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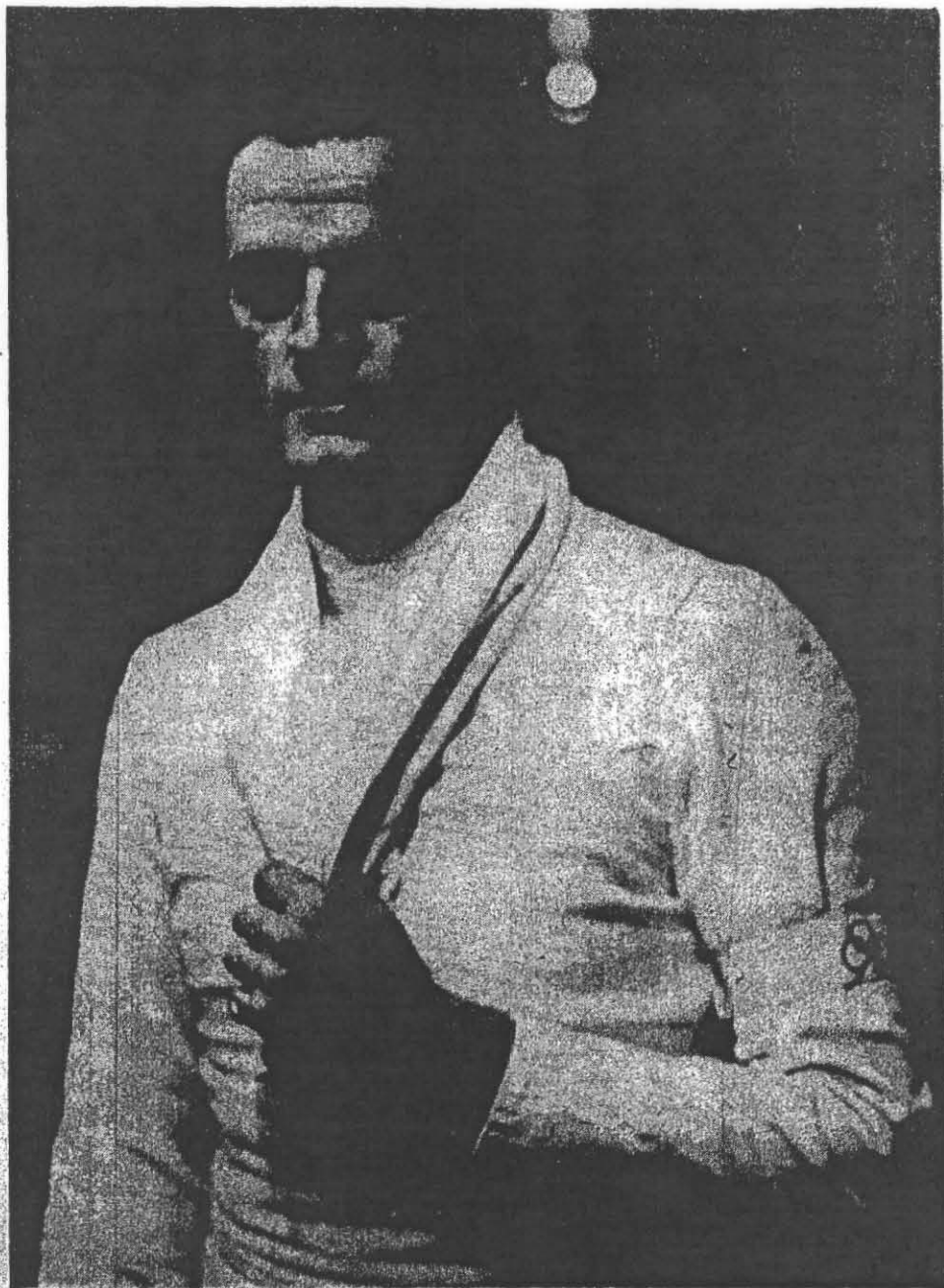


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Jehan Buhar
Olympic Foil Champion

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... The Season's Best Wishes to All Our Readers ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"I was interested in your letter regarding honesty in publicity which appeared in a recent issue of American Fencing. You approached the thing from the amateur point of view and what I have to say is from the professional angle.

It seems to me that it is about time that professionals (at any rate, the few who are guilty) should stop the practice of claiming mythical championships either directly or by innuendo. We have the sad spectacle of supposedly reputable practitioners of a sport giving information which is misleading or, at any rate, not taking the trouble to correct the error. I have been told on occasion that this is "publicity." Where does "publicity" end and lying begin? If these men have no competitive record about which to brag (if they are inclined to brag) and they have no successful pupils about which to brag, it would seem that normal individuals would remain silent. Again, if these persons were not outstandingly successful in competition but had trained successful pupils, why would this not be sufficient basis for favorable publicity? Why do we find it necessary to claim, or at any rate not to deny, the championship of the Upper-Lower Slobvian Army? (Apologies to Capp). There have been individuals around who have been making steady progress through the years. I started with a mythical championship of an army and finally ended with an equally mythical world championship.

