American Hencing

National Championships



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MAXINE MITCHELL
Cavaliers
Defending Champion, Women



DR. TIBOR NYILAS
Salle Santelli
Defending Champion, Sabre

June
12th
to
19th



ABELARDO MENENDEZ
Cuba
Defending Champion, Epec



Fencers Club

Dedending Champion, Foil

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Official AFLA Notes by Ralph Goldstein, Secretary

Proposed New Membership

The Special Meeting of the AFLA, held in New York on April 9th, has adopted certain proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws which must now be voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting on June 15th. The specific porposals are set forth herein for your information and consideration. They were submitted by a committee appointed to study the best means of obtaining closer cooperation between the League and teachers of fencing, and the general question of encouraging a substantial growth in membership. The Committee, in its report, stated:

"In recognizing that the future of amateur competitive fencing depends on the youth of the United States, we must also acknowledge that the teachers of fencing are indispensable to develop and maintain the active participation of these youths. The fencing teachers, therefore, are an essential element to the AFLAan element whose fundamental interests are identical to those of the League and whose friendly and active cooperation will do much to aid us reach our goal. Personal animosities and professional jealousies might be brought into League affairs, but the Committee believes that this danger has been over-emphasized and that those who may conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the organization will be a small and very conspicuous minority. Honest differences of opinion exist among amateurs and there is no reason to expect they will not exist among professionals. The benefit to be derived far outweighs the possible dangers. . . . The Committee believes that a membership available to non-competing individuals will permit us to regain the association of former fencers who have become inactive and to bring into the League a large section of the general public who attend our competitions and exhibitions and may be interested in helping the sport by joining the National organization."

Specific Recommendations

A. Amendments to Constitution

1. ARTICLE III, Section 1, Membership in the League shall be open to all citizens or residents of the United States, its territories or possessions, who are genuinely interested in the advancement of amateur fencing.

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

Associate Membership shall be open to any amateur or professional who is interested in the sport of amateur fencing. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active and Collegiate Members subject to the following limitations: (a) they shall not be entitled to compete in amateur competitions; (b) they shall not be eligible for the National elective offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treas-

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urer or Foreign Secretary, nor the Divisional elective offices of Chairman or Vice-Chairman; (c) such additional limitations as may be fixed in the By-Laws.

- 2. ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Subdivision (1), A number of Non-Divisional Governors to be fixed each year by dividing the number of Non-Divisional Life, Active, Collegiate and Associate Members, as of the date . . . etc.
- 3. ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Subdivision (2). One Additional Governor, for each Division having 50 or more Life, Active, Collegiate and Associate Members in good standing . . . etc.

B. Amendments to the By-Laws

- 1. CHAPTER 1. Candidates for Active, Collegiate, Student or Associate Membership shall be admitted to membership . . . etc.
- 2. CHAPTER II, Section I, Subdivisions (a) to (e):
- (a) The annual League (National) dues for all Active Members shall be \$3.00, for all Collegiate and Associate Members \$2.00, and for all Student Members \$1.00 . . . etc.
- (b) (No change Associate Members are non-competitors and will not pay sectional dues).
- (c) The annual Non-Divisional and Divisional dues for Active Members shall be \$2.00, For Collegiate, Student and Associate Members \$1.00 . . . etc.
 - (d) (No change)
- (e) The initiation fee for Active, Collegiate, Student and Associate Members shall be \$1.00 . . . etc.
- 3. CHAPTER VI, Section 8, Subdivision (e). No professional shall be permitted to compete in any amateur competition. Associate Members appointed to a Bout Committee shall not participate in the seeding of contestants or setting up of pools.

4. CHAPTER VIII, Section 4. (Insert after third sentence) . . . The nominees for any office other than Chairman or Vice-Chairman may be Associate Members . . . etc.

THE PROXY COMMITTEE. Members of the AFLA who cannot attend the Annual Meeting on June 15th are urged to execute and return the proxy mailed to them in March, The Proxy Committee, composed of three national officers, will vote the proxies in favor of the proposed amendments unless instructed to the contrary either by an appropriate notation on the proxy form or by separate instructions to any member of the proxy

TRAVEL ALLOWANCES CUT

Due to heavy expenditures, such as the printing of new Rules Books and the operating deficit of American Fencing, it is not possible this year to grant the same travel allowances as last year to aualified representatives of the various Sections who compete in the National Championships. The Board of Governors will grant the usual travel allowance to the Women's Defending Champion (the only champion residing outside the Metropolitan N.Y. area) but will limit all other allowances to 50 per cent of the modest amounts granted last year. The Divisions and Sections are urged to make every effort to raise funds locally to enable their Champions to compete in the National Tournament.

HAROLD NEWTON RESIGNS

The Board of Governors has regretfully accepted the resignation of Harold Newton as Chairman of the Washington D.C. Division.

The Presidency

Warren A. Dow, nominated for President by the Nominating Committee, has withdrawn his name from the ballot.

Jose R. de Capriles, nominated for the same office by several petitions pursuant to Section 4, Chapter III of the By-Laws, is therefore the only candidate for President and the Secretary will cast a unanimous ballot for him at the Annual Meeting.

NEW RULES

The Board of Governors has adopted the following new Rules, and we suggest you enter them in your Rules Book and special note be made of Rule 81(a):

Rule 28(c)—Every entry certifies its eligibility for the particular event.

Rule 59—The rules covering withdrawals shall not apply to cases where an ineligible fencer has competed. All bouts fenced by an ineligible entry shall be cancelled and the results of the pool or competition shall be determined accordingly.

Rule 63 (a)—(in addition to present text). The individuals whose names are submitted shall certify their eligibility to compete.

Rule 76 (c) — The above rules shall not apply to ineligible entries. See Rule 79.

The present Rules 78 and 79 should be renumbered to 78(a) and 78(b).

Rule 79—A team using an ineligible fencer shall forfeit the match or matches in which such member participated and in the event that the competition, or any part thereof, is re-fenced the team and all its members shall be barred from participation.

Rule 81(a) - Any member of the AFLA in good standing is eligible to qualify through his division or non-divisional qualifying competition. In exceptional cases subject to approval by the Board of Governors a member may be permitted to qualify from a division other than the one to which he belongs if he was physically unable to compete in his division's qualifying competition, had earned qualification from his division in the qualifying competition of the previous season, and obtains the consent of the Executive Committee of the division from which he seeks to qualify, No individual who has for the same season unscuccessfully attempted to qualify in a division or non-divisional qualifying competition shall be permitted to qualify by any other method.

BALLOTS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Board of Governors will please not that balloting on the proposed Honorary Membership will close officially on May 15th.

ENTRIES TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following members have requested and received permission from the Board to represent the U.S.A. at Brussels: Harold Goldsmith and Charles Steinhardt (foil); Allan Kwartler (foil, epee, sabre); Alex Treves (sabre); Grace Acel (Women's foil). Any other members who wish to compete must submit request to the Secretary, as all entries must be certified to the F.I.E. by the AFI A

The Sabena Airlines have offered a special rate to fencers going to these Championships, including a round-trip Brussel-Paris without extra charge. For details please contact Mr. Fred Brewster, Public Relations Officer of the airline, or our Foreign Secretary, Tracy Jaeckel.

AIRMEN PLEASE NOTE

An effort is being made to promote fencing in the Air Force. If a general plan can be presented, official support may be forthcoming and will enable our fencers to continue their competitive experience during military service. Charles Steinhardt, Officers' Mess, Maxwell A. F. B., Alabama, is willing to work on such a program and suggests the following:

1. All fencers now in the Air Force please contact him.

2. All men who go on duty with the Air Force contact him as soon as they get assigned.

BEST WISHES

from

the

MARYLAND Division

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Calvert Schlick, Chairman Bernie Udel, Treasurer Alan M. Rose, Acting Secretary

JANICE YORK FUND

The AFLA is not in a position to subsidize entries to the World Championships, and certainly would not be justified in using the League treasury to assist one in dividual while denying help to others. However, there are many who agree with Mr. Aldo Nadi that Miss Janice Lee York is potentially our first gold medalist in world competition, and that every effort should be made to facilitate her entry in this year's event. Consequently, privayte donations are being received and Mr. Leo Nunes has led off the Eastern contributions by asking American Fencing to hold his check for \$50.00 in escrow, to be turned over to Miss. York if enough money is raised to enable her to make the trip.

J. R. de C.

Greetings

to

AMERICAN FENCING

from the

ST. LOUIS DIVISION FENCERS

Carfagno Gets "Oscar"

All fencers will be proud to note that our Vice-President Edward Carfagno was awarded an "Oscar" by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The award was for the excellent art direction of "The Bad and the Beautiful," produced at MGM where Ed has been an Art Director for many years.

We know you all join us in hearty congretulations and wishes for more of the same in the years to come.

FAULKNER

Ralph Faulkner who has developed many of California's strong fencers, played the lead in a recent TV play about a fencing master at a European University. The entire story revolved around the fencing salle and was very well done. Our hat is off to Ralph for a wonderful performance.

CCNY ALUMNI - NOTE

A testimonial dinner is being arranged for Mr. James Montague for May 15 or 22. All CCNY Alumni are urged to contact either Dr. Daniel Bukantz or James Strauch,

THANK YOU

The cost of American Fencing is not covered by our advertising income and thus represents a substantial expense to the AFLA. At the annual meeting of the National Fencing Coaches Association, held at Philadelphia on March 26, the Association voted to purchase a token subscription for each member on its current rolls (83) and forwarded its check with the following sentiments: "In a small way it represents our sincere interest and support for an organization whose inherent objectives coincide with ours . . . It also represents an expression of hope for maintaining future comradeship and cooperation between the two aroups,"







ABOUT THE PROPOSED ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

by Jose R. de Capriles

I am aware that there are some who have objection to the proposal, and it unquestionably is a major step which should be understood by all members of the League. A frank discussion of the pros and cons of the amendment would prevent and perhaps correct misunderstandings. I have asked some members who are opposed to it to state their views in this issue so that the matter could be aired without the name-calling or charges of improper conduct which ! unfortunately have heard. Since nothing has been submitted I will, as fairly as possible, present the opposing views and the reasons why I do not consider them valid. Needless to say, I am very strongly in favor of the proposal.

