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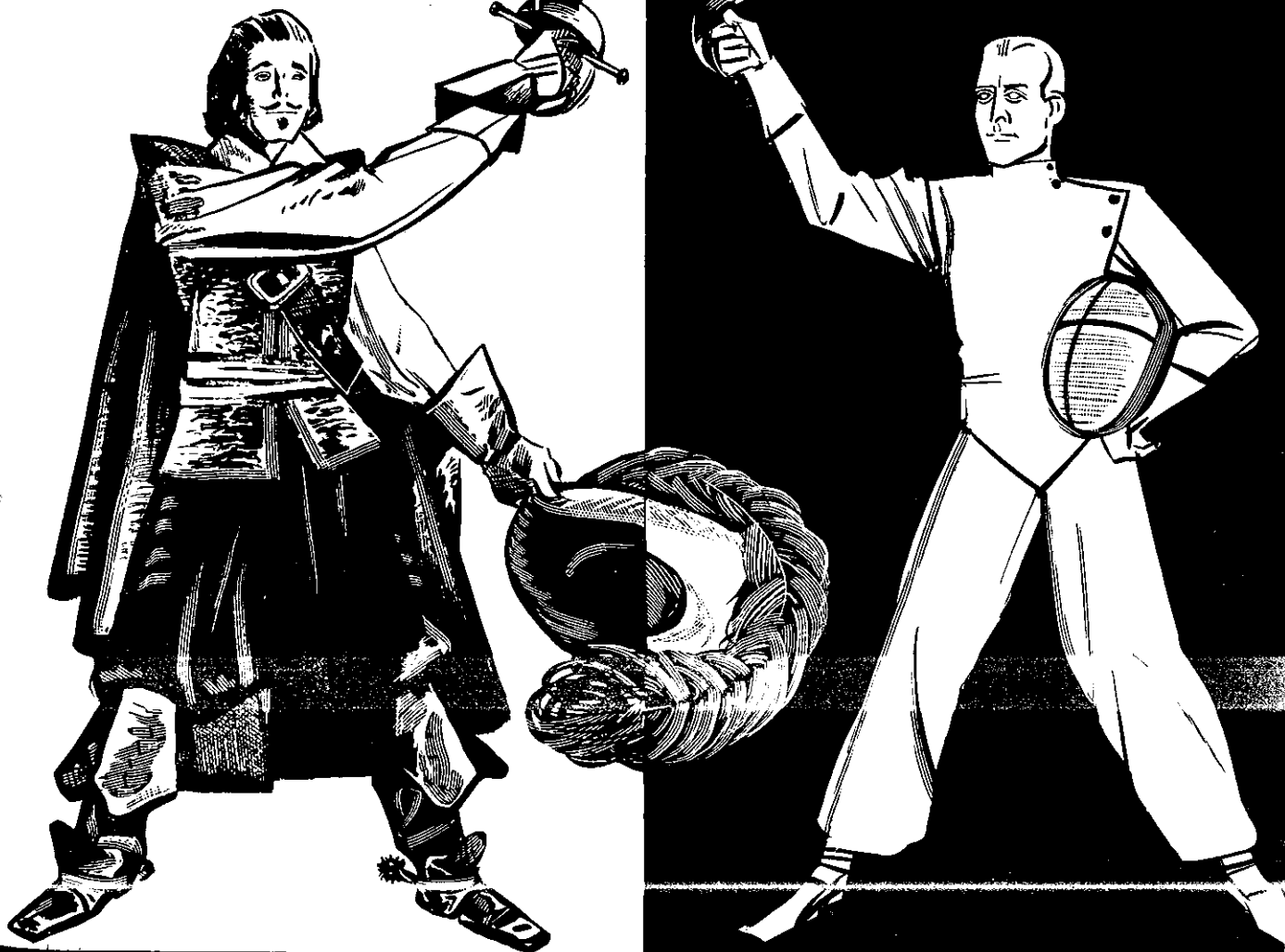
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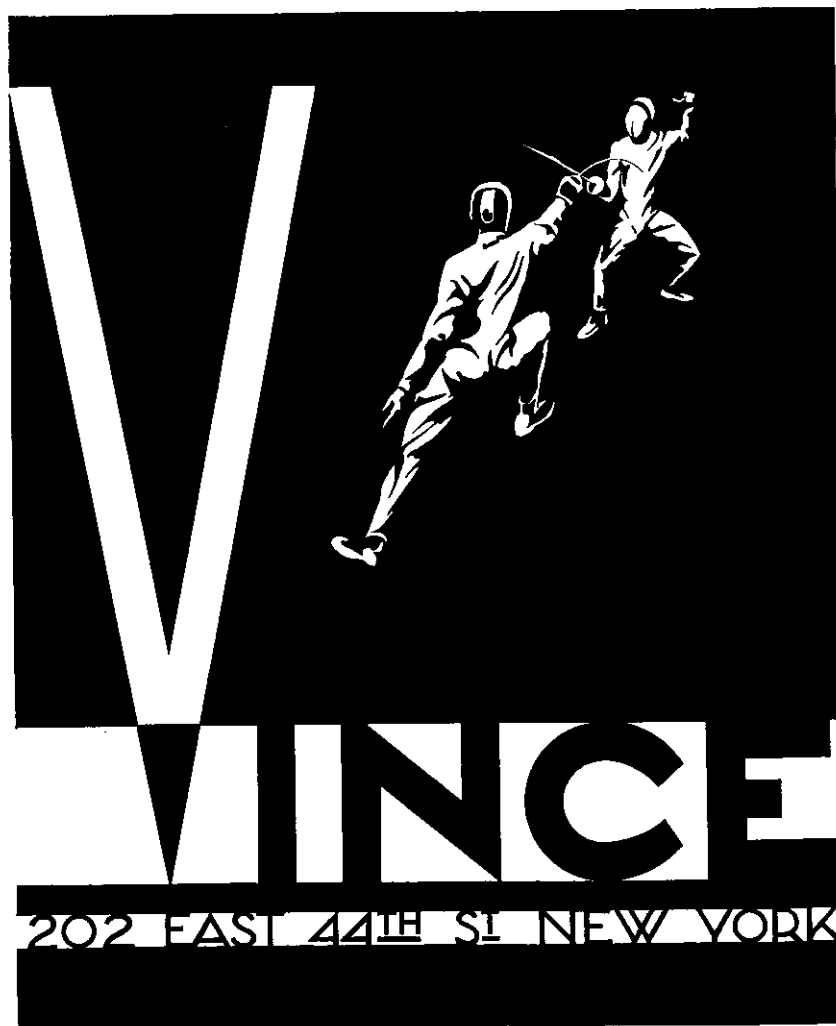
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THE SECOND INVASION OF CUBA An informal account of the Cuban-American fencing matches of 1939

By MIGUEL A. DE CAPRILES,
Captain of the A. F. L. A. team

When Dernell Every asks me to do another diary of the Cuban trip for *The Riposte*, he warns me to make it short, so that there may be room for other things in this issue. However, I want all our readers to enjoy the trip, the gossip, and the excitement of the matches, as much as we do as members of the team. So we'll have to let the editor worry about space.

Three of us leave on the ORIENTE on December 20: my brother Jose, Ed Carfagno of Los Angeles, and myself. Gus Heiss and Norman Armitage are to follow on the MEXICO on December 22. There is much excitement even before the ORIENTE leaves. Our Pacific Coast champion arrives with his brand-new bride, Lois, and is she a honey! We get the romantic details: the bridal party leaves L. A. one bright A. M., there is a ceremony in Yuma, Arizona, in the P. M., and then Mr. and Mrs. break the cross-country record in their sturdy steed—I mean Cadillac—making fantastic speeds but getting no tickets. We recall the Nationals in San Francisco last summer, and remember Ed not at all like a prospective bridegroom.

Harold Van Buskirk and Johnny Huffman are on hand with final instructions. Jose promises to be a perfect chaperon to Ed and myself with our respective wives. Mother Huffman (who has arranged all such details as international licenses, emblems, etc.), and lovely Barbara Cochrane (your reporter's secret passion), come to bid us *bon voyage*.

The outward trip is a bit rough; in fact we are all seasick except Ed. But his superior seamanship nearly proves disastrous, as the gale blows shut a heavy door which smashes the tip of his right index finger, and he is right handed! . . . Upon arrival in Havana on the 23rd, we are met by Lorenzo ("Jimmy") Nordarse, Cuba's tennis champion and Davis Cup star, who represents Lt. Col. Jaime Marine, Sports Commissioner of Cuba and our official host; by Mr. Meredith Weatherby, American vice-consul; and by our friends the leading Cuban fencers.

Three full days before the foil matches give Ed, Jose and myself ample opportunity to round out into first-class physical shape. We practice at the Colegio de Arquitectos and at our familiar headquarters, the Vedado Tennis Club. We enjoy the warm and sunny weather, and the beautiful salt-water pool. Lois Carfagno will remember it well. One afternoon, fresh from the beauty parlor and a perfect hair-dressing job, she decides to tease Ed, and the latter finally gives her a sound ducking—without a cap. As Ed says later: "It was expensive, but worth it!" There are sight-seeing trips, cocktails (the tomato-juice kind for the fencers) at Prado 82 with Col. Marine, and a fascinating game of Jai-Alai. A heavy rain Christmas Eve, most unusual during the current "dry" season, wrecks many parties, and marks an unfavorable turn in the weather, which continues

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UNITED STATES VS. CUBA CAPTAIN'S REPORT

President Harold Van Buskirk
Amateur Fencers League of America
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in submitting the captain's report on the international fencing matches between teams representing the Amateur Fencers League of America and the Federacion Nacional de Amateurs de Esgrima de Cuba, which were held at the Palacio de los Deportes in the City of Habana on December 26, 28, and 29, 1939.

The matches were held respectively in foil, epee, and sabre and the teams consisted of three men and one substitute in each weapon.

