-15 February 1986	"Coupe Cuba"	Havane CUB
1- 2 March 1986	Challenge "Ville de Venise"	Venise ITA
<b>Men's Epee</b>		
31 October 1985	Challenge "Melbourne"	Melbourne AUS
9-10 November 1985	Challenge "Airborne Trophy"	Arnhem HOL
30 Nov.-1 Dec 1985	Challenge "Tokay Express"	Budapest HON
8- 9 February 1986	"Ciudad de Caracas"	Carcacas VEN
22-23 February 1986	Challenge "Rene Monal"	Paris FRA
8- 9 March 1986	Challenge "Martini"	Londres GBR
<b>Men's Sabre</b>		
14-15 December 1985	Challenge "Debevere"	Nancy FRA
24-27 January 1986	"Sabre de Moscou"	Moscou URS
8- 9 February 1986	Coupe "Elektromodul Hungaria"	Budapest HON
1- 2 March 1986	"Grand Prix de Hannover"	Hannovre ALF
22-23 March 1986	Tournoi International	New York USA

Last summer I read a New York Times article about Giorgio Santelli, fencing master extraordinaire. According to the article, he summers on Nantucket, where I was at the time. Since Santelli is the greatest living fencing teacher, I had to screw up my courage to call him, wanting to make a good impression. When I first saw him, I thought I was in the wrong place. I knew how he looked from the newspaper photograph and knew he was eighty-five, yet, here he was, jumping around like a man half his age. He was giving a lesson in the middle of a residential street in Nantucket. As soon as I introduced myself, I knew that I was in the right place. I had this obscure sense, that this man would influence my life. That same day, he took me on as his student. I became intrigued with the sport and the man. The following is an excerpt from my attempt at a biography about Santelli.

The father of my maestro was probably one of the most influential fencers in the history of the development of sabre. Italo Santelli was born in 1866 in the small town of Carrara, just west of Milan, from where the white marble for the great sculptures of Rome came. Italo's ancestors were notorious highway robbers in northern Italy. They raided caravans from their fortress, Carignano. Built in 1535, it overlooked the road from Genoa to Florence. In time they became the captains of this outpost of Florence, an important political and social position.

Italo was the best student at the Scuola Magistrale d'Armi in Rome. He became better than his teachers. He won the worldwide fencing tournament in Budapest celebrating the Millennial Exposition in 1896. The Hungarians, who wanted to be the best in sabre, asked Italo if he would stay in Budapest to coach the Hungarian fencing team. In return, they would subsidize a fencing Salle for him. He accepted their offer. After he went to Budapest, the Hungarians consistently beat the Italians.

"In the 1908 (Olympic) Games, held in London, the Hungarians, who had been obscure in fencing, finished first, second, fourth, fifth, and sixth in the sabre trials. Third place was won by a Bohemian . . . who had learned to fence in Santelli's establishment in Budapest." (R. L. Taylor, "To Touch and Not be Touched," *The New Yorker Magazine*, January 10, 1953, p. 36)

In short, Italo's pupils took all the individual sabre medals and proved that he was the best fencing master in the world. His teams collected eight gold, one silver, and three bronze medals until his death in 1944. His pupils, who became fencing masters, have continued to top most of the competitions all over the world. Italo literally revolutionized the sport. No one person has ever changed any Olympic sport or any other sport as radically as he did, with the exception of an unknown Aborigine swimmer who invented the Australian crawl.

Italo also taught his brother, Horatio, and two of his

brothers-in-law, all of whom became fencing masters. Horatio instructed in Prague, while the other two set up salles d'armes in Alexandria and Cairo, where students included the king of Egypt. Everyone was looking forward to the birth of a child to carry on the family tradition.

Giorgio Santelli was born November 25, 1897. He grew up in and around fencing and started fencing at the age of six. Every time that Italo held an exhibition, it would start by Italo giving a short lesson to Giorgio. He finished school at the Royal Hungarian Academy of Commerce, which was a diplomatic school. Fencing was, by no means, the only sport he played. He also enjoyed field hockey, soccer, and the sport which was his favorite, swimming. He did all of these well because of his tremendous athletic prowess. Giorgio was a tall, broad-shouldered youth with strong leg muscles and amazing reaction speed. His dexterity was phenomenal, his endurance exceptional, his hand-eye coordination excellent, and his personal expectations enormous. He had the makings of a top-notch fencer.

He started competition at sixteen, but, since there was no grouping other than amateur and professional, he was up against adults of all ages. Needless to say, he got totally destroyed by his competitors at the beginning. When the First World War broke out, Giorgio joined the Italian intelligence service. He was the only officer who spoke Hungarian like a native, as well as some French and German.

In 1920 Giorgio won the Italian and the Austrian open sabre competitions. That year he also led the Italian sabre team to victory over France and the Netherlands in the summer Olympics at Antwerp. That was his finest year except for one small detail. Because of political confusions after the war, the Hungarians were not allowed to participate in the Games. So the question of who was really the best still remained until 1922, when Giorgio won the Hungarian sabre championship. He was now without doubt the best in the world.

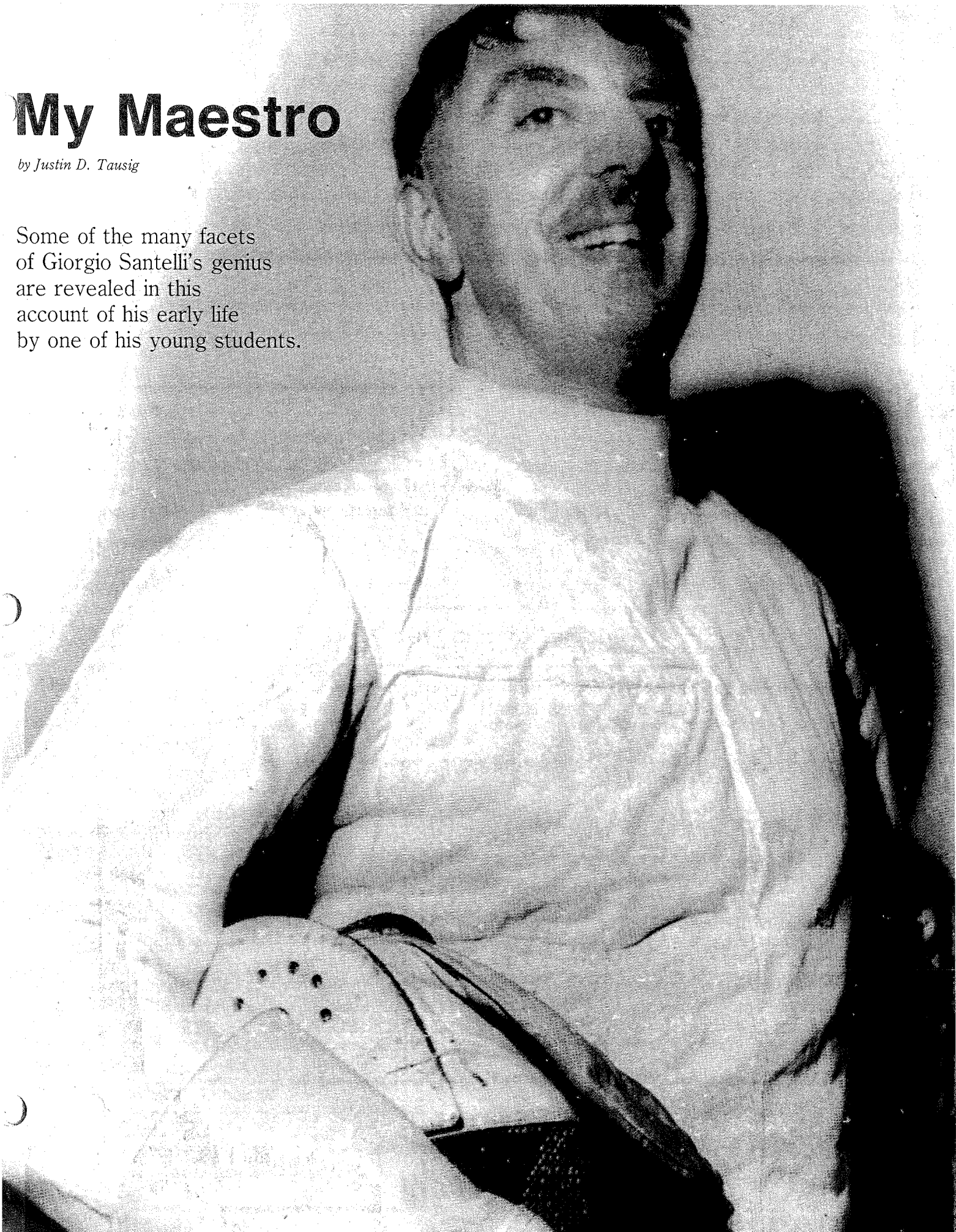
Before I write about Giorgio's duel, you have to know what duelling is all about. First of all, duelling was for honor and, second, a duel did not necessarily mean someone had to die. In fact, duels were not fatal. Third, and most important, was the Code Duello, the law of duelists, which were rules that gentlemen lived and died by. The rules governing duelling were very strict, but all were necessary to maintain a fair duel.

In 1924, Italo went to the Paris Olympics to coach the Hungarian team, and Giorgio went along to watch. During a bout, one of the judges made a judgment against an Italian fencer named Puliti, and the latter muttered something ungentlemanly in Italian. The judge, who had learned Italian during the war, told the Olympic Council. Puliti was called before them, and he denied it. They were deadlocked until someone re-

# My Maestro

*by Justin D. Tausig*

Some of the many facets of Giorgio Santelli's genius are revealed in this account of his early life by one of his young students.



# My Maestro

(continued)

membered that Italo was sitting in the front row. Everyone trusted Italo Santelli because his reputation and honesty were impeccable. Italo reported that Puliti was in the wrong.

When he returned to Italy, the captain of the Italian fencing team, Adolfo Cotronei, wrote an article, claiming that Italo was a renegade and had lied, since he left Italy for Hungary. Law IV in the Code Duello refers to lying as one of the highest offenses and was not to be taken lightly. Italo challenged Cotronei to a duel. Giorgio used an old convention which stated that, if a son was closer to the age of the challenged, he could replace the father. Italo was furious, but he could not do anything about it.

On August 28, 1924 Giorgio and Cotronei met in a ballroom in a hotel in Abbazia, a summer resort on the Adriatic, to duel with sabres. Everyone wanted to watch, because they all thought it was a big joke. Giorgio did not think so, as he took this duel extremely seriously. His father's honor had been bes-

mirched, and Cotronei had to answer for all the things in his article. Everyone, except the seconds, was sent outside. Stripped to the waist, they faced each other across an empty ballroom. Giorgio made a feint and Cotronei went to parry. Giorgio, using his full strength, whacked him on the side. The seconds tried to stop the duel at this point, but Cotronei refused. Next Giorgio beat his blade out of the way, and attempted to slash him on the head. Cotronei saw it coming and pulled back. If he hadn't, he would have got a gash on the head. Instead, the tip of Giorgio's sabre sliced Cotronei from eyebrow to cheek across the eye, sixteen stitches. This injury allowed Cotronei to do something he always wanted to do, wear a monocle for the rest of his life.