Opposition is based primarily on the fear that we are "selling our birthright": that the professionals will "take over", and that the jealousies that exist among some of them will seriously disrupt the AFLA; that the professionals who do join the League will not procure any appreciable increase in amateur memberships. These things are for the most part a matter of opinion, and it is fair to expect some disgareement. It does seem to me, however, that our "birthright" is merely to have a strong national organization devoted to the expansion and development of amateur fencing. Professional members are also interested in the expansion of amateur fencing on a sound, permanent basis; they derive a direct benefit from this expansion. The French and Italian Federations have flourished by their association with the fencing teachers who, incidentally, are universally treated with respect instead of as poor and suspect relations. They have not "taken over" in France and Italy, and won't do so here. The need for their active cooperation in League affairs varies greatly in different Divisions: the extent to which they will serve on Committees and in other capacities depends entirely upon the amateur chairman and the wishes of the local group; there is no doubt that in many divisions the professionals can render invaluable administrative assistance, while perhaps in groups like New York and Southern California this need is comparatively less. There are definite limitations to this class of membership and we especially call to your attention the proposed Chap. VI, Sec. 8 as set out on page 2, column 2. of this issue.

Another source of opposition is based on the contention that the proposal is being "railroaded" without giving the membership the opportunity to vote against it. Objection is made to the fact that a Special Meeting has made it possible to bring the matter to a vote this June. A Constitutional amendment introduced at one Annual Meeting may

not be voted upon until the subsequent Annual Meeting. In making its recommendations the Committee urged immediate action so that the new class of membership, if created, would be available for the 1953-54 season. The Board of Governors agreed and voted to call a Special Meeting. This procedure is specifically provided by the Constitution to enable prompt action while preserving an adequate period of time during which the membership may learn of the proposal and cast its affirmative or negative vote in June. The last major Constitutional Revision, which leaders of the present "opposition" joined in sponsoring, was adopted through this very same procedure of the Special Meeting and at that time there were no cries of "railroading,"

Early in March, pursuant to the Constitution, the Secretary mailed out one sheet of paper containing a notice of the Special Meeting and of the fact that the proposed membership was to be considered at that time, and also attached two proxy forms—one for the Special Meeting and another for the Annual Meeting. Now that the proposed membership has been adopted by an overwhelming majority at the Special Meeting, the proxy committee, consisting of three national officers, has stated that at the Annual Meeting it will cast all the proxies in favor of the proposal unless they are received with special instructions to the contrary. This is perfectly normal and proper, and if you have already sent in your proxy without special instructions and you are in favor of the proposal you need take no further action.

If you have already sent in your proxy without any special instructions and you wish to vote against this particular proposal, you may send the Secretary (Ralph Goldstein, 257 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.) a new proxy such as suggested below. Be sure to date it, mark it and sign it. The Proxy Committee will follow instructions. If you are of a suspicious nature, however, you may send the same form to the following prominent members of the League who have expressed strong opposition to this proposal and will cast your ballot: Warren A. Dow and/or Dernell Every, 3406 Chanin Building, N. Y. 17.

If you are **in favor** of the proposal and have not yet sent in your proxy 1 urge you to do so either on the original sent to you in March or on the form below.

"I hereby appoint M. de Capriles, R. Goldstein and R. Ozol, individually or collectively, my proxy to vote on the proposed Constitutional amend ments. I wish to vote (yes or no) on the new Associate Membership, and (yes or no) on the rest of the amendments."

Signed	
Date	

THE FENCING QUIZ

Many letters have urged us to continue the quiz on judging problems. One letter, from Roger Jones, poses specific situations which might cause orguments and we submit here what we hope will be authoritative answers.

Q—Both fencers close to create a clinch several times. Any warnings?

A—No. A warning is given only when one fencer holds his ground or retreats and the opponent closes in. If they both move forward, neither can be charged with the clinch to hinder the play of the other. If a clinch (corps-a-corps) is established, a warning or penalty is proper when only one fencer is at fault (Rule 328), and this applies only in foil and sabre.

Q—Both fencers deliver brutal hits simultaneously. Are both warned and/or penalized one touch each? If both are to be penalized, what if the score is 4-4?

A-If the Director has established that the hit is vindictive or brutal, Rule 331 provides that the fencer be penalized one touch immediately and upon repetition during any part of the competition shall be excluded. The immediate penalty of a touch is permissive without the normal requirement of a prior warning, but the registry of a touch is not a condition precedent to exclusion upon repetition of the offense. In the situation posed, I would not register a touch against either contestant but would warn both. A repetition by either of them throughout the tournament would result in exclusion. If the score is 4-4 the touch penalty would be impossible; if the score were 3-1 or any other combination, the penalty against both would result in a benefit to the fencer who is leading—an inequity, since he is also a guilty party.

Q—In a sequence of play the contestants reverse position, both men being on the strip at all times, and before the Director calls "Halt" one of the men launches a scoring action. Is the answer changed if the scoring action constitutes a new sequence of play but still is started before the command "halt"?

A-Unless the rules specifically prohibit the scoring of a touch, all actions started before the command of "Halt" are valid. There is nothing in the rules which forbids a touch made when the sequence of play has produced a reversal of positions. At the end of the reversal the Director should call halt, and in all instances except bouts with the standard epee the fencers are placed on guard in their original positions (Rules 433 and 434). These rules are merely ground rules governing the relative positions of the fencers when they resume play after the halt and do not nullify any actions made prior to the Director's call

J. R. de Capriles

GALA NIGHT

June 19,8 p.m.

Waldorf Astoria



Intercollegiate Championships

I.F.A. Championships

by Jose R. de Capriles

Team Events

The "Eastern Intercollegiates," the championships conducted by the oldest intercollegiate fencing association, held their 56th Annual event at Yale University and produced the thrills and drama which have become traditional.

A well-balanced team of Midshipmen, coached by Joseph Fiems and Andre Deladrier, won the three-weapon crown by four bouts. Navy's over-all record was 70/29 while Pennsylvania finished with 66/33 and Columbia had 62/37. The Navy was unusually strong in sabre, winning that event with a record of 29 victories and only 4 defeats, while favored Columbia was second with 25/8. N.Y.U. and Yale tied for third with 20/13 and placed in the order named by a difference of 7 touches. This marks the fifth time that the Midshipmen have won the Alumni 3-weapon Trophy since its creation in 1924 and also the fifth time they have held the sabre crown since 1922.

Pennsylvania had been unable to win an intercollegiate team championship throughout its long fencing history. This year, only three and a half years after Laios Csiszar took over the coaching tasks, it made an impressive entry into the winners' circle by taking both the epee and foil team titles. The first victory, in epee, was won with a 28/5 rec~ ord while Navy placed second with 21/12 and Yale third with 20/13. Coach Csiszar then gambled by using one of his star sabremen, Francis Bartone, in the number one pool in foil. The strategy paid heavy dividends when Bartone carried his team to the foil championship and also earned a qualifying place in the individual finals. With a 24/9 score in foil Penn took a commanding eight-point lead in the three-weapon standings. Even with Barton, Pennsylvania's sabre team did not figure to outscore either Navy or Columbia; without Bartone their only experienced fencer in that weapon was Robert Parmacek. Cornell lost the fail title by the heart-breaking margin of a single bout; a tie for third between Co-Columbia and Brooklyn at 21/12 was resolved in favor of Columbia by two

Individual Events

Herman Wallner, N.Y.U., retained the title without a defeat in the final of six. Wallner, who is only a junior, thus becomes the only epeeist besides Arthur Tauber (also of N.Y.U.) to win the crown twice in succession. If he retains his title next year he will establish a record that may never be equalled. Second place went to Army's Phillip Vollman and third to Penn's John Tori, The keen competition in this weapon is best indicated by the fact that three of the six finalists reached the championship round by fence-offs involving nine men.

The best individual performance was in the foil, when Edward Nober of Brooklyn College won all his bouts in the final with only three touches scored against him. Nober, coached by Joseph Smith, is also a junior and it is hoped his school will be invited to compete in the championships again next year. Second place was won by Horace Leavitt of Navy on touches over Francis Bartone of Penn.

The three sabremen who dominated last year's event again paced the field. This time Robert Parmacek of Penn went through undefeated to earn the title in what probably was the most dramatic final of the championships. Steve Sobel of Columbia placed second and Midshipman Frank Zimolzak took third on touches over two other finalists.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS				
	Epee	Foil	Sabre 3	8-Weapon
Army	14	12	11	37
B'klyn	. 5	21 (*)	10	36
C.C.N.Y.	13	6	9	28
Columbia	16	21 (*)	25 (2)	62 (3)
Cornell	17	23 (2)	17	57
Harvard	17	7	9	33
Navy	21 (2)	20	29 (1)	70 (1)
N.Y.U.	17	20	20 (†)	57
Penn.	25 (1)	24 (1)	17	66 (2)
Princeton	17	16	14	47
Rutgers	16	14	17	47
Yale	20 (3)	14	20 (†)	54
*Columbia 108 vs, B'klyn 110 vs.				
†N.Y.U. 107 vs, Yale 114 vs.				

NORTH ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATES

by Sidney Schwartz

The University of Buffalo successfully defended its team title but foiled to win any of the individual events, these being divided among Syracuse (the host college), St. Lawrence and Utica. Next year's event will be held on March 20th but the site has not yet been chosen. It is hoped that more schools in the North East section of the country will participate. Eligibility is based on NCAA requirements.