The teams were composed as follows:

FOIL

U. S. A.	CUBA
1. Jose R. de Capriles	1. Ignacio Taboada
2. Edward Carfagno	2. Sergio Luis Barrera
3. Lt. Gustave M. Heiss	3. Carlos Lamar Schweyer
Alt. Miguel A. de Capriles	Alt. Luis Leon

EPEE

U. S. A.	CUBA
1. Lt. Gustave M. Heiss	1. Carlos Lamar Schweyer
2. Jose R. de Capriles	2. Dr. Eugenio Sardina
3. Dr. Norman C. Armitage	3. Eugenio Garate
Alt. Miguel A. de Capriles	Alt. Rogelio Barata

SABRE

U. S. A.	CUBA
1. Dr. Norman C. Armitage	1. Dr. Roberto Manalich
2. Miguel A. de Capriles	2. Eugenio Garate
3. Edward Carfagno	3. George V. Worth
Alt. Jose R. de Capriles	Alt. Dr. H. Eugenio Lorant

The Cuban team was captained by Comandante Ramon Fonst.

The foil match was won by the United States—5 bouts to 4. Jose de Capriles and Edward Carfagno each won two bouts and Gustave Heiss won one. Victory was decided in the eighth bout of the series. The outstanding performance of the match was that of Carlos Lamar, Cuba's National Foil Champion, who defeated all three of his American opponents.

The epee match was won by the United States—5 bouts to 3, with 1 bout tied. In this match Jose de Capriles was outstanding, winning his three bouts. Gustave Heiss broke even with one victory, one defeat, and one tie, and Norman Armitage won the last bout of the match, which settled the issue. In this match the bouts were fought for 5 touches instead of the customary 3, in accordance with the agreement previously made between the two teams. It was a source of regret to the American team that Eugenio Sardina, Cuban National Epee Champion, was far below his usual form.

The sabre match was won by Cuba—6 bouts to 3. In this match Miguel de Capriles won two bouts and Edward Carfagno won one. Norman Armitage, our National Champion, had a distinctly off night. The outstanding performance of the match was that of George Worth, Cuban National Sabre Champion, who was in superb form and won all of his three bouts, each by a 5 to 1 score.

As a result of winning two of the three matches, the American team was the winner of the competition. It is to be noted, however, that the two teams were tied in bout victories, and that the summary of

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EDITORIAL

The season is now in full swing. So many reports are being received, having news value, that there is a real threat of having our general articles crowded out of our pages. Never fear! We consider fencing articles as deserving half of the space of our magazine. This nevertheless will explain why many of our news items are cut to the bone.

The Cuban trip has monopolized much of our space this issue, as it usually does in the first issue of each year. We are indebted to Miguel A. de Capriles for two descriptions of the trip, one formal and the other informal. We appreciate how a writing assignment can detract from one's own pleasure in a trip of this kind and therefore are doubly indebted to him for his two contributions.

I. C. F. A. ELECTIONS AND RULES

The Governing Council of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association met in New York City on January 18th to elect a President to take the place of Mr. Malcolm Farmer who had resigned as of the first of the year. Mr. Farmer, former Graduate Manager of Athletics at Yale University, had likewise resigned that position at Yale to accept an Executive position with a Manufacturing and Engineering concern.

Mr. Kenneth Fairman, Graduate Manager of Athletics at Princeton University, was elected new I. C. F. A. President. Mr. Asa S. Bushnell of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association will continue as Secretary and Treasurer of the I. C. F. A.

After considerable discussion, the Council voted that the I. C. F. A. would operate under fencing rules similar to the A. F. L. A. with the two following exceptions:

(1) The official strip markings with visual warning lines are obligatory; eliminating the optional F. I. E. markings.

(2) Tie bouts in epee will score as a half victory to each contestant instead of a full loss to both competitors.

These limited changes indicate the acceptance of the A. F. L. A. ground rules of once-off in foil and twice-off in sabre and epee whereas the I. C. F. A. operated last year with a once-off ruling in all three weapons. It also indicates the acceptance of the new A. F. L. A. fleche rulings whereas we published a memorandum in our last issue that there was a rumor that the I. C. F. A. might completely eliminate the fleche.

President Fairman appointed a Committee of Hugh V. Alessandroni, George Breed and Howard Hanway to sit jointly with the A. F. L. A. Rules Committee in its work of preparing a new 1940 Rules Book.

NOMINATIONS FOR A. F. L. A. OFFICERS

The National Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for officers of the A. F. L. A. for the 1940-1941 season:

- For President: Dr. John R. Huffman.
- For Vice President: Richard F. Warren.
- For Secretary: Dr. Ervin S. Acel.
- For Treasurer: George Cochrane.

The Non-Divisional Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for Non-Divisional Members of the Board of Governors for the 1940-1941 season:

- Dr. Norman C. Armitage, Fencers Club.
- Henrique A. Berumen, Salle Santelli.
- Miguel A. de Capriles, Salle Santelli.
- Madeline Dalton, Salle d'Armes Vince.
- Robert Driscoll, Fencers Club.
- Edward Egan, Saltus Fencing Club.
- Dernell Every, N. Y. A. C.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the A. F. L. A., both sets of nominations were presented to the Secretary of the League on February 1st.

RALPH E. MARSON ELECTED METROPOLITAN BOUT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ralph E. Marson of the New York Athletic Club was unanimously elected by the New York Metropolitan Committee to the Chairmanship of the Metropolitan Bout Committee vacated as of January 15th by the resignation of Warren A. Dow. Mr. Dow's resignation was accepted with regret and appreciation of his work in the first half of the season. He will continue as Chairman of the National Bout Committee.

The Secretary of the Metropolitan Committee notified all fencers, coming under its jurisdiction, of the change. All applications for entry into competition and all entry fees must now be sent to Mr. Ralph E. Marson, Chairman Metropolitan Bout Committee, 57 West 105th Street, New York City. Fencers from out of New York City, who may not have been notified of the change and wishing to enter New York City competitions, please note.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The P. S. A. L. 1940 Round Robin Fencing Tournament will begin on Saturday, February 17th. There are 16 New York City High Schools in the Fencing League, being divided into two Divisions of eight teams each. The eight teams in each Division are paired among themselves each Saturday for seven weeks until each team within a Division has fenced the seven other teams. The high teams in each Division meet on April 20th for the Team Championship. There will also be an Individual Championship which will be completed on May 10th.

Each team has 6 competitors with substitutes. These six fencers are graded from 1 to 6. A team meet consists of = 1 and = 2 fencing a round-robin with the opponents' = 1 and = 2, the same occurs between the 3's and 4's and the 5's and 6's, making a total of 12 bouts in each match. Bouts are only in foil. Individuals and teams showing the best form receive medals at the end of the season as well as the highest scoring individuals and teams.

SECOND ANNUAL INVITATION PENTAGONAL

Fencers from Army, Navy, Yale, Harvard and Princeton assembled during Christmas vacation to hold the second annual invitation pentagonal individual championships. They were held this year on December 23rd at the Salle Santelli. Abraham Campo of Navy retained the sabre crown, while Burns Sport of Navy won the foil title. Top honors in the epee division went to Jack Zaugg, captain of the Princeton team.

Campo tied for first in sabre with Philip Viscidi and Arthur Litt, both of Yale. The three-cornered deadlock still existed after the fence-off. Finally, touches against were counted and Campo won on that basis.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE FENCING TOURNAMENT

The annual Christmas College Fencing Tournament sponsored by the A. F. L. A. and directed by the Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Association attracted 40 entries, the largest in its history. Held in the gymnasium of Brooklyn College it required six hours to complete. Miss Helena Mroczkowska of Hofstra College, current Intercollegiate Champion, won after two fence-offs. At the completion of the Finals, Miss Mroczkowska was tied with the former champion Miss Maria Cerra of Hunter College and Miss Beryl Petchesky of New York University. After a fence-off the three girls were still tied for first. At this point Miss Petchesky, who had pulled a muscle, defaulted to take third place and Miss Mroczkowska defeated Miss Cerra 4-3 to take first.

N. Y. A. C. ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE FOILS TOURNAMENT

Silvio Giolito, N. Y. U. Senior, established a record in the more than thirty-year history of this annual tournament by winning it for the third year in a row. Giolito swept eight bouts straight in the final round after more than six hours of competition. Other winners from among the 33 collegians who competed on December 20th at the N. Y. A. C. were Murray Kornfeld of St. John's University, who took second, and Ezra Cassel of N. Y. U., who was third.

RIVERDALE ANNUAL INVITATION FENCING TOURNAMENT

On December 21st, 105 fencers from 11 colleges and 10 preparatory schools gathered at the Riverdale Country School to compete in that school's fourth annual invitation fencing tournament. The winners were:

Foil—1st, Fred Gillen (Seton Hall College); 2nd, Albert Belluci (Seton Hall), and 3rd, Harry Boutsikaris (Seton Hall).

Sabre—1st, Harry Boutsikaris (Seton Hall); 2nd, Fred Gillen (Seton Hall), and 3rd, Albert Belluci (Seton Hall).

Epee—1st, Austin Prokop (Seton Hall); 2nd, Robert Cooper (Lafayette), and 3rd, Steve Salat (St. John's University).

Junior Foil Event (under 15 years of age)—1st, William Boutsikaris (Central Ave. Grammar School, Newark); 2nd, Karl Detzer (Riverdale), and 3rd, Frederick Gahagen (Riverdale).