Eight years after the duel, the Olympic Committee held a dinner for Giorgio and Cotronei and the two finally became friends.

*Editor's Note: The above article is only part of Mr. Tausig's article. We will have more, as space permits, in later issues.*



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# COMMISSION de l'Arbitrage

Translated by Joe Byrnes

Statement on:

- priority (right of way) of the "line" in the conventional weapons
- corps-à-corps
- covering valid target
- offensive actions and priority
- actions on the blade
- parries
- the circumstances and environment for officiating

"Everybody agrees on, complains about, and regrets the technical decay showing itself in the conventional weapons. Proportionally as the Rule Book gets thicker, the quality of fencing gets worse and worse."

The impossibility of interpreting and judging certain actions in foil and sabre fencing arises from the fencers' refusal to enter into the technical exchange, i.e., the **phrase d'armes**: by running forward, fleching to the rear, causing corps-à-corps, covering valid target, and executing (badly) supposedly offensive actions in which the threat to the valid target is interrupted or nonexistent.

This is why the Milan Congress of the FIE asked the Commission de l'Arbitrage to distribute a pamphlet which would serve as a call for the application of the conventions on the part of all who have a duty to use and to enforce the rules.

This is not a treatise on fencing that we are sending you, but a summation of the points that require particular attention so that everyone will be convinced that they must be strictly applied.

## Priority of the Line

Articles 233/6 and 418/1 of the Règlement established the fundamental priority of the line in foil and sabre.

Further, these articles in no way specify that a fencer "in line" loses the priority that the position gives him, either because he advances or retreats — something which would be in any case contrary to the convention, since priority is not granted only to a fencer in line and immobile on the strip.

As a result, when a fencer is in line according to the definition of the articles cited above, the priority of the line must always be observed in the analysis of the **phrase d'armes**, and there is no ground for differing interpretation according to whether the fencer advances or retreats or remains immobile on the strip.

## Corps-à-corps

The **corps-à-corps**, especially in foil, allows the fencer who causes it to choke off the **phrase d'armes**, to paralyze or at least impede the riposte by the fencer who has been attacked.

The nature of the **corps-à-corps** in foil is not the same as in epee. There is an essential difference between the two weapons which is explained by the application of the conventions and by the severe reduction of the valid target in foil.

These two reasons require that the foil fencer keep distance to permit the **phrase d'armes** to be followed through.

If this fault — which can be regarded as the most serious attack on the application of the conventions — is not firmly prevented, there will be no more foil fencing possible.

The attacker who does not limit his lunge and hurls himself forward, shortening the distance in such a way that his adversary is prevented from making a regular riposte, while at the same time making a bent-arm remise, is violating the convention. The counter-attacker who, by a determined advance, provokes the **corps-à-corps** in order to make his stop or remise from an advantageous position, either by reason of surprise or because he has the action perfectly mastered, shuts off all possibility of following through with the foil game.

The defender who, after making a parry, pushes forward into a **corps-à-corps**, preventing any counter riposte from his opponent, has fraudulently preserved himself from the risk of being touched, after having himself had his chance to score.

All these actions must be stopped and penalized. To do so, it is not necessary that the "intention" of the action should be obvious. It is true that the perfect coordination of this sort of trick move betrays the intention of the habitual practice, but we simply must not give free rein to such practices, at the risk of destroying regulation foil fencing.

As soon as the director sees contact, even momentary, he must stop the bout and apply the penalties for the first occurrence. Note that the warning and touch may be imposed on both fencers in the same **phrase d'armes** if both have been culpable in whole or part of the same fault.

The aim of the rule is neither more or less than to make the **corps-à-corps** disappear.



### **Covering or Protecting Valid Target**

Article 30 stipulates that in foil it is prohibited to protect or cover valid target with the unarmed hand or arm. That means that the fencers may not, at any time during offensive or defensive action, place the unarmed hand or arm on or in front of any part whatsoever of the valid target.

Such a position, even involuntary, is an abnormal position which injures the opponent and which must be penalized without weakness.

The movement of a fencer who turns the torso bringing the arm into a position where it is located before the breast, must be penalized.

Strict application of the rules on this point honors the convention and permits regular development of the **phrase d' armes**.

### **Substituting Invalid for Valid Surface**

Article 220 defines valid target in foil and its limitation.

Article 222 provides for the extension of this limitation by specifying: "however, hits which arrive off the target are counted as valid whenever, by reason of an abnormal position, the fencer who is hit has substituted a part of his body which is not counted as the target for a part which is."

It is therefore clear and precise that whenever a fencer, by an abnormal position, voluntary or not, substitutes an invalid for a valid surface, the director, without preliminary warning, must count as valid the touch signaled as invalid because of this substitution, provided, of course, such touch has priority in the analysis of the **phrase d' armes**.

### **Offensive Actions and Priority**

The Articles from 232 to 237 and from 416 to 422 give the rules applicable to the conventions, respectively, for foil and sabre.

The logic behind these rules is the same, as it presents a coherent group of regulations that the official must follow and make others follow.

A correct attack ought to put the opponent "into check" by the threat to the valid target.

A light lateral opposition of the hand is no adequate defensive measure. The fencer is completely at liberty to pursue any sort of tactical aim: arm bent, blade vertical or displaced laterally, in an invitation, but in doing this has no right whatsoever to offensive priority.

The fencer who advances or runs without any determined plan and who chooses his actual attack only at the last moment must not be considered as the attacker until the moment he makes an effective threat against his opponent, and then always on the condition that in the meantime his opponent has not taken the initiative.

It is essential that the official consider the offensive action as begun only when one of the two fencers genuinely, distance included, makes a threat against the valid target of his opponent.

To decide otherwise is to betray the convention and to create an unjust and intolerable inequality, to the detriment of the fencer who wants to defend himself by using his blade to parry.

The correct attack must always show something familiar so the officials are always able more readily to see the defects that deprive the attacker of the priority.

Let us sum up one more time the elements that the director must consider in this respect: coordination of the movement of attack; movements without stop, interruption, or hesitation; threatening position of the blade; correct distance to make the threat; arm extending without stop or shortening. Recognition of all these elements may be aided by attentive and constant observation of two things: first, the movements of the guards (coquilles), and next, a correct understanding of the possibility on the part of the fencer who has been attacked (or supposedly attacked) to succeed in finding the blade by a normal parry movement, that is, by a parry which closes the normal lines of attack.

Everybody knows, even though the conventions are the same for foil and sabre, that at the moment of judgment in sabre there are two facts that complicate matters a bit. Whereas the foil game is essentially linear and governed by the principle of the line, this same principle can be applied only by analogy to sabre, because this weapon has a front and back cutting edge and is handled so as to permit touches by edge cut and thrust.

Secondly, since the advanced target areas are vulnerable, the fencers can play at various distances, a fact which gives them more opportunities to try, and to succeed at, counter offensive actions.

But the obtuse angle resulting between the blade and the arm does not prevent following the logic of the conventions.

This requires that, to assure the priority, the threat be real, which means the the fencer (attacked) ought to be able to parry if he chooses.

What good is it to prescribe such and such an angle of the blade when we see (one example among many) the feint to the head made with the hand very low (to protect against stops to the cuff) — something which absolutely negates any threat "requiring the adversary to parry"?

Advanced targets, which offer possibilities of succeeding in counter-offensive actions, push the fencers into making counter attacks, but there is no ground for giving them the priority as a result of minimal advantages.

These advantages, far from being a fencing tempo, are often to be detected only by the ear. A decision in favor of the fencer being attacked derives from epee fencing. It is necessary not only to be alert that priority is given only to correct attacks but also to adhere scrupulously to the spirit of the conventions in the interpretation of counter-offensive actions.

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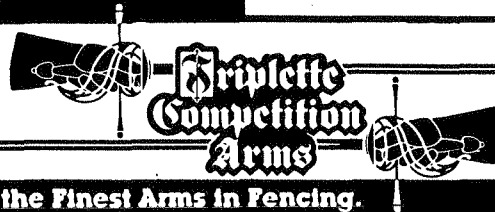
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A stop with fencing tempo is possible, in sabre as in foil, only against a composite action. Even though he benefits from the shorter distance which separates the advanced targets, the sabre fencer, in making a stop into a simple action, must either avoid the attacking blow or carry himself back out of reach of it by retreating. For example, the stop to the arm, against a correctly executed beat and touch, can never be considered as in time.

Furthermore, it is necessary to recall the articles which specify the correctness of attacks by fleche. We ask you to give your attention especially to the fleche as a simple action. It is such when the touch arrives before the rear foot regains contact with the floor.

Continuing in this area, a whole scenario unfolds: suspended attacks, hesitations, running charges, flying retreats, pursuits to the limit of the strip, and finally attacks judged as simultaneous.

In taking into account the recommendations made above, we do not believe it necessary to specify once again the precise moment when one gains the priority or when one loses it. But it will surely be useful to recommend to directors to continue the happy experience they have recently had with judgment in foil.

In the major competitions in that weapon, we have lately seen considerable reduction in the decision "simultaneous attack," and that has been due to the fact that in supposed simultaneous attack situations, the directors have unhesitatingly given priority to that action which better followed the letter and the spirit of

the conventions, particularly as regards the extension of the arm and the efficacy of the threat.

This is why we advise the director to make clear from the beginning of the bout that the action that is relatively better executed must be favored. Furthermore, we advise him to explain to the fencers the reason why the decision was taken.

We are sure that the fencers on the strip will begin to make their actions more correctly, that judgment will be enormously helped, and that the fencing will thus be of better quality.

We take the liberty to remind everyone that the chief aim of the director is not penalizing fencers but preventing irregularities.

## **Actions on the Blade**

These actions can give rise to incorrect interpretations. Someone who, being attacked, beats the opposing blade into the attacker's beat, will pretend that his action should be treated as a parry. False!

It is clear that the attacker's beat must be followed by a distinct second beat by the fencer attacked before the riposte. If the meeting of the two blades blends into a single beat, the priority for the touch must be given to the attacker.

One other action on the blade is frequently badly interpreted: when in sabre a beat meets the forte, i.e., the lower third of the opposing blade, it must be classified as a parried cut and thus as giving the right to a riposte.

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## Parries

In judging parries, there are cases when the officials, directors and judges, hesitate in determining the validity of the parry.

One must recollect that the parry must be counted as good if the weapon of the parrier closes the line into which the attack is aimed and ends. A touch by whipover must not be considered good, to be just to the fencers who follow the conventions in endeavoring to parry the opponent's offensive action.

## Circumstances and Environment for Officiating.

Even though this topic has no relation to the conventions we have been talking about above, the Commission de l'Arbitrage wants to say a few words on the subject.

It is true that the Règlement gives the official great power, but it is likewise true that the latter often has to function under very difficult conditions.

The official is a lone man against all; thus if we have begun this statement by advising officials to be severe in applying the rules strictly, we must also warn everyone else involved that everybody must play a part to make the work possible and fair.

National officials, tournament directors, organizers, athletes, team captains, and spectators — all can and must do their bit toward effective operation of competitions. These are essential conditions if fencing is not to degenerate, and for our sport to be maintained in the best order.

The Commission de l'Arbitrage of the FIE hopes that its appeal will be understood and heeded.

