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HISTORICAL DATA

By **DERNELL EVERY**

Previous to 1891 fencing in this country was directly controlled by the Amateur Athletic Union. During that year a number of prominent fencers decided to break away from this control and form a national fencing organization, to be called the Amateur Fencers' League of America. The organization meeting was held at the New York Athletic Club on April 22nd, 1891. An executive committee, consisting of two members from each club, was appointed to carry the idea through, draw up and adopt a constitution and by-laws, etc. The following comprised the Committee:

....Dr. G. M. Hammond and G. Lord Day, N.Y.A.C.; J. O. Davidson and F. Blancy, Manhattan A.C.; Dr. B. F. O'Connor and G. C. Morgan, Columbia College F.C.; R. O. Haubold and W. T. Heintz, Central Turn Verein; C. Tatham and W. Scott O'Connor, Fencers Club. By acclamation Dr. Hammond was chosen the first President of the League and W. Scott O'Connor, Secretary-Treasurer.

The constitution was adopted on May 6th and By-Laws on May 16th, 1891. The original split with the A.A.U. was soon healed and the new fencing body become affiliated with the A.A.U. in January, 1892. The A.F.L.A., however, has always retained full supervision over fencing matters in this country.

At the first Annual Meeting, held April 20, 1892, the League had 238 members and two active Divisions: New England and Nebraska, both formed on March 30, 1892.

The League officers are listed below by term of office in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer (after 1936, Secretary, Treasurer).

- 1891-1894: Dr. G. M. Hammond, Dr. B. F. O'Connor, W. Scott O'Connor;
- 1895-1896: Dr. G. M. Hammond, C. C. Nadal, W. Scott O'Connor;
- 1897-1911: Dr. G. M. Hammond, Charles Tatham, W. Scott O'Connor;
- 1912-1925: Dr. G. M. Hammond, John Allaire, W. Scott O'Connor;
- 1926-1929: Hon. Henry Breckenridge, John Allaire, F. B. O'Connor;
- 1930-1932: F. Barnard O'Connor, Lt. G. C. Calnan, L. M. Schoonmaker;
- 1933: F. Barnard O'Connor, Leo Nunes, L. M. Schoonmaker;
- 1934-1935: Leon M. Schoonmaker, Leo Nunes, J. H. Hanway;
- 1936-1937: Harold Van Buskirk, J. Warner Bellah, D. Every, J. H. Hanway;
- 1938-1939: Harold Van Buskirk, J. L. Lewis, J. R. Huffman, G. Cochrane;
- 1940: Dr. John R. Huffman, R. F. Warren, Dr. E. S. Acey, G. Cochrane;
- 1941: Dr. John R. Huffman, F. Leicester, Dr. E. S. Acey, G. Cochrane;
- 1942-1943: Dr. John Huffman, F. Leicester, W. A. Dow, G. Cochrane;
- 1944: Harold Van Buskirk*, F. Leicester, W. A. Dow, G. Cochrane;
- 1945: Dernelle Every, R. F. Warren, W. A. Dow, G. Cochrane;
- 1946: Dernelle Every, Dr. R. A. Snow, W. A. Dow, R. Driscoll;
- 1947: Dernelle Every, F. Leicester, W. A. Dow, R. Driscoll;
- 1948: Dernelle Every, R. F. Warren, W. A. Dow, R. Driscoll;
- 1949: Miguel A. de Capriles, H. Hayden, D. Every, R. Driscoll.

*Dr. Huffman, elected, was unable to complete his term of office and Mr. Van Buskirk was chosen by the Board of Governors to fill the vacancy.

CHANGE IN AFLA DIRECTORY

Buffalo
Secretary: M. W. White, 56 Greenwood Pl., Buffalo 13.

NOTE

The holders of National Championship team or individual trophies should return them to the Fencers Club, 320 East 53rd Street, New York City, not later than June 5th so that they may be cleaned and brought up to date for the Gala Night.

THE SOUTHWEST SECTION

The AFLA is proud to announce the creation of the new Southwest Section embracing the fencing activities in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The new Section will be governed by Mr. Harold Van Buskirk, of Houston, former president of the AFLA and currently one of its vice-presidents. At the present time the area includes the Colorado, Gulf Coast (South Texas), and North Texas divisions. It is hoped there will be a marked development of fencing throughout the Section during the next few years.

FOREIGN NEWS

By John K. Kingsley

The 30th F. I. E. Congress

Representatives of 22 nations attended the Congress, held at Paris on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of March. Five new members were accepted: Guatemala, Iran, Palestine, South Africa, and Venezuela. The U.S. was represented by Jack Gorlin.

Tracy Jaeckel and Miguel de Capriles were appointed to the Commission on Presidents of Juries and the Commission on Statutes respectively.

The Franco-Italian proposal calling for the adoption of direct elimination in all important international competitions was defeated, but the proponents, France and Italy, have decided to adopt this method in all international events held within their borders.

Italian engineers have been perfecting an electric apparatus for foil competitions. The F. I. E. and the Italian Federation have awarded funds for continuation of this study and a demonstration will be given during the world championships this July.

Sweden was chosen as the site for the 1951 World Championships.

The delegates were in accord to retain the present classical fencing program for the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

The Challenge Feyerick is awarded annually to the person who contributed most to the development of the sport. Giorgio Mazzini, President of the Italian Federation, was named recipient for 1949 but declined the honor. No substitute was named.



DERNELLE EVERY

Secretary, AFLA

Dernelle Every, the current Secretary of the Amateur Fencers League of America, has had a long and distinguished record of service to American fencing both as an administrator and a competitor. Mr. Every served the League in many capacities, including that of Secretary from 1935 to 1938, before assuming the leadership as President in 1945. He proved an able helmsman and the post-war years

have seen the AFLA flourish with renewed vigor. In 1949 he stepped down from the Presidency and with typical devotion to the sport accepted again the arduous duties of the Secretary's office.

Dernelle's record as a competitor would make him one of American fencing's immortals even if he had never distinguished himself as one of its great administrators. He learned to fence at Yale under Robert "Bobby" Grasson and was Captain of the Yale team in 1927 and 1928. He won the Intercollegiate Foil Championship in his junior and senior years and led his team to the Foil Team and Three-Weapon Team Championships. While still in college he was chosen for the 1928 U. S. Olympic Team and despite his inexperience performed well at Amsterdam in his first international competition. He has been chosen for every Olympic Team since then, so that his participation in the Games at London in 1948 represents a span of twenty years of top-notch international ability. He has been National Foil Champion three times (1938, 1940, 1945) and has been a medalist on four other occasions (1928, 1931, 1937, 1946).

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Jose R. de Capriles

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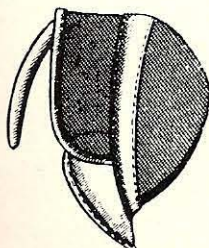


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News from the Divisions

Illinois

By DONALD G. THOMPSON

The Illinois Division has grown rapidly; and as further evidence of its increased activity it has, for the second consecutive year, attracted to its competitions fencers from the Central Illinois, Wisconsin and Northern Ohio Divisions.

Ralph Dixon, Notre Dame, won the Hermanson Trophy for the Division Open Epee Championship. Dixon, fencing in his first AFLA competition, suffered only one defeat in the final round of nine. Don Thompson and Lincoln Turner, both of the U. of Chicago, were second and third with John Vincent placing fourth.

Other contestants: J. Blazich, G. Bontos, C. Carlson, C. Corbett, E. Dunston, B. Fishman, W. Huguélet, A. Katz, R. McDowell, H. Osinski, A. Rose, J. Ruskin, T. Soddy, P. Steinle, L. Strauss, F. Tiefenbach, E. Urbanik.

Donald Thompson, U. of Chicago, defeated Leon Strauss, University Club, in a fence-off for the Jenny Hermanson Memorial Trophy and the Division Open Foil Championship. Both men finished the final round of nine with six wins and two defeats. Bernard Fishman and Charles Corbett, both of the University Club, finished third and fourth.

Other contestants: L. Atkin, N. Berger, J. Blazich, A. Dobin, S. Jacobs, S. McCall, J. Marcus, A. Nakagawa, R. Persellin, R. Podlesak, P. Reich, A. Rose, L. Rubin, T. Soddy, P. Steinle, L. Turner, E. Urbanik.

John Westley, University of Chicago captain and runner-up in last year's Midwest Championship, won the new George Santelli Trophy for the Illinois Division Sabre Championship by defeating Leon Strauss, of the University Club, 5-3 in a fence-off after each had finished the final round of seven with one defeat. Bill Meyer, of the Wisconsin Division, was third. Other competitors: D. Baer, E. Barksdale, J. Blazich, J. Briner, C. Corbett, R. Grange, D. King, T. Lund, R. Miller, A. Nakagawa, A. Rose, D. Thompson, R. Washer.

Mrs. Estelle Atkin, of the Central Illinois Division, successfully defended her Women's Foil Championship of the Illinois Division without suffering a defeat in the round robin of ten fencers. Mrs. Ruth Marcus, former Connecticut champion, now representing the Fencers Club of Chicago, was second, losing only to Mrs. Atkin. Miss Anne Zakoian, unattached, outpointed Miss Sue Kjellberg, of the University of Chicago, for third. Other competitors: E. Farrell, J. Figge, R. Hazel, S. Hermanson, H. Kalk, J. Larks.

The Ohioans, a composite team featuring a father-son combination, won the electric epee team competition from a strong field. The winning trio (Donald S. Thompson, Don G. Thompson, Robert McDowell) defeated the University Club (Charles Corbett, Bernard Fishman, Leon Strauss) 5-4 in the deciding match after trailing 4-2.