This is the sort of thing which I believe is to be deplored. We are trying to maintain the dignity of the sport at both the amateur and professional level and it seems to me that this is an area in which professional ethics, or the lack, is very definitely involved. I believe also that the sooner the falsity of these claims is broadcast and, if necessary, plastered in the papers; the sooner this type of charlatanism will be run back to its place of origin under a rock or in a swamp. I hope this doesn't sound unduly harsh but it has been a pressure building up in me for several years over practices like this. Maybe this world championship resulted from the publication of a challenge to all comers and the paper was so obscure that it was certain that the challenge would not be seen by any fencer, and when the deadline passed, they claimed the championship of the world because, obviously, the world was afraid to meet them in single combat. I don't feel the absurdity of this situation needs any amplification.

I am writing this to you to use as you see fit because from the tone of your letter a couple of issues back I got the impression that you feel like I do about honesty in publicity.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Schmitter
Fencing Coach,
Michigan State College."

Basically this is a problem which must be handled by the National Fencing Coaches Association of America. An association of amateurs, such as the A.F.L.A., has no jurisdiction. We have many professionals of high standard who have in fact been amateur and professional champions of note and it is unfortunate that a few members of the pro-

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ternity choose to "acquire" unearned glory. We are glad to print Mr. Schmitter's letter so as to acquaint all amateurs with the situation.

"... I have been receiving my copies of American Fencing regularly, and I would like to express my thanks as a fencer to you and your colleagues for a job very well done. Your magazine is the one thing that is most responsible for the feeling among fencers that the A.F.L.A. is a closely knit organization instead of many isolated groups connected only by a title.

Betty Jean Fox,
Secretary,
Gulf Coast Division."

Thank you. If we accomplish what you state, the hard work and occasional sniping are worthwhile.

"I enjoy reading American Fencing very much, more so now when I am outside of the United States. I sincerely hope the magazine will be able to continue.

Lt. Robert E. Foster
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Lt. Foster had been elected chairman of the Minnesota Division. We wish him the best of luck and will see that he gets his copies regularly.

HOW ABOUT IT?

Due to the fact that major advertisers do not consider us important enough to be included in their national advertising budget, we are in a constant financial struggle. The only solution is for the fencers to lend a hand. Many of you are in business and can either put in a small ad or get some advertising for us. Our rates are very reasonable. Business Listing \$5; 1/12 page \$10. Consult us on rates for larger space. How about it?

TAX RELIEF!

Effective November 1, the Federal Tax bill removed the old 10 per cent Excise Tax which had been levied on fencing equipment. This relief is limited to a few sports and is based on the theory that such equipment is used extensively by schools (which were entitled to tax exemption anyway). Many other sporting goods are still taxed 10 per cent and some are raised to 15 per cent. The exemption was granted after the National Sporting Goods Association (to which Castello and Santelli belong) testified before the Senate Finance Committee.

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NOTE

The new rules adopt the revised international order of bouts for team and individual events. Official score-sheets have been prepared and pads for team and individual events may be purchased at 80 (loose) for \$1 by sending the money and order to Mr. Chester Tuthill, Recording Secretary, 509 W. 121 St., N. Y. 27.

GRECO IN ARIZONA

Mr. Anthony Greco, a great teacher and always a staunch friend of fencing in this country, has moved from Sunland, California, to Tucson, Arizona. We are advised that Mr. Greco is now coaching the University of Arizona.

Southern California has had a good number of competent teachers for quite a few years, whereas Arizona and New Mexico have been in great need of such talent. Mr. Greco's presence should do much to increase the strength of our Border Division and Southwest Section, and we wish him the best of luck.

—J. R. de C.

Official A.F.L.A. Notes

DERNELL EVERY, Secretary

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board held two meetings during the month of November and the following items of general interest were approved:

Vacancies in the offices of 4th Vice President and Foreign Secretary were filled by the election of Harold Van Buskirk (Houston, Texas) and Tracy Jaeckel (N.Y.) respectively;

A vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Benson was filled by Martin Brandeis who was elected by the non-divisional governors present at the meeting of November 8;

The Organizing Committee for the Bolivarian Games has appointed our Tracy Jaeckel President of the Directoire Technique and requested that the AFLA select officials for the event. The Board approved the following in the order named, but the exact number to be called to Venezuela is not yet certain—H. Van Buskirk (Houston), S. Giambra (San Francisco), G. Worth (N.Y.), T. Nyilas (N.Y.), B. Krieger (Detroit), A. Kwartler (N.Y.), N. Lubell (N.Y.), A. Cohen (N.Y.), A. Orsi (N.Y.);

The President appointed a Certificate of Merit Committee to consist of F. Barnard O'Connor, Chairman, Curtis Ettinger and Leo G. Nunes;

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd.

New Alaska Division

On November 29th the Board of Governors granted a charter to the Alaska Division. The group will have jurisdiction over the entire Territory of Alaska, and has been activated through the efforts of several U. S. Marines. The officers for this season will be: Cpl. Hank Sprano, Chairman; Walter Parsons, Vice-Chairman; Roger Clark, Secretary.