*For the Commission  
Guido Malacarné*

P.S.: In this document, we have drawn upon writings of Edward Mercier, Raoul Cléry, and E. Leonhard who have dealt with these same issues, and whose presentations have been appreciated for their clarity.

## Board HiLights

At its meeting in Cleveland on June 2nd, the Board of Directors was given Personnel Guidelines for Circuit Events. Circuit fees will be \$30.00, of which one-half will be retained by the national office for processing expenses incurred.

The National Training Committee, as reported by Jack Keane, is holding its area seminars, which consists of a series of 3 coaching clinics held in each of 10 cities. Requests are made through the Jr. Development Committee by the local divisions, whose responsibility is to house the assigned national coach and to arrange to hold the seminars.

A National Coaches Camp with 62 coaches will be held from 11 to 18 August. Ten coaches will oversee

over 100 kids at the Junior Camp at Lake Placid this summer.

Executive VP Carl Borack reported glowingly on the fencing demonstrations, lessons, and competitions given on the cruise of the QE2.

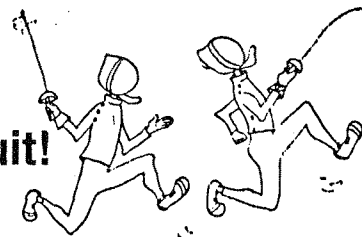
Our representative at the recent FIE Congress Chaba Pallaghy, announced that, as of February 1, 1986, all bout touches will be scored FOR rather than AGAINST. Three international competitions have been designated for use of the electric sabre (Hungarian system). Only New Zealand and Australia voted with the U.S.A. to lift the ban on the pistol grip for women's epee. The ban remains in effect for the coming season. It seems the ultimate aim is to ban all orthopedic grips.

New standards have been set for mask punches. Effective January, 1986, an extra safety strap attached to the mask at the back of the head is mandatory.

The Metropolitan Division will host the 1986 National Championships.

FOR SALE, my library on the sport of fencing and the bladed weapon in general. This collection consists of 67 books, 130 journals, lithographs, and miscellaneous items. Price \$3,000. Interested individuals are encouraged to write for the complete list. Please furnish SASE. Write: Alex Davidonis, 518 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA 94107.

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# The 1985 U.S.F.A. National Championships

May 31 – June 9, Cleveland, Ohio  
by William Reith, Organizing Chairman

My first thanks go to Millcreek Racquet Club, its staff, Manager Gerry Johann and Director Tom Katovsky. With more than ample space for fencers, directors, spectators, and equipment vendors, the facility has good lighting, along with locker, shower, and whirlpool facilities. Although tornados were in the neighborhood during the first day, things went very cool for the remainder of the tournament. Rick's Cafe did a great job feeding the masses of fencers, while Frances Burmeister and her crew of hostesses kept the officials, bout committee, armorers, and organizing committee well fueled and entertained. It seems that if you can feed the workers well and supply diversion from the tournament, everyone is happy and enjoys being there.

Our bout committee of Gerrie Baumgart, Nancy Anderson, Carla-Mae Richards, and Dan McCormick performed outstanding work. Dan's computer program registered the fencers, seeded them into the first round, spit out the pool sheets and bout order, took the first round and reseeded to the second and third round pools, and ranked the direct elimination order.

Our thanks to George Kolombatovich and Ralph Zimmerman for heading up the officials for the tournament and our appreciation to our technicians and armorers, Eleanor Turney, Debbie Lapeyre, Roland Francis, and John Helmich.

The finals of each event and one junior event were held in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn. It seems that whenever you put fencers on a stage, in front of a roaring crowd, they perform with outstanding action and intensity. Such was the case night after night. The Foil final was the first, attended by the largest audience, and the fencers went wild on the raised strip. Those guys did every move in the book. Michael Marx defeated Greg Massialas in the final match, with two newcomers, Pierre Des Georges and Jerome De Marque finishing 4th and 7th, respectively.

The Sabre final, scheduled immediately afterward, found Peter Westbrook desperately needing to win for the 9th time because he left the trophy at home in New York. Peter was the class of the field, defeating everyone in his way with style and grace.

Molly Sullivan captured a remarkable double, first winning the Under-19 Championship and later winning the Women's Foil title, defeating teammate M.J. O'Neill in the final match. Their Tanner City Fencers Club under the guidance of Joe Pechinsky went on to win the Women's Foil Team title.

Wilbur Wheeler showed the Junior Men's Foilists why he is the class act. He used a new style picked up at

the World Junior Championships to rip off a 9-0 lead in his final bout with Marc Kent, before winning 10-1.

Kevin Small of San Francisco won his first Under-19 Sabre title, with Peter Cox and Bob Cottingham finishing second and third. James O'Neill, brother of Mary Jane, captured the Under-19 Epee for the third year in a row, defeating a newcomer, Chris O'Loughlin of Los Angeles, while Jon Normile of Cleveland took the bronze. We should see more of Chris in the future: only 17 years old, he later reached the finals of the Men's Epee event.

Bob Marx worked both ends of the final bout in Epee to defeat Steve Trevor, who was playing to his hometown crowd. Marx led the match early, only to see Trevor catch up at 3-3 and then to lead at 8-6. Pressed to win, Steve attacked only to miss and receive some remarkable stop hits from Bob, who won 12-11. It was a great victory for the Marx Brothers and a very happy Colleen Olney, their mom. Their coach, Yves Auriol was equally pleased, especially when Salle Auriol won the Men's Foil Team title over a frustrated New York Fencers Club.

Of course, the NYFC took another Team Sabre title from NYAC, but the big surprise was Salle Santelli of New Jersey winning the Epee team from the NYAC 8-8. Their coach, Jerzy Gremsky, and Lee Shelley led the way; our masks off to this Santelli team.

Kathy McClellan of Philadelphia showed great skill and concentration in taking the Women's Epee crown, defeating Daniela Camarra in the final match.

It was a grand National Championships. Selections for the Junior Pan Am Team, the World University Games Team, and the National Sports Festival Team all hinged on the final results of this annual national round-up. Our congratulations to all those who "made it" and, for all the rest, "Just wait till next year!"

## MEN'S FOIL (144 ENTRIES)

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. M. Marx, Auriol         | 16. WT. Kwok, Yale      |
| 2. G. Massialas, TFC       | 17. W. Wheeler, Alc.    |
| 3. P. Lewison, NYFC        | 18. D. Littell, Csis.   |
| 4. P. DesGeorges, Auriol   | 19. S. Sabharwal, Ohst. |
| 5. E. Wright, Santelli, NJ | 20. S. Kogler, NYAC     |
| 6. E. Ballinger, Sant., NJ | 21. S Dunlap, ATIFC     |
| 7. J. DeMarque, Yale       | 22. C.Higgs-Coult, TCFC |
| 8. M. Smith, Atlan FC.     | 23. P. Burchard, Haiber |
| 9. G. Nonomura, TFC        | 24. D. Valsamis, NYAC   |
| 10. P. Gerard, Auriol      | 25. D. Hinton, TFC      |
| 11. E. Kaihatsu, Csis.     | 26. D. Holeman, Auriol  |
| 12. D. Moss, Tucson        | 27. J. Zelkowski, FAM   |
| 13. F. Fox, Mori           | 28. A. Feldman, PennSt. |
| 14. P. Mathis NYFC         | 29. S. Gilette, Unatt.  |
| 15. P. Bennett, NYFC       | 30. R. Wolfson, NYFC    |

**MEN'S FOIL**

31. T. Lutton, ColoFC
32. M. Naranjo, GLFC
33. J. Bukantz, NYFC
34. W. Mindell, Colum.
35. S. Gross, Unatt.
36. E. Rosenberg, NYFC
37. J. Powers, NYAC
38. C. Young, FAM
39. N. Cohen, Yale
40. D. Blaney, Lett.
41. T. Thompson, TFC
42. J. Flint, Sebast.
- 43T L. Silverman, Csis.
- 43T M. Headley, Lett.
45. W. Bloomer, Yale
46. C Rawn, Cornell
47. D. Fong, Lett.
48. D. Ramirez, Bard.
49. L. Wilson, Csis.
50. M. Decena, NYFC
51. J. Shamas, Pan.
52. T. Pryor, NYFC
53. E. Tobias, GLFC
54. R. Pavlovich, NYFC
55. B. Martin, Alc.
- 56T. M. Kent, Ffld Cty.
- 56T C. DeMorelos, Lett.
58. M. Griffin, UPenn.
59. A. Weber, Barddakh
60. G. Hamilton, Tucs.
61. C. Novoa, NOFC
62. E. Thompson, Stny.
63. A Warzecha, Madis
- 64T. A. Chillemi, Onond.
- 64T. J. Birkel, Kadar
66. R. Tripp, FAM
- 67T. M. Yorukoglu, Atl.
- 67T. W. Oliver, Colo.
69. J. Gallardo, Tucs.
70. G. Carr, FlTech.
71. R. Tannert, UTex.
72. H. Kavet, Avatar
73. B Hagerty, MnSwd
74. I. Madrid, FAM
75. P. Wheeler, ColFC
76. A. Zai, Unatt.
77. M. Martin, NPal.
78. R. Zechter, DCFC
79. J. Burg, GLFC
80. M. O'Donnel, Unatt.
- 81T W. Caesar, U. Minn.
- 81T R. Edgington, Pal
83. A. Goldstein, Unatt.
84. A. Ignagni, Kadar
85. J. Kain, Penn St.
- 86T D. DeMitchell, Bank
- 86T G. Fiducia, Csis.
88. P. Bremer, Jckvl.
89. J. Savit, Nycf
90. M. Stasinos, BYU
91. A. Yen, UCLA
- 92T K. Adkins, UCD
- 92T A. Nelson, Unatt.
94. T. Williams, Alc.
95. R. Khoury, AtlFC
96. F. Herlinger, BYU
97. C. Coats, Pmtto.
98. L. Nelson, Unatt.
99. E. Russell, Alc.
- 100T T. Mueller, Yale
- 100T R. Rausch, UOkla.
102. R. English, Mori
103. T. Gargiulo, TFC
104. I. Schenck, Smvrl.
105. K. Cunningham, Lvl.
106. R. Walter, LaBelle
107. M. Kasun, Palasz
108. A. Bullock, Csis.
109. J. Herman, Unatt.
110. M. Beyers, Auriol
111. Z. Johansen, BYU
112. D. Cloud, BYU
113. P. Degenaer, DalFC
114. M. Ellingson, AtlFC
115. J. McGough, StLk.
116. A. Perhach, Tucson
117. D. Rothman, Tulane
118. M. Calderisi, GdTch.
119. G. Hayenga, IowaSt.
120. J. Chun, OmahaFC
121. J. Heilpern, StLK.
122. J. Klemic, FAM
123. A. Basco, Lettm.
124. E. Stoneking, TriS.
125. A. Wong, TFC
126. M. Shearer, Oh. St.
127. O. Temple, LeBelle
128. A. Crawford, SJose
129. R. Phillips, TxTch
130. K. Deal, MontgFC
131. K. Black, NTxSt.
132. J. Biggs, W&MFC
133. T. Stiles, CalU
- 134T. R. Harkness, SJose
- 134T. B. Hunck, Iowa St.
- 136T. O. Viveros, Miad.
- 136T. F. Scaramuzzo, GT.
138. A. Quattrociocchi, RoFC
139. R. Sumpster, Bayou
140. W. Dixon, Rice
- 141T. J. Benavides, Offtt.
- 141T. A. Laporte, Forrst.
143. M. Kirsch, ND
144. S. Girimont, VCU

