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## LEWIS, TINGLEY AND ARMITAGE — NEW CHAMPIONS

### MISS MAYER ONLY 1938 CHAMPION TO KEEP TITLE

Salle Santelli and N Y A C retain Team Titles — Fencers Club regains Epee Trophy

The 1939 Fencing Championships were held at Festival Hall, San Francisco International Exposition, June 26 — July 2nd. This was the first time that all Individual and Men's Team Championships have been held at one time and place. It was a notable success.

Beginning Monday afternoon, June 26th, with the Foil Team matches, the fencing progressed day by day through Individual Foil, Women's Foil, Team Epee, Individual Epee, Team Sabre and Individual Sabre. The week contained 754 separate official bouts among a total of 168 entries.

Attendance increased as the week progressed with an estimated 1,500 spectators present at one time on the final evening. Exposition and A F L A officials readily admitted that the drawing power of these fencing Championships exceeded all prior estimates.

Norman Lewis of the Salle Santelli captured the first Individual Championship by winning the Foil

title Tuesday evening. Miss Helene Mayer of the Funke Fencing Academy successfully defended her Championship on Wednesday evening in the Women's Individual Foil finals. Loyal Tingley of the University of Chicago provided the biggest surprise of the week by winning the Individual Epee Championship on Thursday evening while Norman Armitage of the Fencers Club recaptured the Individual Sabre title on Sunday evening with the finest Finals record of the week.

The Salle Santelli foil team and the N Y A C sabre team each defended its team championship successfully and without defeat. The Fencers Club epee team likewise was undefeated to win its Championship.

We submit below a chronological report of the fencing by weapons giving individual results and bout scores. Other details may be found in The Remise column.

## NATIONAL FOIL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, June 26, 1939

For the third consecutive year, the Salle Santelli foil team tore through all opposition to win the foil team championship. For the third year a seemingly well-balanced team from the New York Athletic Club played its usual role of runner up but again was inadequate to dislodge the title-holders. The 3,000 mile trip made by these two teams seemed to have no effect upon their efficiency and the day of fencing had hardly begun before it was apparent that they would meet again in a Finals. Again these two teams appeared to be well matched individually; Dow and Every fencing #1, Jose de Capriles and Huffman fencing #2 and Lewis and Marson fencing #3. Nevertheless the final score was once more lop-sidedly in favor of the Salle Santelli which, after losing its first bout, bore down and won the next five bouts for the match and Championship.

## SUMMARIES

### Pool #1

Los Angeles A. C. defeated Olympic Club #2 — 6-3.

Edward Carfagno (L A A C) defeated Smith 5-1, Lataillade 5-3 and Westman 5-1.

Duris De Jong (L A A C) defeated Smith 5-2, Lataillade 5-3 and Westman 5-1.

Bryan Smith (Olympic Club #2) defeated De'oss McGraw 5-3.

Louis Lataillade (Olympic Club #2) defeated McGraw 5-2.

William Westman (Olympic Club #2) defeated McGraw 5-2.

N Y A C defeated Olympic Club #2 — 9-0

Dernell Every (N Y A C) defeated Smith 5-2, Lataillade 5-4 and Westman 5-1.

John Huffman (N Y A C) defeated Smith 5-1, Lataillade 5-3 and Westman 5-2.

Ralph Marson (N Y A C) defeated Smith 5-2, Lataillade 5-2 and Westman 5-3.

Los Angeles A C and the New York A C qualified for the finals.

### Pool #2

Salle Santelli defeated Michigan Division 8-1

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated William Osis 5-4, Hanisch 5-3 and Howard Hayden 5-2.

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Osis 5-1, Hanisch 5-3 and Hayden 5-0.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Osis 5-4 and Hayden 5-3.

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated J. de Capriles 5-3.

Olympic Club #1 defeated Faulkner School of Fencing 7-2.

Alfred Snyder (Olympic Club #1) defeated Getzowitz 5-4.

Kaye 5-2 and Leonard Bellman 5-2.

Harold Mortimer (Olympic Club #1, defeated Getzowitz 5-1 and Bellman 5-2.

Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club #1) defeated Kaye 5-4 and Bellman 5-2.

Sidney Getzowitz (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Leicester 5-1.

Arthur Kaye (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Mortimer 5-3.

Salle Santelli defeated Faulkner School of Fencing 7-2.

M. de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Getzowitz 5-2, Kaye 5-4 and Bellman 5-2.

J. de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Getzowitz 5-2 and Bellman 5-2.

Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Getzowitz 5-0 and Bellman 5-1.

Arthur Kaye (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated J. de Capriles 5-4 and Dow 5-3.

Olympic Club #1 defeated Michigan Division 5-2

Alfred Snyder (Olympic Club #1) defeated Hanisch 5-2, Osis 5-4 and Hayden 5-2.

Harold Mortimer (Olympic Club #1) defeated Osis 5-4.

Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club #1) defeated Hayden 5-4.

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Leicester 5-1.

Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Mortimer 5-3.

Salle Santelli and Olympic Club #1 qualified for the finals.

## FINALS

Salle Santelli defeated Olympic Club #1 — 5-1

M. de Capriles defeated Leicester 5-1.

J. de Capriles defeated Mortimer 5-3 and Snyder 5-3.

Norman Lewis defeated Leicester 5-0 and Snyder 5-4.

Harold Mortimer (Olympic Club #1) defeated M. de Capriles 5-2.

N Y A C defeated Los Angeles A. C. 5-2.

Dernell Every (NYAC) defeated Carfagno 5-4, Harold Hersum 5-1 and de Jong 5-1.

John Huffman (NYAC) defeated Hersum 5-1.

Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated de Jong 5-4.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Marson 5-3.

Duris de Jong (LAAC) defeated Huffman 5-4.

Salle Santelli defeated Los Angeles Athletic Club 5-1

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated McGraw 5-3 and de Jong 5-2.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated de Jong 5-4 and Carfagno 5-4.

Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated McGraw 5-1.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Dow 5-3.

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## EDITORIAL

One of our objectives has been to supply in brief but detailed form a permanent record of the results of fencing competitions throughout the United States. You already have received reports of Divisional, Intercollegiate, Pacific Coast, Mid West and All-Eastern Championships. In this issue we present in individual detail the results of every competitor in the 1939 National Championships. In this way we hope that our subscribers may find our magazine not only of present interest but also of permanent future reference value.

Another of our objectives has been to provide as full coverage as possible to fencing affairs throughout the country. Gradually our sources of information have expanded and we are able this time to give interesting details concerning Minnesota, Southern California and New Orleans to name a few. We are pleased to report a new contact which promises to supply news regularly in the future concerning the ever-growing Southwestern Fencing League. When once the fencers of Maine and New Mexico become mutually interested in each others activities we can truthfully claim that fencing has at last become a National sport.

We try to provide at least one fencing article of technical nature in every issue. We are proud to present two interesting full-length articles this month and have been promised future articles by other writers from whom we should all be pleased to hear.

New subscriptions are coming in — not exactly pouring in, but nevertheless arriving in gratifying numbers from the most unexpected places. Our magazine is apparently making friends.

Here it is middle summer, a time when we should rather be jumping off a diving board with nose held tight than working over printer's proof in our hot apartment (office). THE RIPOSTE, however, must make at least a semblance of regular publication and so we carry on. Pardon us, therefore, if in this humidity, it looks pretty good to us.

## Announcement

The Greco Outdoor Individual Sabre Competition will be held again this year at Jones Beach on September 10th. Competition arrangements will be similar to those of last year. Entry fee is 50 cents per person which entitles each competitor to free admission to the Park, a locker, etc. Entry fees must be forwarded to the Greco Fencing Academy, 19 West 34th Street, New York City, two weeks in advance of competition. Upon acceptance of entry the necessary passes will be provided by Anthony Greco, the competition's sponsor.

The competition is open to all members of the A.F.L.A. and will be conducted under the rules and auspices of that organization.

## 1939 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — Continued

New York Athletic Club defeated Olympic Club #1 — 5-2  
 Dernel Every (NYAC) defeated Leicester 5-3, Mortimer 5-4 and Snyder 5-3.  
 John Huffman (NYAC) defeated Mortimer 5-1.  
 Ralph Marson defeated Leicester 5-3.  
 Alfred Snyder (O.C.) defeated Huffman 5-4 and Marson 5-3.  
 Los Angeles A. C. defeated Olympic Club #1 — 5-3  
 Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Leicester 5-2 and Snyder 5-4.  
 Duris de Jong (LAAC) defeated Leicester 5-1 and Mortimer 5-4.  
 DeLoss McGraw (LAAC) defeated Leicester 5-4.  
 Alfred Snyder (O.C.) defeated de Jong 5-4 and McGraw 5-3.  
 Harold Mortimer (O.C.) defeated Carfagno 5-2.  
 Salle Santelli defeated New York Athletic Club 5-1.  
 Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Huffman 5-2.  
 Norman Lewis defeated Huffman 5-4 and Marson 5-2.  
 Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Every 5-2 and Marson 5-4.  
 Dernel Every (NYAC) defeated Dow 5-2.

### FINAL STANDING

1st—Salle Santelli won 3, lost 0.  
 2nd—New York Athletic Club won 2, lost 1.  
 3rd—Los Angeles Athletic Club won 1, lost 2.  
 4th—Olympic Club #1 won 0, lost 3.

### NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, June 27, 1939

Several times during the progress of the eight man Finals the standings of the several men in the round robin were announced over the loud speaker. It was an unpredictable evening, with fortunes of war shifting back and forth and always at least three men tied for leading position with the others bunched right behind them. This continued throughout the evening with a final result a triple tie among Norman Lewis of the Salle Santelli, Edward Carfagno of the Los Angeles Athletic Club and John R. Huffman of the New York Athletic Club. It had been a long and weary day of fencing following the foil team competition of the day before. Signs of fatigue were apparent but Norman Lewis, the youngest of the trio, was more capable of calling forth the much needed energy to defeat both his opponents and win the title. Carfagno and Huffman were both spotty in the fence-off but Carfagno defeated the by then impatient Huffman to win the National silver medal.

There had been 28 men on hand to start the competition in the morning. These men carried arm insignia representing 12 different club, divisional and national affiliations. The geographical representation was: California — 16 (8 each from San Francisco and Los Angeles), New York City — 7, Michigan — 3, San Salvador — 1 and Utah — 1.