Other entries: Fencers Club of Chicago, University of Chicago, Wisconsin Division, Composite "A" and Composite "B."

The Wisconsin Division team (J. Meyers, J. Briner, T. Lund) won the sabre team competition by defeating the Fencers Club of Chicago (L. Bernstein, A. Rose, R. Bright) 5-3 in the final match.

Other entries: University Club, University of Chicago, Composite.

Hans Fischer, of Senn, was undefeated in the final round of six as he won the High School Individual Foil Championship. Neil Berger, Lane Tech, was second and Herman Velasco of Senn third.

Other competitors: B. Bachman, R. Bandalini, B. Burkart, E. Dunston, R. Fixler, L. Kauffman, L. Parmacek, C. Rosenbloom, H. Schell.

Buffalo

By MALCOLM W. WHITE
Division Secretary

Aside from last season's open championships, this was our first year of AFLA competition and we feel we've made a very good start. Our membership has increased by 32 per cent and there is a definite upswing in fencing interest in this area which we hope will soon be reflected in the size of our Division.

The Division Championships and qualifying rounds for the Nationals were well attended and produced the following results:

Foil: (1) Sidney Schwartz, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Irving Vogel, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Robert Mearian, Buffalo F.C.; (4) Anthony Buzzelli, U. of Buffalo.

Epee: (1) William Kohsman, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Donn Boyle, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Paul Blackman, U. of Buffalo; (4) Edward Haas, U. of Buffalo.

Sabre: (1) Armand Manson, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Sidney Schwartz, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Anthony Buzzelli, U. of Buffalo; (4) Richard Couch, U. of Buffalo.

A new trophy, donated by the Buffalo Fencers Club for the Individual Three-Weapon Championship, was won by Sidney Schwartz. It is to be awarded each year until the same individual has won it three times, when it becomes his property and a new trophy will be awarded.

Connecticut

Ruth Grasson (Cheshire) won the women's open event from a field of nineteen. Vivienne Sokol (Hunter) placed second and Mary Sugrue (Waterbury YMCA) was third.

The Junior Foil was won by Maurice Karbaugh (Yale), with Dejay Shriner (New York A. C.) second and Paul Anderson (U. of Conn.) third.

The results in open team events are as follows:

Three-Weapon: (1) New Haven F. C. (Daley, Marshall, Bakke); (2) Waterbury YMCA (Crotti, Allan, Shailer); (3) Branford (Solon, Bodner, Kaye).

Women: (1) Gateway School (Gaffney, Kirchner, Pascale). Other teams: Cheshire, New Britain, New Haven, Waterbury.

Foil: (1) Waterbury (Crotti, Jannetty, Shailer). Other eams: Conn. Fencers, Conn. Swordsmen, New Haven YMCA.

Sabre: (1) Yale (Edmonds, Knobloch, Mazurki). Other teams: New Haven, Waterbury.

Washington, D.C.

By SUSAN B. QUINN
Prep Foil

(1) Hulet, Washington F. C. (6-0); (2) Buntzig, YMCA (4-2); (3) Egleseder, U. of Maryland (3-3). Other entries: Kogucz, Sherwin, Fink, Voultsides.

Novice Foil

(1) Hulet, Washington F. C. (9-0); (2) Lyons, Washington F. C. (7-2); (3) MacVey, Washington F. C. (7-2). Other entries: Hayes, Egleseder, Reynolds, Buntzig, Hull, Marlowe, Sherwin.

The Washington F. C. continued its dual meet schedule as follows:

Washington F. C. 18, Baltimore F. C. 9; Washington F. C. (Women) 7, Baltimore YMCA (Women) 2.

Women's Prep

(1) Vicki Kuhn, Washington F. C. (5-0); (2) Jean Weiser, Washington F. C. (4-1); (3) Penny Newton, Washington F. C. (3-2).

Division Secretaries

It is urged that the Secretary of the AFLA be kept up-to-date on the membership roll of each division. Active and Junior memberships should be reported promptly as they are granted. Failure to abide by this request may deprive a member of his copies of American Fencing and makes it impossible for the Board of Governors to determine the current size of the League.

Seattle

By RAYMOND G. COATES
Division Chairman

The national magazine gives us all a sense of "belonging," even though we are more or less isolated. You are certainly to be congratulated for turning out this fine publication which supplies a need felt by all of us who wish to see fencing grow in this country.

The following events were held at the Washington A.C.:

Women's Prep: (1) Mrs. Kathryn Modrell, Y.M.C.A.; (2) Mrs. R. G. Coates, Washington A.C.; (3) Miss Bettelou Woodman, Washington A.C.

Prep Foil: (1) R. G. Coates, Washington A.C.; (2) William Modrell, Y.M.C.A.; (3) James Robbins, Y.M.C.A.

New England

Women's Junior Foil

(1) Olympia Dukakis; (2) Lillian Aylward; (3) Victoria Coppola.

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North Texas

By HELEN GRAY
Division Secretary

The Division has had a very active season climaxed by the Open championships in all weapons. The individual events resulted as follows:

Women

(1) Glen Lattimore, Fort Worth; (2) Lynn Cooper, Dallas; (3) Helen Gray, Dallas.

Foil

(1) George Beakley, Tarleton; (2) Lacy Breckenridge, Tarleton; (3) Travis Smith, Texas Tech.

Epee

(1) Hal Lattimore, Ft. Worth; (2) Bill Sanner, Ft. Worth; (3) Bert Lindley, Tarleton.

Sabre

(1) Hal Lattimore, Ft. Worth; (2) Morton Kantor, Dallas; (3) Roddy Hobson, Tarleton.

The women's team event was won by Dallas (L. Cooper, W. Hall, H. Gray), defeating Ft. Worth (G. Lattimore, M. Olsen, K. Cottingham).

The men's events had school and club competitions. In foil, Texas Tech (Smith, Leggett, Spinks) defeated Tarleton (Beakley, Breckenridge, Witcher) for the school title, while Ft. Worth (Sanner, McArthur, Cottingham) won the club title from Dallas (Kantor, Hall, Robertson). The school epee title went to Tarleton (Beakley, Reed, Lindley) over Texas Tech (Spinks, Smith, Leggett), and the club title was won by Ft. Worth (Lattimore, Luttrell, Sanner) when they defeated Dallas (Hall, Robertson, Bridgewater). Ft. Worth (Lattimore, McArthur, Luttrell) won its third club title by turning back Dallas (Kantor, Bridgewater, Hall) in the sabre, and Texas Tech (Spinks, Smith Leggett) defeated Tarleton (Beakley, Reed, Hobson) for the School title in that weapon.

New Jersey

Women's Open Team

The Westfield Fencing Club (Anna May Martin, Gay Tetaz, Dorothy Webber, Helen Webber) won all four of its matches in the round-robin of five teams.

Results

Westfield F. C. "A" 4 wins, 0 losses; Paterson F. C. (Dorothy Cullen, Kay Donnelly, Mary Gonzales) 3 wins, 1 loss; Paterson Teachers "A" (Lorraine Murad, Vera Pizzarelli, Lorraine War) 1 win, 3 losses; Westfield F. C. "B" (Marjorie Budell, Barbara Hallam, Peggy Savoye) 1 win, 3 losses; Paterson Teachers "B" (Gloria Bevelacqua, Margaret Capello, Joyce Eslinger) 1 win, 3 losses.

The Epee Championship was won by Capt. J. Donaldson of the New York A. C. Second place went to Jay Funston, unattached, and third to Lt. Col. J. Honeycutt. Other entries: Brown, Funston, Flynn, Hauber, Hughes, Lamborakis, Ozol, Riefstahl, Rotunda, Rutter, Surdi, Tetaz, Weber and Weisbrod.

The Open Foil Championship was won by Vincent Surdi, Westfield F. C., from a strong field of eleven competitors. Ed Treves, Fencers Club, placed second, with John Hinchman and Fred Weisbrod of the Westfield F. C. third and fourth respectively. Other entries: Hauber, Kennedy, Meyers, Pindus, Reda, Rotunda, and Zachary.

Miss Gay Tetaz, Westfield F. C., won the Women's Open Title at the Lincoln High School on May 1st. Miss Margaret Rosebault and Miss Anna May Martin, team-mates of the Champion, placed second and third. Other entries: Dorothy Cullen, Betty Dedoucis, LaVivian Hall, Jean Madden, Bernice Quentzel, Rebecca Robinson, Sylvia Schnipper, Dorothy Webber, Helen Webber.

Frank McGrath, Saltus Club, won the Open Epee Invitation tournament held at the Westfield YMCA. Vincent Surdi of the home club was second and James Flynn, N.Y.A.C., third. The event attracted twelve entries.

Southern California

By FRED LINKMEYER

The Division Championships drew such large entries that it was necessary to postpone the finals in nearly all events. The results were as follows:

Miss Jan York, Faulkner's, won the women's event from a strong field. Mrs. Maxine Mitchell, Cavaliers, placed second and national champion Polly Craus, Faulkner's, was third.

The men's foil title was won by Edward Carfagno, Los Angeles A. C., with Sewell Shurtz of Faulkner's and Josef Lampl of the A. C. taking the silver and bronze medals.

The epee championship was taken by 18-year-old William Lundeberg, Cavaliers. Edward Carfagno and Delmar Reynolds, both of the Los Angeles A. C., placed second and third.

The sabre crown went to Edward Carfagno of the A. C., who thus completed a superb record, winning two individual titles, a silver medal in the third championship event, and being on the championship foil and sabre teams. Sewell Shurtz, of Faulkner's, proved to be another formidable performer, repeating his second place foil performance. Torao Mori, LAAC, was third.