**MEN'S FOIL TEAM (20 entries)**

1. Salle Auriol (Des Georges, M. Marx, R. Marx, Gerard Beyers)
2. New York Fencers Club (Rosenberg, Bukantz, Lewison, Mathis, Triano)
3. Salle Csiszar (Littell, Kaihatsu, Silverman, Griffin, Wilson)
4. The Fencing Center
5. New York Athletic Club
6. Yale
7. Great Lakes Fencing Association

8. Salle Santelli New Jersey
9. Atlanta Fencing Club
10. Alcazar
11. Tucson Fencers Club
12. Letterman
13. Fencing Academy of Michigan
14. Colorado Fencres Club

**MEN'S EPEE (94 entries)**

1. R. Marx, Auriol
2. S. Tervor, NYAC
3. L. Shelley, Sant. NJ.
4. H. Farley, NYAC
5. R. Stull, USMPT
6. C. O'Loughlin, Gasc.
7. R. Yarrison, TCFC
8. L. Siegel, NYFC
9. C. Schneider, FAM
10. T. Thompson, TFC
11. G. Kocab, FAM
12. J. O'Neill, TCFC
13. C. Michaels, USMPT
14. J. Downey, Halbers.
15. S. Mahmoud, Bardakh
16. D. Roskoph, Alcazar
17. L. Beres, USMPT
18. J. Melcher, NYFC
19. C. Cummings, Halb.
20. A. Messing, Bardakh
21. G. Kogler, Ft. Ld.
22. G. Masin, NYAC
23. B. Kanar, UCSCrz
24. C. Melcher, NYFC
25. G. Faithful, Blgrn.
26. C. Young, FAM
- 27T M. Burley, USMPT
- 27T R. Alexander, NYFC
29. J. Birkel, Kadar
30. B. Lee, NYAC
31. M. Hughes, Csis
32. D. Horn, St. Ana
33. G. Scott, Csis.
- 34T P. Soter, Halb.
- 34TB. Driggs, USMPT
36. B. Storm, Colm.
37. R. Mellen, Kirlay
38. G. Thorenson, Unatt.
39. K. Tindell, NYFC
40. M. Caggiano, CCHS
41. M. Phillips, Exc.
42. F. VanDyke, Lett.
43. M. Dahl, FCDal.
44. A. Zakov, Bard.
45. D. Moss, Tucson
46. R. Tannert, UTex.
47. R. Wenzel, OklCty.
48. J. Heilpern, StLk.
49. J. Normile, Alc.
50. A. Baxter, Csis.
51. C. Coats, Pmtto.
- 52T D. Richards, DCFC
- 52T. K. Black, NTx's.
- 52T J. Fellin, Veysey
55. G. Von Seggern, Alrta.
56. S. Jackson, PWMFC
57. D. Schaffner, Atl.
58. M. Hartill, ST. Jn.
59. T. Gargiulo, TFC
60. G. Krall, Unatt.
61. BJ. Lerew, WShr.
62. K. Cunningham, Lvl.
63. J. Urban, SantNJ.
64. A. Crawford, SJose
- 65T G. Cook, Bardakh
- 65T B. Dolph, GLFC
67. S. Jones, Lett.
68. S. Shinberg, Ger.
69. G. Ching, SJose
70. P. Skillman, UMS.
71. M. Glennon, Unatt.
72. R. Noon, Topeka
73. G. Moore, Palasz
74. M. Hegeman, NOFC
75. F. Burns, OhioS.
76. Z. Johansen, BYU
77. T. Lutton, ColoFC
78. J. Rodriguez, NYFC
79. A. Johnson, GSFC
- 80T S. Hutton, St.Hts.
- 80T W. Richard, TriS.
82. O. Temple, LaBelle
83. J. Ober, Auriol
84. M. Kowalski, Bay.
- 85T M. Carberry, NCol.
- 85T K. Citrin, Pkwy.
87. D. Gustafson, Omha
88. R. Kreitsch, Excal.
89. M. French, Unatt.
90. M. Shelby, Tucson
91. K. Morris, Pkwy.
92. T. Decker, OaK.U.
93. J. Benavides, Of.
94. S. Zack, RochFC

**MEN'S EPEE TEAM (11 entries)**

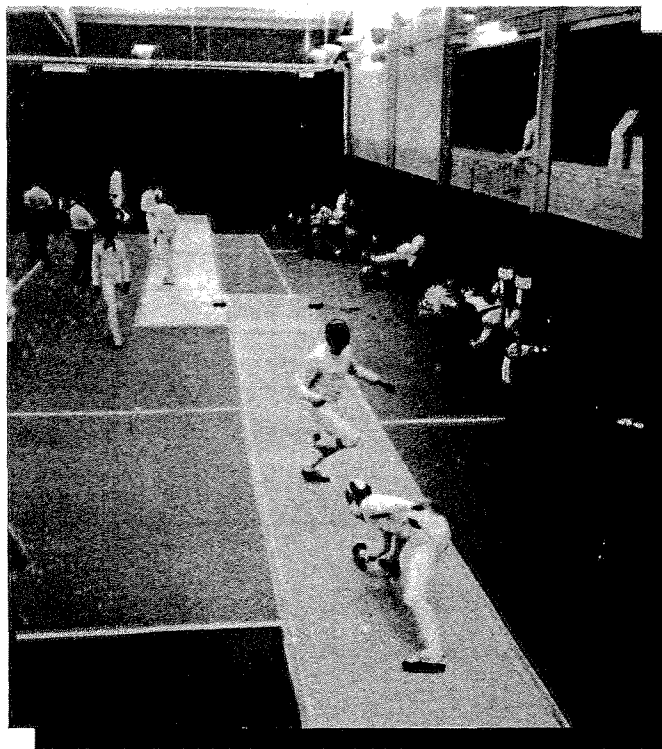
1. Salle Santelli, New Jersey (Shelley, Gryzmaki, Urban, Griffiths, Cummings)
2. New York Athletic Club
3. New York Fencers Club
4. U.S. Modern Pentathlon Team
5. Fencing Academy of Michigan
6. Salle Csiszar
7. Halberstadt
8. Salle Bardakh
9. Alcazar Fencing Club
10. The Fencing Center
11. North Texas

### WOMEN'S FOIL (107 entries)

1. M. Sullivan, TCFC
2. MJ. O'Neill, TCFC
3. C. Bilodeaux, NYFC
4. M. Verhave, NYFC
5. S. Monplaisir, NYFC
6. J. Angelakis, TCFC
7. M. Miller, Mori
8. Jen. Yu, Stanford
9. J. Hall, TCFC
10. C. McClellan, TCFC
11. R. Hayes, Temple
12. R. Samet, St. Johns
13. L. Piazza, NYFC
14. M. Szabunia, Csiszar
15. K. Coombs, TFC
16. P. Medina, NYFC
17. M. Nagy, Sant-NJ
18. S. Marx, Auriol
19. Jess. Yu, Yale
20. H. Valkavich, UTex
21. T. Covington, Bardakh
22. TL. Moy, NYFC
23. D. Travares, Sant-NJ
24. C. Hamori, NOFC
25. D. Stone, Sant-NJ
26. G. Rossman, UPenn
27. T. Hurley, DetrFC
28. C. Carter, WashFC
29. S. Harutunian, Yale
30. J. Littmann, Palmtto
31. MJ. Tash, Sprgfld
32. M. Adrian, GLFC
33. M. Annavedder, TCFC
34. A. Barreda, TCFC
35. T. Swenson, Madison
36. M. LaMarca, Sant-NY
37. A. Klinger, Auriol
38. C. Matsumoto, Faulk.
39. D. Pratschler, Bard.
40. I. Hamori, UWMad
- 41T S. Woodby, Palasz
- 41T R. Vasquez, NTEXSU
43. L. Miller, Csiszar
44. T. Malstrom, NColo.
45. S. Hollander, Bard.
46. S. Smith, TFC
47. T. Collins, SondHS
48. K. Kowalski, Bayou
49. W. Friedman, NYFC
50. J. Hynes, TCFC
51. B. Sun, FfldCty.
52. DA. Dobesh, GLFC
53. K. Furu, FAM
54. J. O'Donnell, Palmtto
55. J. Jasiuk, GLFC
56. H. Valsamis, NYFC
- 57T R. McKenzie, SDiego
- 57T B. Turpin, Auriol
- 59T P. Smith, Bardakh
- 59T A. Barrett, Rog-L.
61. J. Hill, Auriol
62. C. Coyle, Duke
- 63T B. Leigh, Halbr.
- 63T J. Gilbert, Halbr.
65. C. Cogswell, TCFC
66. S. Chaplinsky, Buck.
67. P. Belknap, DenFC.
68. E. Cherniack, Alc.
69. M. Blakemore, Kad.
70. M. Russik, Charlt.
71. K. Corsetti, GaSoFC
72. MP. Beirne, Unatt.
73. S. Isenberg, TCFC
- 74T AD. Reibman, Plmtto
- 74T L. Fox, NYFC
- 74T S. Woodruff, Chey.
77. P. Lute, Kadar
- 78 TTJ. Yee, Saltus
79. J. McKee, Palmtto
80. A. Rinker, Oldtn.
81. L. Antosy, CSU-LB
82. M. McCreary, NTex
83. A. Newhardt, NOFC
84. JM. Cull, Palad.
85. A. Allen, OhioSt.
86. M. Martin, RochFC
87. L. Posthumus, TFC
88. S. Korschun, Alc.
89. MJ. Brodesser, RoFC
90. J. Chichester, RiFC
91. P. Terletzky, UMiD
92. C. Parker, Madison
- 93T K. Travis, Unatt.
- 93T S. Weinreb, PennSt.
- 95T M. Middlebrk, UNTxAu.
- 95T N. Horvat, UDet.
- 95T L. Weaver, CalFU
- 98T S. Kramer, Palmtto
- 98T S. Ultman, PennSt.
- 100T K. Meshanko, EnGd
- 100T C. Woods, CaseU.
102. C. DeMoor, PennSt.
- 103T J. Dolin, FAM
- 103T M. Eshelman, Silv.
105. L. Burdick-H., MiSt.
106. H. Powell, Olympic
107. M. Miller, NOFC

### WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM (13 entries)

1. Tanner City Fencing Club (Angelakis, Hall, McClellan, O'Neill, Sullivan)
2. New York Fencers Club (Bilodeaux, Friedman, Monplaisir, Piazza, Verhave)
3. Salle Santelli, New Jersey (Carich, Cinotti, Nagy, Stone, Tavares)
4. Salle Csiszar
5. New Orleans Fencing Club
6. Palmetto SC Fencing Society
7. The Fencing Center
8. Ohio State University
9. Salle Auriol
10. Great Lakes Fencing Association
11. Fencing Academy of Michigan
12. North Texas State University
13. Acazar Fencing Club



Preliminary Epee rounds. AF photo.