	TEAM RES			
	F.	Ε.	S.	Tota
Buffalo	9*	4	8†	21*
St. Lawrence	7	4	6	17
Syracuse	6	2	8†	16
R.I.T.	3	5*	0	8
Utica	6	0	0	6
Fredonia	5	0	0	5
*Winner				
tTied for first				

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Foil: Carl Del Bruno, Utica, 5/0; Lief Gibbson, RIT, 4/1; Mel Standart, Buffalo, 3/2; Gil Savitzky, Buffalo, 2/3; Bill Stornelli, Syracuse, 1/4; Dave Parker, St. Lowrence, 0/5.

Epee: John Goldstein, Syracuse, 4/1*; Al Brown, St. Lawrence, 4/1*; Kaye Everett, Buffalo, 4/1*; Tom Plows, St. Lawrence, 2/3; Bill Boston, RIT, 1/4; Tom Minor, RIT, 0/5.

*—Three-way fence-off placed them in order named.

Sabre: Crawford Rose, St. Lawrence, 5/0; John Tremor, Buffalo, 4/1; John Robinson, Syracuse, 2/3; George Cohen, Buffalo, 2/3; Aldo Santorri, Buffalo, 2/3; Bill Peck, Syracuse, 0/5.

A SALUTE TO THE NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING TOURNAMENT

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, AFLA

Pentagonal Championships

by Stanley Sieja

The ninth annual meeting of Army, Harvard, Navy, Princeton and Yale was held at the New York A.C. This event is conducted as an individual competition of one pool in each weapon, with three entries from each school in each weapon. The men fence all entries except those from their own school, or a total of twelve bouts. Individual champions are crowned and the 3-weapon title is awarded to the school with the largest total of victories. Navy won all the team titles and two of the three individuals.

Results

Epee Individual: Lankester, Princeton (9/3) d. Pilcher, Navy, in a fence-off. Third went to Hiller of Navy (8/4).

Epee Team: Navy 24/12, Princeton 19/17, Yale 18/18.

Foil Individual: Barry, Navy (11/1); Leavitt, Navy (10/2); Kolowrat, Princeton (8/4). Foil Team: Navy 28/8, Princeton 23/13, Yale

Sabre Individual: Paulsen, Navy (10/2) d. Zimolzak, Navy, in fence-off. Georing, Yale (9/3) took third.

Sabre Team: Navy 29/7, Yale 24/12, Harvard 17/19.

Three-Weapon: Navy 81/27, Yale 59/49, Princeton 53/55.

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MARCEL CABIJOS Coach

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N.C.A.A. Championships

by Jose R. de Capriles

Thirty-seven schools participated in the ninth annual NCAA Fencing Championships, and Pennsylvania won by such an unprecedented score that it came within one bout of sweeping every title. Coach Csiszar's trio won the three-weapon trophy with a 94/7 record: Bob Parmacek took the sabre crown with 32/1; Jack Tori the epee title with 31/3; and the team captain, Frank Bartone, placed second in foil with 31/3, only one bout behind the champion.

Navy, whose strength in depth had enabled it to outscore Penn at the IFCA two weeks before, could not match Penn's individual stars and had to be content with second place by a margin of 8 bouts. Yale scored a surprise when it nosed out N.Y.U. and Columbia for third place and took two fourth-place individual medals. N.Y.U., tied for fourth with Columbia, was unable to win a single individual medal and thus suffered its worst setback since the inception of these championships. Columbia took two third-place medals.

Ed Nober of Brooklyn, coached by Joseph Smith, repeated his stellar performance of the ICFA by taking the foil crown with a 32/2 record despite an injured heel. Frank Bartone of Penn was a close second (31/3) while Dave Clinton of Wayne placed third (30/4) and Horace Leavitt of Novy fourth (27/6). Incidentally, Dave Clinton was the only "non-easterner" able to capture an individual prize.

In the epee, Penn's Jack Tori scored a decisive victory (31/3) while his closest rival, Mel Hiller of Navy, was second with 28/6. Third went to Irwin Bernstein, Columbia's captain-elect, with 25/9 and fourth to Yale's George Jacoby with 24/10. The defending champion and twice ICFA titleholder, N.Y.U.'s Herman Wallner, was not at his best and finished with a 21/13 record.

Bob Parmacek of Penn once again dominated the trio which has consistently fought for intercollegiate supremacy in the sabre. Parmacek won with a 32/1 record, while defending champion Frank Zimolzak of Navy was second with 31/2 and Steve Sobel of Columbia third with 30/3. William Goering of Yale took fourth with 26/7.

GREETINGS

and

BEST WISHES

from the

NORTHERN OHIO
DIVISION

JOHN SHELLY, Chairman
MARGARET WARNOCK, Sec'y

The tournament, organized and conducted by the coaches of the member schools, was run very efficiently and the contestants, without exception, displayed good sportsmanship. The Illinois Memorial Trophy, awarded to the fencer who displays the highest degree of ability, character and sportsmanship, went to Frank Zimolzak of Navy.

TEAM STANDINGS

	Ε.	F.	S.	Total
Penn	31	31	32	94
Navy	28	27	31	86
Yale	24	23	26	73
N.Y.U.	21	26	25	72
Columbia	25	17	30	72
Illinois	19	26	25	70
Notre Dame	22	21	24	67
Rutgers	23	24	20	67
Brooklyn	17	32	16	65
Wisconsin	21	26	14	61
Wayne	15	30	15	60
Princeton	17	25	16	58
Army	23	14	20	57
Lehigh	19	16	21	56
Michigan State	15	23	17	55
Trinity	24	18	12	54
Texas Tech.	12	16	24	52
Lafayette	16	19	16	51
Boston University	17	19	13	49
St. Peter's	12	13	22.	47
Temple	15	13	16	47
Chicago	15	12	13	40
Ohio State	13	9	18	40
Stevens	18	17	4	39
Johns Hopkins	16	5	17	38
M.I.T.	14	6	14	34
Case	15	14	5	34
Haverford	14	4	13	31
Louisville	12	16	3	3
lowa	10	14	7	31
Buffalo	8	5	17	30
North Carolina State	7	12	5	24
St. Lawrence	7	5	7	19
Indiana	17	•	-	1.
Northwestern	14	ederates.		14
George Washington		6	4	10
Miami		9		9

New England Intercollegiates

by John Collins

The first N. E. Intercollegiate fencing tournament was held on March 7 at Boston University, under the direction of L. P. Dargie, coach of the home school. Teams from Clark, Connecticut, M.I.T., Trinity and Boston U. were composed of two men in each weapon. The event was a round-robin between teams.

Trinity won the three-weapon title with 36 victories when it defeated Boston U. in the last bout. Boston U. was second with 35 and M.I.T. third with 28.

The team standings in each weapon were: Foil—Trinity 13, B.U. 13, M.I.T. 10; Epee—Trinity 12, M.I.T. 10, B.U. 9; Sabre—B.U. 13, Trinity 11, M.I.T. 8.

Individual prizes donated by the Salle Elde (L. P. Dargie, Director), were awarded to the winner in each weapon. The individual standings were: Foil—1. George Kramer, Trinity, 8/0; 2. Philip Craig, B.U., 7/1; 3. Gerald Gaffin, B.U., 6/2. Epee—1. Edward Brandt, M.I.T., after fence-off with James Hickin, Trinity, each having 7/1; 3. Paul Moura, B.U., 6/2. Sabre—1. Stanley Avitabile, Trinity, after fence-off with Herbert Lindsay, B.U., each having 7/1; 3. Edwin Richards, B.U., 6/2.

M.A.C.F.A. Championships

by Roger Jones

The second annual championships of the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association were held at Lafayette College. Lehigh successfully defended the Grasson Three-weapon Trophy and the Association Foil Team Trophy. Haverford, a close second, won the Roger Jones Epee Team Trophy and the Karl Spaeth Sabre Team Trophy. Johns Hopkins and Temple tied for third, with Lafayette fifth.

In the individual events Bob Kievit of Lehigh retained his foil crown, defeating Howard Greenwald of Lafayette in a fence-off. A Johns Hopkins man again won the sabre title, this time Gustavos Rodriquez; Bill Mosland of Haverford was second. The epee title went to Dick Cox of Lehigh with Art Leibold of Haverford as the other medalist.

TEAM STANDINGS

	r,	Ł.	5.	Total
Lehigh	13	11	8	32
Haver ford	6	12	12	30
Johns Hopkins	7	10	10	27
Temple	10	9	8	27
Lafayette	9	3	7	19

The Western Intercollegiates

by Gerard J. Biagini

The third Western Intercollegiate Fencing Conference Championships were held at Stanford University with nineteen teams participating.

Stanford University, victors in the team event, won the Rossi Perpetual Trophy breaking a three-way tie between S.F. State, the defending champions, and Pamona, College whose losses were due mainly to their lack of endurance in the final moments of the event. The teams finished in that order with the University of California, who for two years ranked second, taking fourth place.

In the individual competition, Jack Anderson of San Francisco State College was undefeated and won the Laura Perpetual Silver Cup. A three-way tie for second was decided on touches, with Thornton Garratt, Ralph Amado (Both of Stanford) and Jerome Klotz of the U. of C. placing in that order.

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Women's Intercollegiates by Dorothy Friedman

Hunter College was host for the twenty-fifth annual championships of the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association. Eight colleges were represented, and the silver anniversary was celebrated by a dinner at which two of the founders—Julia Jones Pugliese and Dorothy Hafner de Capriles—were honored.

Hunter won the team championship without much difficulty, dropping only two out of twenty-one bouts. The winners were represented by Beverly Feigelman, Grace Milo and Louise Knab, the latter being undefeated in the team event. This is the tenth time Hunter has held the crown. Brooklyn College and Paterson State Teachers tied for second and placed in the order named on bout victories. The event was a complete round robin on a three-pool basis.

The individual finals, consisting of the three top fencers from pool one, two from pool two and one from pool 3, saw Miss Cathy Kopp of Montclair State Teachers win the championship by a clear margin. This is the first time Montclair has won a team or individual title in the Association. Second place went to Marilyn Rich of Brooklyn College by one touch over Beverly Feigelman of Hunter.