In the team events, the Los Angeles A. C. won three of the four championships: The women's team (Matilda Clem, Muriel Bower, Barbara Baxter); the men's foil team (Ed Carfagno, Fred Linkmeyer, Josef Lampl); and the sabre team (Ed Carfagno, Torao Mori, Josef Lampl, Fred Linkmeyer). The Faulkner School of Fencing (Bruce McBirney, Sewell Shurtz, David Rice) won the epee team title.

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Gulf Coast

By OWEN HOLZHEUSER

Division Secretary

The Gulf Coast Division has been conducting a very ambitious schedule of competitions throughout the season and attendance has been very good despite the obstacle of travel.

The following are some recent results:

Women's Prep - 12 Entries

(1) Mary McDaniel, St. Joseph's School; (2) Ruth Rogers, St. Joseph's School; (3) Blackie Hannah, Corpus Christi F. C.

Prep Foil - 15 Entries

(1) Mike Nicholas, Texas A. & M.; (2) D. H. Gaucher, Rice Institute; (3) David Batson, U. of Houston.

Novice Foil - 23 Entries

(1) Owen Holzheuser, Galveston Buccaneers; (2) Lepold Ffrench, Rice Institute; (3) Gerald Monks, Texas A. & M.

Women's Novice - 9 Entries

(1) Margaret Pack, Rice Institute; (2) Mary McDaniel, St. Joseph's School; (3) Ruth Rogers, St. Joseph's School.

Open Foil - 14 Entries

(1) Jack Baird, Galveston Buccaneers; (2) Frank Leevers, Rice Institute; (3) Lepold Ffrench, Rice Institute.

Women's Open - 11 Entries

(1) Betty Fox, unattached; (2) E. W. Abbott, Galveston F. C.; (3) Ruth Rogers, St. Joseph's School.

Novice Sabre - 9 Entries

(1) E. W. Abbott, U. of Houston; (2) Lepold Ffrench, Rice Institute; (3) Frank Ragusa, Texas A. & M.

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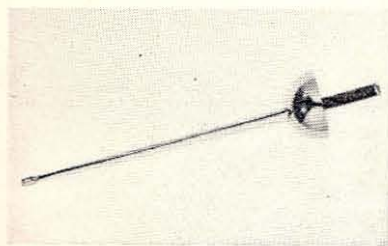
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(Your copies of American Fencing, if preserved, will eventually give you a complete source of reference for all important fencing questions. With this in mind, we present herein the complete listing of winners and medalists of the Individual National Championships since the first one in 1892. First, second and third place winners are named in that order. Space restrictions compel us to initial first names and omit personal titles and club affiliations.)

FOIL

- 1892—W. S. O'Connor, B. F. O'Connor, C. G. Bothner.
 1893—W. T. Heintz, G. M. Hammond, C. G. Bothner.
 1894—C. G. Bothner, A. V. Z. Post, S. T. Shaw.
 1895—A. V. Z. Post, C. G. Bothner, F. Townsend.
 1896—G. Kavanaugh, C. Tatham, C. G. Bothner.
 1897—C. G. Bothner, A. V. Z. Post, G. Tatham.
 1898—War—No contest.
 1899—G. Kavanaugh, C. Tatham, A. Brownell.
 1900—F. Townsend, C. Tatham, W. D. Lyon.
 1901—C. Tatham, C. G. Bothner, F. Townsend.
 1902—J. P. Parker, C. G. Bothner, D. Crackanthorpe.
 1903—F. Townsend, C. Tatham, C. G. Bothner.
 1904—C. G. Bothner, C. Tatham, L. A. Micheloni.
 1905—C. G. Bothner, F. W. Honeycutt, F. Tetaz.
 1906—S. D. Breckinridge, W. L. Bowman, J. Allaire.
 1907—C. Waldbott, F. Lage, V. P. Curti.
 1908—W. L. Bowman, V. P. Curti, G. H. Breed.
 1909—O. A. Dickinson, G. H. Breed, L. W. Curran.
 1910—G. K. Bainbridge, W. L. Bowman, F. W. Allen.
 1911—G. H. Breed, V. P. Curti, S. Hall.
 1912—S. Hall, F. W. Allen, A. V. Z. Post.
 1913—P. J. Meylan, J. A. MacLaughlin, S. Hall.
 1914—S. D. Breckinridge, J. A. MacLaughlin, P. W. Allison.
 1915—O. A. Dickinson, J. A. MacLaughlin, S. Hall.
 1916—A. E. Sauer, O. A. Dickinson, S. Hall.
 1917—S. Hall, L. G. Nunes, S. Pitt.
 1918—War—No contest.
 1919—S. Hall, A. S. Lyon, P. J. Meylan.
 1920—S. Hall, L. G. Nunes, H. M. Rayner.
 1921—F. W. Honeycutt, H. M. Rayner, H. Breckinridge.
 1922—H. M. Rayner, F. B. O'Connor, L. G. Nunes.
 1923—R. Peroy, H. Breckinridge, B. Boyce.
 1924—L. G. Nunes, F. B. O'Connor, R. Peroy.
 1925—G. C. Calnan, L. G. Nunes, F. B. O'Connor.
 1926—G. C. Calnan, R. G. Doyme, A. D. Pearce.
 1927—G. C. Calnan, J. C. Falkenberg, W. A. Dow.
 1928—G. C. Calnan, J. L. Levis, D. Every.
 1929—J. L. Levis, G. C. Calnan, F. S. Righeimer.
 1930—G. C. Calnan, J. L. Levis, J. F. Potter.
 1931—G. C. Calnan, J. L. Levis, D. Every.
 1932—J. L. Levis, H. V. Alessandrini, G. C. Calnan.
 1933—J. L. Levis, H. V. Alessandrini, F. S. Righeimer.
 1934—H. V. Alessandrini, L. G. Nunes, W. A. Dow.
 1935—J. L. Levis, H. V. Alessandrini, J. G. Hurd.
 1936—H. V. Alessandrini, J. L. Levis, J. R. Huffman.
 1937—J. L. Levis, J. R. de Capriles, D. Every.
 1938—D. Every, F. S. Righeimer, J. L. Levis.
 1939—N. Lewis, E. Corfagno, J. R. Huffman.
 1940—D. Every, N. Lewis, W. A. Dow.
 1941—D. Cetrulo, J. R. Huffman, S. Giolito.
 1942—W. A. Dow, J. R. Huffman, S. Giolito.
 1943—W. A. Dow, A. Snyder, R. Kaplan.
 1944—A. Snyder, W. A. Dow, C. Ettlinger.
 1945—D. Every, A. Snyder, W. A. Dow.
 1946—J. R. de Capriles, N. Lubell, D. Every.
 1947—D. Cetrulo, W. A. Dow, J. R. de Capriles.
 1948—N. Lubell, D. Cetrulo, S. Giolito.
 1949—D. Bukantz, C. Steinhardt, S. Giolito.

EPEE

- 1892—B. F. O'Connor, A. H. Howard, C. Tatham.
 1893—G. M. Hammond, A. V. Z. Post, S. T. Shaw.
 1894—R. O. Haubold, C. G. Bothner, A. V. Z. Post.
 1895—C. G. Bothner, A. Brigandi, C. Tatham.
 1896—A. V. Z. Post, W. T. Heintz, C. G. Bothner.
 1897—C. G. Bothner, S. T. Shaw, J. H. Claiborne.
 1898—War—No contest.
 1899—M. Diaz, G. Kavanaugh, J. T. Feldkamp.
 1900—W. D. Lyon, C. Tatham, J. H. Claiborne.
 1901—C. Tatham, M. Diaz, C. G. Bothner.
 1902—C. Tatham, F. Townsend, D. M. Wood.
 1903—C. Tatham, J. H. Woodward, C. G. Bothner.
 1904—C. G. Bothner, C. Tatham, J. H. Woodward.
 1905—W. S. O'Connor, C. G. Bothner, P. Benzenberg.
 1906—W. Grebe, W. L. Bowman, J. H. Woodward.
 1907—W. D. Lyon, P. Benzenberg, W. Eckart.
 1908—P. Benzenberg, S. McCullagh, G. H. Breed.

- 1909—A. DeLaPoer, P. Benzenberg, G. H. Breed.
 1910—A. DeLaPoer, P. Benzenberg, J. E. Gignoux.
 1911—G. H. Breed, A. E. Sauer, J. W. Knox.
 1912—A. V. Z. Post, J. A. MacLaughlin, S. D. Breckinridge.
 1913—A. E. Sauer, S. Hall, J. A. MacLaughlin.
 1914—F. W. Allen, D. W. Cairns, A. E. Sauer.
 1915—J. A. MacLaughlin, E. B. Myers, H. G. Geilen.
 1916—W. H. Russell, S. Hall, J. A. MacLaughlin.
 1917—L. G. Nunes, S. Pitt, W. H. Russell.
 1918—War—No contest.
 1919—W. H. Russell, J. C. Schaeffler, R. W. Dutcher.
 1920—R. W. Dutcher, H. Breckinridge, G. H. Breed.
 1921—C. R. McPherson, F. W. Honeycutt, H. Breckinridge.
 1922—L. G. Nunes, R. W. Dutcher, A. S. Lyon.
 1923—G. C. Calnan, L. Shore, H. de A. Vallim.
 1924—L. G. Nunes, G. C. Calnan, H. Breckinridge.
 1925—W. H. Russell, L. Shore, Z. H. Drennau.
 1926—L. G. Nunes, I. D. C. Gray, G. C. Calnan.
 1927—H. VanBuskirk, L. C. Doughty, J. W. Dimond.
 1928—L. G. Nunes, G. C. Calnan, R. W. Mayo.
 1929—F. S. Righeimer, D. Waldhaus, P. Mijer.
 1930—M. Pasche, M. A. de Capriles, C. Shears.
 1931—M. A. de Capriles, K. Ludlam, G. C. Calnan.
 1932—L. G. Nunes, G. M. Heiss, F. S. Righeimer.
 1933—G. M. Heiss, T. Jaekel, M. A. de Capriles.
 1934—G. M. Heiss, F. R. Weber, M. Kapner.
 1935—T. J. Sands, T. Jaekel, J. R. de Capriles.
 1936—G. M. Heiss, J. R. de Capriles, A. Boyd.
 1937—T. J. Sands, T. Jaekel, A. Boyd.
 1938—J. R. de Capriles, W. Randall, F. Linkmeyer.
 1939—L. Tingley, A. Boyd, G. M. Heiss.
 1940—F. Siebert, A. Skrobisch, L. Tingley.
 1941—G. M. Heiss, M. Metzger, A. Boyd.
 1942—H. Santos, F. Linkmeyer, R. S. Driscoll.
 1943—R. S. Driscoll, G. Flynn, A. von Munchhausen.
 1944—M. A. de Capriles, P. Mijer, J. H. Flynn.
 1945—M. Gilman, J. H. Flynn, F. Linkmeyer.
 1946—A. Wolff, J. R. de Capriles, T. Jaekel.
 1947—J. Strauch, A. Wolff, C. Agostoni.
 1948—N. Lewis, J. R. de Capriles, A. Wolff.
 1949—N. Lewis, J. Donaldson, F. R. Weber.