New Westchester Division

The Board of Governors granted a charter to the Westchester Division, thus increasing the total number of active AFLA Divisions to thirty-three. The new group, having jurisdiction over Westchester County in New York State, has elected William L. Osborn as Chairman and Evan Quinn as Secretary-Treasurer. The charter members include such well known fencers as Miss Grace Acel, Dr. Ervin Acel, Jose de Capriles, Robert Driscoll, Curtis Ettinger and Ralph Goldstein. Considerable interest has been aroused among the many high schools in the county and it is hoped that a strong AFLA membership will be realized within the next few years. The fencers meet at the White Plains YMCA every Tuesday night at 8 P.M. Mrs. Lena Gilbert Taylor and Mr. Joseph Ullman, both of whom had dropped out of fencing, have rejoined the sport through the new group.

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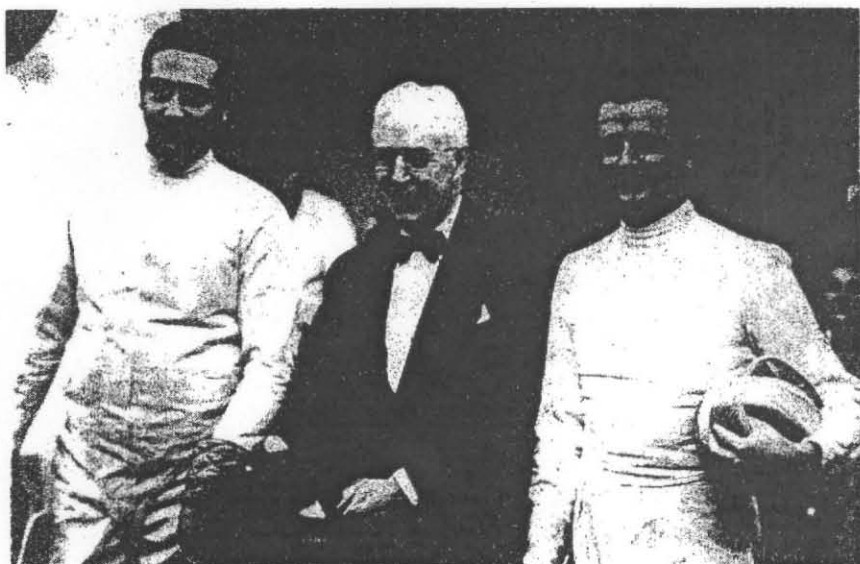


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Dr. Daniel Bukantz - F. Barnard O'Connor - Jehan Buhon

Jehan Buhon, Olympic Foil Champion, participated in formal exhibitions held at the Fencers Club and at the New York Turnverein in addition to the various evenings he spent fencing with all comers at several clubs. This very charming gentleman was awarded the A.F.L.A. Medal of Merit by the Board of Governors in appreciation of his efforts in behalf of our sport, a special commemorative medal presented by Miguel A. de Capriles, and an original August von Munchhausen fencing scene presented by Mr. F. Barnard O'Connor in behalf of the Fencers Club.

**OLYMPIC CHAMPION
VISITS U. S.**

The fencers of the N. Y. Metropolitan area just recently had the pleasure of playing host to one of Europe's most brilliant and distinguished fencers. I refer to Mr. Jehan Buhon of France, Olympic Foil champion in the London Games of 1948. He left behind him a great many admirers and friends; we found in him a very warm and most modest gentleman and a credit to the sport we all love. He truly proved himself an "Ambassador of Good Will" from Europe in general and his own beloved France in particular.

During his stay, he visited all of our local Salles and fenced for hours against champion and tyro. His friendly, modest advice to our younger fencers will be long remembered. Possibly to our own Olympic aspirants it was a revelation to see great technical skill almost overshadowed by perfect balance and an unerring sense of distance.

I have a most charming letter from Jehan Buhon, from which I would like to quote in closing. He says, in part: "Possibly the greatest compliment which I can give to you and the other American Fencers is that you made me feel completely at home. I felt that we had all known and liked each other for a long time." May I speak for the A.F.L.A. and American fencers by saying that we all would welcome the opportunity in the very near future of making Jehan Buhon feel "at home" among us again.

Tracy Jaeckel

AN OPEN LETTER**To all fencers:**

There is just one way to popularize the sport of Fencing in the United States. There is just one way to develop stronger competition in the future Olympics. That way is to introduce the sport to the youngsters in our Public Schools—the high schools. Every fencer who has learned to enjoy the sport I feel certain will agree with this point of view. If he is a real fencing enthusiast and has the germ well in his blood he will give this idea a few minutes of thought and most likely come to the conclusion that he should do something about it.

What can he do? He can first of all contact the Superintendent or Principal of the high school in his area and offer to give a lecture—demonstration of fencing—at one of the assemblies held weekly in most schools. This will create an interest. That of course is not enough. The next step is to follow through on this injection and offer to teach youngsters this fine sport an evening a week at some recreation center, public school, or church. It would not be a great hardship on anyone and the results would be most gratifying. This would not only be a great service to the sport of fencing, but the individual doing it would soon realize a tremendous satisfaction and wonder why he has not done this sort of thing long before.

I appeal to all fencers to consider and take action on this suggestion.

Wm. F. Strobel
Retired Director,
Public Schools Athletic
League Fencing, N.Y.C.