### SUMMARIES

#### Preliminary Pool #1

Dernel Every (NYAC) defeated Mortimer 5-2, De Jong 5-2, Osis 5-2 and Lataillade 5-3.  
 Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated Every 5-2, Mortimer 5-1, and Osis 5-0 (13 touches against).  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated De Jong 5-2, Osis 5-2, and Lataillade 5-3 (17 touches against).  
 Duris De Jong (Los Angeles A C) defeated Osis 5-4, Lataillade 5-3 and Heiss 5-2. (19 touches against).  
 Louis Lataillade (Olympic Club) defeated Osis 5-2 and Heiss 5-4.  
 William Osis (Michigan Division) lost all bouts.  
 Every, Heiss and Mortimer qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #2

Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated McGraw 5-4, Smith 5-1 and Hovick 5-0.  
 DeLoss McGraw (Los Angeles A C) defeated Irwin 5-0, Smith 5-3 and Hovick 5-1.  
 Major S. R. Irwin (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Smith 5-3 and Hovick 5-4.  
 Jack Hovick (L. A. Division) defeated Smith 5-4.  
 Bryan Smith (Olympic Club) lost all bouts.  
 Dow, McGraw and Irwin qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #3

John Huffman (NYAC) defeated Hayden 5-1, Snyder 5-3, Orsi 5-3 and Swisher 5-1.  
 Anthony Orsi (Salle Santelli) defeated Hayden 5-4, Snyder 5-4 and Swisher 5-0.  
 Alfred Snyder (Olympic Club) defeated Hayden 5-3 (18 touches against).  
 Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Swisher 5-4 (19 touches against).  
 Harold Swisher (Los Angeles A C) defeated Snyder 5-4 (19 touches against).  
 Huffman, Orsi and Snyder qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #4

Daniel Bukantz (Salle Vince) defeated Hersum 5-2, De Sola 5-0, Kaye 5-3 and Leicester 5-4.  
 Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Hersum 5-2, De Sola 5-2, Kaye 5-3 and Leicester 5-2.  
 Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) defeated Hersum 5-4, De Sola 5-1 and Kaye 5-2.  
 Harold Hersum (Los Angeles A C) defeated De Sola 5-3 and Kaye 5-2.  
 Arthur Kaye (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated De Sola 5-2.  
 Francisco De Sola (San Salvador) lost all bouts.  
 Bukantz, Lewis and Leicester qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #5

Edward Carfagno (Los Angeles A C) defeated Hanisch 5-2, Getzowitz 5-2, Risling 5-4 and Westman 5-0.  
 Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Hanisch 5-4, Getzowitz 5-4 and Westman 5-3.  
 Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Getzowitz 5-2, Risling 5-3 and Westman 5-1.  
 Sidney Getzowitz (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Risling 5-3 and Westman 5-3.  
 Jay Risling (San Francisco YMCA) and Walter Westman (Olympic Club) lost all bouts fenced.  
 Carfagno, Marson and Hanisch qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Semi-Final Pool #1

Dernel Every (NYAC) defeated Snyder 5-3, Bukantz 5-3, Orsi 5-3, Leicester 5-2 and Carfagno 5-4.  
 Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Snyder 5-4, Bukantz 5-3, Orsi 5-2 and Leicester 5-0.  
 Edward Carfagno (Los Angeles A C) defeated Lewis 5-4, Snyder 5-3, Orsi 5-1 and Leicester 5-0.  
 Daniel Bukantz (Salle Vince) defeated Orsi 5-1 and Leicester 5-3.  
 Alfred Snyder (Olympic Club) defeated Bukantz 5-4 and Orsi 5-2.  
 Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) defeated Snyder 5-4.  
 Anthony Orsi (Salle Santelli) lost all bouts fenced.  
 Every, Lewis, Carfagno and Bukantz qualified for finals.

#### Semi-Final Pool #2

Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated Dow 5-3, McGraw 5-1, Irwin 5-4, Marson 5-3, Hanisch 5-3 and Mortimer 5-3.  
 Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Huffman 5-4, McGraw 5-1, Irwin 5-3, Marson 5-1 and Hanisch 5-1.  
 John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated McGraw 5-3, Irwin 5-4, Heiss 5-2, Marson 5-3 and Hanisch 5-3.  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Dow 5-4, Huffman 5-4, McGraw 5-4 and Irwin 5-1.  
 Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated McGraw 5-2, Irwin 5-1 and Mortimer 5-4.  
 Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Irwin 5-3, Marson 5-3 and Mortimer 5-4.  
 DeLoss McGraw (Los Angeles A C) defeated Irwin 5-4 and Hanisch 5-2.  
 Major S. R. Irwin (Funke Fencing Academy) lost all bouts.  
 Heiss, Dow, Huffman and Mortimer qualified for finals.

### FINALS

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Dow 5-4, Every 5-4, Heiss 5-4, Mortimer 5-2 and Carfagno 5-1.  
 Edward Carfagno (Los Angeles A C) defeated Dow 5-3, Every 5-3, Huffman 5-4, Heiss 5-3 and Mortimer 5-3.  
 John Huffman (NYAC) defeated Every 5-3, Bukantz 5-3, Lewis 5-4, Heiss 5-1 and Mortimer 5-0.  
 Daniel Bukantz (Salle Vince) defeated Carfagno 5-3, Dow 5-0, Lewis 5-3 and Heiss 5-1.  
 Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Every 5-4, Huffman 5-3, Heiss 5-3 and Mortimer 5-0.  
 Dernel Every (NYAC) defeated Bukantz 5-3, Heiss 5-1 and Mortimer 5-2.  
 Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated Mortimer 5-2.  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Bukantz 5-3.

### FENCE-OFF

Norman Lewis defeated Huffman 5-4 and Carfagno 5-3.  
 Edward Carfagno defeated Huffman 5-3.

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## NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday, June 28, 1939

Miss Helene Mayer, representing the Funke Fencing Academy this year, was the only defending champion to retain her title in the National Individual Championships. Coming to this country in 1933 with an International fencing reputation, she has won every American National Women's Foil Championship in which she has participated; 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938 and 1939. The only surprise of the evening came in her losing one bout to a girl who otherwise fared poorly. The remainder of her bouts she won in fine order, losing only 6 touches in 6 bouts.

Miss Madeline Dalton of the Salle Vince took second place and clearly earned her right to that position after an unusual season of silver medals won behind a miscellaneous and inconsistent group of first place winners. Mrs. Jarmila Vokral of the Salle Herrmann of Philadelphia placed third on touches over Miss Mildred Stewart of the Salle Santelli and Miss Helena Mroczkowska of Hofstra College.

There seems to be some justice in the results of this competition: Miss Mayer of International and American reputation, first; Miss Dalton with one first and several seconds in a long season of competition, second; Mrs. Vokral, All Eastern Champion, third; Miss Stewart, National Junior Champion, fourth; and Miss Mroczkowska, Eastern Intercollegiate Champion, fifth.

In all there were 25 entries representing 13 different clubs or divisions. In summary there were 13 girls from California (7 from Los Angeles and 6 from San Francisco), 5 from Illinois, 3 from New York City, 2 from Long Island and one each from Utah and Pennsylvania.

### SUMMARIES

#### Preliminary Pool #1

Miss Helene Mayer (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Wahl 4-1, Miss Fitz 4-0, Miss Hankey 4-0, Miss McIntosh 4-1 and Miss Hill 4-0.  
Miss Marcene Fitz (Los Angeles) defeated Miss Wahl 4-2, Miss McIntosh 4-2 and Miss Hill 4-3.  
Miss Roberta Hill (Utah Division) defeated Miss Wahl 4-0, Miss Hankey 4-3 and Miss McIntosh 4-3.  
Miss Elizabeth Hankey (San Francisco Division) defeated Miss Fitz 4-3 and Miss McIntosh 4-1.  
Miss Dorothy Wahl (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Hankey 4-3 and Miss McIntosh 4-3.  
Miss McIntosh (Illinois Division) lost all bouts.  
Misses Mayer, Fitz and Hill qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #2

Miss Madeline Dalton (Salle Vince) defeated Miss King 4-3, Miss Woolen 4-1, Miss Grenander 4-0 and Miss Calkins 4-3.  
Miss Irene Chaves (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Miss King 4-3, Miss Woolen 4-0 and Miss Grenander 4-2.  
Miss Muriel Calkins (Los Angeles A C) defeated Miss King 4-1, Miss Chaves 4-0 and Miss Woolen 4-0.  
Miss M. E. Grenander (Illinois Division) defeated Miss Woolen 4-1.  
Miss Carol King (Illinois Division) defeated Miss Grenander 4-2.  
Miss Marcelle Woolen (Funke Fencing Academy) lost all bouts fenced.  
Misses Dalton, Chaves and Calkins qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #3

Miss Roberta Fritz (San Francisco Division) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3, Miss Reordan 4-2, Miss Ingram 4-2 and Miss McMasters 4-2.  
Mrs. Dolly Funke (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3, Miss Ingram 4-2, Miss Fritz 4-1 and Miss McMasters 4-2.  
Miss Mildred Stewart (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Reordan 4-1, Miss Ingram 4-2 and Miss McMasters 4-3.  
Miss McMasters (Los Angeles Division) defeated Miss Reordan 4-2 and Miss Ingram 4-1.  
Miss Louise Reordan (Los Angeles Division) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-2 and Miss Ingram 4-2.

Miss Dorothy Ingram (Illinois Division) lost all bouts.  
Miss Fritz, Mrs. Funke and Miss Stewart qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Preliminary Pool #4

Miss Helena Mroczkowska (Hofstra College) defeated Miss DeVita 4-1, Miss Jane 4-2, Miss Wesche 4-1, Miss Nevis 4-2 and Miss Powers 4-2.  
Mrs. Jarmila Vokral (Salle Herrmann) defeated Miss DeVita 4-2, Miss Jane 4-2, Miss Wesche 4-1 and Miss Powers 4-1.  
Miss Norma De Vita (G.I.L.E.) defeated Miss Jane 4-2, Miss Wesche 4-3, Miss Nevis 4-1 and Miss Powers 4-3.  
Miss Elizabeth Powers (Los Angeles Division) defeated Miss Wesche 4-2 and Miss Nevis 4-0.  
Miss Edith Jane (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Miss Wesche 4-1 and Miss Nevis 4-3.  
Miss Maryalice Wesche (Illinois Division) and Miss Betty Jane Nevis (Funke Fencing Academy) lost all bouts fenced.  
Miss Mroczkowska, Mrs. Vokral and Miss De Vita qualified for the semi-finals.