SABRE

- 1892—R. O. Haubold, J. Allaire, C. G. Bothner.
 1893—G. M. Hammond, B. F. O'Connor, R. O. Haubold.
 1894—G. M. Hammond, C. G. Bothner, J. Allaire.
 1895—C. G. Bothner, A. R. Pope,
 1896—C. G. Bothner, A. R. Pope, F. L. Slazenger.
 1897—C. G. Bothner, F. L. Slazenger, J. Allaire.
 1898—War—No contest.
 1899—G. Kavanaugh, F. L. Slazenger, A. R. Pope.
 1900—J. L. Erving, F. L. Slazenger, A. R. Pope.
 1901—A. V. Z. Post, F. L. Slazenger, J. L. Erving.
 1902—A. V. Z. Post, C. G. Bothner, J. L. Erving.
 1903—A. V. Z. Post, A. G. Anderson, C. G. Bothner.
 1904—A. G. Anderson, W. D. Bourne, J. L. Erving.
 1905—K. B. Johnson, A. G. Anderson, J. Allaire.
 1906—A. G. Anderson, K. B. Johnson, F. J. Byrne.
 1907—A. G. Anderson, K. B. Johnson, F. J. Byrne.
 1908—G. W. Postgate, C. A. Bill, F. J. Byrne.
 1909—A. E. Sauer, A. G. Anderson, F. J. Byrne.
 1910—J. T. Shaw, J. W. Knox, F. J. Byrne.
 1911—A. G. Anderson, A. E. Sauer, J. W. Knox.
 1912—C. A. Bill, F. J. Byrne, D. Pullen.
 1913—A. G. Anderson, S. Pitt, S. Hall.
 1914—W. VonBlijenburgh, A. E. Sauer, S. Pitt.
 1915—S. Hall, S. Pitt, A. S. Lyon.
 1916—S. Hall, A. S. Lyon, J. A. MacLaughlin.
 1917—A. S. Lyon, S. Hall, P. W. Allison.
 1918—War—No contest.
 1919—A. S. Lyon, S. Hall, A. Strauss.
 1920—S. Hall, L. G. Nunes, A. S. Lyon.
 1921—C. R. McPherson, J. B. Parker, G. H. Breed.
 1922—L. G. Nunes, L. M. Schoonmaker, C. R. McPherson.
 1923—L. M. Schoonmaker, J. W. Dimond, H. Van Buskirk.
 1924—J. E. Gignoux, J. W. Dimond, L. G. Nunes.
 1925—J. Vince, C. D. Headlee, H. Van Buskirk.
 1926—L. G. Nunes, C. D. Headlee, E. S. Acel.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (continued)

1927—N. Muray, J. W. Dimond, J. B. Parker.
 1928—N. Muray, H. Van Buskirk, L. G. Nunes.
 1929—L. G. Nunes, N. C. Armitage, J. R. Huffman.
 1930—N. C. Armitage, S. B. de Bencze, N. Muray.
 1931—J. R. Huffman, N. C. Armitage, B. A. de Nagy.
 1932—J. R. Huffman, N. C. Armitage, P. W. Bruder.
 1933—J. R. Huffman, P. W. Bruder, N. C. Armitage.
 1934—N. C. Armitage, J. R. Huffman, L. G. Nunes.
 1935—N. C. Armitage, L. G. Nunes, P. W. Bruder.
 1936—N. C. Armitage, P. W. Bruder, J. R. Huffman.
 1937—J. R. Huffman, J. R. de Capriles, N. C. Armitage.
 1938—J. R. Huffman, N. C. Armitage, M. A. de Capriles.
 1939—N. C. Armitage, J. R. Huffman, M. A. de Capriles.
 1940—N. C. Armitage, J. R. de Capriles, J. R. Huffman.
 1941—N. C. Armitage, J. R. Huffman, T. Nyilas.
 1942—N. C. Armitage, J. H. Flynn, T. Nyilas.
 1943—N. C. Armitage, T. Nyilas, G. V. Worth.
 1944—T. Nyilas, N. C. Armitage, M. A. de Capriles.
 1945—N. C. Armitage, J. H. Flynn, T. Nyilas.
 1946—T. Nyilas, N. C. Armitage, J. R. de Capriles.
 1947—J. H. Flynn, D. Cetrulo, T. Nyilas.
 1948—D. Cetrulo, N. C. Armitage, T. Nyilas.
 1949—U. DeMartino, G. V. Worth, T. Nyilas.

WOMEN'S FOIL

1912—A. Baylis, E. Sailer, F. Dewson.
 1913—W. H. Dewar, M. Biernbaum, M. Stimson.
 1914—M. Stimson, M. Bradley, E. Evans.
 1915—J. Pyle, E. Evans, D. Samuels.
 1916—A. Voorhees, D. Samuels, M. Fish.
 1917—F. Walton, A. Gehrig, D. Samuels.
 1918—War—No contest.

1919—War—No contest.
 1920—A. Gehrig, A. Glienke, A. Voorhees.
 1921—A. Gehrig, D. Barnes, S. Luehrmann.
 1922—A. Gehrig, M. Fish, I. Hopper.
 1923—A. Gehrig, I. Hopper, A. Voorhees.
 1924—I. Hopper, D. Rickey, A. Voorhees.
 1925—F. Schoonmaker, I. Hopper, A. Voorhees.
 1926—F. Schoonmaker, I. Hopper, A. Voorhees.
 1927—S. Stern, M. Lloyd, I. Hopper.
 1928—M. Lloyd, I. Hopper, L. Gilbert.
 1929—F. Schoonmaker, M. Lloyd, L. Gilbert.
 1930—E. VanBuskirk, M. Lloyd, F. Schoonmaker.
 1931—M. Lloyd, D. Locke, F. Schoonmaker.
 1932—D. Locke, M. Guggolz, E. VanBuskirk.
 1933—D. Locke, M. Lloyd, A. VonHansa.
 1934—H. Mayer, D. Locke, J. de Tuscan.
 1935—H. Mayer, D. Locke, M. Lloyd.
 1936—J. de Tuscan, M. Lloyd, D. Locke.
 1937—H. Mayer, C. Alessandroni, D. Funke.
 1938—H. Mayer, D. Locke, M. Cerra.
 1939—H. Mayer, M. Dalton, J. Vokral.
 1940—H. Mroczkowska, M. Lloyd Vince, M. I. Stewart.
 1941—H. Mayer, M. L. Vince, M. Cerra.
 1942—H. Mayer, M. Dalton, H. Mroczkowska.
 1943—H. Mroczkowska, R. Maxwell, M. Cerra.
 1944—M. Dalton, D. Lancaster, H. Mroczkowska Dow.
 1945—M. Cerra, H. M. Dow, M. Dalton.
 1946—H. Mayer, H. M. Dow, R. Maxwell.
 1947—H. M. Dow, H. Mayer, M. Dalton.
 1948—H. M. Dow, J. York, M. Cerra.
 1949—P. Craus, M. Mitchell, D. Funke.

Gala Night - June 16 - 8:30 p.m.

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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The fifty-ninth National Championships, conducted by the Amateur Fencers League of America, will be held during the week of June 9th to 16th inclusive and will be climaxed by a grand finale of a single championship bout in each weapon to be fenced on the Gala Night, June 16th, at the Hotel Roosevelt.

These events will attract to New York the very best fencers from all sections of the country. Qualifying rounds have been held in every Division of the League, and in addition to these qualifiers the entry lists will include former individual National Champions as well as the medalists in last year's title events.

Each competition will be conducted on the regular round-robin basis, including a final pool of eight. The two top scorers in the last round-robin will then fence for the championship on Gala Night. The deciding bouts will be for ten touches in the men's events and eight in the women's, with a 2-touch margin required.

This plan of competition proved successful in 1938 and enables the League to present an excellent climax to the week-long competitions without handicapping the contestants with the misfortunes of a direct elimination system.

The Bout Committee will have Warren Dow as Chairman and Allan Kwartler as Vice-Chairman; Frank Bavuso, Dr. James Flynn, Dorothy Friedman, Martha Rothman, Samuel Stewart, Lt. Col. F. R. Weber and George Worth will serve in addition to such divisional members of the Board of Governors as may be present at the events.