Coaches medals for form were awarded to Elaine Mierta of Jersey City State Teachers, Enid Auerbach of N.Y.U., and Grace Monaco of Paterson State Teachers.

(Team scores on page 9, col 1)

THOSE LEFT-HANDERS

It is interesting to note the prominence achieved by left-handed fencers in modern times. There is no denying that these port-siders have an advantage among the field of inexperienced competitors; they attack us from the "wrong side" and present an unfamiliar target behind an arm that always seems to be in the way. Of course a good left-hander has no advantage over a good right-hander, yet if we look at the record we must admit that there is an impressive number of very good left-handers in the top ranks.

In the last Olympics at Helsinki two of the three men's champions were lefthanded-Christian D'Oriola of France in foil, and Eduardo Manajarotti of Italy in epee (who also placed second in foil). The three third place winners were all left-handed: Manlio DiRosa of Italy in foil, Oswald Zappelli of Switzerland in epee, and Tibor Berczelli of Hungary in sable. In the women's event Ilona Eleck of Hungary, who had won in 1936 and 1948, came second. Other great portsiders of this Olympiad, were Mogens Luchow of Denmark (former World epee champion), Gastone Dare of Italy and Jacques Lefevre of France in sabre, Great left-handed Olympians of previous Games include Lucien Gaudin of France in foil and epee, Georges Buchard of France and Luigi Cantone of Italy in epee, Colonel Tertzyanski and Endre Kabos of Hungary in sabre.

In the United States every national foil champion for the past five years has been left-handed: Nathaniel Lubell in 1948, Daniel Bukantz in 1949 and 1952, and Silvio Giolito in 1950 and 1951. Previous foil champions include Dernell Every and Hugh Alessandroni, In epee the best left-hander in the past twenty years has been Tracy Jaeckel; other good ones are Andrew Boyd and the 1947 National Champion James Strauch. We have not had any top flight lefthanded sabre men. Among the girls, the best left-hander is now Diane Greenberg Millstein, a former intercollegiate champion. The 1952 N.C.A.A, foil champion was left-handed Harold Goldsmith of C.C.N.Y.; other recent left-handed collegiate champions in foil have been Robert Nielsen of Columbia and Maurice Grasson of Yale.

Among our left-handed professionals are the late Clovis Deladrier of Navy who was one of the best in the country, and the current president of the Fencing Coaches Association, Charles Schmitter of Michigan State.

These names by no means exhaust the list but they come most readily to mind and may cause some of us right-handers to wonder whether we learned to fence with the wrong hand.

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Competitive Fencing

Competitive fencing compares to Salle fencing much like Big League baseball compares to a game of catch on a lazy summer afternoon. Under its stimulus a man with a fighting heart can rise to heights he never dreamed to attain.

Some years ago, before the start of the Wimbleton Tennis Tournament, Ted Schroeder was asked what made a great champion tick. Ted answered: "A certain quality you might call X which fellows like Tilden, Cochet, Perry and Budge had. Personally I don't have it."
You must remember that at that moment Schroeder was both the U.S. and defending Wimbleton champion. If he didn't have this elusive X quality, he had to a superlative degree the one quality without which no one can ever become champion in any sport-competitive spirit and a fighting heart. Time after time he came from behind to defeat a technically superior opponent. His fighting heart never doubted that somehow he would pull victory out of defeat; and, while his legs lasted, he did the impossible time after time.

Moving into fencing, several examples come to mind. Possibly the classic example would be George. Calnan in epee. Everyone on both sides of the Atlantic knew that George would fleche. Yet so poised and confident was he that time after time he caught his opponents flat-footed. In 1928 he fleched his way into third place in the Olympic super-final. His fighting spirit was a constant inspiration to his team mates. The case of Ralph Goldstein is also in point. I know Ralph will agree that neither technically nor physically is he the equal of many of the fencers he defeats with alarming regularity. He has a bulldog determination and fighting heart that never give up. We might also take the case of Abelardo Menendez, our present epee champion. After a brutal final, five men were tied for the championship. Two were definitely superior technically, yet the stimulus of the raised strip, floodlights and spectators, added to his intense fight spirit, carried Abelardo to victory. Many other examples spring to mind, like Warren Dow and Norman Armitage; but I prefer, on the whole, to stick to epee where I feel more

Granting that fighting spirit is a prime requisite of a champion, what then and in what order are the other essentials of a successful competitive fencer? Here I may be criticized, but I ask my readers to realize these are personal observations further biased by being an epecist.

1. Legs and Balance. International fencing in all weapons is today a highly mobile sport in which top physical condition is a prerequisite. Regardless of technique, one must have the legs and balance to be able to advance or retreat after even the most complicated action. Young Christian D'Oriola of France, the Olympic Foil Champion, moves like a cat ever ready to pounce or spring away. In the U. S., Norman Lewis has that same capacity. The type of legs required

are those of a middle-distance runner with long, flexible muscles. Many of the top French and Italian Olympic fencers to my knowledge train with their 1500 meter team. After the Helsinki Games Rene Levi, Captain of the French team, said many nice things about American fencing and especially our lady fencers, but expressed surprise about the lack of mobility and more especially the loss of balance among our foilsmen in a sustained action.

- 2. Sense of Distance. Without good legs one cannot properly exploit one's sense of distance; and, without a sense of distance, the most beautifully conceived attack is useless. Some U. S. fencers like Gus Heiss and Norman Lewis seem naturally endowed with this invaluable sixth sense; in others it is acquired through hours of hard work and years of training. To those of us who watched the French, Italians and Hungarians at Helsinki, their excellent sense of distance seemed an outstanding factor in their success.
- 3. Sense of Timing. The third essential of a great competitive fencer is the ability to so time your attack that the opponent is surprised or caught flat-footed. George Calnan had it. Today, probably Norman Lewis, Tibor Nyilas and Jose de Capriles use their timing and distance to fullest advantage. This happy combination is what makes their fencing seem so effortless. Unnecessary parries and useless feints are done away with; they launch their attacks in distance at just the right moment. It is by your choice of time that you inject the element of surprise which makes your adversary freeze momentarily. Those who saw the great Joe Louis fight in his prime became aware of another type of timing applicable to fencing. The "Brown Bomber" was essentially a counterpuncher: he attacked either on his opponent's feints or ill-timed attacks. This not only gave him the element of surprise, but caught his opponent moving forward and unable to roll with the punch. This type of timing requires fast reflexes, complete concentration, awareness of distance and above all patience. My own small success in epee has been built almost entirely around a stopthrust in counter-time. This is a deliberate action dependent on timing and distance and should not be confused with the beginner's tendency to simply extend the arm when surprised. The classic example of counter-timing is to be found in the Hungarian school of sabre. These undisputed World and Olympic champions have remarkable muscular control; on their opponent's attack they will cut to the wrist and come back to the parry so quickly that it seems to be all one motion. The Italians, the U.S.A., the Poles and the Austrians all have aped the Hungarian school. Here in the U.S. Tibor Nyilas and George Worth, both Hungarian trained, best exemplify the ability to counter-time their opponents.
- 4. **Technique.** We must assume that anyone going into competitive fencing has already mastered the rudiments of the attack, parry, riposte, counter-riposte and stop-thrust. I say rudiments advisedly since no truly great fencer will ever

state that he has completely mastered fencing technique; there is always something new to learn, some fault to overcome. The champions realize this and you will find them taking longer and harder lessons than the tyro or novice. This is not true of fencing alone. Top golfers practice chip shots and putts by the hour. In tennis, Rene Lacoste had a machine which would pitch him a hundred balls to exactly the same spot; with it he perfected drop shots and severely angled cross-court volleys. Unfortunately this type of practice is too little used by our own top fencers today.

As we develop and perfect our own technique, we learn more and more quickly to evaluate the technique of an opposing fencer whom we have never met. This is invaluable to successful competitive fencing. Norman Armitage, with his great ability to analyze an opponent, stayed on top long after his legs slowed up. He is one of the few. Too many of us, having defeated a particularly difficult opponent, promptly forget how we did it. The coach cannot, and should not, think for you. You are the analyst once the command to fence has been given. It is up to you to apply what you have learned against an opponent who will use every ruse he can call forth. This is the fascinating challenge of competition. Technique alone will never win for you. You must think, analyze, have confidence and the will to

5. Psychology and Imagination, By perseverance and hard work people can be made into good and sometimes champion boxers, tennis players and fencers. They are automatons who learn to react to certain situations; they are the product of their coach's sweat and express little or none of their own personality and imagination. It took the imagination of Bill Tilden to beat the automaton Lacoste. He broke the pattern by mixing spins, chops and flat drives in bewildering sequence. Perhaps this is the "quality X": the ability to weave a new pattern, to do the unexpected, to leaven technique with psychology and imagination. Many of us remember vividly Jose de Capriles defeating our very good friend Colonel DiMartino of Italy 5-0 in the National Championships a few years ago. Joe made five opposition stopthrusts in a row. After it was over his dazed but genial opponent, whose technical superiority was unquestioned, said, "I couldn't imagine anyone being stupid enough to do the same action five times running." Imagination and psychology had prevailed. Joe had found a weakness, and capitalized on it; he also abided by an important rule in the psychological realm-never change a winning game. On the other hand, too few of us realize how and when to change a losing game before it is too late. The ability to immediately forget a defeat and concentrate on the bout to come is often difficult but nevertheless vital to one's own success.

Fight a fencer but fence a fighter. If your opponent is technically superior, you can only win by fighting spirit and the courage to do the unexpected. If you are technically superior, exploit that

strength and stay out of infighting where anything can happen. Keep your temper, but know your rules and stand up for your rights. A lost temper ruins your actions and you penalize yourself. Above all keep poised and confident. In the final match of the Foil Team Championship in the Pan-American Games, Tibor Nyilas gave such a beautiful exhibition of nonchalant poise and confidence that he cast a spell over his technically superior adversaries and won three bouts to spearhead our victory over Argentina.