#### Semi-Final Pool #1

Miss Helene Mayer (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Mrs. Vokral 4-2, Miss Fitz 4-1, Miss Mroczkowska 4-1, Miss Fritz 4-0 and Miss Calkins 4-0.  
Mrs. Jarmila Vokral (Salle Herrmann) defeated Miss Fitz 4-1, Miss Fritz 4-2 and Miss Calkins 4-3.  
Miss Muriel Calkins (Los Angeles A C) defeated Miss Mroczkowska 4-1 and Miss Fritz 4-1. (14 touches against).  
Miss Helena Mroczkowska (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Vokral 4-3 and Miss Fitz 4-3. (18 touches against, 13 touches for).  
Miss Roberta Fritz (San Francisco Division) defeated Miss Mroczkowska 4-3 and Miss Fitz 4-3 (18 touches against, 11 touches for).  
Miss Maureen Fitz (Los Angeles Division) defeated Miss Calkins 4-2.  
Miss Mayer, Mrs. Vokral, Miss Calkins and Mroczkowska qualified for the finals.

#### Semi-Final Pool #2

Miss Madeline Dalton (Salle Vince) defeated Miss Stewart 4-2, Miss De Vita 4-1, Miss Chaves 4-3, and Miss Hill 4-1.  
Mrs. Dolly Funke (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Dalton 4-1, Miss De Vita 4-3, Miss Chaves 4-2 and Miss Hill 4-2.  
Miss Mildred Stewart (Salle Santelli) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-1, Miss De Vita 4-1 and Miss Hill 4-2.  
Miss Irene Chaves (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3, Miss De Vita 4-1 and Miss Hill 4-1.  
Miss Roberta Hill (Utah Division) defeated Miss De Vita 4-3.  
Miss Norma De Vita (G I L E) lost all bouts.  
Miss Dalton, Stewart, Chaves and Mrs. Funke qualify for the finals.

### FINALS

Miss Helene Mayer (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Dalton 4-2, Miss Chaves 4-2, Miss Stewart 4-1, Mrs. Funke 4-0, Mrs. Vokral 4-1 and Miss Mroczkowska 4-0.  
Miss Madeline Dalton (Salle Vince) defeated Miss Chaves 4-2, Miss Calkins 4-3, Mrs. Funke 4-3, Mrs. Vokral 4-3 and Miss Mroczkowska 4-2.  
Mrs. Jarmila Vokral (Salle Herrmann) defeated Miss Chaves 4-0, Miss Stewart 4-1, Mrs. Funke 4-3 and Miss Calkins 4-2. (18 touches against).  
Miss Mildred Stewart (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Dalton 4-3, Miss Chaves 4-2, Miss Calkins 4-2 and Miss Mroczkowska 4-1. (20 touches against).  
Miss Helena Mroczkowska (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Chaves 4-3, Mrs. Funke 4-2, Miss Calkins 4-2 and Mrs. Vokral 4-3. (22 touches against).  
Miss Irene Chaves (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-1 and Miss Calkins 4-2.  
Miss Muriel Calkins (Los Angeles A C) defeated Miss Mayer 4-3 and Mrs. Funke 4-2.  
Mrs. Dolly Funke (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3.

## NATIONAL EPEE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, June 29, 1939

The Fencers Club of New York, after a lapse of one year, recovered its pre-eminent position in epee team competition in most spectacular style. It accomplished this by completely overwhelming the rest of the field in losing only 1½ bouts throughout its five team matches. The fact of their winning may not have been surprising, although they were faced by

a group of potentially strong teams, any one of whom might have been expected to win some bouts. Furthermore, the Fencers Club team used two of its members who had not participated in team competition throughout the season. Lt. Gustave Heiss, having spent part of the year at Fort Warren in Wyoming and part in Salt Lake City, had only his record of previous years to recommend him. Norman Armitage, a sabre man first and always, joined the team to complete the trio. Tracy Jaeckel, the newly crowned Outdoor Epee Champion, was the only authentic team member fresh from the Fencers Club and Rene Pinchard's tutelage.

The surprise of the tournament was the second place that went to the Illinois Division team, which defeated both the Los Angeles A. C. and the Salle Santelli, each of whose teams was made up of ranking fencers or men with Olympic team experience.

## SUMMARIES

### Pool #1

Salle Santelli defeated the Funke Fencing Academy 8-1  
Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Wm. G. F. O'Brien 3-0, Rives 3-1 and Mercier 3-1.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated O'Brien 3-0 and Mercier 3-1.

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated O'Brien 3-0, Rives 3-1 and Mercier 3-1.

Harold Rives (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated J. de Capriles 3-2.

Illinois Division defeated Los Angeles A. C. #2 — 5-4

Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated Swisher 3-0.

John Horrigan (Illinois Division) defeated De Jong 3-2.

Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated De Jong 3-0, Swisher 3-1 and Craig 3-1.

Duris De Jong (LAAC #2) defeated Tingley 3-0.

Harold Swisher (LAAC #2) defeated Horrigan 3-2.

Horace Craig (LAAC #2) defeated Tingley 3-1 and Horrigan 3-1.

Illinois Division defeated Funke Fencing Academy 5-2

Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated O'Brien 3-1, Rives 3-1 and Mercier 3-1.

Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated O'Brien 3-1 and Mercier 3-2.

Harold Rives (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Horrigan 3-1.

— — — — — Mercier (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Horrigan 3-2.

Salle Santelli defeated Los Angeles A C #2 — 5-2

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Tarbet 3-2, Swisher 3-2 and Craig 3-1.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Swisher 3-0 and Craig 3-0.

Thomas Tarbet (LAAC #2) defeated Lewis 3-1.

Horace Craig (LAAC #2) defeated Lewis 3-2.

Illinois Division and Salle Santelli qualify for the finals.

### Pool #2

Fencers Club defeated Olympic Club 9-0

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Louis Lataillade 3-0, Walter Westman 3-1 and Ferard Leicester 3-0.

Gas Heiss (Fencers Club) defeated Lataillade 3-1, Westman 3-0 and Leicester 3-0.

Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Lataillade 3-0, Westman 3-2 and Leicester 3-2.

Los Angeles A. C. #1 defeated Michigan Division 5-4

Fred Linkmeyer (LAAC #1) defeated Wm. Osis 3-0 and Hayden 3-0.

Andrew Boyd (LAAC #1) defeated Osis 3-0 and Hayden 3-1.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC #1) defeated Osis 3-2.

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Linkmeyer 3-1, Boyd 3-1 and Carfagno 3-1.

Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Carfagno 3-0.

Los Angeles A C #1 defeated the Olympic Club 5-3

Fred Linkmeyer (LAAC #1) defeated Walter Westman 3-1 and Ferard Leicester 3-0.

Andrew Boyd (LAAC #1) defeated Westman 3-1 and Leicester 3-1.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC #1) defeated Westman 3-2.

Louis Lataillade (Olympic Club) defeated Linkmeyer 3-1, Boyd 3-1 and Carfagno 3-1.

Fencers Club defeated Michigan Division 5½ — 1½

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Hanisch 3-2, Osis 3-0 and Hayden 3-2.

Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Hayden 3-0 and tied with Osis 3-3.

Gus Heiss (Fencers Club) defeated Hayden 3-2.

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Heiss 3-0.

William Osis (Michigan Division) tied Jaeckel 3-3.

Los Angeles A C #1 and Fencers Club qualified for the finals.

## FINALS

Fencers Club defeated Los Angeles A C #1 — 5-0

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Harold Corbin 3-2, and Andrew Boyd 3-2.

Gas Heiss (Fencers Club) defeated Boyd 3-0 and Fred Linkmeyer 3-0.

Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Linkmeyer 3-2.

Illinois Division defeated Salle Santelli 5-3

Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated J. de Capriles 3-0 and Lewis 3-0.

Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated M. de Capriles 3-0 and Lewis 3-2.

John Horrigan (Illinois Division) defeated M. de Capriles 3-2.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Tingley 3-0.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Horrigan 3-2.

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Horrigan 3-1.

Illinois Division defeated LAAC #1 — 5-3

Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated Harold Corbin 3-2 and Boyd 3-0.

John Horrigan (Illinois Division) defeated Corbin 3-2.

Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated Corbin 3-0 and Linkmeyer 3-2.

Andrew Boyd (LAAC #1) defeated Horrigan 3-0.

Fred Linkmeyer (LAAC #1) defeated Tingley 3-1 and Horrigan 3-2.

Fencers Club defeated Salle Santelli 5-0

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated M. de Capriles 3-1 and J. de Capriles 3-0.

Gas Heiss (Fencers Club) defeated J. de Capriles 3-2 and Lewis 3-2.

Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Lewis 3-1.

Fencers Club defeated the Illinois Division 5-0.

Norman Armitage defeated Tingley 3-1 and Horrigan 3-2.

Gas Heiss (Fencers Club) defeated Horrigan 3-2 and Corbett 3-0.

Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Corbett 3-1.

## FINAL STANDING

|                       | Won | Lost |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| 1st—Fencers Club      | 3   | 0    |
| 2nd—Illinois Division | 2   | 1    |
| 3rd—Salle Santelli    | 0   | 2    |
| 3rd—L A A C #1        | 0   | 2    |

## NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EPEE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, June 30, 1939

Loyal Tingley, young student from the University of Chicago, upset a field of experienced epeeists, men with Olympic experience and former National Champions alike, to win the Individual Epee Championship. Throughout the preliminary and semi final rounds his record was not overimpressive, qualifying in both cases on the basis of touches, but in the finals he found his touch and forced a tie with Andrew Boyd of the Los Angeles A. C. and Lt. Gustave Heiss of the Fencers Club, with 5 wins and 2 losses apiece. In the fenceloff these men finished in that order with Tingley leading the two Olympic veterans. Norman Lewis, All Eastern Epee Champion, and Jose de Capriles, defending National Champion, finished fourth and fifth respectively.

There were 22 entries in this championship representing 9 different club or Divisional affiliations. California entered 14 (8 from Los Angeles and 6 from San Francisco), New York entered 4, Illinois 3 and Utah 1.

## SUMMARIES

### Preliminary Pool #1

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated De Jong 3-1 and Arnautoff 3-0.

Duris De Jong (Los Angeles A C) defeated Arnautoff 3-0 and Corbett 3-0.

Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated Arnautoff 3-1.

Victor Arnautoff (Olympic Club) lost all bouts.