The Gala Night this year will be the most festive one yet held, and for this purpose an unusually large and able committee has been selected. Tracy Jaeckel will be the Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, with Dernel Every as Vice-Chairman; other members representing Metropolitan clubs and nearby divisions, are Pat Bencivenga, Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Roy Burrell, Irving Cantor, Alvin Goldstein, William Latzko, Norman Lewis, Ruth Maxwell, Robert Neilsen, Jack Oldstein, Daniel Rubinstein, Kendell Shailer, Marcel Tetaz and Robert Zaum. Publicity for the events is to be handled by Humphrey Sullivan.

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Competitions will be held at the following clubs:

Fencers Club, 320 East 53rd St.
New York A.C., 59th St. and 7th Ave.
Saltus (McBurney YMCA), 23rd St. and 7th Ave.

Salle Santelli, Henry Hudson Hotel,
57th St. and 9th Ave.

Friday, June 9—**Sabre Team**
(6:30 PM) at Salle Santelli

Saturday, June 10—**Foil Team**
(10:30 AM) at Saltus (McBurney Y)

Saturday, June 10—**Women's Team**
(7:30 PM) at Fencers Club Prelims.

Sunday, June 11—**Epee Team**
(10:30 AM) at Fencers Club

Sunday, June 11—**Women's Team**
(8:00 PM) at Fencers Club Finals

Monday, June 12—**Three-Weapon Team**
(6:30 PM) at Saltus (McBurney Y)

Tuesday, June 13—**Women's Individual**
(1:00 PM) at Fencers Club Prelims.

Tuesday, June 13—**Women's Individual**
(7:30 PM) at Fencers Club Finals

Wednesday, June 14—**Foil Individual**
(10:30 AM) at New York A.C. Prelims.

Wednesday, June 14—**Foil Individual**
(7:30 PM) at Salle Santelli Finals

Thursday, June 15—**Epee Individual**
(10:30 AM) at New York A.C. Prelims.

Thursday, June 15—**Epee Individual**
(7:30 PM) at New York A.C. Finals

Friday, June 16—**Sabre Individual**
(10:30 AM) at Fencers Club

Friday, June 16—**Championship Bouts**
and **Gala Nite**
(8:30 PM) Hotel Roosevelt, 45th Street and
Madison Avenue

ANNUAL MEETING

The AFLA will hold its annual meeting at the Fencers Club on June 11, at 4:00 P.M.

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NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS

The following regulations will be enforced to the letter by the Bout Committee:

Entries:

All entries must be sent to the Secretary of the AFLA and must reach him two weeks prior to the scheduled event.

All former individual champions and last year's medalists are automatically qualified for the individual event, but entries must be made prior to the dead-line. Automatic qualification does not apply to the defending champion teams.

Starting Time:

Events will start promptly at time scheduled. Contestants must report to the Bout Committee and **must be ready to fence 15 minutes before scheduled starting time.**

Electric Epees:

No weapons will be checked on the day of the competition. All competitors **must have two epees and two body cords** checked and approved by the Bout Committee. Weapons for the epee team and three-weapon team events must be checked on Saturday, June 10th at the Fencers Club. Weapons for the individual event must be checked before Wednesday evening, June 14th at the Fencers Club.

Team Events:

Each Division is entitled to be represented by a maximum of four clubs. Not more than two composite teams may be from any one division. Members of composite teams may not be from a club already represented by a team. Team entries should be made in the same manner as individual entries.

Jury of Appeal:

Appeals will be heard by a jury consisting of the Bout Committee and all members of the Board of Governors present and not competing.

* * * GALA NIGHT * * *

Hotel Roosevelt - 45th & Madison

June 16, 1950 - 8:30 P.M.

NATIONAL CHAMPION FINALS IN ALL WEAPONS

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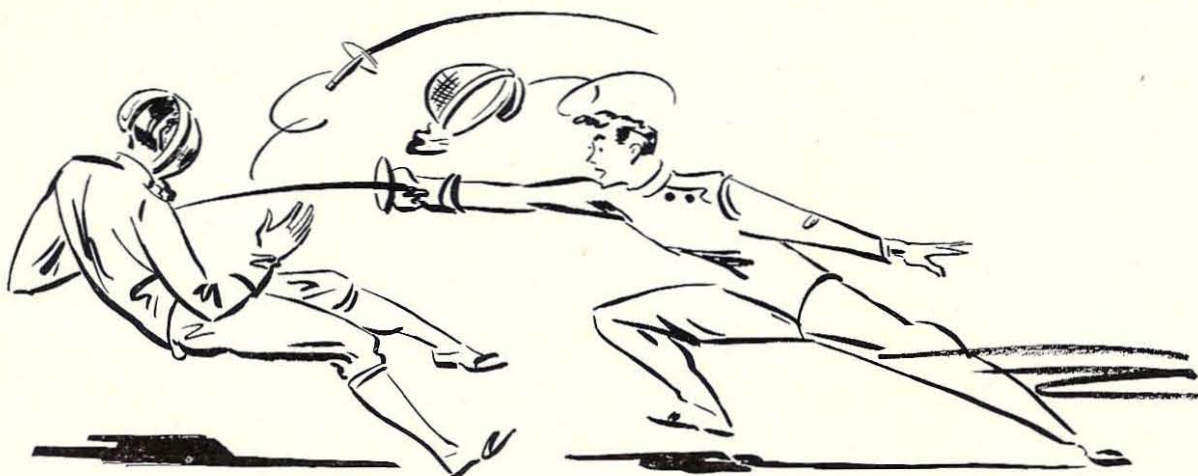
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INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

All former Champions, and last year's medalists, qualify automatically for their event. Qualifying rounds throughout the country entitle each Division to not less than four nor more than eight representatives. In many cases the Divisions have failed to report their qualifiers in time to be inserted herein, but American Fencing will issue special programs for each event with complete list of entries. The following qualifiers have been reported:

- WOMEN: Metropolitan N. Y.** — E. Cohen, A. Friedrich, I. Gormley, A. Jacobsen, T. Jauch, R. Maxwell, M. Rothman, S. Zacharowitz;
Connecticut—R. Grasson, M. Sugrue;
Gulf Coast—E. Abbott, B. Fox, R. Rogers;
Illinois—J. Figge, S. Kjellberg, R. Marcus, A. Zakoian;
Minnesota—D. Arnold, R. Foster, D. Swanson;
New Jersey—B. Dedousis, A. Martin, M. Rosebault, G. Tetaz;
North Texas—L. Cooper, H. Gray, W. Hall, G. Lattimore;
Southern California — C. Baer, M. Bower, D. Gale, J. L. York.
FOIL: Metropolitan N. Y.—A. Axelrod, R. Goldstein, A. Kwartler, N. Lazar, R. Neilsen, A. Prokop, J. Strauch, E. Vebell;
Buffalo—A. Buzzelli, R. Mearian, S. Schwartz, I. Vogel;
Gulf Coast—J. Baird, L. Ffrench, F. Leever;
Illinois—C. Corbett, B. Fishman, L. Strauss, D. Thompson, J. Marcus, J. Blazich;
Minnesota—B. Clark, C. Manlove, S. Tieman;
New Jersey—J. Hinchman, V. Surdi, E. Treves, F. Weisbrod, W. Reda;

- North Texas**—G. Beakley, L. Breckenridge, J. Carnell, T. Smith;
Southern California — E. Carfagno, J. Lampl, S. Shurtz.
EPEE: Metropolitan N. Y.—A. Cohen, K. Kapner, F. McGrath, M. Metzger, M. Shermet, A. Skrobisch, J. Titolo, E. Vebell;
Buffalo—P. Blackman, D. Boyle, E. Haas, W. Kohsman;
Illinois—R. Dixon, D. Thompson, L. Turner, J. Vincent, J. Ruskin, C. Corbett;
Minnesota—B. Clark, C. Manlove, T. Covert;
New Jersey — W. Hauber, Brown, Funston, Hughes, Ozol, Riefstahl;
North Texas — G. Beakley, H. Lattimore, B. Lindley, W. Sanner;
Southern California—E. Carfagno, W. Lundeborg, D. Reynolds;
West Point — Capt. J. Donaldson, Lt. Col. J. Honeycutt, Lt. Col. F. R. Weber.
SABRE: Metropolitan N. Y.—A. Cohen, S. Gorlin, K. Kapner, A. Kwartler, N. Lazar, R. Marson, H. Spector, S. Stewart;
Buffalo—A. Buzzelli, R. Couch, A. Manson, S. Schwartz;
Illinois—J. Westley, L. Strauss; R. Grange, D. Thompson;
Minnesota—B. Clark, C. Manlove, R. Foster;
North Texas—R. Hobson, M. Kantor, H. Lattimore, A. McArthur;
Southern California — E. Carfagno, S. Shurtz, T. Mori;
Washington, D. C.—I. Cantor, W. Kunzig, H. Newton.

TEAM QUALIFIERS

There is no automatic qualification in team events. Defending champions must qualify from their Division, and each Division may qualify four teams. Not more than two composite teams may represent any one Division. Many Divisions do not hold qualifying rounds for these events, but make up teams from the representatives present at the Championship Week. For this reason we have received only a few reports:

- WOMEN: Metropolitan N. Y.** — Fencers Club, N. Y. Composite, N.Y.U., Salle Santelli;
Connecticut—Gateway School, Waterbury Y;
New Jersey — Paterson Teachers, Westfield F. C.;
North Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth;
Southern California—Faulkner School of Fencing, Los Angeles A. C.
FOIL: Metropolitan N. Y.—Fencers Club, New York A. C., Saltus-McBurney, Salle Santelli;
Connecticut—Waterbury Y;
North Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth;
Southern California—Los Angeles A. C.
EPEE: Metropolitan N. Y.—Fencers Club, New York A. C., N.Y.U., Salle Santelli;
North Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth;
Southern California—Faulkner School of Fencing, Los Angeles A. C.
SABRE: Metropolitan N. Y.—Fencers Club, New York A. C., N.Y.U., Salle Santelli;
Connecticut—Waterbury Y, Yale;
North Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth;
Southern California—Los Angeles A. C.;
Washington, D. C.—Washington F. C.

THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- WOMEN:** Faulkner School of Fencing, Defending Champion. **A.F.L.A. Trophy.**
FOIL: Fencers Club, Defending Champion. **A.F.L.A. Trophy.**
EPEE: Salle Santelli, Defending Champion. **J. Sanford Saltus Trophy.**
SABRE: Salle Santelli, Defending Champion. **Sherman Hall Trophy.**
THREE WEAPON: Salle Santelli, Defending Champion. **George Calnan Memorial Trophy.**

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**Individual Epee
Championship Match**

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TROPHY
Norman Lewis,
Salle Santelli,
Defending Champion.

**Individual Foil
Championship Match**

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Dr. Daniel Bukantz,
Fencers Club,
Defending Champion.

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Championship Match**

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As none of our fencers have any prospects of being able to fence in the National Championships, we are not holding our Division Championships until the end of our current season. The Inland Empire Championships to be held in May have entries from the Seattle and Spokane Divisions as well as the British Columbia Fencing Association. (Results in next issue.)

ODE TO THE RAPIER

Oh, Rapier, if you could but speak to me,
What wondrous tales of courage and romance
Would fall upon my eager ears, so that
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Where men are brave, and ladies gay and fair.
The sheen that shines upon your slender blade,
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And how you deftly parried deadly blows,
Protecting well the one who held you firm.
I seem to hear the clash of steel on steel,
And see the feint you now so neatly make
So that the thrust will surely reach its mark.
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Margaret Voss,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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Minnesota

The 1951 Nominating Committee consisting of Robert Foster (Chairman), Dr. Chas. Manlove, William Kuth, and Urban Couch has nominated the following members to be voted on at the annual meeting for the 1951 officers. Additional nominations of active members can be made from the floor at the meeting:

For Chairman: William Balamut
For Vice Chairman: Dr. Chas. Manlove, Terry Covert

For Secy.-Treas.: B. L. Clark, P. E. Dahl
Nominees receiving the next highest number of votes for Vice Chairman and Secy.-Treas. shall be elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee.

The Division's Championship Tournament produced the following results:

Three-Weapon event ended in a three-way tie among Dr. C. Manlove, B. L. Clark and P. E. Dahl. Mr. Dahl was forced to withdraw due to a back injury, and Dr. Manlove won the fence-off.

The Women's Foil title went to Donnamae Swanson, with Ruth Foster second and Donna Arnold third.

The Novice Foil and Junior Foil produced identical results, both events being won by Sidney Tieman with Urban Couch and William Kuth taking the second and third medals.

Dr. C. Manlove won the Intermediate Foil. Bryce L. Clark took second and Sidney Tieman third.

Bryce L. Clark scored a double victory, taking the epee and sabre titles. Dr. Manlove placed second in both events, while Terry Covert took third in epee and Robert Foster was third in sabre.

Michigan

James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan, achieved the remarkable feat of capturing all three of the State's Intermediate titles. In addition to being one of Michigan's outstanding competitors, Campoli contributes to the development of the sport by spending his free time as amateur coach of the Lawrence Tech team.

The results of the Intermediate events were:
Women: (1) Lynn Twitchell, Michigan State; (2) Carolyn Dörner, Michigan State; (3) Dolores Hotsa, Salle de Tuscan.

Foil: (1) James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan; (2) Richard Yassenchak, Lawrence Tech; (3) Gregory Flynn, Grose Pointe.

Epee: (1) James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan; (2) Tom Howell, Lawrence Tech; (3) Arthur Bruce, U. of Detroit.

Sabre: (1) James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan; (2) Gregory Flynn, Grose Pointe; (3) Alfred Kuenzman, U. of Detroit.

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—adv.

NFCAA ELECTS GARRET

Maxwell R. Garret, fencing coach at the University of Illinois, has been elected President of the National Fencing Coaches Association of America, to succeed Joseph Fiems of the U. S. Naval Academy. We quote a portion of Mr. Garret's initial address to the Association whose membership now includes 56 coaches.

"As president of the NFCAA I want to take this opportunity to thank publicly the member coaches for their trust and belief in me and in their selection of Stanley S. Sieja (Princeton University) as Vice-President and Servando Velarde (Columbia University) as Secretary-Treasurer. Knowing both of my cohorts personally and for many years, I can safely certify to their willingness to assume their new responsibilities with an eagerness that will make this year of office an interesting and gratifying one for the Association.

"All three of us feel keenly the responsibilities placed upon us. We understand how crucial and vital our positions are for molding opinions and affecting the aspects of the personnel within and without the organization. We understand the importance of developing proper objectives to attain ultimate success professionally for the members of the Association and for the sport which we represent. We realize the necessity of furthering esprit de corps within the organization and continuing the growth of membership. We are also fully cognizant that the growth of the sport will depend in proportion to the cooperation received from athletic and physical education directors; interest of the public; press, radio and television releases; and all-out effort by all fencing coaches and participants in the sport.

"These and many other responsibilities we fully realize and above all, we realize there is a job still to be done. We promise to interpret that job for the total good of all."

The following are the major committee appointments made by the new President:

Executive Committee: Maxwell Garret, Servando Velarde, Silvio Vitale (M.I.T.), Scott Breckinridge (U. of Ky.), A. L. Masley (U. of Wis.).

Constitution Committee: Stanley Sieja, James Montague (CCNY), Joseph Smith (B'klyn), Tully Friedman (N'western), Charles Schmitter (Mich. State).

Committee to Select All-American Collegiate Team: Joseph Fiems (Navy), Marcel Pasche (Army), Robert Grasson (Yale), Alvar Hermandson (U. of Chicago), Dr. Lucien Morris (U. of Iowa), Nick Peters (Wash. State), Robert Kaplan (Ohio State).

18-YEAR-OLD WINS TITLE

William Lundeberg, Cavaliers, won the Open Epee Championship of the Southern California Division, losing only one bout in a very strong final of nine. The new Champion, only 18 years old, started fencing at the age of nine. Prior to this event he had attained junior rank in all three weapons. He is coached by John C. McKee.

Lundeberg's victory should be an inspiration to our many young competitors.

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CALIFORNIA INTERCOLLEGIATE MEET

By **DAVID SWIFT**
Mgr., UC Fencing Team

Three-man teams in each weapon, representing Santa Barbara, San Francisco State, Stanford and University of California, fenced in a round-robin event held at Berkeley. It is hoped that future meets will include all the colleges in California. UCLA and USC were unable to attend due to budgetary limitations.

The top men in each weapon received individual prizes, and the team and individual results (listed below) show Stanford and UC evenly matched.

The event was directed by Messrs.

James Campbell and Salvatore and Frank Giambra. The epee was conducted with the electric machine.

Results

Foil Team: (1) U. of California, (2) Stanford, (3) S. F. State, (4) Santa Barbara.

Epee Team: (1) Stanford, (2) U. of California, (3) S. F. State, (4) Santa Barbara.

Sabre Team: (1) U. of California, (2) Stanford, (3) Santa Barbara, (4) S. F. State.

Foil Individual: (1) R. Gross, Stanford; (2) F. Harradine, U. C.; (3) K. Griffin, U. C.

Epee Individual: (1) R. Schless, Stanford; (2) R. Gross, Stanford; (3) K. Griffin, U. C.

Sabre Individual: (1) W. Wootan, U. C.; (2) R. Gross, Stanford; (3) F. Harradine, U. C.

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N. J. HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Bloomfield High, coached by amateur Vincent Surdi, won the championship meet held at Jersey City. The event was conducted as three individual round-robin pools, each school entering a team of three. Bloomfield won with 19 wins and 5 losses, and Dickinson of Jersey City placed second with 17 and 7. A tie for third, at 15-9, resulted between South Side and Barringer. Other entries: Butler, Ferris, Irvington, Lincoln and Snyder.

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Metropolitan Championships

The individual events saw only one title-holder, Dr. Tibor Nyilas of Salle Santelli, make a successful defense of his crown. Nyilas, in retaining the sabre title, won all his bouts in the final round of nine. The sabre was again dominated by the champion and his club-mate, George Worth. The first bout of the final round, between these two, proved to be the deciding one; Nyilas won 5-3 and from then on both men were unbeatable. Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, placed third in the event which drew twenty-eight entries.

Madeline Dalton, Fencers Club, won the women's championship with a perfect record in the final round of nine. This was Miss Dalton's second consecutive victory in open competition, having won the Voorhees event two weeks before. Second went to Grace Accl, Salle Santelli, and her club-mate Eve Cohen won third on touches over Dorothy Stack and defending champion Dolly Funke—both of the Fencers Club. Twenty-six competed.

Charles Steinhardt, Fencers Club, reaped the promise he showed in last year's Nationals and carried the Metropolitan title away from the Saltus Club strips. A three-way tie for second saw Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli, Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club, and defending champion Albert Axelrod, Salle Santelli, finish in the order named. It was the first event open to foil seniors this season and it was evident that they all needed more conditioning before the National Championships. Twenty-four competed.

Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, won the epee with only one defeat in the final round of twelve. Alfred Skrobisch, also of the Fencers Club, administered the only set-back to the winner but was in turn defeated by Lt. Col. F. R. Weber and Capt. J. Donaldson of the New York A. C. Skrobisch placed second and Weber third. The defending champion, Daniel Bukantz, and the present national title-holder, Norman Lewis, did not compete.