So, then, becoming a champion is a relatively simple matter. Granted a great fighting heart, superb physical condition and legs, an uncanny sense of timing and distance backed by masterful technique and a poised confident spirit how can you lose? Try it some time.

> Tracy Jaeckel, who has tried for too many years.

TEAM SCORES

Hunter 7/0; Brooklyn 5/2 (14 for); Paterson 5/2 (13 for); N.Y.U. 3/4 (10 for); Montclair 3/4 (9 for); Fairleigh Dickinson 2/5 (8 for); Jersey City 2/5 (6 for); Elmira 1/6.

INDIVIDUAL FINALS

Cathy Kopp, Montclair, 4/1; Marilyn Rich, Brooklyn, 3/2 (14 vs.); Beverly Feigelman, Hunter, 3/2 (15 vs.); Louis Knab, Hunter, 2/3 (13 vs.); Grace Monaco, Paterson, 2/3 (16 vs.); Joanne Monteverde, Fairleigh Dickinson, 1/4.

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Letters to the Editor

(The following letter by Dorothy Covalt, Jr. was written at the Northfield School for Girls, in Massachusetts, after the first fencing lesson. We are indebted to Mr. George Covalt for sending it to us. No doubt most of us will recall similar sensations.)

Hi. This is a very boring letter.

Just got out of fencing and je suis exhausted! It was so funny! We must have looked like a bunch of donkeys, All the terms are in French. The first position is "attention." In this your feet are at right angles to each other and your heels together. The foil is pointed down and three inches off the floor. The left arm is very straight down to your side and twisted about so that the palm is upward. The next is "en garde." Here your feet are still at __ to each other but one ft. apart. Neez are bent so that you're thoroughly uncomfortable. At this point your nose starts to itch and you can't scratch cuz you've got that horrible wire mask on. . . . Now 4 the fite! En garde!! Advance-Retreat-Advance -Advance, retreat, advance, retreat, retreat LUNGE!! Some place back around the 2nd or 3rd "retreat" I got lost. Everyone is now breathing in short pants (that's what our uniforms are) so at last we can get our masks off our very red faces and scratch our respective noses. . . .

Me"

Scotia, New York

I was pleased to see Mr. Osborn's article in the February issue of AMERI-CAN FENCING on fencing in central New York. Last year the Tri-City Fencers Club was formed in Schenectady, N. Y., mainly through the efforts of Ed Menaker, a former Columbia University fencer. We have a club membership of about 20 and have available a three weapon team that is anxiously looking for competition. Our major accomplishment this year has been to start fencing as a sport in the Schenectady high schools. The interest is high and we have almost more students than we can handle. There are four good size schools in or close to the city and transportation for interscholastic matches will be no problem.

I am going to take the liberty of mentioning two other fencing groups in the central New York area. Hamilton College at Clinton has a team, I believe, and a group is started at the Troy YMCA.

P. V. Johnson

(Warren Dow received this one, addressed to the AFLA.)

Amsterdam, Holland.

I have always wanted to have a pen friend in the U.S.A. who had the same hobby as I, the fencing sport.

I am seventeen years old and I should like to have a pen-friend of the same age, if it is possible a girl.

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News from the Divisions

New England

by Guido Pomodoro Division Secretary

Our fencers are rapidly approaching the stage of Metropolitan N.Y. fencing. It may still take us a few years but those who persevere will certainly reap the golden harvest. In no other sport will one find such 'esprit de corps'; the courtesy extended to one's opponnent; never doubting (!?) but always accepting the Director's final decision. Listed below are those who have worked hard for their goal and are shooting for higher peaks. Our Division Championships will be held in May.

Women's Prep: 1. Nancy Dean, unattached; 2. Joan Ward, Dana Hall; 3. Carol Reeves, Dana Hall.

Women's Novice: 1. C. Knight, Salle Elde; 2. V. Raffston, Salle Vitale; 3. C. Reeves, Dana Hall.

Novice Foil: 1. G. McNair, Harvard; 2. P. Craig, Boston U.; 3. S. Schneider, Harvard.

Novice Epee: 1. H. Sparks, Boston U.; 2. N. Lindsay, Boston U.; 3. Forland, unattached.

Novice Sabre: 1. L. Rubin, Boston F.C.; 2. N. Lindsay, Boston U.; 3. E. Sohody, unattached.

Junior Foil: 1. J. Vera, Boston U.; 2. E. Washwell, unattached; 3. P. Craig, Boston U.

Intermediate Foil: 1. R. Dion, Boston F.C.; 2. J. Vera, Boston U.; 3. E. Washwell, unattached.

Three-Weapon Championship: 1. George Mc-Nair, Harvard; 2. Edward Washwell, unattached; 3. George Younice, Salle Elde.

Washington, D. C.

by Hertha C. Wegener Division Secretary

Results of competitions to date: Novice Foil: 1. Albert Manley, YMCA; 2. Julius Costigliola, WMCA; 3. Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie (USAF), Wash. F.C.

Junior Sabre: 1. Albert Manley, YMCA; 2. Lt. Col. Thomas Carhart (USAF), Wash. F.C.; 3. Julius Castigliola, YMCA.

Prep Foil: 1. Julius Castigliola, YMCA; 2. William Hathaway, YMCA; 3. Charles King, YMCA

Mixed Foil: 1. Trurnit-Bayor, Tri-Weapon, Balto; 2. Nielsen-Joel, Wash. F.C.; 3. Newton-Newton, Wash. F.C. Open Foil: 1. Lt. Charles Steinhardt, USAF;

Open Foil: 1. Lt. Charles Steinhardt, USAF; 2. Harold Newton, Wash. F.C.; 3. Daniel Lyons, Wash. F.C.

Junior Foil: 1. Julius Castigliola, YMCA*; 2. Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie (USAF), Wash, F.C.*; 3. Charles Simmons, YMCA.

Women's Open: 1. Lessie Nielsen, Wash. F.C.*;
2. Abbie Herring, Tri-Weapon, Balto.*; 3.
Hertha Wegener, Wash. F.C.*

Women's Prep: 1. Betty August, YWCA*; 2. Evelyn David, Wash.-Lee H.S.*; 3. Kathryn Jones, YWCA.

Open Epee: 1. Lt. Col. Charles Carhart (USAF)
Wash. F.C.; 2. Capt. Leonard Doughty,
USN, ret.; 3. Al Rose, Sr., Balto. F.C.

Junior Foil: 1. William Hathaway, YMCA; 2. Richard Jones, YMCA; 3. Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie (USAF) Wash. F.C.

(*) Fence-off.

Illinois

by Lillian Vondra Division Secretary

Two Open State Championship trophies, long the "property" of Chicago teams, were won by Central Illinois fencers for the first time this year:

The **Epee Team** Frank Righeimer Jr. trophy was won by a team of James Ross, Lawrence Silverman and Philip Urso from Champaian.

The **Three-Weapon Team** Eddy Cup also went to Champaign's Anthony Zombolas (foil), Lawrence Silverman (epee) and John Cameron (sabre).

The **Sabre Team** John R. Huffman trophy was defended successfully by the University Club (Don Thompson, Frank Tiefenback and John Westley).

In the **Women's Novice**, Joan Heath of Mundelein College was the winner with Audrey Van Camp (Art Institute) and Loretta Lind (Mundelein) taking second and third.

The **Junior Foil** went to Carl Roth, Chicago F.C., with Lawrence Silverman of Champaign second and Kent Drumm of Senn H. S. third.

The **Women's Prep** was won by Joan Heath, Mundelein, with Audrey Vankamp second and Shirlee Richier third.

In the **Open Foil** Don Thompson of the University Club beat Anthony Zombolas, unattached, in a fence-off. Herman Velasco took third.

The Waldbott Cup **Open Foil Team** championship was won by the University Club with Don Thompson, Bernie Fishman and Dick Podel-

The individual and team high school championships were won by Senn High School; Kent Krumm took the individual and then teamed up with Lyle Schwartz and Larry Walders for the team trophy.

The Women's Championship was won by Karon Hain of the Chicago F.C. who defeated twice-champion Sue Thompson of the University Club 4-3 in a fence-off. Audrey VanCamp, Chicago Art Institute, placed third.

The **Women's Team** title was won by Mundelein College with 5 members: Joon Heath, Sylvia Skelly, Mary Guerrieri, Peggy and Mary Moran. Winners received the Ethel Caflin Cup.

Northern Ohio

by Margaret Warnock Division Secretary

The following are results of the Division's Championships held at Case Club on April 11 and 12:

Women: 1. Betty Vogel, Sword & Mask; 2. Judy Palffy, Woodland; 3. Joan Steigerwald, Woodland.

Foil: 1. E. "Pat" Quigley, Case Club; 2. Howard Fried, Sword & Mask; 3. William Bishop, Case Institute.

Epee: 1. James Gosline, Woodland; 2. Benjamin Firth, Fenn College; 3. William Durrett, Woodland.

Sabre: 1. Walter Henry, Woodland; 2. John Shelly, Woodland; 3. John Tapolczyne, Woodland

Northern California

The Women's Halberstadt Foil was fenced for 7 out of 12 touches, with a margin of 2 touches required for victory. The final of eight ended in a tie with Miss Eleanor Turney winning the fence-off 7-2 against Miss Frances Carter. Third place went to Tommy Angell on touches over Shirley Canter.

Three Weapon Individual: 1. Jack Baker, Olympic Club; 2. Gerard Biagini, Olympic Club; 3. Edgar Talley, Halberstadt S.F.

Junior Foil Team: Won by the Berkeley F.C. with Richard Dahl, Elwood Flitcraft and David Swift.

Junior Sabre: 1. Elwood Flitcraft, Berkeley F.C.; 2. Peter Stevenson, Berkeley F.C.; 3. Gordon Scheile, Halberstadt S.F.

Intermediate Foil: 1. Daniel De La O, Olympic Club; 2. Richard Gross, Berkeley F.C.; 3. Albert Lambert, Berkeley F.C.

Women's Intermediate: 1. Patricia Powers; 2. Frances Carter; 3. Tommy Angell. All of Halberstadt S.F.