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TELLS FACTS About BLADES

In selecting a blade, the fencer should first keep in mind its purpose, either for competition or else for every-day Salle d'Armes fencing. His selection should also be based upon what type of fencer he is. If the blade is to be used primarily for competitions, it ought to be a light blade with the best possible balance. If the blade is to be used for Salle d'Armes fencing, it can be a stronger blade with more body, for longer life. The stiffness and the lightness of the blade, on the other hand, should also be according to the kind of fencing he does. The fencer who prefers forceful fencing with *tac-a-tac* parries, and attacks prepared against the opponent's blade, should naturally choose a stiffer, stronger blade with more body to it, which of course will make the blade heavier. If the fencer prefers the yielding type of fencing with a lot of *deceivements*, *disengagements* and *position parries*, he can afford a more flexible, thinner blade, which of course is also lighter.

In my opinion the best all-around French type foil blade is still manufactured by Polotti of Italy. This blade seems to meet all requirements. It has a high flexibility and enough body to make it very durable, yet it is not too bulky to make it heavy. Furthermore, another advantage is that because the Italians have no steel production of their own, they are importing Swedish steel which is known to be the best for this purpose. The

blade will therefore retain its temper for a longer period than any other blade, perhaps with the exception of the Wilkinson blade. We have tried three types of French manufactured blades in my Salle d'Armes and found that the blade with the imprint of the sun as a trademark, distributed by Soudet, to be the finest. It has a perfect balance, is extremely light in the point and it forms an excellent even arc upon thrusting. The life span of this blade is not as long as the Polotti blade. The strongest and heaviest is the new blade of Wilkinson of England. It is a wonderfully machined blade of excellent English steel. Its life span is probably the longest of all and it can take a lot of abuse.

So I strongly suggest the Polotti blade for every-day use. For competitive work I would recommend the French manufactured blade with the sun imprint. For veavy-handed fencers I would advise the Wilkinson blade.

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MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL EVENT

by Allan Howard

Without doubt the recent international event for the McConnell and Richman trophies, sponsored annually by the Province of Quebec Fencing Association, was the most successful to date. The competitions, held at McGill University during the Labor Day week-end, consisted of three events—Foil for ladies, and Epee and Sabre for men—and drew an entry of 81. There were 50 entries from the United States.

The Ladies' Foil was won by Grace Acel of the Salle Santelli, N. Y., who went through the event undefeated. Second was taken by Vivian Sokol, club mate of the winner, and third by Jarmila Vokral of the Palestre Nationale, Montreal. There were 30 entrants, 24 of whom were Americans.

The other finalists, in the order named, were: Diane Millstein (Washington F. C.); Betty Dedousis (Salle Santelli); Ednita Bernabeu (Salle Santelli); Betty Hamilton (Central Y, Montreal); Beatrice Greenstein (Salle Santelli).

The Epee was won by Lorand Marcell of the Salle Santelli, N. Y., who also was undefeated in the final round. Dave Silverstone of the YMHA, Montreal, placed second on touches over Carl Schwende of the Palestre Nationale, Montreal. This event drew 27 entrants, of whom 15 were Americans, and the final consisted of six Canadians and two Americans.

In addition to the medalists, the finalists were: Ed Brooke (Palestre Nationale, Montreal); Ed Dollinger (New York U.); George Tully (McGill U.); Guy Gravel (Palestre Nationale); Ernest Dalton (Toronto).

The Sabre crown went to Allan Kwartler of the Salle Santelli, N. Y., who thus dethroned his fellow-American Dr. James Flynn of the New York A. C., who placed third. Second went to Leslie Krasa of Montreal, who is the present Canadian sabre champion and unfortunately had to fence with two pulled tendons in the right hand. Thirteen Canadians and 11 Americans competed.

Other finalists were: George Krupski (YMHA, Montreal); Arthur Spingarn (Fencers Club, N. Y.); R. Desjarlais (Palestre Nationale, Montreal); Nicholas Fonay (YMHA, Montreal); E. Gall (Toronto).

Although the Americans took first place in all events, Canadians took second in all but the ladies' foil where we came third. The results should indicate that Canada is definitely a threat in international competition.

Perhaps the most distinguished visitor we had was George Santelli, coach of several American Olympic teams. We also were honored by the presence of Robert Grasson, coach at Yale since 1921, and by Gieseche, well-known Toronto fencer. Another highlight was eleven-year-old Nancy Zielinski, holder of the Buffalo junior crown. Although she failed to pass the first round, she turned in a very good performance against much older and more experienced fencers.

Information About the 1952 Olympic Fencing Team

by Miguel A. de Capriles

Chairman, U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee

The Olympic fencing program for the 1952 games at Helsinki consists of seven events scheduled in 12 days: Men's foil team and individual, women's foil individual, epee team and individual, sabre team and individual. The schedule requires that each event be completed in two successive days.

The Executive Board of the U.S. Olympic Committee has authorized a U.S. fencing team to consist of not more than 21 competitors: 18 men (6 in each weapon), and 3 women. The size of the team will be reduced if any men qualify in two or more weapons, or if there is insufficient money available to send a full team. The selection of the team is entrusted to the U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee.

The Olympic Fencing Committee has designated the members of the 1948 Olympic team and the 1951 Pan American team, place winners in the Mid-West and Pacific Coast Championships for 1950 and 1951, and all other national Ranking Fencers for 1950 and 1951, to constitute the initial "Olympic squads" for the purpose of preparing for the 1952 Games. All members of the Olympic squads must participate in such physical conditioning activities and practice sessions as may be scheduled by the Captain, and must to the best of their ability help the Committee's fund-raising program of exhibitions, etc.