In the team events, the distaff side of the Fencers Club made the only successful defense of a title. Eight teams participated in the women's event, and the winner was represented by Madeline Dalton, Dolly Funke, Ruth Maxwell and Dorothy Stack.

The Fencers Club (Daniel Bukantz, Nathaniel Lubell, Austin Prokop, Charles Steinhardt) won the men's foil team event from a field of six. Lubell starred for the victors, winning all seven of his bouts.

The Fencers Club won a third team title when Frank Billadello, Abram Cohen, Jose and Miguel de Capriles dethroned the favored Salle Santelli in a round-robin of six teams. Miguel de Capriles, with three victories against Santelli and two against the New York A. C. paced the victors through the most difficult matches.

The Salle Santelli (Ralph Goldstein, Norman Lewis, Marvin Metzger, Paul Moss) took the epee team crown without losing a match. The winners presented well-balanced strength. The defending champion, Salle Montague, has been in-

active this season and was not represented.

FINAL ROUND SCORES

Women's Individual

Dalton 8-0; Accl 5-3; Cohen 4-4 (19 against); Stack 4-4 (24 against); Funke 4-4 (25 against); Nasce 3-5 (25 against); Zacharowitz 3-5 (26 against); Millstein 3-5 (28 against); Rothman 2-6.

Foil Individual

Steinhardt 4-1; Goldstein 3-2 (15 against); Bukantz 3-2 (18 against); Axelrod 3-2 (19 against); Lazar 1-4 (21 against); Oldstein 1-4 (22 against).

Epee Individual

J. de Capriles 10-1; Skrobisch 9-2; Weber 8-3; McGrath 6-5 (22 against); Hauber 6-5 (23 against); Moss 5-6; Goldstein 4-7 (23 against); Donaldson 4-7 (24 against); Von Munchhausen 4-7 (26 against); Bloomberg 4-7 (27 against); Kwartler 3-8; Bavuso 2-9.

Sabre Individual

Nyilas 8-0; Worth 7-1; Cohen 5-3; Kwartler 4-4 (29 against); Stewart 4-4 (32 against); Flynn 3-5; Kunzig 2-5; Newton 2-6; Matzkin 0-7.

Women's Team

No scores received. Entries included Fencers Club "A"* and "B," Salle Santelli "A"* and "B," N.Y.U.*, Composite team*, Hunter College and Westfield YMCA.

Foil Team

Fencers Club "A"* d. Saltus 5-0, Fencers Club "B" 5-3, N.Y.A.C. 5-1 and Salle Santelli 5-3; Salle Santelli* d. Saltus 5-0, N.Y.A.C. 5-2 and Fencers Club "B" 5-2; New York A. C.* d. Rutgers 5-0; Fencers Club "B" d. Rutgers 5-2; Saltus* lost all, and Rutgers lost all.

Epee Team

Salle Santelli* d. N. J. Composite 5-0, N.Y.A.C. 5-3, Fencers Club "B" 5-4, Fencers Club "A" 5-3 and Saltus 5-0; Fencers Club "A"* d. Fencers Club "B" 5-3, N. J. Composite 5-1 and N.Y.A.C. 5-1; N. J. Composite d. Saltus 5-3, Fencers Club "B" 5-2 and N.Y.A.C. 5-1; Saltus* d. Fencers Club "B" 5-2 and N.Y.A.C. 5-1; Fencers Club "B" lost all; New York A. C.* lost all, but fenced two matches with only a two-man team.

Sabre Team

Fencers Club "A"* d. Saltus 7-2, N.Y.U. 7-2, Fencers Club "B" 7-2, Santelli 5-4 and N.Y.A.C. 5-3; Salle Santelli* d. N.Y.U. 7-2, Saltus 9-0 and Fencers Club "B" 6-3; New York A. C.* d. N.Y.U. 7-2, Fencers Club "B" 7-2 and Saltus 8-1; N.Y.U.* d. Fencers Club "B" 5-3; Fencers Club "B" d. Saltus 5-2; Saltus d. N.Y.U. 5-4.

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A SUGGESTION FOR METROPOLITAN FENCING

Allan Kwartler

When I came to New York some two years ago, I found that while it was unquestionably the fencing center of the nation, it received the least amount of cooperation from its considerable membership. I concur most heartily with Jose de Capriles when he says (in the April issue): "too many of our better officials are becoming mere parasites."

As chairman of the Metropolitan foil committee, I have noted a serious lack of good officials at almost every competition. Some of this lack could be overcome if the fencers who are eliminated in the early rounds did not immediately go to the showers and leave the bloody scene. Certainly if they had qualified they would find the time to remain.

If more of the ranking fencers would help by officiating frequently, they could help us teach the less-skilled to judge and direct. If those who are eliminated in the first rounds would stay and learn to judge, we would all be a happier group.

In the interest of better fencing I should like to urge a plan which has often been described but not put into operation: When the schedule is made up, competent directors should immediately be assigned a specific number of events. The officials chosen will then acknowledge such assignments and advise whether they are available. If, on the assigned date, the official finds he cannot attend, it will be his responsibility to obtain an acceptable replacement.

A Bout Committee with such assurance of cooperation can conduct the events more efficiently and can give its juries adequate rest periods during long competitions. A system such as this will develop more and better officials and will certainly benefit the contestants.

INTERMEDIATE FOIL TEAM

The Salle Santelli (Allan Kwartler, Neil Lazar, Marvin Metzger, Robert Neilsen) won the fence-off after the regular event ended in a three-way tie. CCNY and NYAC were the other clubs involved.

NEW YORK A. C. WINS "THE DUEL"

The N.Y.A.C. team of Dr. James Flynn and Lt. Col. F. R. Weber won the fourth annual competition for the Arthur Lyon trophy and medals by defeating all entries in the epee-sabre tournament. Each team member must fence both weapons against the opponents. Second place went to the Fencers Club (Abram Cohen and Jose de Capriles). The Saltus-McBurney "Y" (Ritayik and Tannehill) proved the surprise team of the meet, defeating the Salle Santelli and coming within a bout of tying for first place.

Results

N.Y.A.C. d. Haudegen 8-0, Santelli 4-3, Saltus 4-3 and Fencers Club 5-3;
Fencers Club d. Saltus 7-1, Haudegen 6-2 and tied Santelli 4-4;
Saltus Club d. Santelli 5-3 and Haudegen 8-0;
Salle Santelli (Lazar, Nyilas) d. Haudegen 6-2 and tied Fencers Club 4-4;
Haudegen (Latzko, Lutz) lost all.

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CALIFORNIA FENCING

By JOHN C. McKEE

Those fencers familiar with California Fencing ten years ago, would find it difficult to maintain liaison with the many Salle D'Armes in existence at the beginning of 1950. Like everything else in the State, fencing has grown by leaps and bounds. Where the usual entries in most of the events consisted of 10 or 15 fencers, it is not uncommon, today, to find fields of 40 to 50 entered.

It is about time that the fencing situation in general be outlined and tabulated for the many would-be visitors to the State and for the many fencers of former residence. The prominent Salles have been reviewed in more detail than the Collegiate Clubs since their influence is more keenly felt.

California, being the elongated State that it is, has three A.F.L.A. Divisions. The Northern California, Southern California and San Diego. The distance between the Northern and Southern California Divisions is roughly 500 miles. The distance separating the Southern California and San Diego Divisions is approximately 125 miles. Since the San Diego Division is at the extreme lower end of the State, it can be readily seen that the distance from the Northern Division to the San Diego Division is approximately 625 miles. These three areas are too far apart for convenient intermingling so once a year the Pacific Coast Championships bring them all together.

The Northern Area is dominated by the Olympic Club, The Halberstadt School of Fencing and the Funke Fencing Academy followed by Stanford University and the University of California. In the City of San Francisco The Olympic Club and the Halberstadt School of Fencing are taught by Maitre Hans Halberstadt and boast such stalwarts as Salvatore Giambra, Luis Giorgi and Gerard Biagini. The latter two are ranked number 10 in the Nation in Foil. Miss Helene Mayer, former National and World Champion resides in the area and

can be found at San Francisco City College. The teams of Elwyn Bugge of Stanford and Arthur Lane of California could always be counted on for a stiff defense. Eric Funke D'Egnuff, Maitre of the Funke Fencing Academy, has always presented dangerous antagonists such as Harold Luis and Pierre Paret (now in Italy).

Moving South we encounter teams at Fresno State College and Bakersfield who have not entered into many competitions as yet.

In Southern California the Big Three fencing Salles can be designated as the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Cavaliers of Pasadena and the Faulkner School of Fencing. These three Salles manage to divide the medals pretty evenly. Maitre John Heremans has been entrusted with the fine fencers developed by the beloved Harry Uyttenhove, now retired. Among these LAAC champions you will find such names as Fred Linkmeyer (Vice-President of the AFLA), Edward Carfagno and the former Muriel Calkins. Maitre John C. McKee can be found at the Salle Cavaliers in Pasadena and the Salle Dragon in Inglewood. The Cavaliers boast two Nationally ranked fencers in the Women's Foil: Mrs. Maxine Mitchell and Miss Camille Bayer. Frank Joyner heads the list of men. The Dragon Salle is a new one opened this year and too new to have established a reputation. In Hollywood, under the able guidance of Maitre Ralph Faulkner, the Falcon fencers have won the National Women's Team Foil and The National Woman's Individual Championship. The Falcons also boast two women fencers in the ranks of the first ten, Nationally. Their roster is headed by Polly Craus and Bernadine Meislahn in the women's events and Dave Rice in the men's.