### MEN'S SABRE (75 entries)

1. P. Westbrook, NYFC
2. S. Mormando, NYFC
3. P. Reilly, NYAC
4. J. Glucksman, NYFC
5. P. Friedberg, NYAC
6. M. Lofton, NYFC
7. G. Gonzales-R. NYAC
8. B. Keane, NYAC
9. J. Friedberg, NYAC
10. E. House, NYAC
11. M. D'Asaro, TFC
12. D. Anthony, NYFC
13. S. Blum, NYFC
14. A. Orban, NYAC
15. D. Weisenfeld, TCFC
16. R. Cottingham, NYFC
17. R. Maxwell, Csis.
18. D. Richards, DCFC
19. G. Rodriguez, NYFC
- 20T C. Reohr, Csis.
- 20T V. Fowlkes, PennSt.
22. W. Goering, FAM
23. L. Pinkus, Richm.
24. B. Capin, PennSt.
25. J. Hayes, TFC
26. P. Brand, Ch.Riv.
27. R. Wilson, NYAC
28. D. Franek, DCFC
- 29T M. Benedek, Unatt.
- 29T S. Knies, TFC
31. J. Frazekas, Alc.
32. C. Owen, Alc.
33. W. Bardallis, UMich
34. A. Reibman, Duke
35. D. Koser, GLFC
36. A. Baxter, Csis.
37. T W. Morrow, Unatt.
- 37T A. Kabil, NYAC
39. J. Vozella, TCFC
40. J. Martin, GNIP
41. P. Powichrowski, GL
42. L. Warshaw, GLFC
43. A. Ignagni, Kadar
44. W. Rak, NYFC
45. P. Ciemins, Alc.
46. J. McElgin, Csis.
47. B. Burget, IaSt.
48. C. Beatty, NCol.
49. P. Chichester, RFC
50. S. Heck, Ol.FC
51. R. Flynn, Wlngb.
52. N. Kessler, FAM
53. G. Banta, Trin.
54. J. Benavides, Offt.
55. K. Small, Halb.
56. J. Toomer, ExsHS
57. J. Kendrick, WShr.
58. P. Degenaer, DFC
59. W. Lubinec, Unatt.
60. D. Ling, DCFC
61. J. Klemic, FAM
62. D. Holdsworth, WFC
63. K. Deal, MtFC.
64. B. Neuhauser, Pdue.
65. O. Temple, LaBelle
66. L. Gardner, RoFc
67. M. Stasinos, BYU
- 68T Z. Johansen, BYU
- 68T C. Thompson, Unatt.
70. W. Moskalik, OhSt.
71. J. Birkel, Kadar
- 72T R. Phillips, TxTch.
- 72T M. Slayton, UVa.
74. R. Conyers, Hunt
75. M. Carlino, Alc.

**MEN'S SABRE TEAM (9 entries)**

1. New York Fencers Club (Blum, Mormando, Westbrook, Lofton, Glucksman)
2. New York Athletic Club (Reilly, P. Friedberg, Keane, House, Pleskon)
3. The Fencing Center (Knies, D'Asaro, Hayes, Faroudja, Massialas)
4. Salle Csiszar
5. Alcazar Fencing Club
6. Great Lakes Fencing Academy
7. Willingboro Fencing Club
8. Ohio State
9. Colorado Fencing Club

**U-19 MEN'S SABRE (26 entries)**

1. K. Small, Halb.
2. P. Cox, CCHS
3. R. Cottingham, NYFC
4. C. Reohr, Csisar
5. C. Owne, Alcazar
6. P. Ciemins, Alc.
7. N. Faroudja, TFC
8. T. Byrne, Rutgers
9. J. McElgin, Csis.
10. M. Motz, SulHS
11. J. Toomer, EsHS
12. Z. Szegfu, NOFC
13. D. Stollman, FAM
14. D. Cox, CCHS
15. J. Liu, NYFC
16. M. Cramer, Stanf.
- 17T L. D'Amico, TFC
- 17T J. Knoll, W.Sh
- 17T H. Silver, GTCh.
20. J. Piven, Mmrrn.
21. B. Prtljaga, Htr.
22. J. McNulty, GTCh.
23. D. Howe, SJPrp.
24. L. Glaeser, ColU
25. J. Frangas, CoFC
26. P. Higgs-C., Phnx.

**U-19 WOMEN'S FOIL (33 entries)**

1. M Sullivan, TCFC
2. J. Hall, TCFC
3. J. Hynes, TCFC
4. A. Barreda, TCFC
5. A. Dobesch, GLFC
6. G. Rossman, UPenn.
7. S. Harutunian, Yale
8. T.J. Yee, Saltus
9. Jess. Yu, Yale
10. TL. Moy, NYFC
11. E. Garfield, UPenn.
12. S. Isenberg, TCFC
13. D. Pratschler, Bardakh
14. P. Papailias, ManhIs
15. T. Collins, SondHS
16. K. Kralicek, Auriol
17. C. Matsumoto, Faulk.
18. W. Louie, NYFC
19. D. Piccinino, S-NJ
20. L. Fox, NYFC
21. K. Kowalski, Bayou
- 22T. E. Cooper, DanaH
- 22T. L. Posthumus, TFC
24. E. Cherniak, Alcazar
25. C. Weber, U Penn.
26. J. Weitzman, Sant-NJ
27. J. Posthumus, TFC
28. S. Thomas, Ramapo
29. L. Honig, N Colo.
30. A Newhardt, NOFC
31. M. Carr, CathMem.
- 32T. A. Manges, MinnSwd.
- 32T. S. Ultman, PennSt.

**U-19 MEN'S FOIL (48 entries)**

1. W Wheeler, Alcazar
2. M. Kent, Fairfield
3. Jn. Orvos, HAAC
4. I. Schenck, Soverv HS
5. M. Phillips, Excal.
6. D Holeman, Auriol
7. M. Ellingson, AtIFC
8. J. Socolof, Ramap HS
9. W. Mindell, Columbia
10. B. Adkins, Sant-NJ
11. I. Madrid, FAM
12. M. Yorukoglu, AtIFC
13. E. Mufel, Sant-NY
14. J. Normile, Alc.
15. S. Kline, Excal.
16. A Quattroch., RochFC
17. A. Weber, Bardakh
18. N. Platt, Bardakh
19. Jos Orvos, HAAC
20. J. Begue, Fair HS
21. S. Gillette, Unatt.
22. H. Silvar, GordTCH.
23. D. Kinhan, Auriol
24. M. Caggiano, CCHS
25. T. Hensley, U. Ill.
26. F. Scaramuzzo, GordT
27. J. Huttenbach, Bard.
28. B. Hagerty, MinnSwd.
29. D Domencic, EnGrd.
30. M. Zamansky, NYFC
31. D. Rothman, Tulane
32. J. Liu, NYFC
33. J. Wong, UC-SC
- 34T. M. Calderisi, GdT
- 34T P. Corby, NOFC
36. J. Livings, Houst.
37. J. Foster, NYFC
38. J. Hill, Auriol
39. M. Homyak, HAAC
40. R. Newman, NYFC
41. B. Cellier, EnGD
42. T. Gargiulo, TFC
43. C. Donaldson, BFC
44. M. Klardie, Voorh
45. J. Marsh, HAAC
46. G. Blankenship, Chey
47. J. Frangas, Colo FC
48. P. Higgs-Coul., Phnx.

**U-19 MEN'S EPEE (34 entries)**

1. J. O'Neill, TCFC
2. C. O'Loughlin, Gascon
3. J. Normile, Acazar
4. S. Kline, Excaliber
5. Jn. Orvos, HAAC
6. C. Block, Halb.
7. S. Shinberg, Geraci
8. S. Griffiths, SanNJ
9. K. Hunter, Alc.
10. Jo. Orvos, HAAC
11. J. Socolof, Ramap.
12. S. Daggs, SanNJ
13. E. Hegert, SMVHS
14. R. Newman, NYFC
15. M. Phillips, Excal.
16. T. Gargiulo, TFC
17. D. Horn, StAna
18. A. Algeier, Prntn.
19. A. Halpern, Csis.
20. A. Smithline, Gasc.
21. T. Hensley
22. J. Gross, FCTRD
23. D. Lieberman, Luc.
24. J. Murray, Chevn.
25. M. Caggiano, CCHS
26. M. O'Brian, TCFC
27. A. Johnson, GSCFC
28. J. Frangas, CoFC
29. J. Foster, NYFC
30. D. Brett-M., FtL
31. D. Epstein, Unatt.
32. C. Reohr, Csis.
33. J. Livings, Houst.
34. P. Higgs-C., Phnx.

**WOMEN'S EPEE (48 entries)**

1. C. McClellan, TCFC
2. D. Camarra, UCDavis
3. J. Littman, Palm.
4. D. Stone, SantNJ
5. E. Erdos, Lettmn.
6. K. Lewis, Csisz.
7. A. Klinger, Auriol
8. M. Annavedder, TCFC
9. J. Gilbert, Halb.
10. C. Cogswell, TCFC
11. C. Carter, WashFC
12. L. Skomski, M.Pent.
13. T. Malmstrom, NCoFC
14. R. Hayes, M.Pent.
15. M. DeMartino, Bard.
16. M. Adrian, GLFC
17. R. Vasquez, N.TexS
18. M. Szabunia, Csis.
19. K. Dunlop, M.Pent.
20. C. Caruso, USoCrI.
21. Y. Jasiuk, GLFC
22. C. McHenry, BlgG.
23. K. Loscalzo, NYFC
24. AM. Ezzell, FAM
25. LA. Miller, UPenn.
26. A. Jones, M.Pent.
27. C. Morris, Pkwy.
28. M. Holly, Bard.
29. R. McKenzie, SD
30. S. Chaplinsky, BCA
31. H. Whitefield, TCFC
32. M. McCreary, N.TexS.
33. S. Wallfesh, UConn.
34. M. Blakemore, Kadar
35. L. Wiessler, DCFC
36. H. Powell, Olymp.
37. K. McDivitt, UCSCr.
38. K. Travis, Unatt.
39. T. Mackie, TriSF
40. D. Leonessa, CRA
41. J. Foster, MPent.
42. J. Dolin, FAM
43. T. Short, N.TexS
44. R. Watson, NYFC
45. J. Traubert, N.TexS.
46. S. Steele, OhStFC
- 47T. K. Corsetti, GeoSo
- 47T. S. Sunda, U. Minn.