The Remise

Notice may be found elsewhere in this issue of the resignation of Warren A. Dow as Chairman of the Metropolitan Bout Committee and the election of Ralph E. Marson to that position for the remainder of the season. When one realizes that Dow was Chairman of the National Bout Committee, Chairman of the Metropolitan Bout Committee, member of the A. F. L. A. Board of Governors and the Metropolitan Committee of the A. F. L. A., Business Manager of The Riposte, while at the same time competing actively in every competition in his classification and training an amateur class in foil, it is no wonder that he finally found it necessary to shed some of his responsibilities. Dow was a conscientious Chairman, a hard worker, a good Judge and Director in all weapons and a strict and impartial enforcer of rules. He inspired confidence among his co-workers toward whose training and encouragement he devoted considerable time and patience. He deserves the thanks of the hundreds of fencers in New York City who have competed this season in fencing matches under his arrangement and management.

Ralph Marson is relatively inexperienced in Bout Committee work. However, he has accepted its full duties with energy and the desire to do a difficult job well. As a Senior foilsman and sabreman and Junior epeeist he assumes his Chairmanship with a good technical knowledge of the sport. With the present, trained Bout Committee standing by him plus any new members he proposes for addition, he has a competent and experienced staff of co-workers. We believe that the New York Metropolitan Committee will find itself justified in his election.

The most responsible positions in the A. F. L. A. and other fencing leagues are those of the scores of Bout Committee Chairmen throughout the country. In accepting their duties, they sacrifice much of their personal time and energy to their Leagues and to the furtherance of fencing. To them and to their predecessors should go full credit for the development of competitive fencing in the United States to its present important position.

This column wishes Marson every success in his new Chairmanship. Nor does it hold any reservations as to that success from the evidences to date. Naturally, he cannot do the whole job singlehanded. He needs the cooperation of the many self-sacrificing fencers who work every year to make the Bout Committee's task accomplishable. We are counting upon this too, for we have yet to see the fencers let themselves down.

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Gossip and More

Maxwell Garrett has undertaken a study of "reaction time" as subject for his post-graduate thesis. He has chosen fifteen people as "guinea pigs": five plain, everyday average persons, five people who are learning to fence and five experienced fencers. He has developed a special portable electrical testing machine with which he intends to make one hour tests at monthly intervals. He wishes to prove whether or not reaction time can be improved in the individual and has chosen fencing as a means of proof.

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A second televised fencing program has been presented within the past month. In this program Ralph E. Marson and Nickolas Muray performed with plenty of sound in exciting encounters in all three weapons. It was a half hour afternoon program whose reception received favorable comment.

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Miss Helena Mroczkowska whose fencing successes occupy considerable space elsewhere in this magazine was given

en special space in the New York Times for another "sport" activity. On December 18th the Times reported that she was the first girl to "solo" this year in the civilian flight training program sponsored by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the Metropolitan area.

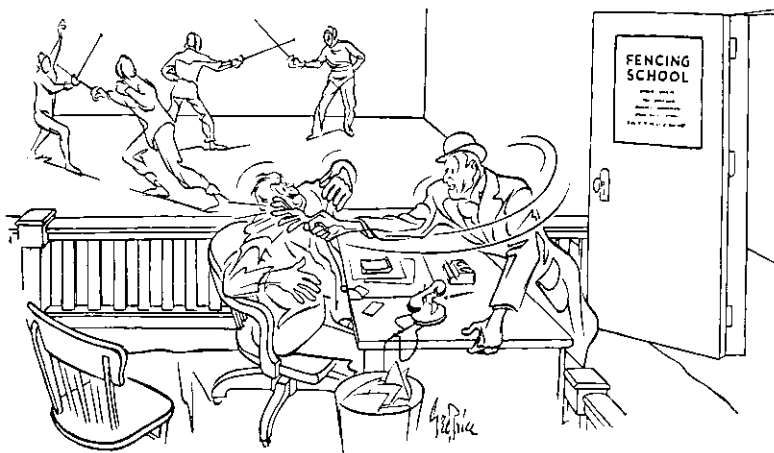
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The Columbia Rapier Club is leaving no stone unturned to make this year's Party bigger and better than ever. This Club has always had the knack of putting over fencing exhibitions with pep, excitement and variety and has again obtained the help of top-notch blade-wielders. It also promises an unusual program of legerdemain and magic by Julian Bush, ex-Columbia fencer, whose continued interest in the sport usually fills his programs with sabres, epees and bloodless surgery. A complete program followed by a formal dance should make this year's Party one of the best, which means excellent.

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American fencing is fortunate in having Mr. Carlo Anselmi come to these shores for permanent residence. Mr. Anselmi has been a member of the Technical Committee of the F.I.E. for many years but what is more important to us, he is probably the greatest fencing director in all weapons that Europe has ever developed. His skill and efficiency as a director in Italy requires no further proof than the requests for his service in that capacity by the French team itself in many French-Italian fencing contests. As a former member of the Italian Olympic Fencing

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"I wish to enroll!"

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THE REMISE
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Edward Carfagno, second ranking foinlsman in the United States, came to New York City for so short a stay that he had time to enter only one competition. As representative of the Los Angeles Athletic Club and member of the Southern California Division he had driven cross-country with his new bride to take the round trip to Cuba for the second United States-Cuba fencing matches. He entered the Individual Open Foil Competition on January 6th and surprised everyone, naturally excepting his bride, by winning the gold medal. We say "surprised" not in relation to his usual skill but rather to his poor showing in the earlier part of that particular competition. His earlier bouts had been far from spectacular which made his recovery in the Finals all the more "surprising". He nearly missed qualifying from the semi-final round but did accomplish that on the basis of touches and then in the Finals proceeded to cut down one opponent after another in a steady methodical manner to end the long afternoon at the top of the list.

The fencing as a whole showed early-season lack of training on the part of most fencers. Huffman, Dow and Lewis were noticeably off form, Lewis being eliminated just before the Final Pool of six. Jose de Capriles and Silvio Giolito fenced well and their elan was in striking contrast to the rest of the competitors.

If the feeling persists that New Yorkers are jealous of their own, witness the fact that Carfagno was a popular winner and received the sincere congratula-

tions of everyone. He will always be welcome to New York competition, provided of course, that he brings Mrs. Carfagno to present all of the medals.

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Team, he plans to resume active competitive fencing and has joined the N. Y. A. C.

Mr. Anselmi's method of directing includes not only the fast, accurate analysis of movements but also a charmingly authoritative control of judges, contestants and spectators which has become the model for fencing directors all over the world. American fencing not only can make good use of his services but also with his good example should go far in the improvement and development of its own directors.

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The New York Times Magazine of January 21st featured a fencing article entitled, "Eh, La!" by Mr. Kenneth Stewart, staff writer. Mr. Stewart knew nothing about fencing when he undertook the assignment but, after visiting all of the Salle d'Armes, talking to professionals and amateurs and reading an extensive bibliography on the sport, turned out an article that should prove interesting to non-fencers and fencers alike.



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**UNITED STATES VS. CUBA
CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

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touches shows that Cuba out-scored the United States by six points. All the matches were hard fought, and ten bouts were decided by a single touch.

While the privilege of free substitutions at any stage of the match was permitted to both teams, substitutions were actually made only after the issue had been decided in each match. In the foil, Miguel de Capriles was substituted for Gustave Heiss on the American team in the last bout, which he lost to S. Luis Barrena. In the epee there were no substitutions inasmuch as the match was in doubt until the last bout. In the sabre, the issue was decided in the seventh bout. In the eighth bout, Eugenio Lorant was substituted for Roberto Manalich on the Cuban team, and he lost to Miguel de Capriles. In the ninth bout, Jose de Capriles was substituted for Edward Carfagno on the American team, and he lost to Eugenio Garate.

Specific mention should be made of the courtesy and sportsmanship of the Cuban team in asking the non-playing members on the American team to serve on the jury so as to rotate the position of director. On their own part, the Cubans made a commendable effort to place on the jury men who had been active competitors in the sport in recent years. The result was an improvement in the quality of the judging as compared with last year. Specially praiseworthy were the performances of Eugenio Garate, Carlos Lamar, Eugenio Sardina, and George Worth.

I wish to take this opportunity also to comment upon the excellent performance of Edward Carfagno in his debut as an international fencer. Despite a painful injury to the index finger of his sword hand which he suffered during the outward trip, he fenced with fine skill, judgment, and decision.

The remaining members of the team are veterans of international competition and generally their performances speak for themselves. I regret that it was necessary to use Gustave Heiss in the foil on the evening of the day that he arrived, despite the fact that I knew about his sore elbow. Norman Armitage put up a splendid fight in the epee, but I am unable to account for his sudden and unusual reversal of form in the sabre. As for Jose de Capriles, he was clearly the star of our team, and he earned the highest praise from our respected and friendly opponents.

Professor Fernando Alonso, on behalf of the Direccion General Nacional de Deportes of Cuba, under whose auspices the competition was held, awarded gold medals to the four members of the American team in foil, to the three participating members of the American team in epee, and to the four members of the Cuban team in sabre. In addition a trophy for the American team will be forthcoming as soon as it is properly engraved.

The American team entertained the Cuban team and the officials at luncheon on December 30th. It was my privilege, on behalf of the Amateur Fencers League of America, to present a special gold medal to Comandante Ramon Fonst, non-playing captain of the Cuban team. Dr. Sardina, as President of the Federacion Nacional de Esgrima de Cuba, in a brief and moving speech, expressed the thought that in

honoring the man who embodies the soul and the outstanding achievements of Cuban fencing, the Amateur Fencers League of America had honored all the fencers of Cuba. Jose de Capriles then presented his foil medal to Carlos Lamar as a tribute to the latter's perfect performance in that weapon.

The detailed scores of the bouts and a statistical summary of the results are hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel A. de Capriles,
Captain.

January 5, 1940.

RESULTS OF THE MATCHES

FOIL

December 26, 1939.

1. Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated Ignacio Taboada (Cuba) 5-4.
 2. Edward Carfagno (U. S. A.) defeated Sergio Luis Barrena (Cuba) 5-4.
 3. Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) defeated Lt. Gustave M. Heiss (U. S. A.) 5-4.
 4. Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated S. Luis Barrena (Cuba) 5-4.
 5. Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) defeated Edward Carfagno (U. S. A.) 5-3.
 6. Lt. Gustave M. Heiss (U. S. A.) defeated Ignacio Taboada (Cuba) 5-4.
 7. Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) defeated Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) 5-4.
 8. Edward Carfagno (U. S. A.) defeated Ignacio Taboada (Cuba) 5-3.
 9. S. Luis Barrena (Cuba) defeated Miguel A. de Capriles (U. S. A.) 5-3.
- Match won by the United States, 5 bouts to 4.
Touches received, 39; touches scored, 39.

EPEE

December 28, 1939.

1. Lt. Gustave M. Heiss (U. S. A.) tied Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) 5-5.
 2. Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated Eugenio Sardina (Cuba) 5-1.
 3. Eugenio Garate (Cuba) defeated Norman C. Armitage (U. S. A.) 5-4.
 4. Lt. Gustave M. Heiss (U. S. A.) defeated Eugenio Sardina (Cuba) 5-3.
 5. Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated Eugenio Garate (Cuba) 5-4.
 6. Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) defeated Norman C. Armitage (U. S. A.) 5-4.
 7. Eugenio Garate (Cuba) defeated Lt. Gustave M. Heiss (U. S. A.) 5-2.
 8. Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated Carlos Lamar Schweyer (Cuba) 5-3.
 9. Norman C. Armitage (U. S. A.) defeated Eugenio Sardina (Cuba) 5-4.
- Match won by United States, 5½ bouts to 3½.
Touches received, 35; touches scored, 40.

SABRE

December 29, 1939.

1. Roberto Manalich (Cuba) defeated Norman C. Armitage (U. S. A.) 5-3.
 2. Miguel A. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated Eugenio Garate (Cuba) 5-3.
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 7. George V. Worth (Cuba) defeated Norman C. Armitage (U. S. A.) 5-1.
 8. Miguel A. de Capriles (U. S. A.) defeated H. Eugenio Lorant (Cuba) 5-0.
 9. Eugenio Garate (Cuba) defeated Jose R. de Capriles (U. S. A.) 5-2.
- Match won by Cuba, 6 bouts to 3.
Touches received, 26; touches scored, 37.

RESULT OF THE MEET

Won by United States, 2 matches to 1.
Bouts won 13½; bouts lost 13½.
Touches received, 111; touches scored 105.

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS A. F. L. A. TEAM

Foil	Bouts			Touches	
	Won	Tied	Lost	Rec'd	Scored
Jose R. de Capriles	2	..	1	13	14
Edward Carfagno	2	..	1	12	13
Lt. Gustave M. Heiss	1	..	1	9	9
Miguel A. de Capriles	0	..	1	5	3
<i>Epee</i>					
Jose R. de Capriles	3	..	0	8	15
Lt. Gustave M. Heiss	1	1	1	13	12
Norman C. Armitage	1	..	2	14	13
<i>Sabre</i>					
Miguel A. de Capriles	2	..	1	8	11
Edward Carfagno	1	..	1	9	6
Norman C. Armitage	0	..	3	15	7
Jose R. de Capriles	0	..	1	5	2
<i>Total</i>					
Jose R. de Capriles	5	..	2	26	31
Edward Carfagno	3	..	2	21	19
Lt. Gustave M. Heiss	2	1	2	22	21
Miguel A. de Capriles	2	..	2	13	14
Norman C. Armitage	1	..	5	29	20
Total	13	1	13	111	105

F. N. A. E. C. TEAM

Foil	Bouts			Touches	
	Won	Tied	Lost	Rec'd	Scored
Carlos Lamar Schweyer	3	..	0	11	15
Sergio Luis Barrena	1	..	2	13	13
Ignacio Taboada	0	..	3	15	11
<i>Epee</i>					
Eugenio Garate	2	..	1	11	14
Carlos Lamar Schweyer	1	1	1	14	13
Eugenio Sardina	0	..	3	15	8
<i>Sabre</i>					
George V. Worth	3	..	0	3	15
Eugenio Garate	2	..	1	10	13
Roberto Manalich	1	..	1	8	9
H. Eugenio Lorant	0	..	1	5	0
<i>Total</i>					
George V. Worth	3	..	0	3	15
Carlos Lamar Schweyer	4	1	1	25	28
Eugenio Garate	4	..	2	21	27
Roberto Manalich	1	..	1	8	9
Sergio Luis Barrena	1	..	2	13	13
Ignacio Taboada	0	..	3	15	11
Eugenio Sardina	0	..	3	15	8
H. Eugenio Lorant	0	..	1	5	0
Total	13	1	13	105	111

THE SECOND INVASION OF CUBA (Continued from page 1)

during the remainder of our stay and considerably curtails our non-fencing program.

CALCULATIONS OF A CAPTAIN

Christmas day I work out our starting line-ups. I plan to use Ed, Jose and myself in foil, with Gus Heiss (who is arriving the morning of the 26th) as alternate. Since the match is to take place in the evening of the 26th, I figure it is best to give Gus a chance to get his bearings. In epee, I have two members of the record-breaking national championship team of 1939 (Gus and Norman) and I figure that the two of them and Jose will be our best bet. And in sabre—well, I figure that is no problem at all. With the exception of John Huffman, we have the best available team on the basis of 1939 ratings, with Norman, myself, and either Jose or Ed.

The Cuban team's leading sabreman is to be our good friend and respected rival, George Worth, formerly of Budapest and New York, who is the national champion of Cuba. The Cuban federation has written in advance for our consent to their using George on the team—and of course we are delighted. Unfortunately, we find there is some opposition among the Cubans to the appearance of the Hungarian star on their team, despite the fact that he has been a resident of the Island for nearly two years.

Analyzing the strength of the Cuban team very carefully, I come to the conclusion that we should win the sabre handily. Even if Worth takes three

bouts, I do not think that Garate and Manalich can win more than one between them against our seasoned squad. In the epee, it looks as if the Cubans have the edge with a perfectly balanced team, as Lamar, Garate and Sardina are three first-class and experienced fencers. So, the issue seems to turn on the outcome of the foil match. I remember Van Buskirk's comments after the Panama games of 1938, and some hearsay during our last trip, both of which indicate that Barrena is the man to fear in foil. But I have learned that he has been afflicted with various illnesses, is presently suffering from a severe backache, and is not certain to start. Ed's bad finger bothers him, but he says he's not going to travel 4,500 miles for nothing. Under the circumstances, I feel confident of victory, as Jose and Ed look good enough to win by themselves. Thus I calculate on Christmas day.

My misgivings start on the same evening. We have feasted on suckling pig—as traditional for Christmas in Cuba as Thanksgiving turkey is with us. It is delicious with all the trimmings—but it definitely does not agree with me. The gastronomic disturbance is so acute that I have the most awful bellyache since the day when I saw Naples and nearly died—but that is another story.

The net result is that when I go to meet Gus and Norman in the wee hours of the 26th, I am literally green around the gills. Norman is giving his farewell performance at the breakfast table, and regaling Carlos Lamar and myself with the news of the voyage (including Gus' victory in the potato race). Then I hear more bad news: Gus has been suffering from the fencing equivalent of a "tennis elbow" for over a week, and finds it very painful to counterparty and to straighten the right arm fully. I explain my predicament; my stomach muscles are so sore that I can barely walk. Gus, like the fine soldier that he is, agrees to carry on in foil.

THE FOIL MATCH

In my Captain's Report, I have given the details of the bouts and of the judging. But the figures cannot tell the thrills of the foil match. Young and scrappy Taboada leads Jose in the first bout 4-2, with only thirty seconds to go, as his sharp-breaking attacks keep our lead-off man on his heels. Jose's two lightning lunges against the preparation tie the score a bare second before the end of the regulation 15 minutes. When Jose finally delivers the *coup de grace*, over 25 minutes of actual fencing time have elapsed. The second bout is another overtime uphill battle, as Barrena leads Carfagno 4-2 as "two minutes" is called. Ed's magnificent counter-sixte parries and disengage ripostes earn him the victory. Ramon Fonst tells me: "Carfagno does not look as good as he is on the strip—he is very much a fencer!" And that is the highest praise one may get from Cuba's renowned World and Olympic Champion.

Carlos Lamar, however, is the outstanding foilsman of the match, and our collective hats are off to his performance. Better known in this country as an epeeist, Lamar demonstrates what can be done with any weapon by a truly fine strategist and heady fencer. He keeps his team in the running and emerges personally unbeaten. In his bout with Jose, he makes two counter-time stops in opposition that are gems of perfect execution. A gallant champion in a losing cause.

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THE EPEE : Combat Tactics

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The good epee man may now forget all that has gone before. At last he is about to fight. No longer need he worry about his form; no more need he concern himself with the position of his left arm or the grace of his movement. Such thoughts he dismisses from his mind; they have no place in the trial by combat. Only one idea does he entertain; only one thought is given harborage. He must concentrate on the problem at hand, what to do to win?

Before he crosses blades with his opponent he has, if he would insure the main chance, sundry chores to perform. First of all, he must go about the business of warming up. There are many means to this end; any and all are acceptable. A few calisthenics, a series of lunges, a sequence of attacks and parries worked out with a companion—in short, a sufficiency of directed exercise to warm the blood and melt the customary pre-bout fridity is all that is desired in the warm-up period. A word of warning is necessary here; there is no need to be alarmed if the actions during the warm-up period are a bit wild. Jerkiness, poor timing, a sense of unreality—all these manifestations are normal before-the-battle symptoms. They are as fitting and as tell-tale as the raised hackles of a fighting cock. An epee man can use this supercharged feeling; it is part and parcel of him; it is vital to his game. Before a bout an epee man should feel as highly charged and vibrantly potential as a practical joker's Leyden jar. Such tenseness and complete aliveness are bound to affect the scholastic nicety of movements during the warm-up session. So be it. The true fighter will ever feel on edge before combat. Should he feel otherwise he is either a very old man or a sufferer from thyroid deficiency.