J. de Capriles, De Jong and Corbett qualified for the semi-finals.

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**Preliminary Pool #2**

Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated M. de Capriles 3-1 and Swisher 3-2.  
 Robert Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Mortimer 3-2 and Swisher 3-1.  
 Harold Swisher (Los Angeles A C) defeated M. de Capriles 3-1. (7 touches against, 6 touches for).  
 Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Irwin 3-1 (7 touches against, 5 touches for).  
 Mortimer, Irwin and Swisher qualified for the semi-finals.

**Preliminary Pool #3**

Edward Carfagno (Los Angeles A C) defeated Jaeckel 3-2, Thompson 3-1 and Tingley 3-2.  
 Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated Thompson 3-0 and Craig 3-2 (8 touches against).  
 Horace Craig (Los Angeles A C) defeated Jaeckel 3-1 and Carfagno 3-2. (9 touches against).  
 Tracy Jaeckel (Fencers Club) defeated Thompson 3-2 and Tingley 3-2. (10 touches against).  
 John Thompson (Olympic Club) defeated Craig 3-1.  
 Carfagno, Tingley and Craig qualified for the semi-finals.

**Preliminary Pool #4**

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Corbin 3-0 and Giambra 3-2.  
 Salvatore Giambra (G I L E) defeated Corbin 3-0 and Evans 3-2.

Ralph Evans (Illinois Division) defeated Corbin 3-0.  
 Harold Corbin (Los Angeles A C) lost all bouts.  
 Lewis, Giambra and Evans qualified for the semi-finals.

**Preliminary Pool #5**

Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated Boyd 3-1, Leicester 3-1, Irwin 3-1 and O'Brien 3-0.  
 Andrew Boyd (Los Angeles A C) defeated Leicester 3-1, Irwin 3-1 and O'Brien 3-1.  
 Weston Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Leicester 3-1 and O'Brien 3-0.  
 Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) defeated O'Brien 3-0.  
 William G. P. O'Brien (Funke Fencing Academy) lost all bouts.

Heiss, Boyd and Irwin qualified for the semi-finals.

**Semi-Final Pool #1**

Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated De Jong 3-1, W. Irwin 3-2, Lewis 3-1, Mortimer 3-1 and Tingley 3-0.  
 Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated De Jong 3-1, Craig 3-0, Swisher 3-0, W. Irwin 3-0, Tingley 3-1 and double-  
 lost with Mortimer 3-3.  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Craig 3-1, Swisher 3-0, W. Irwin 3-1, Tingley 3-1 and double  
 lost with Lewis 3-3. (12 touches against).  
 Loyal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated De Jong 3-2, Craig 3-2, Swisher 3-0 and W. Irwin 3-1. (14 touches against).  
 Harold Swisher (Los Angeles A C) defeated De Jong 3-2, Craig 3-2, W. Irwin 3-1 and Heiss 3-1. (15 touches against).  
 Horace Craig (Los Angeles A C) defeated De Jong 3-2 and W. Irwin 3-0.  
 Weston Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated De Jong 3-1.

Duris De Jong (Los Angeles A C) defeated Mortimer 3-2.  
 Heiss, Lewis, Mortimer and Tingley qualified for the finals.

**Semi-Final Pool #2**

Andrew Boyd (Los Angeles A C) defeated Corbett 3-0, Carfagno 3-0, Giambra 3-1 and R. Irwin 3-0.  
 Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated J. de Capriles 3-2, Carfagno 3-2, Giambra 3-1 and Evans 3-2.  
 Jese de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Carfagno 3-0, Evans 3-0 and R. Irwin 3-2.  
 Robert Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Corbett 3-0, Evans 3-2 and Giambra 3-1.  
 Edward Carfagno (Los Angeles A C) defeated Giambra 3-0 and R. Irwin 3-2.  
 Ralph Evans (Illinois Division) defeated Boyd 3-2 and Carfagno 3-1.  
 Salvatore Giambra (G I L E) defeated J. de Capriles 3-2 and Evans 3-1.  
 Boyd, Corbett, J. de Capriles and R. Irwin qualified for the finals.

**FINALS**

Royal Tingley (Illinois Division) defeated Irwin 3-2, Heiss 3-0, Corbett 3-1, de Capriles 3-1 and Lewis 3-2.  
 Andrew Boyd (Los Angeles A C) defeated Irwin 3-1, Mortimer 3-0, Heiss 3-2, Tingley 3-1 and de Capriles 3-0.  
 Gustave Heiss (Utah Division) defeated Irwin 3-0, Mortimer 3-0, Corbett 3-1, de Capriles 3-1 and Lewis 3-2.  
 Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Boyd 3-2, Irwin 3-1, Mortimer 3-0, and Corbett 3-1.  
 Jese de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Mortimer 3-1, Corbett 3-1 and Lewis 3-0.  
 Charles Corbett (Illinois Division) defeated Boyd 3-1 and Irwin 3-1.  
 Robert Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Mortimer 3-2 and de Capriles 3-1.  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Corbett 3-1 and Tingley 3-2.

**FENCE-OFF**

Loyal Tingley defeated Boyd 3-1 and Heiss 3-2.  
 Andrew Boyd defeated Heiss 3-2.

**NATIONAL SABRE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saturday, July 1, 1939

The New York Athletic Club successfully defended its title again in this weapon which it has favored for so many years. Again the Salle Santelli team eased out all other contenders to play the role of runner up. The Salle Santelli used replacements throughout the competition, but this day their reserve strength did not save them from defeat and they bowed 5-3 before the sabres of Huffman, Acel and Marson. This smoothly functioning trio never appeared pressed to the limit and gave the impression throughout of fencing only hard enough to win each match as it came along.

**SUMMARIES****Pool #1**

Michigan Division defeated the Olympic Club 5-4.  
 Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Leicester 5-2, Mortimer 5-1 and Rodecape 5-4.  
 Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Leicester 5-3 and Rodecape 5-2.  
 Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) defeated William Osis 5-3.  
 Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Osis 5-4 and Hayden 5-4.  
 Deforest Rodecape (Olympic Club) defeated Osis 5-4.  
 N Y A C defeated the Los Angeles A C #2 — 8-1  
 Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Torao Mori 5-4, Lampl 5-1 and Harold Swisher 5-3.  
 Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated Mori 5-4, Lampl 5-3 and Swisher 5-2.  
 John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Mori 5-2 and Swisher 5-1.  
 Josef Lampl (LAAC) defeated Huffman 5-4.  
 Michigan Division defeated L A A C #2 — 5-0.  
 Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Mori 5-4 and Lampl 5-2.  
 William Osis (Michigan Division) defeated Lampl 5-4 and Swisher 5-1.  
 Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Swisher 5-4.  
 N Y A C defeated the Olympic Club 5-0  
 Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Leicester 5-1 and Mortimer 5-1.  
 Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated Mortimer 5-2 and Rodecape 5-0.  
 John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Rodecape 5-0.  
 Michigan Division and NYAC qualified for the finals.

**Pool #2**

Los Angeles A C #1 defeated the Gioventu Italiani Littori Estero 3-1  
 Edward Carfagno (LAAC #1) defeated Giambra 5-2, Lawrence Bocci 5-3 and Perotti 5-3.  
 Duris De Jong (LAAC #1) defeated Giambra 5-3, Bocci 5-1 and Perotti 5-2.  
 DeLoss McGraw (LAAC #1) defeated Bocci 5-1 and Perotti 5-4.  
 Salvatore Giambra (G I L E) defeated McGraw 5-4.  
 Salle Santelli defeated the Gioventu Italiani Littori Estero 5-0  
 Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Giambra 5-1 and Bocci 5-1.  
 Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Bocci 5-2 and Perotti 5-3.  
 Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Perotti 5-3.  
 Los Angeles A C #1 and Salle Santelli qualified for the finals.

**FINALS**

Salle Santelli defeated the Los Angeles A C #1 5-2  
 Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Duris De Jong 5-4 and McGraw 5-1.  
 Jese de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated De Jong 5-3 and McGraw 5-4.  
 Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Carfagno 5-4.  
 Edward Carfagno (LAAC #1) defeated Flynn 5-2.  
 DeLoss McGraw (LAAC #1) defeated M. de Capriles 5-3.  
 N Y A C defeated Michigan Division 5-1  
 Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Karl Hanisch 5-4 and Osis 5-4.  
 Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated Howard Hayden 5-3.  
 John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Hanisch 5-4 and Hayden 5-3.  
 William Osis (Michigan Division) defeated Acel 5-2.  
 Salle Santelli defeated the Michigan Division 5-1  
 Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Osis 5-4.  
 Jese de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Osis 5-0 and Hayden 5-2.  
 Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Hanisch 5-2 and Hayden 5-1.  
 Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Flynn 5-3.

N Y A C defeated the Los Angeles A C #1 — 5-2.

The official records for this match have been lost. Carfagno of the LAAC won the two bouts for his team in defeating Marson and Acel. Huffman of the NYAC defeated McGraw and Carfagno. Acel defeated de Jong. Marson defeated McGraw and de Jong.

N Y A C defeated the Salle Santelli 5-3.

John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Flynn 5-0.

Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated J. de Capriles 5-2 and Flynn 5-3.

Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated J. de Capriles 5-3 and Flynn 5-4.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Huffman 5-4.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Marson 5-3 and Acel 5-2.

## FINAL STANDINGS

|                    | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| N Y A C            | 3   | 0    |
| Salle Santelli     | 2   | 1    |
| Michigan Division  | 0   | 2    |
| Los Angeles A C #1 | 0   | 2    |

## NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, July 2, 1939

There has been no weapon in this country with as distinct leadership as the sabre. When either Norman Armitage of the New York Fencers Club or John R. Huffman of the N.Y.A.C. wins the championship, and one or the other has since 1929, it is no upset. Spectators seemed to favor Huffman as the evening progressed for his victories were by larger margins and achieved in slightly more impressive style. However, the true merit and equality of these keenly competing rivals was best evidenced by the fact that they faced one another unbeaten and reached a 4-4 score before Armitage put over the fifth and deciding touch to recapture the Championship from the man who had held it since 1937. Miguel de Capriles of the Salle Santelli repeated his 1938 third place position.

Twenty six men were entered in the championship representing 10 different Divisional or club affiliations. California led with 15 entries (8 from Los Angeles and 7 from San Francisco), New York entered 7 men, Michigan entered 3 and Illinois 1.