*Men's Foil finalists (l. to r.): Smith, De Marque, Ballinger, Wright, Des Georges, Lewison, Massialas, Marx. Photo by Bill Reith.*



# 1985 USFA National Teams

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## Pan American Junior Team

*July 25-30, Guadeloupe*

WF: Mary Jane O'Neill      MF: Charles Higgs-Coulthard  
 Molly Sullivan              Marc Kent  
 Jessica Yu                    Wilbur Wheeler  
 ME: Charles Melcher      MS: Peter Ciemens  
 Chris O'Loughlin          Robert Cunningham  
 James O'Neill              Chris Owen

Coaches: Ronald Miller (+ Manager)

William Reith (+ Armorer)

Chief of Mission: Al Davis (+ Official)

## World Championships

*July 11-21, Barcelona*

WF: Jana Angelakis      MF: Donald Blaney  
 Caty Bilodeaux          Pascal Gerard  
 Elaine Cheris              Edward Kaihatsu  
 Sharon Monplaisir      Peter Lewison  
 Lisa Piazza                Michael Marx  
 MS: Brian Keane          ME: Holt Farley  
 Steve Mormando          Robert Marx  
 Peter Westbrook          Charles Schneider  
                                   Lee Shelley  
                                   Steve Trevor

Coaches: Emmanuil Kaidanov

Aladar Kogler

Manager: Samuel Cheris: Asst. Manager: Mitchell Gross

Officials: Alex Orban & Ralph Zimmerman

Medical: Dr. & Mrs. Marius Valsamis

## World University Games

*August 25 - September 3,*

*Kobe, Japan*

WF: Jana Angelakis      MF: Frank Fox  
 Caty Bilodeaux          Edward Kaihatsu  
 Sharon Monplaisir      Peter Lewison  
 Mary Jane O'Neill      Michael Marx  
 Lisa Piazza                Wilbur Wheeler  
 Molly Sullivan (alt.)    Stefan Kogler (alt.)  
 MS: Brian Keane          ME: James O'Neill  
 George Gonazalas-Rivas    Charles Michaels  
 John Friedberg            Robert Stull  
 Paul Friedberg            David Roskoph  
 Michael Lofton            Steve Trevor  
 Robert Cottingham (alt.)    Michael Gostigian (alt.)

Coaches: Emmanuil Kaidanov, Aladar Kogler

Armorer: Dan DeChaine

Manager: William Goering

Captain: Carl Borack

## Maccabiah Games

*July 15-25, Israel*

WF: Randi Samet              MF: Jeffrey Bukantz  
 Michelle Verhave          Russell Wilson  
 ME: Arnold Messing      MS: Peter Brand  
 Eric Rosenberg              John Friedberg  
                                   Russel Wilson

Coaches: David Micahnik, Semyon Pinkhasov

Manager: Albert Axelrod

## National Sports Festival

*August 2-4 Baton Rouge*

(10 Seniors, 8 Under-20s \*, 2 Under-16#)

MF: Ben Atkins#              WF: Jana Angelakis  
 Don Blaney                  Caity Bilodeaux  
 Jeffrey Burg\*                Elaine Cheris  
 Frank Fox                    Jane Hall\*  
 Pascal Gerard                Suzy Harutunian#  
 Chas. Higgs-Coulthard\*    Janice Hynes\*  
 Derek Holeman\*              Susan Kembal-Cook  
 Ed Kaihatsu                  Suzanne Marx  
 Marc Kent\*                    Cathy McClellan  
 Stefan Kogler                Margo Miller  
 Peter Lewison                Sharon Monplaisir  
 David Littell                Tzu Ling Moy#  
 Michael Marx                Marta Nagy  
 Gregory Massialas          Mary Jane O'Neill\*  
 William Mendel\*              Lisa Piazza  
 Michael Naranjo\*            Gial Rossman\*  
 Wilber Wheeler\*              Randi Samet\*  
 Ed Wright                    Molly Sullivan\*  
 Murat Yorukoglu#          Michelle Virhave  
 Mary Yu\*                      Jessica Yu\*  
 MS: Donald Anthony          ME: Andrew Baxter\*  
 Peter Ciemens\*                Kevin Hunter\*  
 Robert Cottingham\*          Samir Mahmood  
 Leonard D'Amico#            Robert Marx  
 Nic Faroudja\*                George Masin  
 John Friedberg                Charles Melcher\*  
 Paul Friedberg                Charles Michaels  
 Joel Glucksman              Jon Normile\*  
 George Gonzalas-Rives      Chris O'Loughlin  
 Brian Keane                  James O'Neill\*  
 Michael Lofton\*              John Orvos\*  
 Jamie McElgin\*              Miles Phillips\*  
 Steve Mormando              David Roskoph  
 Chris Owen\*                  Charles Schneider  
 Philip Reilly                Lee Shelley  
 Chris Reohr\*                Lewis Siegel  
 Geoffrey Rossi\*              Philip Smith#  
 Kevin Small\*                Robert Stull  
 Kevin Stoutermire#          Spenser Thompson#  
 Peter Westbrook              Tristram Thompson





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# Rules Changes for Qualification to the Nationals

(Adopted by the U.S.F.A. Board of Directors, 2 June, 1985)

Chapter V, Sections 7 & 8 of the U.S.F.A. Operations Manual are **replaced** by the following:

## 7. Individual Qualifiers

A. The following members of the USFA who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents and are in good standing are eligible to participate in the Division I individual events in the same weapon in which they meet the qualification criteria:

- (1) The top six finishers of the current year's Sectional Championships (if not otherwise qualified).
- (2) The top twenty-four finishers of the previous year's Division I National Championships.
- (3) The top eight finishers of the previous year's Division II National Championships.
- (4) Anyone who has earned points in the current year's points system equivalent to two twenty-fourth place finishers or one twelfth place finish in North America Circuit competitions.
- (5) The current year's Under-19 Sectional Champions.
- (6) The top eight finishers in the current year's Under-20 National Championships.
- (7) The top eight finishers in the current year's junior point standings.

B. The following members of the USFA who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents, are in good standing, are eligible to participate in the Division II Championship individual events in the same weapon in which they meet the qualification criteria, provided that they are classified as Class C or lower at the time that they so qualify:

- (1) The top three finishers of each Division's C Championships (except that the host division shall qualify the top six).
- (2) While the first six finishers of the Sectional Championships qualify for the Division I's, the next four finishers who are classified as Class C or lower qualify for the Division II's. Fencers who are classified as Class B or higher are skipped in determining the Division II qualifiers.
- (3) The qualifiers to the current year's Under-19 National Championships.
- (4) The top sixteen finishers in the current year's Under-20 National Championships.
- (5) The top eight finishers in the current year's Under-16 National Championships.

C. The following members of the USFA who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents, are in good standing, and who have not reached their 20th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which the Tournament is held are eligible to participate in the Under-20 indi-

vidual events in the same weapon in which they meet the qualification criteria:

- (1) The top three finishers of the current year's Divisional Under-20 Championships (except that the host division shall qualify the top six).
- (2) The top eight finishers of the previous National Under-19 Championships.
- (3) The top twenty-four finishers of the previous Under-20 Championships provided they still meet the requirement of age.
- (4) Anyone who has placed in the top thirty-two in any one North America Circuit or World Cup competition since the previous National Under-20 Championships.

D. The following members of the USFA who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents, are in good standing, and who have not reached their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which the Tournament is held are eligible to participate in the Under-19 individual events in the same weapon in which they meet the qualification criteria:

- (1) The top six finishers of the current year's Sectional Under-19 Championships.
- (2) The top eight finishers of the previous National Under-19 Championships and the top sixteen finishers of the current year's Under-20 Championships provided they still meet the requirement of age.
- (3) Anyone who has placed in the top thirty-two in any one North America Circuit or World Cup competition since the previous National Under-19 Championships.
- (4) The top six finishers of the host division's Under-19 Championships.

E.

The following members of the USFA who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents, are in good standing, and who have not reached their 16th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which the Tournament is held are eligible to participate in the Under-16 individual events in the same weapon in which they meet the qualification criteria:

- (1) The top three finishers of the current year's Divisional Under-16 Championships (except that the host division shall qualify the top six).
- (2) The top sixteen finishers of the previous National Under-19 Championships and the top twenty-four finishers of the previous Under-20 Championships provided they still meet the requirement of age.
- (3) Anyone who has placed in the top thirty-two in

any one North America Circuit of World Cup competition since the previous National Under-16 Championships.

### 8. Qualifying Competitions

- A. The Sectional Championships shall be held at least four weeks prior to the date set for the opening of the National Championships. The divisional qualifying competitions shall be held at least four weeks prior to the date set for the Sectional Championships.
- B. All qualifying competitions shall conform strictly to the rules governing USFA events. Each division, at its discretion, may designate its Divisional Championships as its qualifying competition to the Sectional Championships.
- C. A fencer may appeal from the local bout committee and/or the Jury of Appeal of a qualifying competition any decisions involving a possible violation of the rules to the Executive Committee by forwarding said appeal to the National Office within three business days after the qualifying competition.
- D. Each division is required to schedule qualifying competitions for the Division II, Under-20, Under-19,

and Under-16 National Championships. Divisions must hold Under-19 qualification competitions separate from the Under-16 and Under-20 qualification competitions. The Under-16 and Under-20 qualification competitions can be combined only if three or fewer fencers enter one of these competitions. In this case, arrangements must be made to determine the qualifiers, in order, for each of the two categories. It is recommended that these competitions not be combined. These competitions may be held on the same day, but not concurrently.

- E. Upon request by the host division, the Board of Directors may require that Divisional and/or Sectional qualifying competitions charge a surcharge on all entries to these competitions. Said surcharges must then be sent by the division and/or section to the National Office with the certified list of qualifiers. The National Office will then forward these surcharges to the host division to help defray the expenses of the National Championships.

Section V.9 deleted in its entirety with the following sections renumbered accordingly.

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# Bulletin Board

## Giorgio Santelli Open

The 9th annual Giorgio Santelli Open will be hosted in the spacious facilities of the SUNY — Brockport campus, a few miles west of Rochester, N.Y. Last year's sabre event was enhanced by the participation of Steve Mormando and Mike Lofton of the 1984 Olympic Team. At present four members of the Olympic Team are committed to fence in women's foil, men's foil, epee, and sabre. All competitors will receive a T-shirt.

### Fees:

\$5 registration fee, \$10 per weapon entry fee. Entries must be received by Wednesday, 16 Oct.

### Check In:

One hour prior to event.

### Schedule:

Saturday, 26 Oct.		Sunday, 27 Oct.	
Women's Foil	9:00 a.m.	Men's Foil	9:00 a.m.
Men's Epee	10:30 a.m.	Women's Epee	10:30 a.m.
Sabre	12:00 p.m.	U-19 Wmn's F	12:00 p.m.
U-19 Mn's F	12:00 p.m.		

### Contact:

Nat Goodhartz, 34 E. Wautoma Beach Rd., Hilton, N.Y. 14468. (716) 392-3598 (h); 395-5342 (o).

## We Salute:

### Ralph Goldstein

Ralph was selected by the fencing teams of the University of Pennsylvania to receive the Lajos Csiszar Award for "a Lifetime of Devotion to the Achievement of Excellence." He was cited for his successful competitive career on the national and international levels, for his services to the USFA, and for maintaining a high code of morality and integrity throughout his career.

## Caity Bilodeaux

Caity was among ten young women athletes honored by the Women's Sports Foundation and the makers of Milky Way Bar as national "Up & Coming" women athletes. She was termed "one of fencing's brightest hopes" for the future and won the Individual vs. Individual category award.

## Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

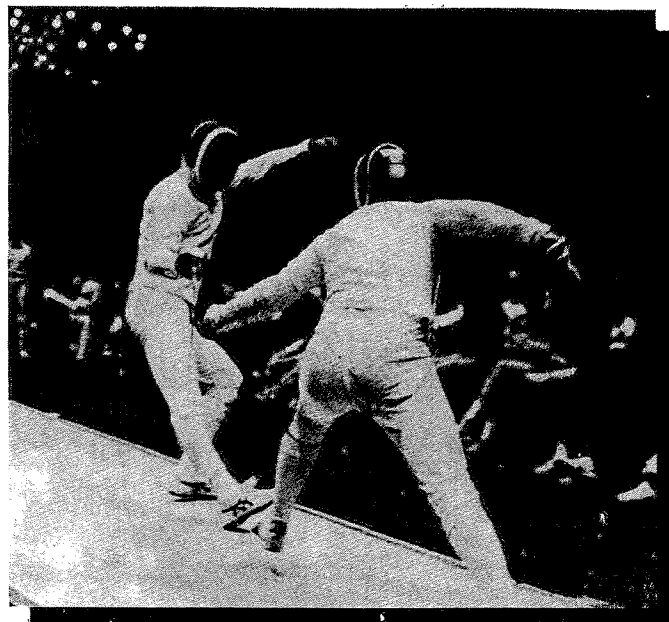
Win a free ride in a hot air balloon! This is the first prize for Men's and Women's Open Foil events, to be held on Saturday, October 5, 1985, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For information, contact John Helmich, 6700 Hensch N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 821-2764.

## USFA National High School Championships in 1986

Mark your calendar for the first USFA National High School Championships, to be held on May 3 & 4, 1986 at the Oregon Episcopal High School, 6300 SW Nichol Road, in Portland, Oregon. Events scheduled will be men's foil, women's foil, men's foil team, women's foil team, also doubles and a mixed doubles foil competition.

For information contact: Colleen Olney, 2221 SE 117th, Portland Oregon 97216. (503) 254-8112.

*At the Nationals: (top) Shelley vs. Farley for 3rd place in Epee. (below) Sabreur Matt Carlino, 10 years old. Photos by Bill Reith.*



# Junior Notes

## Successful Summer Camp in Lake Placid

by Scott Knies

In the heat of midsummer, most fencers take a vacation from the demands of the long season. But for a select group, the summer actually signals a more active time for fencing: the national programs and teams that result from a season of hard work.

Such was the case on July 7 for 50 young fencers who descended upon Lake Placid, New York Olympic Training Center for the third USFA national junior camp. Twelve of the fencers comprised the U.S. team to the first-ever Pan American Junior Games while the other 38 — all foilists — took part in a rigorous 10 days of basic training. (The epee and sabre camp followed, June 17-27)

The campers were selected on the basis of U-20 points cumulated the Junior Olympics (JOs), results at the U-16 JOs and by their coaches recommendations ; providing a broad spectrum of ability and geographic representation. The foilists were, on average, an older and more experienced group than in previous years, but diversity remained with juniors like Naranjo and Hynes — right behind the Pan Am juniors — to a few youngsters who had been fencing less than a year.

But from the top junior on down, the national coaching staff members conducting the camp weren't exactly thrilled with what they saw at first. "We were videotaping the kids," said Sherry Posthumus, manager for the camp. "So we let them free fence the first day but it was so awful we had to stop them. Then we asked if they wanted to see the video and they said 'No!'"

Most of the junior fencers "were all over the

place," according to Posthumus. Or, in the words of Training Director Jack Keane, "They were not proficient in footwork or balance."

The next nine days of camp were devoted to developing these fundamentals.

All of the juniors were surprised, and some disappointed, that the camp was not primarily bouting and lessons. Rather than a training camp specifically for competition, it was a camp designed to work on basic techniques spotlighted by a new approach to footwork ; part of the renewed emphasis on fundamentals by the USFA National Coaching Staff.

"The goal of the camp was for the fencer to see his or herself as an athlete," explained Keane, "with the stress on physical and technical requirements, and footwork being the main object of the technical skills."

The juniors spent seven days concentrating on their footwork skills and the remaining time on blade technique. Nighttime lectures, morning runs and a last day direct elimination tournament were also part of the camp activities.

A main focus of the daily work featured exercises for "centering," which applies to relaxation, stability and mobility. By using a variety of preparatory footwork drills that builds awareness of balance, weight distribution and center of gravity, the campers practiced independent arm and leg movements and combinations of mobility and changing tempo. It is the staff's hope they will share the new drills and exercises they have learned with teammates and club members.

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# Technical Talks

by Joe Byrnes

Maybe it is time for a few more words about electrical power. I revert to the subject because of a sobering experience I had last season at a rather prestigious-secondary school. A power cable was laid out for my use at the armorer's table, which was 'way off in the middle of nowhere, so to speak, at any rate, not on top of a wall outlet. I checked the output of the cable with a wiring polarity checker (one of those 3-pin devices with 3 LED's for the indicators). There was no indication of any ground. The cable had the conventional 3-pin male and female connectors at the ends, so I figured we had a case of a broken or disconnected wire. Much to my surprise (surprise is not the right word) I found that these 3-pin connectors were attached to a mere 2-wire cable, so there was no possibility of a ground with the thing.

I travel these days with a 4-way outlet box equipped with its own GFCI on top of a 15 amper regular circuit breaker and an on-off switch. Thus anything I am going to be working on, if it is or goes sour while I'm in its guts, will cut off the power at once. However, without the proper ground, the protective devices can't work. That's why I also travel with a regular neon AC voltage tester and polarity checker.

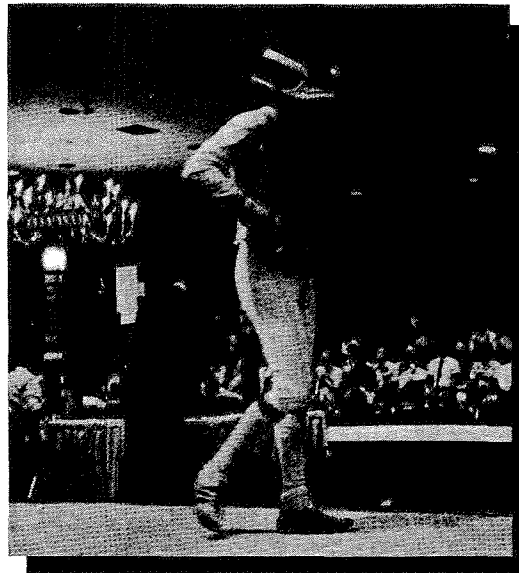
**“... much of our fencing activity across the country is carried on by the gypsy caravan method”**

It is not impossible, in older buildings (even public buildings!) to find that errors have been made in hooking up an individual outlet box. I want to know what we are plugging into at our competitions. As we are all too well aware, much of our fencing activity across the country is carried on by the gypsy caravan method: we move in the stuff the day, the night, before, set up, do the competition, pack up and get out. As a result, we will all too often find ourselves working in unfamiliar, and perhaps not too well maintained, premises. Know what you are getting into, preferably before you show up, say I; and how are you going to tell what the situation is if you aren't equipped to check?

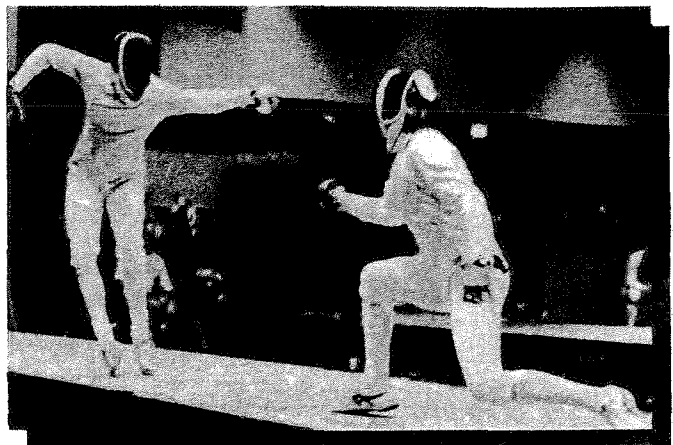
Another possible source of grief at a competition can arise from having to operate where the available power falls below the national average voltage. It has happened just often enough to operations that I have been involved with for me to mention it as a possibility. If the wall outlets are producing no more than 110 volts, you

may have trouble with some transformer-operated machines, especially if auxiliary devices are being simultaneously powered, and if long runs of AC cable have had to be put in to get the juice to the machines. If your cable is thin stuff, too, the line losses may become critical. I see no reason for using AC extensions of less than 16 gauge wire in any of our activities. Heavier wire would be useful or necessary only if lots of auxiliaries are being run from the same extensions. Since modern solid-state scoring machines are not the power hogs that their older relay-operated predecessors were, we can usually make the lighter (16 ga.) cables do. However, there is no excuse for finding, as I did at a high school meet, a whole bunch of 18 gauge zip cord extensions plugged together to make some very long runs. To begin with, there's no third wire grounding that way, and that's no way to go.

Likewise, if you are using the GFCI's, as recommended here more than once, you have to have a 3-wire cable to make them work. And if you aren't using them, why not?



*Mark Smith, Foil finalist. AF photo.*



*Bob Stull vs. Holt Farley in Epee finals. Photo by Bill Reith.*

# Officers' Corner

—by Lewis Siegel & Carl Borach

Welcome to the 1985-86 Fencing Season! At this time it is appropriate to reflect on what has happened over the past year and give you an idea of what is planned for this season. Some of the things accomplished during the past year are:

— the establishment of a program throughout the country to teach a basic and standard set of skills to coaches and fencing instructors for use in schools and in clubs at all levels.

— the Queen Elizabeth 2 Promotion was a great success. Lapin & Rose, a sports public relations firm, insured well placed publicity. Daily results were filed from the ship to AP and UPI. Several journalists accompanied us on the cruise. Articles have appeared in or are scheduled for many well known newspapers and magazines. Cunard wants to hold the promotion again and a sponsor is interested in helping to underwrite it. We are pleased with the success of this event. It not only generated publicity for the sport, but it created an awareness and good will amongst the other fencing nations.

— initial inroads have been made to obtain support from major corporations, including Coca-Cola, Eastern Airlines, TWA, Puma, Alcoa, and Marriott.

What is in store for this coming season?

The major event will be a tour of the U.S. by the fencing team of the People's Republic of China. We are finalizing the dates of the tour, which we expect to do two things: provide extensive national publicity for and about fencing and set the groundwork for working with corporate sponsors nationally and locally.

A standard kit for use by divisions should be ready for distribution shortly. Video clips for use by television stations to announce tournaments are awaiting voice-overs to be ready.

Work has started on a technical manual describing how to repair weapons and equipment both on and off the strip, and on a manual to assist team cadre in performing their duties.

Other things to look for this season:

— an expansion and improvement of the fencing coaches' and instructors' seminars, and the U.S. hosting an international coaching seminar.

— smoother functioning of the National Circuit events with a two day format. We are going for efficiency and more publicity.

We thank the many people who are working on behalf of the USFA. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our Executive Director, Carla Mae Richards, and Anne Whiting, our Administrative Assistant, for their tireless efforts in keeping the national office running. Congratulations to Peter Westbrook for his wonderful performance at the World Championships, placing 11th in the world amidst a full field of the world's best. And look at our U.S. Epee team, which placed 4th in the world, narrowly missing a bronze medal to the team from the USSR! This team had to face some formidable opponents to reach the finals and stunned the fencing world with its result. We are very proud of these results which we hope will instill confidence in the hearts of our competitive fencers.