Intermediate Sabre: T. Richard Gross, Berkeley F.C.; 2. Daniel De La O, Olympic Club; 3. Edgar Trekteris, unattached.

Cpen Foil: 1. Gerard Biagini, Olympic Club; 2. Salvatore Giambra, Olympic Club; 3. Albert Lambert, Berkeley F.C. Women's Intermediate Team won by the Halberstadt School of Fencing represented by Tommy Angell, Frances Carter and Patricia Powers.

Junior Sabre Team: Won by the Berkeley F.C., represented by Mel Rubin, Elwood Flitcroft and Richard Gross.

Delaware

by Roger Owings Division Chairman

Thus far this year we have been handicapped by having the University of Delaware drop fencing from its sport picture.

In the Open Foil, held at the Wilmington YMCA, Dick Guerke was first, with Phil Lunger and Hal Graham following in that order. All three are from the Wilmington Fencing Club.

The Novice Sabre, held at the Tower Hill School, ended in a five-way tie for first. On the fence-off, Bob Morris of Haverford College placed first with Doc Walls and Dick Guerke of the Wilmington F.C. taking second and third respectively.

New Jersey by William Reda

The following are results of recent competitions:

Novice Foil: 1. P. Primamore, Rutgers; 2. R. Flynn, unattached; 3. B. Solazzo, N.Y.U. Novice Sabre: 1. V. Antoniuk, Paterson Teach-

Novice Sabre: 1. V. Antoniuk, Paterson Teachers; 2. B. Miller, N.Y.U.; 3. A. White, Rutgers.

Women's Junior: 1. J. Monteverde, Dickinson;

 D. Cella, Dickinson;
 B. Villani, unattached.

Michigan

by Shirley Klei Division Secretary

Joseph Waffa, who donates his coaching ability to the Lapeer High School students, has brought new life into the Division's fencing scene. His pupils have such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship that they pep up every tournament. Judy Goodrich is 14 years old and left-handed; she seems to be going right up the ladder and it wouldn't surprise anyone to see her in the Michigan State Finals.

Women's Novice: 1. Naomi Hill, Michigan State; 2. Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.; 3. Beverly Fernea, Lapeer H.S. Woman's Novice Team: Won by Lapeer

Woman's Novice Team: Won by Lapeer High School with Judy Goodrich, Beverly Fernea and Nancy Beardsley. Novice Foil: 1. James Doyle, Grosse Pte.

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Novice Epee: 1. Alex Musiychuk, Ford Recreation; 2. Robert Starnes, unattached; 3. James Doyle, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Novice Sabre: 1. Rene Pinchuk, de Tuscan; 2. David Clinton, Wayne U.; 3. James Williams, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Women's Junior Team: Won by Lapeer High School with Juanita Thomas, Rose Kearney and Audrey MacDonald.

Foil Handicap: 1. Byron Krieger, de Tuscan; 2. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte. S.C.; 3. Richard Wegert, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Women's Junior: 1. Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.; 2. Marilyn Chadwick, de Tuscan; 3. Jo Snyder, de Tuscan.

Junior Foil Team: Won by Grosse Pointe Sword Club with Arthur Schankin, Richard Wegert and Robert Brezsney.

Junior Epee: 1. Alex Musiychuk, Ford Recreation; 2. Robert Moir, unattached; 3. James Williams, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Senior Sabre: 1. Frank Bitonti, Wayne U.; 2. David Clinton, Wayne U.; Walter Bielicki, Lawrence Tech.

Junior Foil: 1. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte. S.C.; Richard Wegert, Grosse Pte. S.C.; 3. Paul Groesser, Lapeer H.S.

Women's Intermediate: 1. Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.; 2. Marilyn Johnson, de Tuscan; 3. Marilyn Chadwick, de Tuscan.

Intermediate Epce: 1. John Moir, unattached; 2. Albert Kunzmann, Grosse Pte. S.C.; 3. Richard Berry, Michigan State.

Kentucky

by Carl M. Burge Division Secretary

The Division held its first Annual Three-Weapon Championship at the Louisville YMCA. The medalists were determined by touches scored, an aggregate of five touches being fenced in each weapon in a round-robin pool. Eleven competed.

The title went to Albert Wolff, Olympic fencer, with a total of 97 touches. Scott Breckinridge Jr. followed with 91 touches and third was won by Charles Reese with 89 touches. The winner received a trophy which is to be retained for one year but may be retired by the fencer winning it three times.

Other participants, in the order of finish, were: Bill Seiller, 86; Carl Burge, 82; Bill Hancock, 74; E. V. Smith, 71; Francis Wolff, 69; John McBrayer, 62; Paul Wright, 60; Ed Sternbergs, 44.

Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer

Our total entries to date are greater than last season. A total of ten organizations plus several unattached fencers are participating this season.

Women's Events

Prep: 1. Alice Gerakin, Faulkner; 2. Lola Nelson, Dragons; 3. Deane Heller, Dragons.
 Novice: 1. Bettie Merwin, Faulkner; 2. Alice Gerakin, Faulkner; 3. Helen Boehme, Knights

Junior: 1. Iris Hoblit, Dragons; 2. Lola Nelson, Dragon; 3. Peggy Lundeberg, Dragons.

Junior Team: Won by Faulkner's School of Fencing with Bettie Merwin, Bonnie Merwin and Pomela Moson.

Intermediate: 1. Iris Hoblit, Dragons; 2. Trudi Wodgenske, Dragons; 3. Eleanor Turney, Halberstadt S.F. (No. Calif.)

Senior: 1. Maxine Mitchell, Cavaliers; 2. Janice York, unattached; 3. Barbara Baxter, unattached.

Men's Events

Prep Foil: 1. Hector Nevarez, Knights F.C.; 2. Arthur Reich, Cavaliers; 3. Marvin Martin, unattached.

Novice Foil: 1. Ken Marx, Faulkner; 2. Giase Lohman, Faulkner; 3. George Dietsch, Dragons.

Junior Foil: 1. Arthur Morris, Lo Angeles A.C.; 2. Alberto Urenda, Los Angeles A.C.; 3. Steve Barden, Los Angeles A.C.

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Junior Foil Team: Won by Hollywood A.C. with
Clarence Heckman, Hyman Kaplan, and
Bob Smitz

Senior Foil: 1. Gary Martin, unattached; 2. Josef Lampl, Los Angeles A.C.; 3. Torao Mori, Los Angeles A.C.

Novice Epee: 1. Bob Smitz, Hollywood A.C.; 2. Halton Arp, Faulkner; 3. Ken Marx, Faulkner.

Junior Epee: 1. Josef Lampl, Los Angeles A.C.; 2. John Huntzicker, Dragons; 3. Arthur Morris, Los Angeles A.C.

Junior Epee Team: Won by Los Angeles A.C. with Arthur Morris, Alberto Urenda, Fred Rayser.

Senior Epee: 1. Bruce McBirney, Faulkner; 2. Giles Plew, unattached; 3. Dorcie Mitchell, Cayaliers.

Novice Sabre: 1. Forrest Carter, Faulkner; 2. Sal de Bellis, Dragons; 3. John Huntzicker, Dragons.

Junior Sabre: 1. Gary Martin, unattached; 2. Forrest Carter, Faulkner; 3. Fred Rayser, Los Angeles A.C.

Junior Sabre Team: Won by Hollywood A.C. with Hyman Kaplan, Bob Smitz and Clarence Heckman.

Senior Sabre: 1. Torao Mori, Los Angeles A.C.; 2. Josef Lampl, Los Angeles A.C.; 3. Phil Romano, Faulkner,

Western New York

by Julian Goldstein Division Chairman

Our membership is now up to 103. Recent results are:

Prep Epee: 1. Aldo Santorri, U. of Buffalo; 2. Earl Hutchings, Sampson AFB; 3. Robert Yanes, Sampson AFB.

Intermediate Epee: 1. Roger Jones, Buffalo F.C.; 2. William Kohsmann, Buffalo F.C.; 3. Norbert Reade, U. of Buffalo.

Women's Team: Won by Jewish Center with Fran Breton, Nancy Zielinski and Gertrude School

Foil Team: Won by U. of Buffalo alumni with Sid Schwartz, Frederic Wash burn and Henry Nieman.

Seattle

by William C. Modrell Division Chairman

Several of our fencers competed in the Pacific International Tournament held at Vancouver, B.C.: Katherine Modrell won the Ladies Open for the third year in a row, Shirley Wissler won the Ladies Junior, and William Modrell won the Open Sabre.

On March 27 and 28 we were hosts to the "Northwest Fencing Tournament" at which we had 22 out-of-towners and 14 Seattle fencers. Entries came from Vancouver, B.C.; Victoria, B.C.; Portland, Oregon; Bremerton, Washington; and Spokane, Washington. The results were as follows:

Women's Open: 1. Katherine Modrell, Seattle YMCA; 2. Rhoda Purdy, Vancouver Blades; 3. Dolores Kane, Bremerton F.C.

Women's Junior: 1. Mary Ferrario, University of B.C.; 2. Jean Todd, Vancouver Blades; 3. Virginia Shanghnessy, Portland Swordsmen.

Open Foil: Dan Drumheller, Spokane F.C.; 2. Jack Nottinghom, Aldo Nadi; 3. Charles Loewen, University of B.C.

Junior Foil: 1. Sam Allman, University of B.C.; 2. Bruce Wilson, unattached; 3. Bob Beier, Portland Swordsmen.

Open Epee: 1. Jack Northingham, Aldo Nadi; 2. Alfred Raisters, unattached; 3. Thad Mc-Arthur, Washington, A.C.

Open Sabre: 1. Jack Nottingham, Aldo Nadi; 2. William Modrel¹, Seattle YMCA; 3. Charles Loewen, University of B.C.

Maryland

by Calvert E. Schlick Division Chairman

Our Division has surpassed ast year's record membership and with the season only partially completed we have already reached the number of entries which we had over the entire schedule last year. We plan a Divisional Victory Dinner for May 16 and extend an invitation to our many friends from the other divisions to spend an enjoyable evening with us.