The following fencers have been named to the squads:

EASTERN OLYMPIC SQUAD (46). New York (35): G. Acel (W), A. Exelrod (F), D. Bukantz (F), A. Cohen (S), E. Cohen (W), M. Dalton (W), J. de Capriles (E), M. de Capriles (FES), H. Dow (W), D. Every (F), D. Funke (W), S. Giolito (F), R. Goldstein (FE), J. Gorlin (S), K. Kapner (E), L. Kellerman (F), A. Kwartler (FS), N. Lazar (F), N. Lewis (E), N. Lubell (FES), R. Marson (S), F. McGrath (E), M. Metzger (E), P. Moss (E), N. Muray (S), T. Nyilas (FS), A. Prokop (F), A. Skrobisch (E), C. Steinhart (F), J. Stranch (E), M. C. Tishman (W), A. Treves (S), E. Vebell (FE), G. Worth (S); Conn. (1): G. Jacoby (E); New Jersey (1): J. Flynn (S); Penn. (2): P. Makler (FES), R. Parmacek (E); Maryland (1): R. Maxwell Wicks (W); Dist. of Col. (1): D. Millstein (W); So. Carol. (1): N. Armitage (S); U.S. Army (2): J. Donaldson (E), F. Weber (E); U.S. Navy (2): R. Steere (F), P. Utterback (E).

MID-WEST OLYMPIC SQUAD (17). Michigan (11): J. Campoli (E), C. Christensen (W), H. Hayden (S), B. Krieger (FES), E. Micleff (F), A. Schankin (S), P. Sweeney (W), L. Twitchell (W), R. Yasenchak (S), L. Youlkowski (E), P. Young (F); Illinois (5): E. Atkins (W), L. Strauss (F), D. Thompson (FE), L. Turner (E), J. Westley (S); Kentucky (1): A. Wolff (FE).

PACIFIC COAST OLYMPIC SQUAD (16): California (16): G. Biagini (FES), M. Bower (W), A. Boyd (E), E. Carfagno (F), P. Craus (W), S. Giambra (FS), A. Lambert (E), J. Lampl (S), B. McBirney (E), B. Meislahn (W), M. Mitchell (W), T. Mori (S), D. Reynolds (E), S. Shurtz (FE), W. Wooton (E), J. L. York (S).

All other candidates for the team must file an official entry with Dernel Every, Secretary of the Committee, on or before December 15, 1951, as previously announced in *American Fencing*.

All members of the Eastern Olympic Squad, unless excused by the Captain, and all other candidates residing within reasonable travel distance of New York must be on hand for the first (qualifying) tryout to be held in New York on the following dates: **Foil**, January 5, noon, Fencers Club; **Sabre**, January 6, noon, N.Y.A.C.; **Epee**, January 12, noon, Fencers Club; **Women**, January 13, 1 P.M., Saltus Club. The composition of the Olympic squads will be modified after this qualifying tryout.

All women members of the Pacific Coast Olympic squad, and all other candidates for the women's team residing within reasonable travel distance of Los Angeles must be on hand for the first qualifying tryout to be held at the Faulkner School of Fencing (5526 Hollywood Blvd.) on Friday, January 25, 1952, at 8 P.M., under the supervision of Edward Cortagna. The composition of the women's Olympic squad will be modified after this qualifying tryout.

Two additional Olympic tryouts in each weapon have been scheduled, but only the members of the Olympic squads, regardless of geography, as modified after the qualifying tryouts, will be eligible to compete. The composition of the squads may be modified between the second and third tryouts. In the East, the second tryouts will be held as follows: **Epee**, March 8, noon, Fencers Club; **Sabre**, March 9, noon, N.Y.A.C.; **Women**, March 22, noon, Fencers Club; **Foil**, March 23, noon, Saltus Club. The third tryout will be held as follows: **Epee**, May 4, noon, Fencers Club; **Women**, May 10, 3 P.M., Saltus Club; **Sabre**, May 11, noon, N.Y.A.C.; **Foil**, May 17, 3 P.M., Saltus Club.

The two "closed" tryouts for women in Los Angeles will be held at the Faulkner School of Fencing on Friday, February 15, and on Friday, April 11, at 8 P.M.

No qualifying tryouts for men or women in the Mid-West or Southwest Sections, or for men in the Pacific Coast, will be scheduled. However, the Metropolitan (N.Y.) Championships, and the sectional championships for the Mid-West, Southwest, and Pacific Coast, conducted under the usual A.F.L.A. rules, will be counted as official Olympic tryouts, and place winners will receive credit for their performance in these events.

The final tryout will be the National Championships. Each individual event will be fenced on two successive days following the team competition in each weapon, and the final round will consist of at least 12 fencers. It is believed that this method of competition will test physical stamina as well as fencing skill, and will approximate competitive conditions at the Olympic Games.