## SUMMARIES

### Preliminary Pool #1

John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Irwin 5-1, Leicester 5-1, Richardson 5-1, Lampl 5-1 and Schweidel 5-4.

Lt. Kermit Schweidel (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Irwin 5-3, Richardson 5-3 and Lampl 5-3.

Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) defeated Irwin 5-4, Lampl 5-2 and Schweidel 5-3.

Josef Lampl (Los Angeles A C) defeated Irwin 5-2 and Richardson 5-2.

Al Richardson (Illinois Division) defeated Leicester 5-3.

Robert Irwin (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Richardson 5-4.

Huffman, Schweidel and Leicester qualified for the semi-finals.

### Preliminary Pool #2

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated Armitage 5-2, Swisher 5-3 and Rodecape 5-3.

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated De Jong 5-1, Swisher 5-0 and Rodecape 5-0.

Duris De Jong (Los Angeles A C) defeated Swisher 5-4 and Rodecape 5-4.

Harold Swisher (LAAC) defeated Rodecape 5-3.

Deforest Rodecape (Olympic Club) lost all bouts.

Hanisch, Armitage and De Jong qualified for the semi-finals.

### Preliminary Pool #3

Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated J. de Capriles 5-4, McGraw 5-3, Arnautoff 5-1 and Hayden 5-3.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated McGraw 5-2, Arnautoff 5-2 and Hayden 5-1.

Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated McGraw 5-1 and Arnautoff 5-2.

DeLoss McGraw (LAAC) defeated Arnautoff 5-3.

Victor Arnautoff (Olympic Club) lost all bouts.

Marson, J. de Capriles and Hayden qualified for the semi-finals.

## Preliminary Pool #4

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Carfagno 5-1, Osis 5-1 and Bellman 5-1.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Giambra 5-3, Bellman 5-2 and Smith 5-1.

William Osis (Michigan Division) defeated Giambra 5-4, Bellman 5-4 and Smith 5-1.

Salvatore Giambra (G I L E) defeated Smith 5-2.

Bryan Smith (Olympic Club) defeated M. de Capriles 5-3.

Leonard Bellman (Faulkner School of Fencing) defeated Giambra 5-1.

M. de Capriles, Carfagno and Osis qualified for the semi-finals.

## Preliminary Pool #5

Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Acel 5-0, Mori 5-3 and Mortimer 5-1.

Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated Mortimer 5-3 (13 touches against).

Toraio Mori (LAAC) defeated Acel 5-4 (14 touches against, 12 touches for).

Harry Mortimer (Olympic Club) defeated Mori 5-4 (14 touches against, 9 touches for).

Flynn, Acel and Mori qualified for the semi-finals.

## Semi-Final Pool #1

J. de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Carfagno 5-3, Flynn 5-4, Hayden 5-2, and Schweidel 5-3.

Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated Huffman 5-2, Flynn 5-2, Hayden 5-2, and Schweidel 5-4.

John R. Huffman (NYAC) defeated Flynn 5-0, Hayden 5-0, and Schweidel 5-1.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Huffman 5-2, Acel 5-2 and Schweidel 5-1.

Lt. Kermit Schweidel (Funke Fencing Academy) defeated Flynn 5-3 and Hayden 5-4.

Howard Hayden (Michigan Division) defeated Carfagno 5-3.

James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) lost all bouts fenced.

J. de Capriles, Acel, Huffman and Carfagno qualified for the finals.

## Semi-Final Pool #2

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Hanisch 5-1, De Jong 5-2, Marson 5-2, Osis 5-2, Mori 5-3 and Leicester 5-2.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Hanisch 5-2, Marson 5-2, Osis 5-2, Mori 5-3 and Leicester 5-1.

Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Hanisch 5-1, De Jong 5-0, Osis 5-0 and Mori 5-3.

Duris de Jong (LAAC) defeated M. de Capriles 5-4, Mori 5-3 and Leicester 5-1. (28 touches against).

Karl Hanisch (Michigan Division) defeated De Jong 5-3, Mori 5-2 and Leicester 5-4. (29 touches against).

William Osis (Michigan Division) defeated Hanisch 5-2, De Jong 5-4 and Leicester 5-3 (29 touches against).

Toraio Mori (LAAC) defeated Osis 5-2.

Ferard Leicester (Olympic Club) lost all bouts fenced.

Armitage, M. de Capriles, Marson and De Jong qualified for the finals.

## FINALS

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated M. de Capriles 5-3, Carfagno 5-3, Acel 5-4, Marson 5-2, J. de Capriles 5-3, De Jong 5-2 and Huffman 5-4.

John Huffman (NYAC) defeated M. de Capriles 5-1, Carfagno 5-2, Acel 5-1, Marson 5-2, J. de Capriles 5-1, and De Jong 5-2.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Carfagno 5-3, Acel 5-3, Marson 5-3 and De Jong 5-0.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated M. de Capriles 5-2, Carfagno 5-3, Marson 5-2.

Edward Carfagno (LAAC) defeated Acel 5-2, Marson 5-3 and De Jong 5-3.

Ralph Marson (NYAC) defeated Acel 5-2 and De Jong 5-1.

Duris De Jong (LAAC) defeated Acel 5-3 and J. de Capriles 5-4.

Dr. Ervin Acel (NYAC) defeated J. de Capriles 5-4.

## MICHIGAN

Detroit reports that Joanna and Bela de Tuscan completed their fencing exhibitions in London in early June. Their new engagements will take them to Italy and Monaco where exhibitions are planned for San Remo, Cannes, Monte Carlo, Milan and Rome. Their present plans call for their return to the United States in the fall.



## FUNDAMENTAL FOIL TRAINING

Warren A. Dow

Much has been written about Schools of Fencing; which is the better, the more efficient. After observing the competitions this year, and in particular the I.C.F.A. Championships, I am impressed with one thought; that it is not a change of Schools which is necessary to the improvement of American fencing, but rather a more improved training in whatever School the instructor teaches. I am a great believer in form. I believe that the easiest and most efficient method of making touches is through form; thereby using less energy and wasting fewer motions.

Form to me is motion with the least effort. I realize that good form in one person might be bad form in another. I also would not sacrifice efficiency for the mere sake of form. If fencing is done well, however, it looks well. When you see fencers stancing on guard with their feet from 30 to 36 inches apart and with protruding posteriors, you will also see stiffened backs and rigid muscles as a concomitant result. When from that guard position they can lunge only 8 or 10 inches and in an effort to hit, throw themselves off balance, they must, as a result of this, rely upon a running attack. So many running attacks show that something is wrong with one's training.

My belief is that coaches are forced to turn out fencers and teams too soon. Bouting among Freshmen should be discouraged. No coach, no matter how capable, can make a fencer within 6 or 8 months. The first year of fencing should be spent in the training of fundamentals. The guard, the lunge, the legs should be trained intensively. Body control should be the major point of training, not the hand and not the making of touches. It is true that in the second year a man so trained would, due to lack of experience, be defeated by a man trained to fight in six months. In three years, however, and for sure by the fourth year, the man well taught in fundamentals, with balance and control, would have passed the six months' champion, never to be overtaken.

The latest I.C.F.A. Championships produced the worst general fencing that I have ever seen in these Championships. The best team won, but with the exception of that team and a few other individuals the foil fencing produced hard fighting but inefficient fencing. Naturally, I did not see all of the fencers and there may have been a few who fenced well but who lacked the experience to win many bouts. In general, however, no I.C.F.A. fencers ever looked so lacking in fundamental training as the fencers of the past year.

Articles have been written about producing fencers in four or five years, but no real champion will be produced unless the first year is given over to hard fundamental training. They may then be trained to be hard, efficient fighters. Fighting is done with the legs and if the finesse of the hand is to be overlooked to produce capable fighters, then the legwork must be stressed and stressed. Generally speaking a fencer is made or ruined in the first year just as a new car is ruined if not properly broken in in its first thousand miles. A fencer may get just so far with poor fundamentals but he will never get to the championship class. Fencing in general may be judged by looks; if it looks good it is good. Naturally there are exceptions to this and what looks good may be a matter of opinion. By looking good I do not mean a man who plants his feet in a good guard and stand there like the Bunker Hill Monument but rather I mean a smooth, easy-moving guard with a body ready to explode in an attack or a riposte.

One of the major problems of fencing in this country is the lack of competent officials. This fault does not lie wholly with the officials. How many times have poor fencers made good officials look bad while good fencers have made mediocre officials look good? Too many fencers cause poor judging by their lack of decisive action. Attacks are not definite but are made in a series of running, poking jabs with the hope that one may land and that the judge may see it. Ripostes are made in the same manner. A parry is made and instead of waiting until the opponent is within striking distance a fencer will extend his arm quickly and, whether or not that action is parried, will remove it again as quickly and again extend, hoping that one of these actions will land. An attack or a riposte should be made with the so-called rule of the Western gunman, "Never draw your gun unless you intend to shoot and when you do draw it shoot without hesitation." Similarly, in fencing do not attack unless you intend to hit but when you do attack let it explode. The last action of an attack should literally explode. Just as a sprinter is travelling the fastest when he breaks the tape, so should a foil be travelling its fastest when it hits, with all of the speed and force of the fencer behind it. Fencing so executed can seldom be misjudged. Actions are definite, touches unmistakable. As a judge and a director, I feel that I could judge a bout, making fewer mistakes, with a group of champions fencing than with a group of beginners. The action, no matter how fast, is definite. The touches arrive with no feeling of doubt.

Young fencers seem to be taught movement rather than touching. So many of them make parry-riposte, parry riposte with no thought of hitting but merely with the training that when you find the blade you extend your arm. Some of them may hit but they are being withdrawn as quickly as they are made.

Much has been said about the superiority of the Italian schooled fencers over that of the French schooled fencers at the last Olympics. Much of this superiority was more real than apparent, except in the results. As an observer, this was due entirely to the legs, the tempo and the physical conditioning of the contestants. The Italian stylists were apparently in better physical condition. They had to be. Their game was based upon athletics. The French team was better in technique than any of the other teams of the Italian school other than the Italian team itself. The French were more experienced, older in fencing and proved superior until they met a team that could equal them in technique and had the advantage of better athletic training. The legwork of their opponents asserted itself and the result was never in doubt.