Results of competitions:

Schoolboys: 1, Bob Mazon, Patterson Pk.; 2. Tony Kawalek, Poly; 3. Ted Stastny, Poly.

Junior Sabre: 1. Earl Paulsen, USNA; 2. Tim Sandmeyer, USNA; 3. Al Hurwitz, Balto. YMCA.

Junior Epee: 1. Mal Hiller, USNA; 2. Tom Sisson, USNA; 3. Harold Pilcher, USNA.

Prep Epee: 1. Victor Bernard, Int. Y.; 2. Norio Endo, Johns Hopkins; 3. Herb Silon, Johns Hopkins.

Prep Sabre: 1. Gerry Hoffman, Int. Y; 2. Dick Heckman, Johns Hopkins; 3. Vic Bernard, Int. Y.

Women's Junior: 1. Lora Burlage, York F.C.; 2. Doris Bernard, Int. Y; 3. Carol Hespenheide, York F.C.

Junior Foil: 1. Cal Schlick, YMCA; 2. Al Hurwitz, YMCA; 3. Jim Telman, Int. Y.

Women's Team: Won by Washington F.C. with Nielson, Wegener and Newton.

Foil Team: Won by the Jewish Community Center with Lewis, Udel and Enten.

Sabre Team: Won by the Jewish Community Center with Lewis, Udel and Enten.

Open Foil: 1. Horace Leavitt, USNA; 2. Robert Lewis, J.C.C.; 3. Harry Enten, J.C.C.

Jaeckel Wins Masters Event

Tracy Jaeckel of the Fencers Club became the first repeat winner of the epee event for "Masters" when he regained possession of the Sanford Saltus dress sword which he had won in 1951, Last year's winner, Ralph Goldstein of Salle Santelli, placed second and Paul Makler of Philadelphia was third.

Ten entered this special one-touch event which is open to Olympic epee fencers and to those who have won two or more National Championship medals, A complete round-robin was followed by a "final" of the top six with victories in both rounds being counted. In addition to the three place winners, James Strauch, J. V. Grombach and James Flynn received medals awarded by Miguel de Capriles who initiated the event, Results

Jaeckel 10/4; Goldstein 9/5; Makler 8/6; Strauch 7/7; Grombach 6/8; Flynn 5/5; Menendez 4/5; Mijer 3/6; J. de Capriles 3/6; M. de Capriles 2/7.

Women's Novice

by Nathaniel Lubell

Miss Beverly Feigelman of Hunter was undefeated. Unfortunately only five girls showed up for this event. Miss Grace Monaco, N. J. Swords Club, placed second with one loss and Miss Marilyn Rich of Brooklyn College was third. The other entries were Jane Dardia and Constance De Hauski, both of the N. J. Swords Club.

Joseph Sonnenreich Wins Novice Foil

by Dorothy Friedman

Joseph Sonnenreich of the Fencers Club led a field of twenty-one to win the Novice Foil. The final of nine ended with Sonnenreich having a 7/1 record while Ben Schoeck of N.Y.U. placed second with 6/2 and Milton Markowitz of Mercado was third with 5/3,

Final Round Scores

Sonnenreich, Fencers Club, 7/1; Schoeck, N.Y.U., 6/2; Markowitz, Mercado, 5/3; James Canvin, Fencers Club, 4/4 (28 vs); Sheldon Taylor, N.Y.U., 4/4 (29 vs); Irving Podnos, Salle Santelli, 4/4 (31 vs); Frank Lane, Saltus Club, 4/4 (32 vs); Harold Rifas, Salle Lucia, 2/6; Aubrey Seeman, C.C.N.Y., 0/8.

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Neil Lazar Regains Three-Weapon Crown

Neil Lazar of the Salle Santelli regained the All-Eastern three-weapon title, which he last won in 1951, by defeating Paul Makler of Philadelphia 8-5 in the deciding bout. The event is run on direct elimination and Lazar had to turn back the defending champion, Herbert Spector, in the semi-final; the other bracket saw Makler defeat Allan Kwartler to gain a place in the final. Fourteen competed.

Results

Second Round: Spector d. Moss 8-5; Lazar d. Strauch 8-4; Makier d. Cohen 8-5; Kwartler d. Marcell 8-3.

Semi-Final: Lazar d. Spector 8-7 (3-2, 2-3, 3-2); Makler d. Kwartler 8-4 (2-3, 5-0, 1-1). Final: Lazar d. Makler 8-5 (3-2, 3-2, 2-1).

Washington Square Cup

The beautiful silver chalice was retained by the Fencers Club, but this time the "A" team (Alfred Skrobisch, Jose de Capriles, Edward Vebell) lived up to the seedings and took back the trophy which it had lost to the "B" team last year. Only three bouts separated these two Fencers Club entries, due largely to the excellent performance of James Strauch who fenced No. 1 for the runner-up. It is not often that a club finds it has so many Olympic men in one weapon that it must place an Olympian on its second team. Strauch had an 11-1 record in pool one, as did de Capriles in pool two. Other outstanding performers were Skrobisch (10-2) and Peter Conomikes of Philadelphia (10-2).Results

	Meanila			
	1	11	111	Total
Fencers Club "A"	10	11	8	29
Fencers Club "B"	11	7	8	26
Philadelphia	5	10	9	24
N.Y.U. "A"	8	8	6	22
Naval Academy	8	6	6	20
New York A.C.	5	5	6	16
Mercado	8	4	4	16
Santelli "A"	5	5	5	15
Santelli "B"	3	3	9	15
Fencers Club "C"	3	7	4	14
Santelli "C"	4	3	7	14
N.Y.U. "B"	ì	6	6	13
Fencers Club "D"	7	3		10

Novice Sabre

Barry Pariser of Columbia won the event held on March 22nd. He was pressed closely by Joseph Sonnenreich of the Fencers Club, and third went to A. Rosenberg of Yeshiva on touches over Umberto Milletari of the Fencers Club and W. Goering of Yale. Twenty competed.

Final Round Scores: Pariser, Columbia, 7/1; Sonnenreich, Fencers Club, 6/2; Rosenberg, Yeshiva, 5/3 (28 vs, 34 for); Milletari, Fencers Clu, 5/3 (28 vs, 32 for); Goering, Yale, 5/3 (29 vs); Tokayer, Yeshiva, 3/5; Flynn, N.Y. A.C., 2/6; Gelenter, N.Y.U., 2/6; Dollinger, N.Y.U., 1/7.



Mrs. Millstein Wins Metropolitan Open

Mrs. Diane Millstein of the Fencers Club won the Metropolitan Open Championship from a strong field of twentyfour. A tie for second place between Grace Acel (Santelli) and defending champion Madeline Dalton (Fencers Club) was settled in favor of Miss Acel when she won the fence-off 4-3,

Final Round Scores: Millstein 4/1; Acel 3/2; Dolton 3/2; Ida Balint, Saltus, 2/3 (17 vs.); Eve Cohen, Santelli, 2/3 (18 vs.); Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, 1/4.

Women's Open Team

by Larry Olvin

The Fencers Club, using Madeline Dalton, Julia Doerschuk, Dolly Funke and Diane Millstein defeated all comers in the Metropolitan championship which was also the qualifying round for the Nationals. Five teams were entered, and the results were as follows:

Fencers Club d. Salle Santelli "B" 6/3, New Jersey Composite 9/0, Salle Santelli "A" 5/4

and Hunter College 5/0.
Salle Santelli "A" (Grace Acel, Eve Cohen, Jo Shaff, Vivian Sokol) d. Santelli "B" 8/1 and New Jersey Composite 9/0.

Hunter College (Beverly Feigelman, Louise Knab, Marilyn Rosenbaum) d. New Jersey Composite 7/2 and Santelli "B" 5/4. Salle Santelli "B" (Toni Carlino, Anne Drun-

gis, Dorothy Friedman, Grace Makable) and New Jersey Composite (Margaret Cappello, Grace Monaco, Lorraine Murad) lost three

Novice Epee

by J. Richard Lutz

Harry Shaft of N.Y.U. won the event from a field of fourteen. Ted Reuter of Columbia was second and his teammate Irving Bernstein placed third on touches over Shelly Taylor, N.Y.U., and M. Valsamis, Columbia. N.Y.U. and Columbia made it a dual-meet final, each placing four.

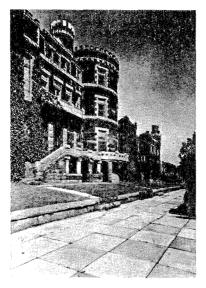
Final Round Scores

Hinal Round scores
Shaft, N.Y.U., 6/1; Reuter, Columbia, 5/2;
Bernstein, Columbia, 4/3 (13 vs); Taylor,
N.Y.U., 4/3 (14 vs); Valsamis, Columbia, 4/3
(15 vs); Schoeck, N.Y.U., 3/4; Wald, Columbia, 4/3
(15 vs); Schoeck, N.Y.U., 3/4; bia, 2/5; Pons, N.Y.U., 0/7.

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Events to be held at Castle: Women's Handicap. Orsi Trophy. May 31, 1953, 10:30 A.M. Entry \$1.00.

Individual Electric Epee. Paterson Morning Call Trophy. June 6, 1953, 11 A.M. Entry \$2.00. An informal party planned by the Division after this event, and your entry is your invitation.

Other Special Events: The Griffin Trophy, Women's Outdoor Foil Team. May 16, 1953, 10:30 A.M. at Paterson Teachers College, Pompton Road, North Haledon, N.J. Entry \$2.00.

Three-Weapon Outdoor Team. Trophy and individual prizes. May 16, 1953, 11 A.M., at Plainfield Library Park, opposite Plainfield H.S., West 9th St., Plainfield, N.J. Entry \$3.00.