The Committee is expected to select the team on June 20. The Committee will endeavor to choose the men and women who have earned a place on the team by their composite record in the 1950 and 1951 National Championships and the series of 1952 Olympic tryouts. A point system to assist the Committee in its selections, substantially similar to the one

used in 1936, 1940 and 1948, has been devised. This system takes into account the fact that not all fencers have the opportunity to enter the same tryouts, but it does give considerable weight to a fencer's participation in all the tryouts which are open to him. Accordingly, any fencer a candidate for the team must plan on entering every tryout for which he is eligible.

After selection of the team, all its members will be required to remain in New York for training and administrative reasons until the team leaves for Helsinki. Every effort will be made to minimize expense during this period, but all candidates living outside the New York Metropolitan area must be prepared to comply with this requirement.

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ATTENTION EPEE FENCERS, OFFICIALS AND COACHES

There has been a tendency among epee fencers, particularly college men, to neglect elementary safety in equipment and in the handling of the electrical weapon. The Board of Governors urgently requests that the following suggestions be followed by all concerned.

Competitors:

1. **Check your electrical points.** The points currently marketed often do not comply with specifications (Rule 258, page 75, 1951 Rules) which require that the ridge which connects the adjoining prongs of the point must be rounded for at least one-half of their length. Examine the **inside** edges of your prongs. If they are sharp from the tip to the inside base, they are illegal and may be dangerous because they will cut your opponents' uniform. **Take a file and round off the edges for the lower half of their length.**

2. **Check your mask.** The mesh protecting your eyes and other parts of your face must be strong enough to withstand hard hits. If your mask is rusty, you are exposing yourself to serious injury or worse. Remember also to check your bib, which protects the neck.

3. **Check your uniform.** Remember that a loosely woven, soft cloth will not offer sufficient resistance to your opponent's point to protect you from scratches and wounds. Be sure that you use a uniform made of strong closely woven cloth, preferably linen, and that your uniform has the required triple thickness under the armpit and the cuissard to cover the groin. Remember also that bleaching the uniform will usually impair the resistance of the cloth. Have your uniform laundered often, **but do not have it bleached.**

4. **Handle your weapon like a fencer.** In competition, remember that the object is to **touch**, not to ram your weapon against your opponent. The machine will register a light touch as well as a knock-out punch. Learn to relax your arm as soon as your point touches the opponent, particularly if he is also moving toward you. This will reduce the possibility of breakage of your expensive electrical weapon and will minimize the chances of injury to your opponent. Proper control of the weapon is the mark of a true fencer. Incidentally, some of the younger fencers forget that the best fencing consists in touching and not being touched; the parry is just as effective in epee as in the other weapons.

5. **Protect yourself against a dangerous opponent.** If your opponent violates the rules of safety, you should protest to the director. You are entitled to examine your opponent's points for your own protection, and to insist that your opponent in turn be adequately protected by his mask, glove and uniform. You don't want to be hurt and you don't want the unpleasant experience of injuring your adversary. If your opponent's method of play is dangerous, call the director's attention to Rule 330 (page 84, 1951 Rules).

Officials:

1. In the testing of electrical weapons, attention should be given to the inside edges of the prongs of the point, to see that they are rounded off for at least half their length.

2. The director should from time to time examine the points to see that they conform to the rules, and check the condition of the uniform, masks and gloves. The director has the power to bar any fencer who is improperly equipped, and he owes it to all concerned to exercise this power with firmness.

3. The director should remember that the electrical machine does not relieve him of his duties. The machine's job is to report touches and to that extent to replace the judges. But the director remains in control of the bout.

4. The director therefore must follow the play with the same attention as if the standard weapon were used. He must promptly stop the bout when the play is dangerous, particularly at close quarters. He must not give the command to "Fence" when the fencers are within lunging distance of each other. The rules require that the contestants be 12 feet apart at the beginning of the phrase. This means, roughly, that with their arms extended the tips of their weapons may barely touch each other.

Coaches:

1. Insist that the equipment purchased by your team members complies with the specifications and that any rusty masks, torn uniforms, etc. be promptly replaced.

2. Do not send beginners into competitions with the electrical epee until they have acquired a knowledge of fencing distance, a fair degree of control over their weapons in attack and defense, and have learned to relax their arms as soon as the point has touched the opponent. Remember that the epee is a combat weapon with a fairly rigid blade and sharp prongs on the point, and that in rough or untrained hands it can be a dangerous instrument.

3. Instill in your pupils a respect for the rules of safety. Fencing should not be a dangerous sport, but carelessness can do incalculable harm not only to the sport, but also the very coach whose livelihood in whole or in part depends upon the sport.

These Sailors!

The U.S.S. Currituck's **Plan of The Day** for October 20 contains the following note:

"It becomes evident why Chief Morel's fencing teams have amassed such a string of victories in the past. Recently Chief Morel mailed challenges to various Philadelphia High Schools for their respective teams to meet the U.S.S. Currituck's team. Quoted herein is the reply from Kensington High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Dear Sir: Kensington High School is an all-girl's school and we do not have a fencing team."

has it really come to this?"

COLLEGIATE

"ALL AMERICANS"

The National Fencing Coaches Association of America has established an annual award of certificates to outstanding college fencers selected by that organization to comprise an "All-American Collegiate Fencing Team."

It is not often that a fencer still in college has developed sufficiently to make the National First-Ten ranking, and the award by the N.F.C.A.A. should do much to increase interest within the colleges.