This type of fencing should be that with which the Americans can achieve the best results. With our wealth of natural athletes and good physical condition we can, with intelligent training, develop fencers of the European calibre even though handicapped by the distance from the centre of first class competition. First, our instructors must realize the importance of the legs. With this type of game it comes first. Training a fencer to be mobile, able to shift in distance or fade out of distance with easy, smooth motion, ready like the mongoose to strike at the least relaxation of his opponent with simple attacks that explode upon his adversary's chest but, with it all, a control and balance that never finds him off-guard. To do this, a fencer must use his first year

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## THE REMISE

Editor's Note: Inasmuch as the usual anonymous writer of The Remise was not in California during the National Championships and those competitions supply most of the material for this issue, the Editor has undertaken to pinch hit for his usual contributor. With apologies, therefore, to our unknown benefactor we make use of the space and column name usually reserved for him.

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One can hardly enter San Francisco without being conscious of Treasure Island. It has become a prominent living part of that city's present entity. To feel that that was where the National Fencing Championships would be held, gave every visiting fencer a personal sense of contact immediately upon arrival.

The San Francisco International Exposition is beautiful and very compact. There is little difficulty in finding one's way from any starting place to any destination. Festival Hall, where the fencing was conducted, was centrally located making matters even easier. The hall itself was unusually large which was fortunate as later details will explain. The Committee had provided four regulation fencing strips, three running lengthwise and one across the end of the very long hall. The hall itself was high and vaulted with large drop lights flooding every strip with good illumination. The center parallel strip was elevated for use in Finals and special matches. Steel folding chairs were provided for all spectators. A public address system was available for the announcement of strips, bouts and scores.

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Mr. Erich Funke opened his Fencing Academy for the use of one and all. Sword and mask proved open sesame there to any fencer. These were friendly evenings that more than anything else is an accepted tradition with our sport.

On Sunday, the fencers were invited to tea at the Berkeley Country Club. There was fencing out of doors for those whose fencing did not start on Monday and as the afternoon cooled off, as it certainly did, they all retired to the large lounge for tea and the never failing fencing discussions. President Harold Van Buskirk arrived, just off the plane, and was put to work immediately in a Bout Committee meeting. After the meeting had ended and the fencing talk had subsided, word was passed around that we were all invited to dinner at the Bryan Smiths. Whether we were is subject to question but the fact remains that the fencers descended upon the Smiths en masse and put their beautiful home "to the sword". Their fine hospitality was equal to the occasion which would have caused Oscar of the Waldorf no small worry. The fencers tackled that larder like so many Japanese beetles and still were unable to strip the field. However, let this be a warning to all swords men 'at home'. Never breathe the word "open house" before a crowd of more than two fencers.

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Fencing started on Monday afternoon with the Foil Team Championships. The preliminaries were of interest only through their strong contrasts. For the most part the team matches were not close and it soon became evident that the Salle Santelli, the N.Y. A.C., the Olympic Club of San Francisco #1 and the Los Angeles Athletic Club #1 teams were destined to reach the Finals. An occasional individual upset was experienced in the afternoon but these four named teams carried through the afternoon uneliminated.

The Finals in the evening resolved themselves around the two New York City teams, each going through the day undefeated until their last match of the evening. In this final match, the N.Y.A.C. won

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THE EPEE  
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Before attempting to lay bare the secrets of the epee, the moving finger pauses to point with a purpose and quite politely to what has gone before. Recent issues of *The Riposte* have breathed in essay form much valuable information into the eager ear of the budding foiner. It follows quite logically that, basically, a great deal of the counsel heretofore given the foilsmen may be taken to heart by the devotees of the epee. The meaty cautions on what to eat and when to eat it, how to sleep and when, what to think (if you **must**), how to prepare yourself for tournament competition — all these sterling bits of advice should prove of worth to the aspiring epee man. Therefore, in order to avoid being repetitious, this accounting will not touch upon the helpful hints already given. Rather it will confine itself to a discussion of the epee man's problems from three avenues of approach — namely, FORM, THE PRACTICE SESSION, and COMBAT TACTICS.

To couple FORM and the EPEE would appear at first glance to be sacrilegious. Certainly such a joining has the appearance of an obvious mismatching, for surely almost every fencer has seen many effective epee men whose form was strikingly reminiscent of a praying mantis or a spavined rhumba dancer. And because these eccentric fighters are effective there arises the question: Why bother with form? Now that is a perfectly logical question. Why, indeed, make much of form? The answer comes booming back: To get the mostest for the leastest.

There, in pithy and colloquial form is the answer. Not one of us exists who does not wish to enjoy a certain sense of honest security, a knowledge that he is fit and ready for come what may, a feeling that he is well prepared for whatever the world may offer. In a fencing sense, proper form gives to the epee man these selfsame endowments. And, what is more important, these attributes enable the fencer to do his good work in the most efficient and effortless manner. Not that the acquisition of good form is an easy matter — not at all! Rather it is in combat itself that the economy of means offered by good form becomes evident.

Specifically, good form gives to the epee man a position offering the greatest possibilities for offensive and defensive action. More than that, good form dictates the proper method of executing any movement in the attack or defense, and by **proper method** is meant the most effortless, the most deceptive, in short, the most efficient method of executing any movement.

Lest the reader become alarmed concerning this emphasis on form let it be known that form is not an end in itself; it is merely a means, a very important means, to the true end of all fencing endeavor — combat. Form, of itself, wins no bouts; and to win his bouts is the goal of any honest, competitive soul. But form does give to the man who has a good fencing head and fighting heart the best insurance that he will make the most of his natural talents. Let the purist take his main delight from the beauty of superb form. There is no denying him; he will have his way. However, should the epee man wish to insure his chances of **winning** let him also give form its just due; for good form cannot do otherwise than enhance a scrappy fencer's chances of coming out on top.

But look, say you, at this man and that; each has

won a medal or two; each is ever a dangerous opponent; and each is the oddest looking duck to be seen on any fencing mat. True, true — they have no form, yet they have placed well in many meets. But are they the tops? How many consistent top notchers have you seen who lack basic form? Those men who reach the top in epee, and who **stay** there, will be found to have a sane, honest, careful, standard-form game. They have little that is bizarre; they appear as standard, run-of-the-line fencers. They have not one trick in the bag; they have a dozen. They are dangerous from any and all angles. In all departments of the game they have proved themselves redoubtable. Against such champions the eccentric fighter has but a small chance of winning consistently; for the odd-mannered fighter has only one or two tricks to offer; the well-grounded man has a hatfull.

Not long ago there occurred in the annual fight for the Epee National Championship a striking example of the worth of form when pitted against the highly individualistic, "one punch" type of game. It so happened that a college man had developed a peculiarly effective type of attack that was not to be found in the books. Its success depended upon a superior sense of time and distance. The attack looked harmless; it was alarmingly dangerous. Moreover, it was not a normal movement; it was a very odd sort of thing. Now this young man entered the Nationals and swept all, or nearly all, before him; ever and always employing his odd style of attack to win for him. He reached the enviable position of having to fence off the tie for the championship. His opponent was a man of proved worth, a man well-grounded in all departments of the game. Came the fence off, the bout and title to go to the man who first made ten touches. Right at the start the college man pinked his opponent, using his damnable puzzling attack to get him a one touch advantage. He did it again to lead 2-0. These two touches were practically his last. His opponent changed his game to meet this "one-punch" approach, and proceeded to pick off the college man at leisure, winning the bout ten touches to three. Stopped completely in his one department the "one-punch" fighter had no reserve to call upon, no well-rounded game, no game of basic form. Undoubtedly the man had great natural talent as a fencer; he was far from being a dub. But he made the mistake of putting all his eggs in one basket. Perhaps he had found early in his fencing career that he could win from his fellows with this one attack. Forsaking any further pursuit of a well grounded game this man went up and up with his one attack. How far he went and why he went no farther you have already seen.

The only purpose in this discussion on form for the epee man is to dissuade the novice from thumbing his nose at any ardent pursuit of correct form. Through an adherence to some odd stance and action, and through a desertion of standard practice the young epee wielder may find that he can whip the devil out of his contemporaries who are earnestly striving to master the niceties of correct fencing. It is a discouraging but glaring fact that early in the game a young fencer finds that his search for form seems to hinder rather than help his effectiveness. The get-rich-quick Wallingford method seems much more productive of early success. Be not deluded by this surface richness. Dig deeply; find the mother lode. It will assay much richer. Ground yourself thoroughly in GOOD FORM.

## The Remise (Continued)

its first and only bout with the Salle Santelli running out the next five bouts for the match and the championship.

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The first day of competition revealed one serious fault in the otherwise fine facilities. The main floor had been waxed for dancing the week before. This wax was still in good supply and it proved easy to track it upon the fencing strips. It soon became necessary to wash the strips and provide damp cloths at the side of all strips to remove the wax from the fencing shoes. As the days progressed the wax gradually wore away, but on that first day it was a real problem to every one of the contestants.

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There were 28 entries in the Men's Individual Foil. These were placed in 5 pools, each to forward 3 fencers to the semifinals. There were then 2 semifinal pools in the afternoon, one of 8 and the other of seven men, each to qualify 4 men into the finals.

There were no startling upsets during the day. **Duris de Jong** was unfortunate in being eliminated in the preliminaries on the basis of touches and **Alfred Snyder** and **Ralph Marson** were each cased out of their respective semifinal pools, but there were just too many strong fencers in each pool. Their fates should rather be attributed to 'fortunes of war' than to upsets.

Apparently the upsets were saving themselves for the evening finals, for in three hours of nightmarish fencing those finals saw the most complete series of upsets probably in the annals of fencing. As the finals started, based upon their last year ratings the men were listed in the following order: **Every, Dow, Huffman, Bukantz, Carfagno** and **Lewis**. If you stick a pin in this list and rotate it you will get the almost exact order of the finish of the 1939-1940 Championships with **Heiss** and **Mortimer** taking 7th and 8th respectively. Match that anywhere in any sport and **Bob Ripley** will not believe it.

To my mind the real stars of the evening were **Huffman** and **Carfagno**. This despite the fact that **Lewis** eventually won. **Lewis** had been impressive the day before in the team matches, superior to the other two in performance, but for some strange reason he was far from impressive in the contest which marked the peak of his fencing career to date. He barely came off the winner 5-4 in three of his bouts, any one of which going against him would have put him out of the medal class. Yet these are the breaks which make or break men who enter competitions.

In the fence off **Lewis** was clearly the master. His stamina was magnificent and his "will to win" had by that time been whetted. He went out to win with the determination that is the mark of the champion he was to be.