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All-Eastern Intermediate Championships

Foil Team

The Fencers Club team (Frank Bavuso, Frank Billadello, Daniel Marmer, Arthur Spingarn) won the five-team round-robin to take the title, while the New York A. C. placed second and the Salle Santelli third. The competition was held at the Fencers Club.

Results

Fencers Club d. Santelli "B" 7/2, N.Y.U. 7/2, New York A.C. 5/4 (23 victories, 13 losses); New York A.C. (Paul Anderson, Evan Quinn, Anthony Orsi, Vincent Surdi) d. Santelli "A" 6/3, Santelli "B" 6/3, N.Y.U. 5/4 (21 victories, 15 losses);

Salle Santelli "A" (Charles Brodrick, Allan Kwartler, Oscar Price) d. Santelli "B" 5/4, Fencers Club 5/4 (18 victories, 18 losses); Salle Santelli "B" (Irving Podnos, Louis Schaff, Valentino Yurchenko) and N.Y.U. (Bernard Schoeck, Sheldon Taylor, Herman Wallner) lost all

Women's Individual by Vincent Surdi

The finals were held at Plainfield High School and Miss Harriet Brewster of the Boston F.C. was undefeated in the roundrobin of eight. Second place went to Miss Ann Drungis of the Salle Santelli with a 6/1 record and her team mate Mrs. Jo Shaff was third with 5/2.

Other entries were Grace Makabe, Salle Santelli; Laura Ponnone, Verona; Louise Knab, Hunter; Kate Kopp, Montclair Teachers; and Helen Schwartz, Plainfield F.C.

Foil

Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club, won the championship by defeating Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, in a fence-off 5-4. Fifteen entries were in the championship round and the final of nine saw Vincent Surdi, N.Y.A.C., take third by a clear marain.

Final Round Scores

Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club, 7/1; Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, 7/1; Vincent Surdi, N.Y.A.C., 6/2; Evan Quinn, N.Y.A.C., 3/4; Anthony Orsi, N.Y.A.C., 3/4; Peter Conomikes, Philadelphia, 2/4; William Reda, N.Y.A.C., 2/5; Pan Edwards, Philadelphia, 1/5; Alphonse

Sully, N.Y.A.C., 1/6.
We regret the other events were not reported to us.

LYON TROPHY

by Leo Sobel
The Fencers Club "A" team composed of Abram Cohen and Jose de Capriles was undefeated in the special epee-sabre event in which each fencer must meet opponents in both an epee and sabre bout. The winners received the beautiful bronze and marble trophy depicting a duel, and the Arthur Lyon gold medals. A three-way tie for second resulted when the final round of four teams ended with each of the other finalists having one loss and two ties. The ties were resolved by two-bout fence-offs in which each team nominated a man for each weapon. The Philadelphia F. C., with Paul Makler in epee and Robert Parmacek in sabre, won the silver medals. Eight teams com-

Final Round: Fencers Club "A" d. Philadelphia 6/2, N.Y.A.C. "A" 6/2, Santelli "A" 6/2, Philadelphia tied N.Y.A.C. and Santelli at 4/4; Santelli tied N.Y.A.C. and Philadelphia at 4/4;

All-Ohio Championships by Donald S. Thompson

John Shelly and James Goslin, both of Northern Ohio, became the first officially recognized fencing champions of the State of Ohio when the first All-Ohio Championships were held in the Gymnasium of Ohio State University, Columbus, on Saturday, March 21, 1953. Shelly scored a double victory in foil and sabre. Goslin carrying off the honors in

The original suggestion for such a meet was made last season by Robert H. Kaplan, fencing coach at Ohio State University. The 1953 competition was confined to men's individual championships in the three weapons. Twenty-seven contestants were entered from three Ohio divisions - Cincinnati, Columbus and Northern Ohio. All events were run as round robins. Plans are under way to make this a regular annual affair, probably in Columbus, and to add team championships and women's events.

The results follow:

Epee (8 entries)

- 1. James Gosline, N. Ohio, 6/1 *2. Howard Fried, N. Ohio, 4/3 (12 vs, 18 for)
- *3. Arthur Wade, N. Ohio, 4/3 (12 vs, 16 for) Foil (11 entries)
- 1. John Shelly, N. Ohio, 10/0
- 2. Robert Boyajian, N. Ohio, 8/2
- 3. William Bishop, N. Ohio, 7/3

Sabre (8 entries) †1. John Shelly, N. Ohio, 6/1

- †2. Ted Hootman, Columbus, 6/1
- 3. Walter Henry, N. Ohio, 5/2
- * Four-way tie for second place with Robert Johns (N. Ohio) 14 vs, 17 for and Walter Henry (N. Ohio) 14 vs, 13 for.
- † Fence-off won by Shelly 5-4.

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N.Y.A.C. tied Santelli and Philadelphia at 4/4. Fence-off for second: Philadelphia d. N.Y. A.C. 2/0 and Santelli 2/0.

Fencing in New England

by David Thorndike

Fencing here in Boston and points north has been experiencing an awakening the like of which has not been seen since the Boston Outdoor Fencing Championship held here in May of 1940. The colleges are forging ahead and many small independent groups are forming.

The most ambitious project was the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Tournament held at Boston University on March 7, and reported elsewhere in this

Larry Dargie, coach at Boston University conceived the idea of this tournament and to him is due the credit for organizing and getting the thing going. He did a magnificent pob of gathering competent directors, judges, score keepers and the many other necessary officials needed. He is to be congratulated.

Fencing elsewhere in Boston has been concentrated on starting new groups and bringing along promising new fencers. Classes held at the Boston Fencing Club under the capable direction of Silvio Vitale have produced some good fencers and have done much to promote the sport, Mr. Oscar Parsons is amateur coach at Clark University, Mr. Larry Daraie, in addition to coaching at Boston University, has opened his own salle, Salle Elde, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Durfee Tech in Fall River, Massachusetts, has been fencing for three years under the direction of Eugene Williams, Mrs. Lisel Oppenheim has calsses in the Boston YWCA and at Dana Hall School, Beaver Country Day School, and at Simmons College. The Boston YMCA has had fencing classes this winter. A small group is starting in Portland, Maine and another in Lee, Massachusetts.

AFLA matches have drawn an unusually large group of fencers particularly in the women's events, Interest has developed in the several girls' schools mentioned above and the New England Division of AFLA has done much by directing and running matches for them.

The growing interest in fencing has encouraged tentative plans for an invitational outdoor meet to be held on the Boston Common sometime in the spring of 1954. This will be a cooperative effort between the Boston Fencing Club and the New England Division of AFLA. More information will appear in the fall issue of American Fencing,

Briefly, this is what has been happening here in the Hub of the Universe. I wonder what has been going on out along the spokes, say in Ohio.

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National Calendar

MAY

- 1—Minnesota Championships. 7:30 P.M. Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis. So. Cal. Women's Open Team. 8 P.M. Faulkner School of Fencing. So. Cal. Open Sabre Team. 8 P.M. Faulkner School of Fencing
- 2—Met. Women's Qualifying Round for Nationals. 12 noon. Saltus-McBurney YMCA, \$1.60. Maryland Foil (Limited to Md. Members). 2 P.M. YMCA.
- 8-So. Cal. Greco 3-Weapon tryouts. 8 P.M. Los Angeles A.C.
- 9—Mid-West Championships. Bartlett Gym, U. of Chicago.

 Met. Epee Qualifying Round for Nationals. 12 noon.

 Fencers Club. \$2.60

 New England Women's Championship. 2 P.M. Boston F.C.
- 10—Mid-West Championships—continued from previous day.

 Met. Sabre Qualifying Round for Nationals. 12 noon.

 New York A.C. \$1.60.

 Maryland Epee and Sabre Championships

 (Limited to Md. members). 2 P.M. YMHA.

 Wash. D.C. Sabre Championship. 1 P.M. Central YMCA.

- 15-Pacific Coast Championships-San Francisco.
- 16—Pacific Coast Championships. Continued from previous day.
 All-Eastern 3-Weapon Team. 12 noon. One team per club. Special scoring system. Gen. Francis Honeycutt Trophy. Fencers Club. \$4.80.
 New Jersey Outdoor Women's Team. 10:30 A.M.
 Paterson Teachers College, North Holedon. \$2.00.
 New Jersey Outdoor 3-Weapon Team. 11 A.M.
 Library Park, W. 9th St., Plainfield. \$3.00.
 (Entries to N.J. events 2 weeks in advance. See N.J. ad, this issue.)
- 17—Pacific Coast Championships—concluded from previvous day. New England Foil Championship. 2 P.M. M.I.T. Wash. D.C. Foil Championship. 1 P.M. Central YMCA.
- 22—No. Ohio—One touch fence-down—foil, epee, sabre, women.
 7:30 P.M. Woodland Recreation Center.
- 31---New Jersey Outdoor Women's Handicap. 10:30 A.M.
 Lambert's Castle, Paterson. \$1.00,
 (For entry information see N.J. ad, this issue.)

JUNE

- 6---New Jersey Outdoor Electric Epec. 11 A.M.

 Lambert's Castle, Paterson. \$2.00.

 (For entry information see N.J. ad, this issue.)
- 7—No. Ohio—One touch fence-down—foil, epee, sabre, women.
 2 P.M. Fenn College.

National Championships

- 12-National Foil Team, 5 P.M. New York A.C.
- 13—National Foil. 10 A.M. New York A.C. National Epee Team. 2 P.M. Fencers Club.
- 14—National Foil Finals, 10 A.M. New York A.C. National Epee, 6 P.M. Fencers Club.
- 15-National Epec Finals, 10 A.M. Fencers Club.
- 16—National Women's Team. 10 A.M. Fencers Club, National Sabre Team. 5 P.M. New York A.C.
- 17—National Women's. 10 A.M. Fencers Club. National Sabre. 5 P.M. New York A.C.
- 18—National Women's Final. 10 A.M. Fencers Club.
 National Sabre Finals. 5 P.M. New York A.C.
- 19—National 3-Weapon Team. 2 P.M. Fencers Club. Gala Night, 3-Weapon Team Finals. 8 P.M.

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