The 1951 All-American Collegiate Fencing Team consists of the following:

Foil: Robert Nielson, Columbia; Gerard Biagini, San Francisco State; Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y. Nate Ostrofsky, Pennsylvania

Epee: Daniel Chafetz, Columbia, William Thomas, N.Y.U., Leonard Atkin, Illinois, Stanley Harms, Pennsylvania.

Sabre: Chambless Johnston, Princeton, John Krajcer, Columbia, Frank Bartone, Pennsylvania, Carl Knobloch, Yale.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

SCHEDULE

December, 1951

- 8 Fordham at Columbia
- 15 Fordham at St. Peter's
- 22 Montclair Teachers at Fordham

January, 1952

- 5 Cornell at Syracuse
- N.Y.U. at Fordham
- Pennsylvania at Rutgers
- 9 St. Peter's at N.Y.U.
- Tyler School at Pennsylvania
- 12 Columbia at Rutgers
- Fordham at Army
- Haverford at Lehigh
- M.I.T. at Wesleyan
- N.Y.U. at Navy
- 16 Stevens at Princeton
- Yale at C.C.N.Y.
- 16 Columbia at Army
- Princeton at Temple
- 19 Fordham at Connecticut
- Johns Hopkins at Navy
- Pennsylvania at Princeton
- 26 Brooklyn at Army
- Ohio State at Navy

February, 1952

- 2 Brooklyn at C.C.N.Y.
- Columbia at Yale
- N.Y.U. at Army
- Pennsylvania at Navy
- 6 C.C.N.Y. at Columbia
- Harvard at Boston U.
- 8 Virginia at Haverford
- 9 Army at Haryard
- Connecticut at Yale
- Connecticut at M.I.T.
- Cornell at Navy
- Fordham at Stevens
- Haverford at Lafayette
- Lehigh at Rutgers
- Princeton at C.C.N.Y.
- Virginia at Pennsylvania
- 13 Columbia at N.Y.U.
- M.I.T. at Harvard (7:30 P.M.)
- Rutgers at Princeton (7:00 P.M.)
- 16 C.C.N.Y. at Fordham
- Columbia at Harvard
- Haverford at Stevens
- N.Y.U. at Brooklyn
- Princeton at Army
- Rutgers at Navy
- St. Lawrence at Cornell
- Yale at Pennsylvania

The above schedule has been compiled mostly by the Office of the Eastern College Athletic Conference, and is subject to change by agreement between individual colleges.

THE RULES

We presume you now have, or soon will have, a copy of the new Rules Book. The most constructive suggestion we can make at this time is that you read the Preface which explains how the book is planned, and then familiarize yourself with the Table of Contents and the Supplementary Index. Read the rules through, of course, but the most important thing is that you learn to use the book as a ready reference for the solution of problems which may arise.

You will note that the Rules Committee has used English terms throughout the book and referred to the French or Italian equivalent in parenthesis whenever such foreign terms are standard for international use. We believe the English terminology will help to popularize the sport here and make it more intelligible to our audience.

The last issue carried news about the new ruling on uniforms. An important change has been made regarding the electrical epee body cord. The amphinol connector has been made U.S. standard, so that the end of the body cord which attaches to the reel wire must have a male amphinol connector (number 91-MC3M). This means that fencers using the flat three-pronged connection (international standard) must provide themselves with an "adapter." Heretofore such "adapters" had to be furnished by the Bout Committee, but now the burden has been shifted to the individual fencer.

The official bout order has been changed somewhat for both team and individual events. The actual order is of no great importance, but there is an interesting provision related to it. The rule

reads: "The fencer first called shall take his place on the strip at the right of the director, except when the bout is between a left-handed and a right-handed fencer." The purpose of this rule is to compensate possible variations in footing, or the functioning of the electrical apparatus, and to avoid requests for placement on a particular "lucky side." We suggest that the spirit of this rule can be carried out even when the bout is between a left-handed and right-handed person. A "director's side" can be established at the beginning of a post. The director will stand on that side for all bouts between two right-handed or two left-handed fencers, and contestants will place themselves on the strip pursuant to the requirement of the rule regardless of the hand they use in combat, the first called stands on the right of the "director's side." When such placing results in the fencers having their back to the director while they are on guard, the director moves to the opposite side of the strip before starting the bout; when the score requires the contestants to change sides (in foil and sabre), the director returns to the "director's side" and is standing in the proper position when the next bout is called.

The rule governing the classification of fencers has also been changed. A discussion of this point would serve no purpose, but we wish to point it out and suggest you read **Rule 9** carefully.

Unless announcement to the contrary has been made in advance, clubs may now enter two teams in all events but colleges and schools may do so only in Novice, Junior or Intermediate events.

If, after you have read the new rules, there are problems which give you difficulty or some rules you would like clarified, write to us and we will discuss them for the benefit of all.

J. R. de Capriles
Chairman, Rules Committee

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will contain important articles by René Pinchart and George Santelli, both of whom have coached our Olympic Teams.

We will also report the results of the Bolivarian Games to which we sent several officials.

The deadline for news items will be January 15th.



"Realistic? Bah! He was wide open for a stop-thrust every time!"