The judges owe **John Huffman** an apology. They made him work harder for his touches than any set of rules require. Even so, when he entered the tie for first place he had the best point record of the evening. Touch after touch had been discarded as too light until **Huffman**, ever resourceful, attacked deeply to bend his blade double. That is a killing requirement and found him physically exhausted when the fence off was necessary.

The Eastern fencers have not seen enough of **Carfagno** to appreciate his ability. He proved that evening that he was one of the best foilsmen in the country. He is tall with a fine build for fencing. He is coolheaded and instinctively adaptable. He could be considerably faster and more resourceful with training and that we hope he will endeavor to obtain

during the next 12 months, for he is at the present time not using his potentialities to the full.

Neither **Dow** nor **Heiss** fenced as well in the finals as they had fenced during the day. **Dow**, strangely enough went completely to pieces and was a hollow shell during the latter half of the evening. Something snapped in his spirit along the route and we saw the toughest individual competitor of the year drop one bout 5-0 without so much as a care for the broken pieces. **Heiss** had been without the necessary competitive experience throughout the past few years and the amazing thing is that he fenced so well most of the day in a weapon in which he has for several years made no pretensions.

While **Bukantz** and I were fogged down into a strange mental state that never saw us function at our best, **Mortimer** fought hard with all he had but just lacked the experience and training of the others. He put up an excellent fight but fell before the faster reactions of a group any one of whom might have bowed to him when they were in their first Nationals as he was.

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**Helene Mayer** was the only defending champion to retain her title during the Individual Championships. As such she probably deserves a more revered touch in these columns than anyone else. However, it was my opinion that she encountered tougher resistance this year than in any of the five previous years she has swept the strips for her well-deserved title. Her total point score was most impressive but as a close observer that evening it was noticeable that she had to fight harder to make those touches than she ever had in the past. Was it because she is failing to get the competitive opposition so necessary to keep her at her peak? Possibly, but I think the real reason is that American women's fencing has definitely improved and no one would be more gratified with this

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## A.F.L.A. COMPETITIONS IN N.Y.C.

National Outdoor Individual Epee Championship —  
22 Entries — June 5th

This annual outdoor championship again ran into bad weather and once more we witnessed the event held indoors. Tracy Jaekel of the Fencers Club seemingly dogged by fate in the past and forced several times to accept second place honors in Championship competition clearly led the field this day to win the Arthur S. Lyon medal which goes with this Championship. Jose de Capriles of the Salle Santelli was second and Robert Driscoll of the Fencers Club was third while Miguel de Capriles, defending champion surprisingly failed to survive the semifinals.

## Finals

Tracy Jaekel (Fencers Club) defeated Driscoll 3-0, Von Munchausen 3-2, de Capriles 3-2 and Armitage 3-2.  
Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Lewis 3-0, Driscoll 3-1 and Armitage 3-1.  
Robert Driscoll (Fencers Club) defeated Lewis 3-0 and Von Munchausen 3-1 (10 touches against).  
Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Driscoll 3-2 and Von Munchausen 3-0 (11 touches against, 12 touches for).  
Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Jaekel 3-1 and Von Munchausen 3-1 (11 touches against, 9 touches for).  
August Von Munchausen (Fencers Club) defeated de Capriles 3-2.

National Outdoor Individual Sabre Championship —  
20 Entries — June 12th

Norman Armitage of the Fencers Club won this championship for the sixth time in the 13 years it has been held. John R. Huffman of the NYAC was defending champion but was enroute to California at the date of the competition. Armitage tied with Miguel de Capriles of the Salle Santelli for first place at the conclusion of the finals and won an exciting fence-off 5-4 after the score between them had been tied four times. Diaz Cetrulo of Seton Hall College deserves special mention in winning third place in this Senior competition.

## Finals

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated de Capriles 5-4, Lubart 5-1, Ace 5-1 and Egan 5-2.  
Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Cetrulo 5-4, Lubart 5-3, Ace 5-3 and Egan 5-2.  
Diaz Cetrulo (Seton Hall) defeated Armitage 5-3, Ace 5-1 and Egan 5-4. (18 touches against).  
Philip Lubart (Salle Santelli) defeated Cetrulo 5-3, Ace 5-2 and Egan 5-4. (19 touches against).  
Dr. Ervin Ace (NYAC) defeated Egan 5-4.  
Edward Egan (Satus Club) lost all bouts.

## Fence-off

Armitage defeated de Capriles 5-4.

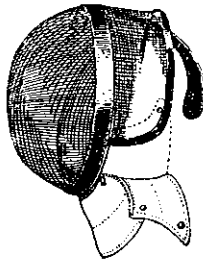
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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Nationals, first in history for the Pacific Coast, have come and gone leaving behind stimulating memories plus food for thought. To those Western fencers for whom it was an initial national competition, the experience was not only interesting but definitely instructive.

**Edward Carfagno** and **Andrew Boyd** of the L.A.A.C. placed second in Foil and Epee respectively; **Robert Irwin** of Faulkner School placed seventh in Epee and **Irenea Chaves** also of Faulkner's took sixth in Women's Foil, a fine showing for these last two in view of the fact that neither ever saw a "National" previously.

The Faulkner School of Fencing was host to several of the visiting nationalists, among them **John R. Huffman**, **Miguel** and **Jose de Capriles**. **Lieutenant Gus Heiss** and the entire Illinois division. **Gus** registered with his charming wife, **Virginia**, at a nearby hotel and worked out four times a week with Faulkner's lively group. **John Huffman**, long an established and popular champion, fenced individually with many of the Faulkner foil and sabre specialists and also treated the young fencers to a most instructive round-table discussion with **Ralph Faulkner** on national and international competition. **Mr. Huffman** spoke at length about Eastern and Western fencing and touched upon a great many salient points which should benefit young Southern California fencers, especially those who hope to compete in future national meets. Incidentally, the Faulkner School in Hollywood extends a cordial welcome and invitation to fence all visiting swordsmen and "swords-ladies". A large group is always on hand for a workout.

This year, Southern California loses one of its finest fencers to the ranks of the professionals. **Duris de Jong** retired from amateur competition at the close of the Nationals and is now coach at the Hollywood Athletic Club. **Mr. de Jong**, formerly with the Los

Angeles Club, came to California in 1930 and since then has held, at different times, all the Senior and Open Three Weapon titles of Southern California in addition to the Pacific Coast Foil championship. He intends to combine the traditions of the old school with the newer ideas of modern fencing. **Mr. de Jong** served several years on the Southern California executive committee and was its chairman last year.

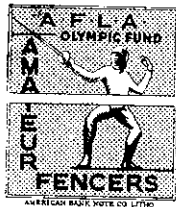
The Division elected a new committee for the 39-40 season at an open meeting on July 17th. The officers are: **Ned Davenport**, chairman; **Horace P. Craig**, vice-chairman; **Robert Cousineau**, secretary; **Andrew Boyd**, A.F.L.A. Governor and **Harold Corbin**. **Mr. H. G. Feraud** remains as honorary president.

Southern California is planning several formal and informal dances and other social events for the coming season. Such events have been too few and far between in other years and the Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego fencers have had little opportunity to become better acquainted. Hence the winter "Social Season" which it is hoped will be a great success.

The Nationals have shortened the time allotted to the summer competitions, so that between now and September there will be only five meets. The Three Weapon Individual will be held at the Faulkner School of Fencing on July 30; the Three Weapon Team at the Hollywood Athletic Club on August 6. The Cathcart Memorial Epee, to be held at the Ambassador Hotel on August 20, is newly named in honor of the late **Charles Cathcart** who formerly held the Pacific Coast Intermediate Epee championship. **Mr. Cathcart** was one of the best loved fencers in Southern California and the Division feels his loss keenly. The Los Angeles Athletic Club will have the Bowen Handicap Foil meet on August 27, and the Duff Foil meet for Women at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Sept. 10, will end the Summer Schedule.

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## The Remise

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development than Miss Mayer.

She was never really pressed with a threat to her title. She lost one bout to **Miss Calkins** who was amazed apparently that she could hit **Miss Mayer** so easily. **Miss Calkins** did exactly that, she hit **Miss Mayer** with just the right movement at just the right time and if it were a new experience for **Miss Mayer** imagine what it must have been to **Miss Calkins** or any other girl in the country.

**Miss Dalton** proved again that she will not permit more than one girl to be ahead of her in any competition. Her consistent performance in the long series of competitions this year has won her the respect of all her opponents and placing second to **Miss Mayer** was a just reward for her season's work.

**Mrs. Vokral** proved again the value of experience in foil. Not as finished a fencer as **Miss Mayer** nor as cool a competitor as **Miss Dalton** she impressed the writer as being the correct third place winner even though this was only on the slim margin of 2 touches. Right behind her was **Miss Stewart** whose technique at times was the best of the evening but whose confusion in just one bout cost her a medal.

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The remainder of these personal remarks of the championships are for the most part not drawn from personal observation. I left San Francisco early Friday evening missing the finals of the Individual epee and all of the sabre. There was shopping, errands and sight-seeing to be done on Thursday, packing on Friday and a personal desire to get away from fencing right after the Women's foil on Wednesday. Such comments as are made hereafter have been pieced together from hearsay but presented for the general interest of those readers who have borne with me thus far.

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In passing through Chicago on the trip West I had telephoned **Frank Righeimer**, a very close friend of long standing. As a parting shot he said, "Watch those boys from Illinois in epee. They are going to surprise you." I arrived late for the epee. The Illinois team had just defeated the Salle Santelli team, consisting of two American epee champions and the All Eastern Epee Champion. A stunned silence met me from sources I had expected to be particularly optimistic at that period in the contest. I heard one Fencers Club partisan say to a member of that team, "Watch those boys from Illinois. They are going to surprise you." Shades of **Righeimer**.

One cannot derive intense surprise from an epee victory by a Senior Epee Team from the Fencers Club. That club was winning epee championships long before any member of the Illinois team was born. Nevertheless, anyone can derive surprise in any team winning an epee championship in the manner in which this team won. They won 29½ out of 31 bouts throughout the day. They had a perfect score of 15 wins and no losses in the Finals itself in which

their touch score was 45 to 18. The Illinois team took a well deserved second place losing only to the Fencers Club in the finals.