And now the epee man is all warmed up and more than ready to go. Alas, his bout has not yet been called; he must wait. What to do? Should he sit and brood and munch his nails? *Never!* There are other chores to be done. He must look about him and see what he can see. Are there any ground rules? Who knows them? Does the director favor the attack or the stop action? Is the light favorable to any one direction? Is the ink sticky or fluid? What weakness can be discovered in the opponent's tactics? A thousand such probings and prying will serve to assuage the hurt of waiting and will aid in keeping the mind alert, this last quality being very, very important. It is necessary to have a fighting heart, yet that organ should not be permitted to pump so much hot blood to the brain that the intelligence is in danger of drowning. Such a condition spells certain curtains for any fighter. Instead of a rush of blood to the head the epee man might well use a rush of head to the blood. If he be wise he will busy himself not in agonizing, self-consuming brooding but in an earnest, honest "Information Please" sort of activity. He must beware the hush-hush, off-your-feet, don't-talk, sit-down-and-be-quiet school of approach to the fighting of the day. Few men can be honestly phlegmatic before the jump-off. When the battle has been under way the overabundance of tension will have disappeared. By this time the fighter can, will, and should honestly rest. How sleep the brave?

There is only one answer—**SOUNDLY!**

At very long last the moment has come; the epee man is called for his bout! Does he charge in blindly, gallantly? Does he hasten the business? *Never, oh never!* First of all, is the weapon properly prepared, is the mat slippery, where is the resin? Then there come the amenities. A snappy series of salutes to the judges, the director, and the opponent is in order. These preliminaries should not be slighted; they are important! Done in a slovenly manner these gestures to form and custom become cheap and worse than meaningless. The grand salute may have gone out with the academicians, but the spirit behind that elegant acknowledgment should and must remain in fencing. Having held up his end of the formalities, the epee man comes to the middle of the strip, there to meet his opponent. But he does not fight as yet! Do the opponent's blade and bell appear to be within the prescribed limits? Did he dip his points in the ink pot? Is his blade perfectly straight? The inspection need not be irritating or brusque; it can be done at fencing distance. Actually, the director will check these items, but no harm can come of checking on the checker. And now (really, this time) the zero hour is at hand. There is the brisk command "Fence!" And then? And then it is root hog or die! No longer are there any sociabilities to be considered. Fang and cunning are to prevail.

Now each and every bout is a new problem requiring different study. It is impossible to prescribe for all situations, and this article will not attempt to accomplish more than a brief generalization of tactical problems and their possible treatment. To begin with, every opponent must be "felt out." He is an unknown quantity, a dangerous person who, at first, appears impregnable. How near can you get to him? Crowd him a little, press him for distance—when does he resent your encroachment? Oh, he wants you to come to him. Then tread lightly, you have found that you are playing his game. **NEVER PLAY THE OTHER FELLOW'S GAME!** Sit back awhile; flout him a bit. If you can get him to come to you he will be working in an element not to his liking. So much the better. But suppose that, despite all your allurements, your opponent refuses the bait. Then you must carry the fight to him. But you must build up your attack carefully; there must be no wild rushing, no blind plunging. Instead, there must be cool and clever planning. Use every means at your command to force your opponent to show his weakness. False attacks, presses, beats—all should be used to find out the enemy's reaction. Having found a breach, do not charge in at once. The enemy (presume he is a worthy foe) knows that he has shown his hand. He will be waiting for you. Play away from him for awhile. Worry your man in other departments; then let him have it. And, mind you, it is only when you have planned your attack, when you have reason to have faith in the ultimate success of your action—then, and then only, do you attack. **NEVER ATTACK BLINDLY.** And never attack with reservations! Go on in, whole hog. Obviously, attacks to the wrist and lower arm do not require an "all-out" action. It is when your target

is the leg, body, or upper arm that you go completely "all out". On such attacks you have committed your reserve; therefore, give everything that is in you.

Should your opponent be the aggressive, crowding type of fighter you may find yourself completely dominated—a sad state of affairs. You must then out-bluff your bluffer. Yell at him, beat his blade fiercely, ego him down. But do not rashly expose yourself. One thing is certain, you cannot permit the other fellow to outface you. Presuming, however, that your opponent is too superbly cocky to be dissuaded from his domineering tactics, what is there left to do? One thing—KEEP YOUR POINT OUT IN FRONT OF YOU! Deceive his blade as best you can, and pray that the big bully will spit himself. Remember, your point is your first line of defense. It is a tank trap and land mine in one. Championships have been won through the playing of a point-in-line game. Take heart!

So much for the general tactics of epee fencing. With the exception of the POINT clause they do not differ from the tactics of any weapon. Tactics merely mean the disposition and maneuvering of your forces on the field of battle. Intelligence, coupled with skill and the will to win—these qualities a man must have and must use if he would come out on top in any competition. Given these qualities, an epee man will ride close to the very top. Giving the best within him to the sport he has adopted as his own, the epee man will merit and receive a rich return.

E. I. F. C. CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MARCH 22 AND 23

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., has been selected for the holding of the Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing Conference Championships on March 22nd and 23rd. Over 20 teams and 200 fencers will participate in this Third Annual Championship. On the basis of 20 teams competing in round robin style in foil, sabre and epee, 1,710 bouts will be fought. Each team will have fought 171 bouts, while some fencers doubling up in two weapons will have competed against as many as 38 opponents.

The teams whose standings entitle them to participate on the basis of last year's record are: Dartmouth, Syracuse, Lafayette, North Carolina, Temple, Lehigh, Seton Hall, Hofstra, Long Island, Boston University, Bowdoin, Buffalo, Panzer, Wagner, Boston College, William & Mary, Fordham and Norwich. Several other colleges whose fencing records are under consideration for membership include Williams, Amherst, Brown, Middlebury and Rollins. Should these colleges be added a preliminary elimination round will be necessary. The preliminary round will contain all teams ranked lower than 10th in last year's competition and all new teams. This round will decide the 10 challenging teams to enter the 20-team championship round-robin.

The response this year has been larger than ever before, especially with new fencing units at Colgate, Duke, Tennessee, Maryland and Virginia.

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The Women's Novice Foil and the Men's Novice Foil Competition on December 2nd and the Men's Novice Sabre Competition on December 3rd were all scheduled to coincide with an Amateur Sports Show held at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland. Despite the fact that the Auditorium proved too large and drafty for fencing competitions, the entry lists were the largest ever received in novice competitions here.

There were 31 contestants in the Men's Novice Foil. At the end of the six-man Final Pool, Chandler C. Smith and Richard Mercer of Funke Fencing Academy and Lawrence Bocci of the Young Italian Club were tied for first with three victories and two losses apiece. They finished in that order in a fence-off.

The Women's Novice Foil Competition attracted 21 entries. There were 8 girls in the Final Pool with Miss Betty Jane Nevis of the Funke Fencing Academy winning first place with 6 wins and 1 loss. She received only 8 touches against her in the 6 bouts she won. Miss Gertrude Metter and Miss Lynette Goldstone, both from the Funke Fencing Academy, were second and third respectively, Miss Metter suffering two losses in the Finals and Miss Goldstone losing three bouts.

The Novice Epee competition had 18 entries. Lawrence Bocci of the Young Italian Club went through the 8-man Final Pool undefeated with only 12 touches against him. Jack Hovick of the University of California was second and Chandler C. Smith of the Funke Fencing Academy was third.

The Junior Epee Team competition attracted only three teams on December 8th. The competition was held at the Young Italian Club. The Olympic Club team of Louis Lataillade, Alfred R. Snyder and Mer-ton Davies defeated the University of California team 6-3 and the Young Italian Club 5-1, while the University team defeated the Young Italian Club 6-3.

There were eight entries in the Divisional Junior Sabre Championship held at the Funke Fencing Academy on January 19th. Mr. Lawrence Bocci came off the eventual winner after tying with Robert Shrader, unattached, with six wins and one loss apiece in the 8-man pool. Bocci won the fence-off 5-1, after losing 4-5 in the original bout with Shrader. Walter Westman, Olympic Club, was third with 5 wins and 2 losses in the original pool. The three place winners automatically qualified to represent San Francisco in the Pacific Coast Junior Sabre Championships.

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ST. LOUIS

Alan Beck of La Septieme defeated his clubmate, Mauthe Frech, in the fence-off for first place in the Novice Foil Competition on January 9th at Webster High School. There had been 12 entries. Edward Maher took third place in the six-man finals. One feature of the competition was the extension of bouts to 6 touches if at 5 the leader did not have a two-point advantage.

Thirteen girls entered the Women's Prep Foil on January 14th at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Betty Pentland, unattached, went through the six-girl Finals undefeated to win first place. Miss Gladys Holley of the Ozark Fencing Club was second with only one loss, while Miss Lorraine Yaeger of the Salle d'Armes Vical was third with two losses. Bouts were for 5 touches.

There were three teams entered in the Novice Epee Team competition: Salle d'Armes Vical "A" and "B" and Imperial Fencers Club. The Vical "B" team, made up of Rudolf Beck, John Gast and Warren Wiperman, pulled a surprise in defeating the Imperials 5-1 and their own "A" team 5-2.

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ILLINOIS

The Illinois A. F. L. A. fencing season opened with an Open Foil Competition at the Lake Shore Athletic Club in Chicago on December 17th. Oscar Barab of the Hermanson Fencing School, won first place, winning all his bouts in the finals. Tully Friedman of Northwestern won second place, while Charles Corbett of the University of Chicago placed third.

The second competition of the season was the Open Junior Foil Competition held at the University of Chicago on January 7th. It was won by Bernard Fishman of Austin High School after a three-way fence-off with Jerry Mau of the Edgewater Fencers Club who was second and Armand Stella of Austin High School, who was third.