Also located in Hollywood, Maitre Duris De-Jong of the Hollywood Athletic Club has produced some fine fencers headed by Harold Corbin, Former Olympic Team Epee Fencer.

Anthony Greco, formerly of New York, has recently opened a Salle in Hollywood where he has transferred his activities from Glendale.

Aldo Nadi has relocated his club at the Nico Charisse Studio on the outskirts of Beverly Hills. His teams include Arthur Kaye, Carl Milletaire and Fred and Gary Martin.

Fencing is also conducted at the following Schools and Colleges: University of California at Los Angeles, University of Southern California, University of California at Santa Barbara, Pomona College, Pepperdine College, Chadwick School, Burbank Recreational Center, Long Beach Y.M.C.A., Santa Monica High School, and Northrup Aviation Company.

The newly created San Diego Division is headed by Herman Hersum, one of the Southland's fine fencers, and boasts the presence of Col. George V. Cherny, formerly of New York. From the summary just outlined it can readily be seen that fencing has just about covered the State. The coming Pacific Coast Championships should present an interesting struggle for Western supremacy.

AMERICAN FENCING will distribute, as part of this magazine, separate score cards with complete entry lists at each event.

Northwest Intercollegiates

The State College of Washington, represented by H. Shulz, V. Ritter and D. Zier, won the Northwest Intercollegiate Team title. The event included teams from Gonzaga (Huttenbach, Denny, Mason) and U. of Idaho (Munson, Ward, Holt). The Universities of Montana and Washington were not able to make the trip to Pullman.

The winners, coached by Nick Peters, received a trophy awarded by the Inland Empire Foil and Mask. The event was directed by Mr. Robert Hyslop of Spokane.

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CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN OLYMPIC GAMES

By TRACY JAECKEL
Foreign Secretary, AFLA

The fencing events of the "Central American and Caribbean Games" held in Guatemala City from February 26 to March 6 ran with great smoothness and without any of the unpleasant incidents which occurred in soccer, boxing and wrestling. The physical facilities were excellent, and the seating capacity of 600 was taken up for all final matches with an overflow crowd of about a thousand watching the epee final.

The results were as follows:

Foil Team

Cuba successfully defended the title it won in Barranquilla, with a veteran team of Agostini, Alvarez, Barrientos and Lamar.

(1) Cuba defeated Panama 9-5, Guatemala 9-7 and Curacao 14-2; (2) Panama defeated Guatemala 9-7 and Curacao 13-3; (3) Guatemala defeated Curacao 9-2; (4) Curacao lost all.

Epee Team

Cuba again made a successful defense of a title with a convincing exhibition of epee strength. The veterans Manalich and Ruiz were joined by two youngsters Roberto Garcia and Miguel Olivella both of whom fenced extremely well.

(1) Cuba defeated Panama 9-5, Guatemala 10-6 and Curacao 14-2; (2) Panama defeated Guatemala 9-7 and Curacao 13-3; (3) Guatemala defeated Curacao 9-2; (4) Curacao lost all.

Sabre Team

Curacao dethroned the defending champion, Cuba. The winners were sparked by Luchman who won 11 out of 12 bouts. The Dutch Olympic veteran, Major Boutmy, and Engels and Hilhorst contributed their fair share of victories.

(1) Curacao defeated Panama 9-7, Guatemala 12-3 and Cuba 9-2; (2) Panama defeated Guatemala 10-6 and Cuba 8-8 (by 1 touch); (3) Guatemala defeated Cuba 9-7. Cuba lost all.

Individual Foil

Eduardo Guirola of Guatemala was a surprise victor in this event. Although possibly not technically as finished a foinman as several others, he won a popular victory by extreme coolness coupled with a beautiful sense of timing and distance. Jorge Agostini of Cuba, the defending champion, lost only to Guirola and in thus placing second he won the admiration of all. Since his victory in Barranquilla four years ago, the popular Cuban Captain sustained a very serious automobile accident from which few if any gave him a chance to recover. Ramos of Mexico fenced brilliantly to take third place. In his final bout he took Guirola to four-all. Had he won, it would have forced a triple tie for first.

Individual Epee

This event provided the best fencing of the entire Games. The final victory was won by Ramos of Mexico, but only after two fence-offs. At the end of the regular bouts, Ramos, Manalich of Cuba, and Hilhorst of Curacao were tied with six victories and two defeats. In the fence-off Hilhorst lost his two bouts and Ramos and Manalich fenced to a three-all tie, necessitating another deciding bout. Ramos finally won 3-1. The sur-

prise of this event was the continued improvement of Hilhorst who gave Curacao the first medal it has ever won in epee.

Individual Sabre

The individual sabre was won in brilliant style by Luchman of Curacao, whose sole defeat was at the hands of his teammate, Major Boutmy, the defending champion, who placed fifth. Luchman's technical superiority was blended with a clever aggressive game and a fine sense of timing and distance. A triple tie for second among Manalich of Cuba, Worthington of Panama, and Ramos of Mexico was resolved on touches and placed the men in the order named. Young Worthington showed great promise.

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The Bout Committee consisted of Harold Van Buskirk, Sevaria of Guatemala, and myself as president. The judging and directing was all done by an American group, chosen and approved by the Board of Governors of the A.F.L.A. It consisted of James Flynn of New Jersey, Salvatore Giambra of Northern California, Byron Krieger of Detroit, Donald Thompson Jr. of Chicago, Harold Van Buskirk of Texas, and Allan Kwartler, Nathaniel Lubell, George Worth, Edward Vebell and me from the Metropolitan New York group. In addition, Roger Kirshoff now of New York, was invited directly by Guatemala. The work of this group earned the praise of all the competing nations. I should like particularly to compliment the following for their fine directing: Giambra, Krieger and Worth in foil and sabre and Thompson in epee. They all officiated with great coolness and authority and their analysis of the play was simple, direct and concise. The complete impartiality of our officials did much, I believe, to enhance the International reputation of American fencing. If we are asked to officiate at the next games, to be held in Panama four years hence, the Board of Governors of the A.F.L.A. should again choose the group on the basis of their work in officiating at A.F.L.A. competitions.

The Organizing Committee did its utmost to entertain us and the American Ambassador, Richard C. Patterson, Jr., gave a magnificent reception in honor of the American officials. Guirola and Sevaria of Guatemala entertained us royally and earned our warm thanks. In closing, may I thank George Worth for the fine job he did as our "Public Relations Officer."

Luxembourg Defeats France

A four-man epee team competition took place at Luxembourg City on March 18th. The two countries tied at 7-all but the hosts won by a margin of four touches. Coutrot of France was the individual star.

Results

Luxembourg: Leichen 2 wins (9 against), Gretch 2 wins (9 against), Anen 2 wins (7 against), Buck 1 win (9 against).

France: Coutrot 3 wins (7 against), Rousset 2 wins (10 against), Huet 2 wins (9 against), Ducasse 0 wins (12 against).

Fencing in Germany
By Lt. Paul H. Gordon

There are approximately twenty American fencers in the U. S. Zone, dispersed from Bremerhaven to the Austrian border. Most of us belong to the F. I. E. and are thus enabled to enter European competitions. We also are more or less affiliated with the "League of French Fencers in Germany" and to date have participated in competitions held at Baden Baden, Constance, Heidelberg, Sonthofen, Innsbruck, and Vienna.

The unofficial U. S. Army team here has travelled extensively, but the trips are not in vain—thus far we have never placed last, and usually manage to be third or fourth in meets of seven, eight or more teams. Competition in general is not too tough, but we do meet some good fencers—especially the Maitres D'Armes who are permitted to compete.

BULLETIN

(From Pierre Paret)

The Allied High Commission has lifted the ban on fencing for Germans in the American, British and French zones. Fencing, as well as Judo, Gliding, and Shooting had been forbidden since 1945. The decree states that fencing may be carried on only according to the F.I.E. rules, which implies that the Mensur—student duelling with schlaeger—remains forbidden.

Before the war German fencers were organized in two groups: The German Fencing Federation, which included almost every fencer of national calibre; and the fencing clubs of the German Turners. The Federation has been re-founded under the presidency of Erwin Casimir, star of several German Olympic Teams and 23 times German national champion. Aside from long inactivity, the Federation is handicapped by the problem of equipment. Weapons and masks must be imported for the time being, but cannot be paid for in foreign currency, while the exporters have no interest in being paid in Marks that they are not allowed to transfer out of Germany. The only method possible at the moment is a system of licensed and supervised barter in which sports equipment has a very low priority. There is also a critical shortage of qualified teachers.

Hungary Defeats France

A three-weapon match between the French and Hungarians took place at Buda-Pest and resulted in a 10-6 victory for the hosts. The foil event included two men and two women from each country, while the epee and sabre was contested by two-men teams. In a surprise move, Gerevich, Olympic Sabre Champion, entered the foil for Hungary and defeated Lataste of France. The bout between Gerevich and Buhán went to 4-all and lasted 60 minutes.

Results

Foil—Mlle. Gouny (F) d. Mlle. Elek and Mlle. Varga; Mlle. Elek (H) d. Mlle. Garlihe (F); Mlle. Varga (H) d. Mlle. Garlihe; Buhán (F) d. Gerevich and Tilly; Lataste (F) d. Tilly; Gerevich (H) d. Lataste.

(Hungary 3—France 5)

Epee—Baltazar (H) d. Artigas and Tournon; Reprich (H) d. Tournon; Artigas (F) d. Reprich.

(Hungary 3—France 1)

Sabre—Berczelly (H) d. Lavasseur and Parent; Kovacs (H) d. Lavasseur and Parent.

(Hungary 4—France 0)