Surprisingly enough, **Norman Armitage** of the Fencers Club was the Star of the day. I have often starred **Armitage** in sabre matches but this is an entirely new experience to me. He had fenced in only one epee competition throughout the year, had very possibly not even trained with an epee and yet pinching so that his clubmates might have a team he had a perfect score throughout the championship. Furthermore, to save his more experienced teammates for what he believed would prove a strenuous Finals, he assumed the brunt of the work during the day. As a result he fenced more bouts (12) than either **Heiss** (11) or **Jaekel** (8) with the very fine point score of 36 touches made against 13 received.

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**Loyal Tingley** is our new champion in epee. Shades of **Righeimer** once more. This statement is true in more ways than one for **Tingley's** accomplishment is very similar to **Righeimer's** own in 1929. Together they are the only men ever to win a National Fencing Championship while still in college. Furthermore, **Tingley** gained his opportunity to go to California through winning the Midwest Epee Championship from **Righeimer** earlier in the season.

Some people call it Lady Luck, others call it Destiny but whatever it is it covered **Tingley** in its protecting wings that day and saw him through. He qualified from the preliminary pool on a basis of touches much to the embarrassment of **Tracy Jaekel** who was disqualified when that particular count was taken. Destiny had already been in evidence for **Tingley**, for the locker room key had been lost that morning. As a result, the competition was delayed and entries were postponed from 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. **Tingley** arrived at 10:50 and had been saved from disbarment by a misplaced key. Was it destiny that made **Andrew Boyd** careless of his electrical equipment in his last Finals bout? Would he have won that bout and the championship had his plug been taped as it should have been? We think he might, but he didn't and since the responsibility was his own we must pass on to the factual results.

**Tingley** tied for first in the Finals and won the fence-off. The results of that fence off were clear and decisive as were **Lewis'** results in the foil fence off. But both men rode at times throughout their respective days under the protecting wings of a favorable destiny.

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There are so few professionals who 'know' sabre that as a result there are very few fencers who handle a sabre in the winning manner. The New York Athletic Club has made a specialty of this weapon for years and as a result there was no considerable surprise when its team, consisting of specialists in

this sport, swept through the championship without appearing pressed at any time. The Salle Santelli has persistently bid for top honors in sabre and again was runner up to the N.Y.A.C., forcing that team to a 5-3 score, the best score made against the champions. Since **George Santelli** coaches both teams, his monotonously annual professional leadership in this phase of fencing was again without challenge.

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From the spectators point of view there is no weapon to touch the sabre for excitement and interest. There is something in the wider movements of that weapon and the fact that sabres actually flash that draws and holds a crowd. It was therefore fitting and proper that the week of fencing closed with this exciting weapon.

Once more, the Individual Sabre Championship hinged upon the bout between **Norman Armitage** of the Fencers Club and **John R. Huffman** of the New York Athletic Club. These two fencers have shared this title for the past ten years, permitting no substitute for that honored position. A packed auditorium was at hand to witness the meeting of these rivals, a mark of true respect to everything their preeminence implies. They were well rewarded for their interest for the bout went to 4-4 before **Armitage** put over the winning touch, to make their dual string of Championships even once more, with each having five gold medals to his credit.

When these two men meet it has been useless to forecast on appearances during the early evening. Time and time again one of them has reversed the tables on the other who seemed at the moment to have matters well in hand. Actually, this evening **Huffman** appeared headed to defend his title successfully. He had been more impressive throughout the day while **Armitage** at times was not in full cry. Perhaps that is what made the bout between them so exciting for **Armitage** lit into **Huffman** with more than he had shown against the others and throughout the bout there was the exciting possibility of either coming through. When the score finally reached 4-4 there wasn't a person in that packed hall whose heart did not thump more strongly than usual.

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In the early part of this article we mentioned that it was fortunate that the Exposition officials had provided so large a hall for the fencing. Throughout the week there was a constant flow of spectators many of whom were seeing fencing for the first time. The real test of spectator interest, however, is in holding them. Each Finals succeeded in doing that and the attendance in the evenings exceeded expectations. The big turnout naturally was for the sabre, which weapon gives the uninitiated spectator something to get his teeth into. Imagine everyone's surprise when 1,500 people were on hand to see **Armitage** defeat **Huffman**. An unusual thing then happened. The announcer in his excitement stated that the championship was thereupon decided. The spectators incorrectly interpreted this as meaning the end of the evening's fencing. The hall practically emptied with another eight or more good bouts yet to be fenced. By the end of the evening the hall had refilled once more with official counters amazed to report a total of 6,000 people to see the fencing in one day.

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## NORTHERN OHIO

The Northern Ohio Three Weapon Individual Championship was held in early June under a double elimination pool system which, it is reported, did not prove satisfactory. **Lucien Morris**, Divisional sabre champion, took first place with **Robert Stewart**, Divisional foil champion second, **Adolf Berger**, third and **Lary Larsen**, Case School of Applied Science, fourth.

Late in June, the Northern Ohio Division of the A.F.L.A. held its first Prep competition. Because of the close of school prior to the competition the entry list was small, only four contestants participating. **Milton Wolf** of Western Reserve University won first prize, a Castello foil.

## FUNDAMENTAL FOIL TRAINING

(Continued)

at least and possibly his first two years in practically nothing but legwork; lunges, advances, balestres, retreating, constantly keeping distance and training to attack from any position. This, rather than being taught to plant his feet in order to lunge. His hand should be developed only at the latter phase of his training; parrying in motion, counter attacks with opposition, stealing his opponent's time by beating him to the punch after his opponent has started his attack. Then we may develop International fencers.

The biggest fault of our foil team in Berlin was in its legs. With the exception of **Levis**, no American was able to match the top six European teams in leg work and tempo. As one of the most noted European coaches said, "The American fencers fence well with their hands but they are like cows with their feet stuck in the mud." While there may be methods to produce efficient competitors in a minimum time, no method can be devised to eliminate the fundamental training. While handbooks may lighten the work of the engineer, no substitute has been found for the routine classroom work of the student. Once the fundamentals have been mastered then the training must be along the lines best suited to the individual. From then on the training of every fencer differs. The man with slow legs develops a defense, learning to maintain distance so that his touches are made with secondary actions. The man with fast legs is trained in attacks and defends himself with counter attacks. The man with natural timing is taught to make his opponent attack from out of distance so he may 'stop' him. The man with little natural timing is trained in routine mechanical actions so that his technique is letter perfect.

It is this that makes fencing the greatest of sports. Any man with two legs, one arm and ability to see is a potential champion. No one is too light, too heavy, too short, too tall, too slow in mental reflex that he cannot overcome his handicap. The fundamental training must be the same, but after that he must train himself to bring out and make the most of his peculiar advantages.



## NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Division of the A.F.L.A. enjoyed an active season and doubled its membership during the past year. The promotion of team competition will be its new season's objective.

The following Divisional Officers have been elected for the forthcoming season: **James Janssen**, Chairman, **Captain Robert A. Burton**, Vice Chairman, **Miss Regina Blanc**, Secretary-Treasurer, **Messrs. Thomas Kemp, Louis Blanc, Alien Lill and Lyman Greenwood**, Committeemen.

The Divisional Tournament of the New Orleans Division of the A.F.L.A. found **Thomas C. Kemp** the winner of first places in both foil and sabre. **James S. Janssen** won the epee title. As a result of the epee final match **Kemp** now wears with pride an eight-stitch arm scar from his bout with **Janssen**.

Over fifty entries from all of the fencing clubs of the city were attracted this year to the Fifth Annual Duelling Oaks Tournament. **Miss Shiriey Dambrey** of White High School won the women's foil event. **Butler Avery**, a left hander from Fortier High School, won the men's junior foil cup. **Raymond Perine**, New Orleans Academy, won the junior epee and **Alfred LeBlanc**, also of the New Orleans Academy, won the junior sabre competition. In the Senior class, **James Janssen** of the Fencers Club of New Orleans won both the foil and epee cups with **Alfred LeBlanc** repeating his junior sabre triumph by winning the Senior sabre cup as well.

The Cadets of the New Orleans Academy, local Prep School, defeated the Athos Club, fencing organization of the Louisiana State University, 21-6; 8-1 in foil, 9-0 in epee and 4-5 in sabre.

The Athos Club defeated the fencers of the New Orleans Athletic Club 15-12, winning the foil and sabre matches and losing the epee.

The first New Orleans High School Fencing Team Championship was won by the Fortier High School which defeated the S. J. Peters High School 5-4 in foil in both the A and B classes.

The Order of Saint George, the international fencing honor society, is sponsoring an outdoor Epee and Sabre Tournament under the Duelling Oaks on Labor Day. This Tournament is open to any and all contestants. (Entry fee -- 50c per weapon) Entries should be in the hands of **Prof. Orest Meykar**, 528 Royal Street, New Orleans, provisional Chancellor of the Order, by September 1st. The Order was organized two years ago in response to a demand for a directed social intercourse organization dedicated to the encouragement of gentlemanly behavior and the promotion of fencing. The new Charter of Foundation and the Laws will be approved at the Conclave of the Order which is to be held in conjunction with the above Tournament. The Order has members throughout the South and in Latin America and all persons interested are invited to join.

The fencing team of the 108th Cavalry, Louisiana National Guard, will meet fencers of the Chattanooga and Nashville Y.M.C.A.'s while at summer camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. from July 15th to July 30th. Any other teams of similar military organization of Regular Army, Navy or National Guard may arrange for matches with the Cavalry unit by writing to **Prof. Orest Meykar**, Staff Sergeant, whose address is given in the paragraph above.

## MINNESOTA

Early this summer ten different Divisional championships were decided in the 7th Annual Minnesota Fencing Tournament in St. Paul and Minnesota. Fourteen women and forty six men made 102 different entries in the ten competitions and participated in 346 bouts. Medals were awarded to the individual first place winners and diplomas were issued to the five highest in each competition. The winners were:

Mens Senior Foil — **Wilard Ronayne**, St. Thomas College.

Mens Junior Foil — **Donald Eichinger**, St. Thomas College.

Mens Novice Foil — **Don. Baumann**, Wilson High School, St. Paul.

Womens Senior Foil — **Cleo C. Smith**, University of Minnesota.

Womens Junior Foil — **Cleo C. Smith**, University of Minnesota.

Womens Novice Foil — **Cleo C. Smith**, University of Minnesota.

Advanced High School Foil — **Jack Beavens**, Central High School, St. Paul.

Preparatory High School Foil — **Donald Bauman**, Wilson High School, St. Paul.

Mens Epee — **Edward C. Straub**, Cyrano Fencing Ass'n, Minneapolis.

Mens Sabre — **James Delehanty**, St. Thomas College.

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