Both the Open Sabre and the Open Epee Individual Competitions were held on January 14th at the Bartlett Gymnasium. There were 15 entries in each competition, fencing continuing from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M., with no time out for lunch.

Karl Hanisch of the Michigan Division won the sabre competition, going through the 5-man Finals undefeated. Donald McDonald of the University of Chicago was second, winning three bouts. Charles Corbett, also of the University of Chicago, was third.

Paul Wheeler of the Lake Shore Athletic Club won the epee event, after defeating the National Champion, Loyal Tingley of the University of Chicago, in a fence-off. Arthur Todd of the Edgewater Fencers Club was third.

Although individual competitions in women's foil have been conducted in Chicago in the past, this year has seen such a growth in women's fencing here that team competitions are now in demand. Five teams of girls entered the Open Team competition held at Mundelein College on January 21st.

The University of Chicago's "A" team of Miss Dorothy Ingram, Miss Maryalice von Wesche and Miss Mary Elizabeth Grenander won the three-team round-robin Finals by defeating the Hermanson Fencing School team of Miss Carol King, Miss Norma MacIntosh and Miss Diantha Warfel 5-2 and the La Grange team of Miss Betty Anne Richards, Miss Betty Ann Mullen and Miss Dorothy Leitch 5-1. The Hermanson Fencing School team defeated the La Grange team 5-0 to take second. The other teams competing were the Mundelein College team and the University of Chicago "B" team.

AMERICAN WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

We are pleased to announce, although tardily, that Mrs. Bela de Tuscan of Detroit won first place in the World Championship for Professional Women Fencers in London, England, just prior to her return to the United States in October. Mrs. de Tuscan was American National Champion in 1936, turning professional later that year.

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NEW ORLEANS

In New Orleans, the local Division of the Amateur Fencers' League of America is in its third year of existence, after a ten-year period of inactivity. It numbers here some twenty top-notch fencers, men and women, who find it necessary to belong to it because of their competitive inclinations and the consequent need for an affiliation with the national organization. Needless to say, this Division is the heart of local fencing; by staging various contests throughout the year, it encourages the sport among the followers of various degrees of proficiency; by constant insistence upon the modern interpretation of the rules, it conducts an educational program of improvement in style and efficiency of individual fencers. Its members are the examples of form and proficiency; almost all of them are of highest degree of skill and are holding or have held local and regional championship records.

MARDI GRAS TOURNAMENT

Among the various events sponsored by this Division and of interest to the followers of this ancient and interesting sport, are the Mardi Gras International Tournament, and the Dueling Oaks Meet. The latter is held annually in May, in connection with the opening day of the City Park, under the historic trees and on the ground hallowed by the memory of countless duels that have taken place there in days gone by. The former is an event of international importance and has steadily attracted many star fencers from all over the U. S. A., as well as a good following of sport-minded public. First organized three years ago, the event provides fencing competition in the three recognized weapons for men and in foil for women, under the international rules. Last year's contest attracted twelve men of international calibre, three of whom were U. S. Olympic fencers and national champions, one a foreign open champion and others well known for their consistent good showing in international competitions. This year's advance registrations indicate that many of them are coming back again. Entries have been received from Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, as well as from some Pacific Coast, Middle West and Eastern fencers.

Presided by Senor Pedro N. de Abreu, the genial Consul General of Brazil at New Orleans, himself an expert swordsman and devotee of the sport for nearly a half century, the Mardi Gras Tournament will be an event of major social and sporting importance. Held on Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th, in the Vieux Carre, it will provide for spectators a complete picture of fencing progress in individual competitions, from preliminaries to the finals, through all elimination pools; the tournament will be competently staffed and the judging directed by certified officials designated by the Amateur Fencers' League of America; the participants will be given a full opportunity to display their talents to the fullest advantages and the public will be given a complete and detailed insight in the intricacies and the absorbing finesse of execution of the movements of this great sport.

FENCING IN NEW ORLEANS

In New Orleans and Louisiana, we can count a good five hundred fencing followers; some three hundred of them, and probably more, reside in this city; there is a large group, formed annually, at Louisiana State University, as well as smaller ones at Shreve-

port and other towns. In New Orleans, we now have the two-year-old active groups at Fortier, and S. J. Peters High Schools; the famous fencing group at New Orleans Academy, leaders in prep-school fencing in the South; the perennial group at the Y, only partly active because of lack of leadership; the adult group at the New Orleans Athletic Club, the nucleus of all modern fencing in the city; the large, enthusiastic and highly competitive group at Salle d'Armes de la Nouvelle-Orleans, consisting of teams of fencers of both sexes and of almost all ages; and, lately the group at Tulane University, formed recently in spite of the lethargy and lack of interest on the part of the school officials. There are other smaller units in the city, but they are not permanent.

The New Orleans Division will meet the A. F. L. A. Division of Florida at the New Orleans Athletic Club on February 5th in a 3-weapon team and individual meet to inaugurate the first Dixie Championships.

The New Orleans Academy will hold its annual Gala and a 3-weapon meet with the N. O. A. C., as well as the finals of the 1940 school championships at the Athletic Club on February 9th.

Lt. Gustave Heiss, U. S. A., was entertained at the Salle d'Armes de la Nouvelle-Orleans on January 8th during a visit following his return from the matches in Cuba.

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PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Division of the A. F. L. A. experimented with two "Pre-Prep" competitions in December. At their completion, it was felt that a real purpose had been accomplished in introducing new fencers to well-conducted competition. There were 35 boys in the Pre-Prep foil at the Salle Herrmann on December 8th with Fries of the Philadelphia Fencers Club winning first place after a fence-off with Harry Firman of the Triangle Sword Club. Heede of the Philadelphia Fencers Club placed third.

Nine girls entered the Women's Pre-Prep Foil competition at the Salle Herrmann on December 15th. Miss Arlene Vanderhoef of the Sword Club won first place, undefeated in the Finals, while Miss Ellen Gibbs of the Philadelphia Sword Club took second over Miss Clara Battilana of the Triangle Sword Club on the basis of touches.

The Prep Foil competition attracted 19 entries to the Haverford School on January 5th. Harry Firman, William Govette and Thomas Dunn, all of the Triangle Sword Club, took first, second and third respectively.

There were only 4 entries in the Women's Prep Foil on January 9th at the Central Y. M. C. A. Miss Arlene Vanderhoef of the Sword Club was first, Miss Ellen Gibbs of the Philadelphia Fencers Club was second and Miss Clara Battilana of the Triangle Sword Club was third.

There were 13 entries in the Prep Epee competition on January 12th at Haverford College. This competition was won by Harry Firman, Triangle Sword Club, with Warren Anderson, Haverford College, second, and William Govette, Triangle Sword Club, third.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The selection by the Board of Governors of Edward Carfagno of the L. A. A. C. as a member of the United States fencing team to go to Cuba in December, his trip and participation there and his return by way of New York City where he won the Individual Open Foil Competition on January 7th outweighed all other fencing news here during the past month.

The growth and interest in fencing in Los Angeles in the past few years has been most encouraging as evidenced by the ever increasing number of professionals. From 1907 until 1935, Professor Henri Joseph Uyttenhove of the Los Angeles Athletic Club and the University of Southern California was the only full time active professional in Los Angeles. Since 1935 we have had Mr. John McKee and since 1936, Mr. Ralph Faulkner, former member of the two American Olympic Teams, as more or less full time professionals conducting Salles. The profession has also claimed Mr. DeLoss McGraw for the past two years and Mr. Duris DeJong, former member of the Holland Olympic Fencing Team, for the past ten months. Mr. McGraw is at present coaching at Claremont Colleges, consisting of Pomona College and Scripps College for Girls. Mr. DeJong has been teaching fencing at the Hollywood Athletic Club. Additional professionals this season are Mr. Ayllelo and Mr. Matthew Gusick, recently from New York City. Mr. Gusick is teaching at the Terry Hunt Health Club in Beverly Hills.

The first half of Southern California's '39-'40 season has been unusually successful, with many new members added to the roster and excellent attendance at all meets.

The season officially opened with the Men's Prep Foil on September 29th. The event was won by Vernon Stille (Cavaliers) with Hamilton and Whiteside, both of Pasadena Junior College, second and third.

Women's Prep Foil, October 7th, was won by Mrs. Gladys Rose (Cavaliers) with Miss Janice York (F. S. F.) second and Miss Helen Holroyd (F. S. F.) third.

First place in Men's Novice Foil went to Si Carfagno (L. A. A. C.) with Wilbur Coggins (Cav.) second and Charles Irby (F. S. F.) third.

The Faulkner School of Fencing made a clean sweep of both Novice and Junior Foil for Women by winning the first five places in each event. The Novice title went to Miss Helen Holroyd, while second and third places went to Miss Gloria Doan and Miss Janice York respectively. The Junior title was won by Miss Mary Jean Clark, with Mrs. Lorayne Downs second and Miss Marion Washko third.

Thomas Tarbet of the L. A. A. C. took the Men's Junior Foil title. Leonard Bellman (F. S. F.) finished in second place and Bob Cousineau (F. S. F.) in third.

This was Bob Cousineau's last Southern California meet as he left shortly afterwards for Panama where he will work on a government project for the next two years. Needless to say he will be missed in fencing circles. His post as Secretary of the division has been filled by Herbert Sauke.

The Men's Junior Foil Team event was won by Faulkner's Team No. 1. The L. A. A. C.'s No. 1 team took second place with the Cavaliers third.

Faulkner School scored again in the Men's Intermediate Foil with the first three places going to Sidney Getzowitz, Jerry Bowen and Leonard Bellman all of Faulkner's.

In the Women's Intermediate Foil, December 2nd,

Miss Louise Reordan (L. A. A. C.) won the fence-off for the first place by defeating Miss Moreene Fitz (Cav.) who finished in second place. Miss Muriel Calkins (L. A. A. C.) placed third.

The Cavaliers opened a new Salle in the Beaux Arts Building, Los Angeles, in late December.