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# Results

## 1985 World Championships, Barcelona

### Sabre:

- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Nebald (Hong)        | 5. Bourtsey (USSR)      |
| 2. H. Etropolski (Bulg) | 6. Mindirgassov (USSR)  |
| 3. V. Etropolsky (Bulg) | 7. Dalla Barba (It)     |
| 4. Pogossov (USSR)      | 8. Marintchechki (Bulg) |

### 11. Peter Westbrook (USA)

### MEN'S FOIL:

- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Hanisch (RFA)         | 5. Zalaffi (It)  |
| 2. Bischoff (RFA)        | 6. Fichtel (RFA) |
| 3. Sparaciarì (It)       | 7. Traversa (It) |
| 4. Hanchin-Trinquet (Fr) | 8. Lang (RFA)    |

### Men's Foil:

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Numa (It)     | 5. Favier (Cuba)   |
| 2. Cipressa (It) | 6. Weidner (RFA)   |
| 3. Klein (RFA)   | 7. Borella (It)    |
| 4. Cerioni (It)  | 8. Romankov (USSR) |

### Epee:

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Boisse (Fr) | 1. W. Germany |
| 2. Jourke (Cz) | 2. Italy      |
| 3. Riboux (Fr) | 3. USSR       |
|                | 4. USA        |

### Sabre Team:

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. USSR     | 1. W. Germany |
| 2. Bulgaria | 2. Hungary    |
| 3. Hungary  | 3. USSR       |

### Men's Foil Team:

- |               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Italy      | (US b. Gr. Br., 9-7   |
| 2. W. Germany | Pol. b. US, 8-6       |
| 3. USSR       | Fr. b. US, 9-1 in DE) |

### Women's Foil Team:

- |               |
|---------------|
| 1. W. Germany |
| 2. Hungary    |
| 3. USSR       |

## 1985 Senior Olympics

by William Reith

The Nationals closed with the Senior Olympic Championships starting at age 20 and going into the 70s. There were 50 competitors in six events, using age pools to determine a progression of all fencers to a direct elimination table to determine a Grand Champion for each weapon.

The winners in each event were:

Men's Foil: Bill Oliver	Women's Foil: Marlene Adrian
Men's Epee: William Reith	Women's Sabre: Marlene Adrian
Men's Sabre: Herb James	Women's Epee: Anne Klinger

One of the more interesting bouts occurred in the direct elimination of Men's Foil between Aaron Bell (aged 68) and Richard Steere (aged 76). The score was 5-0, as Bell had fleched 3 times with a counter-six pris de fer and took off his mask to shake hands, assuming the bout was over, only to find it must go to 10 touches. He was then worried that he had blown his wad and did not have enough left to beat Steere, who had earlier defeated him 5-0 in the preliminary round. Steere indeed made his comeback, and there were some pretty active old fencers out there. Steere questioned the legitimacy of Bell's closing tactics (to avoid a riposte?) and Bell was warned for a corps-a-corps with brutality, while Steere was warned for covering target and turning his back. After the score was tied at 10-10, Bell hit with two strong attacks to win 12-10.

## Mid-Atlantic Sectionals

Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Men's Epee (23)

- S. Jackson, Va.
- R. Richards, Cap.
- J. Flint, N.J.

### Women's Epee (19)

- M. Szabunia, Phila.
- N. Stopyra, Phila.
- K. Lewis, Phila.

### Women's Foil (30)

- M. Szabunia, Phila.
- L. Miller, Md.
- D. Theriault, W. Pa.

### U-19 Men's Foil (32)

- I. Schench, N.J.
- J. Socolof, N.J.
- Jn. Orvos, N.J.

### U-19 Men's Sabre (17)

- C. Reohr, Phila.
- J. Toomer, N.J.
- M. Motz, N.J.

### Men's Sabre (20)

- R. Maxwell, Phila.
- D. Franek, Cap.
- L. Pinkus, Va.

### Women's Sabre (8)

- A. Brown, Phila.
- C. Gertz, Cap.
- L. Clark, Va.

### Men's Foil (32)

- R. Edgington, Md.
- J. Bukantz, N.J.
- D. Rolando, N.J.

### U-19 Men's Epee (23)

- I. Griffiths, N.J.
- S. Shinberg, N.J.
- E. Hergert, N.J.

### U-19 Women's Foil (15)

- D. Pratschler, N.J.
- C. Weber, Phila.
- D. Piccinino, N.J.

## Southeast Section Championships

April 13-14, Atlanta, Ga

### Women's Foil

- J. Littman, Palm.
- J. O'Donnell, N.C.
- G. Wolff, Unatt.

### Men's Foil

- G. Gettler, AFC
- S. Dunlap, AFC
- B. Franklin, Clem.

### Women's Epee

- J. Littman, Palm.
- C. Pendleton-P, FAU
- N. Hudnell, S.C.

### Men's Epee

- C. Ablanado, S D'A.
- G. Kogler, Unatt.
- B. Franklin, Clem.

### Women's Saber

- J. Littman, Palm.
- J. McKee, S.C.
- R. Starr, AFC

### Men's Sabre

- J. McFarland, FSU
- A. Reibman, Duke
- C. Thompson, Palm.

### Men's U-20 Foil

- M. Yorugoklu, AFC
- M. Ellingson, AFC
- T. Hills, Ga. So.

### Men's U-20 Sabre

- R. Latzsch, AFC
- A. Rhodes, Ga. So.
- A. Johnson, Ga. So.

### Men's U-20 Epee

- A. Johnson, Ga. So.
- D. Brett-M., FtLFC
- M. Andersen, DurAc.

### Women's U-20 Foil

- M. Roland, UNC.
- C. French, Ga. So.
- K. Campbell, AFC

The Marx Brothers, Michael & Robert, collected the top trophies in the 1985 Foil and Epee Championships. Photo by Cliff Barbour.





## Junior Pacific Coast Championships

April 19-20, 1985, Los Altos Hills, California

### Men's Sabre

1. M. Cramer, Stanford
2. L. D'Amico, Asgard
3. M. Graff, Asgard

### Men's Epee

1. S. Thompson, Gascon
2. N. Lane, Asgard
3. A. Isolani, So. Cal

### Women's Epee

1. L. Posthumus, Asgard
2. B. Leiser, Auriol
3. K. Lane, Asgard

### Women's Foil

1. L. Posthumus, Asgard
2. K. Kralicek, Auriol
3. C. Matsumoto, So. Cal.

### Men's Foil

1. D. Holeman, Auriol
2. J. Hill, Auriol
3. D. Kinhan, Auriol

### U-14 Mixed

1. J. Posthumus, Asgard
2. D. Kaiser, Asgard
3. K. Hayes, Asgard

## Gateway Divisional Championships

March 30-31, Gainesville, Fla.

### Women's Foil

1. E. McFarland, FSU
2. K. Dunlop, FSU
3. S. Hawks, Jksv. FC

### Men's Foil

1. J. McFarland, FSU
2. S. Schwartz, Jksv. FC
3. P. Brenner, Jksv. FC

### Women's Epee

1. K. Dunlop, FSU
2. I. Urban, UF

### Women's Sabre

1. M. Deeney, FSU

### Men's Epee

1. D. Schoonmaker, UF
2. R. McCollough, UF
3. J. Raiser, UNF

### Men's Sabre

1. J. McFarland, FSU
2. N. Chang, UF
3. E. Bliss, UF

## Gold Coast Divisional Championships

### Women's Foil

1. C. Pendelton-P. FAU
2. N. Batts, Pl. FC
3. J. Roberts, FF

### Men's Foil

1. O. Viveros, Miami, DCC
2. T. LaMorte, FF
3. S. LaRusso, Palm.

### Women's Epee

1. S. Still, SVB
2. C. Pendelton-P. FAU
3. G. Verdegen, FAU

### Men's Epee

1. I. Hirvonen, FAU
2. G. Kogler, Pl. FC
3. D. Brett-M., Pl. FC

### Men's Sabre

1. L. Murphy, SVB
2. T. White, FF
3. K. Forte, FF

## 1985 Botterell

March 30-31, Cincinnati, Ohio

### Women's Foil (16)

1. E. Seitz, CFC
2. J. Thompson, Pkwy.
3. D. Hornbeck, Kadar

### Women's Sabre (8)

1. Jo. Thompson, Pkwy.
2. P. Blakemore, Kadar
3. L. Lenhoff, Kadar

### Men's Epee (17)

1. J. Yarger, SWIFT
2. L. Myricks, CFC
3. H. James, Kadar

### Women's Epee (11)

1. P. Cowan, CFC
2. C. Morris, Pkwy.
3. J. Thompson, Pkwy.

### Men's Foil (25)

1. M. Petrous, CFC
2. T. Ignagni, Kadar
3. J. Yarger, SWIFT

### Men's Sabre (24)

1. J. Martin, GNFC
2. T. Ignagni, Kadar
3. J. Birkell, Kadar

## 1985 Spring Fever Tournament

May 4-5, Plains, Montana

Competitors from Pierce Fencing Club (Idaho), Spokane Fencers Unlimited (Washington), and Wild

Horse Plains Fencing Club (Montana) participated. Able bodied fencers who entered the special wheelchair foil event found the experience illuminating. Our disabled fencer won the event in his first tournament of any kind. With the aid of braces, he went on to compete bravely in the U-16 foil, where he held his own quite well.

### U-12 Foil (11)

1. T. Bidwell, PFC
2. H. Frye, WHP
3. R. Slichter, PFC

### U-16 Wheelchair Foil (10)

1. Tam Abertson, WHP
2. R. Slicher, PFC
3. D. Emerson, WHP

### U-16 Foil (12)

1. K.P. Selzler, PFC
2. S. McElderly, WHP
3. S. Deibert, WHP

### U-16 Epee (6)

1. K.P. Selzler, PFC
2. S. Rude, WHP
3. S. McElderly, WHP

### One Touch Epee (11)

1. J. Warner, SFU
2. L. Larsen, SFU
3. R. Griffiths, SFU

### Mixed Foil (18)

1. D. Lewis, SFU
2. P. Clark, WHP
3. R. Griffiths, SFU

### Mixed Epee (8)

1. R. Griffiths, SFU
2. D. McElderly, WHP
3. L. Larsen, SFU

### Mixed Sabre (6)

1. D. Lewis, SFU
2. L. Larsen, SFU
3. R. Lewis, SFU

## Sophie Trett Woman's Classic

May 4, Florida Inst. of Technology

The Florida fencing community came out to support this first all women's tournament as fencers, directors, coaches, and spectators. Central Florida Division plans to turn the Trett into a two day, five weapon women's tournament to draw fencers nationwide.

### U-16 Foil

1. A. Howson, Ft. M. FC
2. H. McLay, Dune FC
3. S. Howson, Ft. M. FC

### U-20 Foil

1. R. Carlson, Unatt.
2. G. Verdegen, FAU
3. H. McLay, Dune FC

### Foil

1. K. Shrader, FF
2. C. Pendleton-P., FAU
3. T. Hutchison, FIT

### Sabre

1. Shrader, FF
2. K. Vey, UCF
3. T. Hutchison, FIT

### Epee

1. K. Shrader, FF
2. S. Still, SVB
3. C. Pendleton-P., FAU

Masters Epee finalists: (r. to l.) Reith, Gillham, Paredo, Jones. Photo by Hebmick.





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