Paul Lukas, film star, has inaugurated fencing at the West Side Tennis Club in Los Angeles with Duris de Jong as instructor.

For the first time in fifteen years, the L. A. A. C. was defeated in the Team Foil for Men with this year's title going to the Faulkner School of Fencing. At the Black-Foxe Military Academy on December 8th, Faulkner's Team No. 1 (Bellman, Bowen, Getzowitz) took first place, with L. A. A. C. Team No. 1 (Carfagno, Davis, Hersum) second.

First three places in the Men's Open Foil January 6th went to the Faulkner School of Fencing. Arthur Kaye won the Open title, with Jerry Bowen second and Leonard Bellman third. In addition to the medals, a beautiful trophy from an anonymous donor also went to the first place winner.

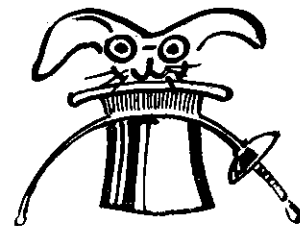
Miss Maxine McMasters of the Cavaliers defeated a field of twelve entries to win first place in the Women's Open Foil held at the Faulkner School of Fencing on January 12th. Second place went to Miss Cornelia Sanger of Detroit and third place to Miss Louise Reordan of the L. A. A. C.

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ALL EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intermediate Foil Team—8 Teams December 4th and 6th

After two evenings of fencing at the Fencers Club there was still no champion in the team event of this class. The round robin final remained uncompleted with the Salle Santelli leading with 2 victories and 1 defeat but facing a tie with at least one other team and possibly two. The remaining teams may each tie for first. The remainder of the competition will be fenced at a date to be announced by the Board of Governors.

The Contestants

Salle Santelli—Diaz Cetrulo, Albert Axelrod, Austin Prokop and Rudolph Ozol.
Salle d'Armes Vince—Peter Bruder, Nathaniel Lubell, Sidney Kaplan and Maxwell Garrett.
Columbia—Leo Seltzer, Herbert Spiselman and Peter Lee.
Saltus Club—William Ritayik, Walter White, Theodore Green and Nino Maniac.
N. Y. A. C.—Henrique Santos, Joseph Donovan and Wallace Goldsmith.
New York University—Ezra Cassel, Stanley Klein and Roland Monzeglio.
St. John's University—Murray Kornfeld, Martin Slattery and Fred Dubitsky.
Fencers Club—Henry Wesselman, George Ferguson, Edward Tilburne and Leo Goldsmith.

Preliminary Pool # 1

Salle Santelli defeated Fencers Club 5-1, N. Y. U. 5-2 and Columbia 5-1.
Columbia defeated Fencers Club 5-4, N. Y. U. 5-4.
Fencers Club defeated N. Y. U. 5-2.
Salle Santelli and Columbia qualify for the finals.

Preliminary Pool # 2

Salle d'Armes Vince defeated N. Y. A. C. 5-0, St. John's 5-3.
Saltus Club defeated N. Y. A. C. 5-1, St. John's 5-2.

Finals

Salle Santelli defeated Salle d'Armes Vince 5-3, Columbia 5-1.
Salle d'Armes Vince defeated Saltus Club 5-3.
Saltus Club defeated Salle Santelli 5-3.

Standing to Date

	Won	Lost
Salle Santelli	2	1
Salle d'Armes Vince	1	1
Saltus Club	1	1
Columbia	0	1

Intermediate Epee Team—6 Teams—December 7th

After being runner-up to the Fencers Club for the past three years, the Saltus Club team of Marcel Brammer, William Ritayik and Franz Ohlson turned the tables on their home grounds and defeated their old conquerors 5-0 in the finals to take the championship from the Fencers Club team of Winslow Cornett, Henry Barthel and Ernest May.

The other teams were: New York University (Mindy Slikas, Harold Kane and Milton Gross); New York Athletic Club (Ralph Marson, Joseph Donovan and Henrique Santos); Columbia (Marvin Metzger, Sandy Rogers and Abraham Martinez); Salle Santelli (Hans Stark and Rudolph Ozol).

Preliminary Pool # 1

Fencers Club defeated New York University 4-3 (2 tie bouts).
New York Athletic Club defeated New York University 5-2.

Preliminary Pool # 2

Saltus Club defeated Salle Santelli 5-1.
Columbia defeated Salle Santelli 5-1.

Semi-Finals

Saltus Club defeated N. Y. A. C. 5-3.
Fencers Club defeated Columbia 4-4 (1 tie bout—21 touches to 17).

Finals

Saltus Club defeated Fencers Club 5-0.

Women's Intermediate Foil Team—5 Teams December 14th

The Salle Santelli won this Championship at New York University for the third successive year by defeating Hofstra College in the last match 5-4. Hofstra College, runner-up for the second year, threatened to turn the tables, mainly through the work of Miss Helena Mroczkowska who was undefeated in her twelve bouts. The victors had two members of the team from last year, Miss Barbara Cochrane and Mrs. Dorothy de Capriles. Miss Grace Acel was the third member of the team. Hofstra College was represented by Miss Mroczkowska, Miss Dorothy Wahl and Miss Ruth Maxwell. New York University was represented by Miss Harriet McGlennon, Miss Beryl Petchesky and Miss Josephine Mancinelli. Hunter College was represented by Miss Ednita Bernabeu, Miss Hope Beauchamp and Miss Edith Zinn. The Foils Club team consisted of Miss Dorothy Kerfoot, Miss Grace Giratano and Miss Pearl Perlmutter.

The Salle Santelli defeated Hunter College 5-0, New York University 5-3, The Foils Club 5-2 and Hofstra College 5-4. Won 4, lost 0.

Hofstra College defeated Hunter College 5-2, New York University 5-3 and The Foils Club 5-2. Won 3, lost 1.

Individual Intermediate Women's Foil—11 Entries January 15th

Women's fencing ran true to form for a change when Miss Helena Mroczkowska of Hofstra College, Miss Barbara Cochrane of the Salle Santelli and Mrs. Rosemary Nadi of the Aldo Nadi Studio finished in that order at the Fencers Club for the season's first individual sectional championship. Miss Mroczkowska and Miss Cochrane the only two non-seniors in the National Ranking were expected to finish one-two with the odds going to Miss Cochrane due to her greater experience. However, the inter-collegiate champion took her closest rival 4-2 which provided her with the necessary margin for victory. Each won all but one of their remaining bouts. Mrs. Nadi, favored for the bronze medal, had a close call when she tired in the closing bouts after a good start and was forced to count touches over Miss Beryl Petchesky of N. Y. U. to take third place.

Summaries

Miss Mroczkowska (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Cochrane 4-2, Mrs. de Capriles 4-3, Miss Harris 4-3, Miss Petchesky 4-0, Miss Mancinelli 4-3, Miss Joggi 4-1, Miss McRoberts 4-2, Miss Lancaster 4-1 and Miss Principe 4-1.
Miss Cochrane (Salle Santelli) defeated Mrs. de Capriles 4-3, Miss Harris 4-3, Miss Petchesky 4-0, Miss Joggi 4-3, Mrs. Nadi 4-2, Miss McRoberts 4-3, Miss Lancaster 4-3, and Miss Principe 4-3.
Mrs. Nadi (Aldo Nadi Studio) defeated Mrs. de Capriles 4-1, Miss Harris 4-1, Miss Mroczkowska 4-3, Miss Joggi 4-1, Miss McRoberts 4-1, and Miss Lancaster 4-3. (Touched 26 times.)
Miss Petchesky (N. Y. U.) defeated Miss Harris 4-2, Miss Mancinelli 4-3, Miss Joggi 4-1, Mrs. Nadi 4-3, Miss McRoberts 4-2, and Miss Principe 4-3. (Touched 30 times.)
Miss Josephine Mancinelli (N. Y. U.) defeated Miss Cochrane 4-3, Mrs. de Capriles 4-0, Miss Harris 4-2, Mrs. Nadi 4-1, and Miss Principe 4-0.
Mrs. Dorothy de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Petchesky 4-1, Miss Joggi 4-2, Miss McRoberts 4-2, Miss Lancaster 4-1, and Miss Principe 4-1.
Miss Dorothy Lancaster (Fencers Club) defeated Miss Petchesky 4-2, Miss Mancinelli 4-3, Miss Joggi 4-2, and Miss Principe 4-3.
Miss Claire McRoberts (Jersey City Fencers Club) defeated Miss Harris 4-3, Miss Mancinelli 4-3, Miss Joggi 4-2, and Miss Lancaster 4-2.
Miss Mary Ann Harris (Salle Santelli) defeated Mrs. de Capriles 4-3, Miss Lancaster 4-2, and Miss Principe 4-1.
Miss Lela Joggi (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Harris 4-2, Miss Mancinelli 4-3, and Miss Principe 4-3.
Miss Aida Principe (Salle Messineo, Wash., D. C.) defeated Mrs. Nadi 4-2, and Miss McRoberts 4-3.

A. F. L. A. COMPETITIONS HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

Individual Prep Foil Competition—21 Entries December 10th

Bernard Allen of the Salle Scafati of Newark won the third competition of the season in this class, coming through undefeated in twelve bouts at the Salle Santelli. John D'Agnese of the Foils Club was second with one loss in the finals and Stanley Klein of New York University was third.

Individual Novice Foil Competition—34 Entries December 16th

Murray Kornfeld of St. John's University won the third of the novice foil competitions, of this season at the Salle Santelli by winning seven out of eight of his bouts in the final. Harry Boutsikaris of Seton Hall College was second with six wins and Ralph Goldstein of the Metropolitan Club, third with five.

Individual Senior Sabre Competition—9 Entries December 17th

Miguel de Capriles of the Salle Santelli won this competition, limited to sabremen of senior ranking, with six wins and two losses. Norman Armitage of the Fencers Club and Ralph Marson of the New York Athletic Club nosed out Nicholas Muray of the N. Y. A. C. and Jose de Capriles of the Salle Santelli on touches after all four had tied with five wins apiece. Armitage and Marson were tied on touches received and given and fenced off for second and third. Armitage took the silver medal by defeating Marson 5-4 in the fence-off. The competition was held at the Salle d'Armes Vince.

Individual Novice Sabre Competition—27 Entries December 21st

William Ritayik of the Saltus Club won the third of the season's novice sabre competitions at the Salle Santelli by defeating Ralph Goldstein of the Metropolitan Club 5-3 in a fence-off after both had tied for first place. Goldstein took the silver medal and Harry Morganstern of St. John's University took the bronze.

Intermediate Epee Qualifying Round—All Eastern Championships—22 Entries—January 6th

Ralph Marson of the N. Y. A. C. and Winslow Cornett of the Fencers Club led the eight qualifiers from the Metropolitan District for the All-Eastern Intermediate Epee Championship. Marson was undefeated in the second pool of the qualifying round while Cornett suffered one loss. The remainder of the qualifiers were Henrique Santos and Joseph Donovan of the N. Y. A. C.; Ernest May and Henry Barthel of the Fencers Club; Mindy Slikas of New York University and Abraham Martinez of Columbia. The competition was held at the Salle Santelli.

Individual Open Foil Competition—25 Entries January 7th

Edward Carfagno of the Los Angeles A. C. and the country's #2 foinisman, stopped off in New York on his way home from the International Matches in Cuba just long enough to win the gold medal in the strongest foil competition held in the Metropolitan area this season. This competition, held at the Salle Santelli, was marked by many reversals of form

throughout the day. Carfagno had difficulty in making the grade to the finals but then he came from behind several times to take four out of five bouts and first place. The New York Athletic Club with four of the six finalists could not take more than one medal when Dernell Every took second on touches over Jose de Capriles of the Salle Santelli. The remainder of the N. Y. A. C. finalists were Warren Dow, Dr. John R. Huffman and Silvio Giolito who finished in that order. The biggest surprise of the day was the failure of Norman Lewis, the National Champion, to survive the semi-finals.

Individual Novice Epee Competition—15 Entries January 9th

Mindy Slikas of New York University won the second of the epee competitions held under the Metropolitan Committee this season after a fence-off at the Salle Santelli with Peter O'Connor of the Greco Fencing Academy. Each had finished the finals with one loss. In the fence-off Slikas defeated O'Connor 3-0. Ralph Goldstein of the Metropolitan Club won the bronze medal, having been defeated twice.

Intermediate Sabre Qualifying Round—All Eastern Championships—22 Entries—January 11th

Bernard Marks of the Greco Fencing Academy and Edward Egan of the Saltus Fencing Club led the eight qualifiers from New York for the All Eastern Championship. Marks was undefeated in the second round while Egan had but one loss. The remaining qualifiers were William Ritayik of the Saltus Club; Harold Newton of the Greco Fencing Academy; James Welles and Gordon Wallis of Columbia; Kevis Kapner of the Salle Santelli and Harry Scharfstein of New York University. The competition took place at the Salle Santelli.

Individual Open Sabre Competition—20 Entries January 13th

Nicholas Muray of the N. Y. A. C. and National Sabre Champion more than a decade ago, cleaned up the field and the gold medal by winning twelve out of thirteen bouts during this competition held at the Salle Santelli. His only defeat of the day came at the hands of Peter Bruder of the Salle d'Armes Vince, by a 5-4 score, in the finals. Norman Armitage of the Fencers Club, Peter Bruder and Ralph Marson of the New York Athletic Club were tied for second. On touches Armitage took second and Bruder third. This marked the first appearance of Bruder in sabre competition since the Olympic Games in 1936.

Intermediate Foil Qualifying Round—All Eastern Championships—17 Entries—January 14th

Nathaniel Lubell of the Salle d'Armes Vince led the six qualifiers from New York for the All Eastern Championship in this class. Lubell, the only ranking fencer entered, was clearly the favorite and proved it. The other qualifiers were Maxwell Garrett of the Salle d'Armes Vince. Joseph Rabb of the Greco Fencing Academy. Wallace Goldsmith of the N. Y. A. C., Theodore Green of the Saltus Club and Murray Kornfeld of St. John's University. The competition took place at the Salle Santelli.

Individual Open Electric Epee Competition—16 Entries January 21st

The deCapriles brothers returned to their old place in the sun in epee fencing when Jose took the gold medal for the first electric epee competition of the season and Miguel took the silver medal on touches over Henrique Santos of the N. Y. A. C. after they had tied in bouts. The deCapriles brothers represented the Salle Santelli at which place the competition was held.

Women's Individual Prep Foil Competition—11 Entries December 12th

Miss Shirley Stewart of Hofstra College won the third prep competition of the season by winning four of her five bouts in the finals at the Salle Santelli. Miss Shirley Day of the Trinity School. Miss Arija Muray of the Salle Santelli and Miss Ernestine Grudensky of Brooklyn College tied for second with three wins and two losses and finished in that order on the basis of touches received.

Women's Individual Novice Foil Competition 19 Entries—December 19th

Miss Kathleen Cerra of the Salle d'Armes Vince. who won the first of the season's prep competitions. showed her steady improvement by winning the third of the season's novice competitions at the Salle Santelli. Miss Cerra tied with Miss Hope Beauchamp of Hunter College for first place and in the fence-off was trailing her opponent 2-0 but ran off four straight touches to win the gold medal 4-2. Miss Beauchamp was second and Miss Addie Bassi of the Aldo Nadi Studio was third.

Individual Women's Open Foil Competition Voorhees' Medals—27 Entries—January 20th

Miss Maria Cerra of the Salle d'Armes Vince. having had disappointing results in competition in recent seasons. returned to her old form to win the gold Voorhees' Medal in this competition conducted by the Fencers Club. Miss Cerra won four of her five bouts in the finals. Miss Helena Mroczkowska of Hofstra College. newly crowned Eastern Intermediate Champion. was second on touches over Mrs. Jarmila Vokral of the Salle Hermann of Philadelphia and Miss Barbara Cochrane of the Salle Santelli. On the same basis of touches Mrs. Vokral took third place over Miss Cochrane.

Individual Women's Senior Foil Competition Fish Medals—10 Entries—January 24th

Miss Mildred Stewart of the Salle Santelli won the gold medal awarded annually by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish for competition among the senior and national ranking fencers. Miss Stewart won eight of her nine bouts in the round-robin. fencing considerably better than in the early part of the season. Miss Maria Cerra and Miss Madeline Dalton of the Salle Vince. Miss Helena Mroczkowska of Hofstra College and Miss Barbara Cochrane of the Salle Santelli tied for second. each with six victories. They finished in the above order on touches with 20. 22. 24. and 26 touches scored against them in that order.

FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH ATLANTIC FENCING TOURNAMENT

An intercollegiate event for South Atlantic colleges from Baltimore to Texas. entitled the South Atlantic Fencing Tournament. is being sponsored by the University of North Carolina to be held at Chapel Hill. N. C. on April 5th and 6th. Twenty colleges have been invited to participate.

TEXAS

On January 13th. The Fencers' Club held the first fencing tournament ever seen in San Antonio. The tournament was conducted in afternoon and evening sessions in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. There were Novice. Junior and Senior matches in foil for both men and women and Open Sabre and Epee competition for men. Thirty-eight contestants participated.

The winners in the various contests were:

Men's Novice Foil—Lonial Schwan. Y. M. C. A.
Women's Novice Foil—Miss Donna Saylor. Salle d'Armes Heard.
Men's Junior Foil—Jack Palmer. Salle d'Armes Heard.
Women's Junior Foil—Miss Shirley Arducci. Our Lady of the Lake College.
Men's Senior Foil—Jose San Martin. Y. M. C. A.
Women's Senior Foil—Miss Margaret Callan. Salle d'Armes Heard.
Open Sabre Competition—Gordon Beitle. Salle d'Armes Heard.
Open Epee Competition—Howard Bush. Jr.. Salle d'Armes Heard.

Eight gold medals were contributed by a local store for the winners. Mr. Charles Heard. professional. awarded a fencing statue for best form to Miss Margaret Callan. The San Antonio newspapers had given good publicity to the tournament and some 250 people attended the two sessions. Lieutenants Taber. Chavasse. Kieffer. Jacobie and Manzo. U. S. A., recently of West Point. served as Directors and Judges. The tournament was acclaimed a success and it is now planned to make it an annual affair.

Several matches have already been held in the Southwestern Fencing League. The Galveston Anicos defeated the A. & M. College team (men) 8-7. The Los Verdugos Club of Fort Worth defeated the North Texas Agricultural College by the same score. These matches are fought in five bouts in each weapon. Winners by weapon enter the February matches directly; losers by weapon enter the January consolation matches. The Galveston Anicos will enter the February matches in sabre and epee; A. & M. College will enter in foil; Los Verdugos in foil and sabre and North Texas Agricultural College in epee.

By no means have the girls of the Southwestern Fencing League been idle. Last year's champions. El Florete Fencing Club. defeated the Royal Assassins 5-0 in Fort Worth. The Dallas Women's Fencing Club defeated the Southern Methodist University girls 3-2. the latter girls suffering another defeat later by the same score from the North Texas Agricultural College girls at Arlington.

An interesting round-robin meet was held on December 16th and 17th at Dallas among teams from the Dallas "Y". Baylor University and Southern Methodist University in all three weapons. Unfortunately. we have not received the scores of this round-robin.

FLORIDA

The Intersectional Championships between fencers of the Florida and New Orleans Division of the A. F. L. A. have been announced under the New Orleans notes.

The fencers of Florida plan to make a definite bid for the National Championships in 1941. The bid will be forwarded through the Florida Division and Rollins College for the Championships to be held in Florida in March, 1941.