TURN-VEREIN CENTENNIAL

by John P. Knapp

The Fencing Section of the New York Turn-Verein celebrated its One Hundredth anniversary on October 21st, thus making it the oldest fencing club in the Metropolitan area.

The Verein, or society, was itself founded on June 6, 1850 by a small group of German emigrants who had for the most part been active in the Republican uprisings that took place in Central Europe during the years 1848-49. The failure of the uprising in Germany and Austria brought many of the participants to this country as what might today be termed political refugees. Many of them had been active in the Turner movement which had been founded by Friedrich Ludwig Jahn in 1811. The first Turn-Verein in this country was established in Cincinnati in 1848, and the New York society is the third oldest in the nation.

The first fencing master of the Fencing Section was General Franz Sigel who had been Commander of the Army and Minister of War in the Provisional Government of Baden in 1849. He arrived in New York in 1852 and remained as fencing instructor until 1858 when he moved to St. Louis. Sigel was subsequently to play an important part in the Civil War, attaining the rank of Major-General in the Union Army and later commanding the 1st Army Corps of the Army

of the Potomac. After the war he returned to New York and remained in close contact with the Fencing Section until his death in 1902. Many of his pupils were to become outstanding fencers and instructors. Among others were George Heintz, later fencing instructor at the United States Naval Academy, and Herman Bennecke. The Fencing Section engaged in competitions with fencers from other Turn-Vereins at the Turnfests or National Festivals, and in 1854 Bennecke won the first prize in fencing at the Festival in Philadelphia. In 1879 Carl Koch won first prize at the National Festival and thus began a fencing career which made him the active leader of the Section for some fifty years and earned for him the title of "grand old man of the Fencing Section."

In the period beginning with 1890 the Section began to compete with various athletic and fencing clubs and established friendly relations with the Amateur Fencers League of America which have continued to date. Although the Section was rather small numerically its record of accomplishments during the 80's and 90's is most impressive. In addition to George Heintz and Herman Bennecke and Carl Koch above mentioned it produced the great John Allaire who took such a prominent part in the development of the

Amateur Fencers League of America.

During the first and second decade of this century the Section reached new heights of fame. George Reinherr won the National 3-weapon title in 1907 and Victor Curti placed second in him that year and won the title in 1910. Paul Benzenberg won the National Epee Championship in 1908 after having been a medalist on four different occasions.

Women were not admitted to the Section until 1910 but soon played an important role. Miss Adeline Gehrig was on the Olympic Team at Paris in 1924 and held the Women's National Championship on four successive years from 1920 to 1923.

Koch was instructor of the Section from 1901 to 1929 and during part of that time he was instructor at the New York Athletic Club. He was succeeded at the Turn-Verein by Anthony Greco who served in this capacity for some fourteen years. Today the Section has twenty-eight members with Dr. Giuseppe A. Santini as Honorary Fechtwart (Chairman) and Anton Seidl as Fechtwart. John Knapp, a repeated Turner medal winner, has been instructor for the past two years.

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Metropolitan Events

NOTICE TO METROPOLITAN FENCERS

by Sol Gorlin, Chairman,
Metropolitan Committee

Based on the success attained in the conduct of Metropolitan competitions last year, it has been decided to adhere again to the strict enforcement of these rules during the 1951-52 season:

1. All entries must be accompanied by the entry fee (except where such fee is automatically charged to a club) and must reach Mr. Chester L. Tutthill, 509 West 121 St., New York 27, at least one week in advance of the date of competition. The Bout Committee is not authorized to accept any late entries.

2. All competitors are required to check in with the Bout Committee at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting time. It is suggested that contestants report **before** changing into fencing clothes. Strips will be prepared in advance. Any fencer not present when his strip is called will be scratched. The Bout Committee is not authorized to permit any late arrivals to compete.

3. Fencers appearing in soiled uniforms or with unsafe equipment will not be allowed to compete. Martingales or straps are obligatory in all foil events. The new rules requiring jackets for men (for all weapons) to have a **cuisard** and all jackets (men and women) to have a triple thickness of cloth at the armpit of the swordarm will be observed.

Listed below you will find the various committees responsible for the conduct of the competitions. It is hoped that all fencers, judges and directors will cooperate with committee members to make this a happy and successful fencing season.

Metropolitan Committee

Sol Gorlin, Chairman; Al Kwartler, Vice-Chairman and General Bout Committee Chairman; Dorothy Friedman, Secretary; Martin Brandeis, Dolly Funke, Austin Prokop, Al Vogt, Robert Zaum.

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Epee Bout Committee

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Sabre Bout Committee

Martha Rothman, Chairman; Abe Cohen, Ralph Goldstein, Al Milletaire, Bill Ritayik, Leo Sobel.

Women's Bout Committee

Larry Olvin, Chairman; Grace Acel, Eve Cohen, Al Griffin, Milt Markowitz, Arthur Spingarn.

Foil Prep

by Larry Olvin

The Leo G. Nunes gold medal was won by L. V. Donna of the Turnverein after a fence-off with A. Gordon of C.C.N.Y. H. Glatter of Brooklyn College was third. This event, which marked the start of the Metropolitan season, was held at the New York A. C. and drew eighteen contestants.

The final round of nine ended as follows: Donna Turnv. 7-1; Gordon (C.C.N.Y.) 7-1; Glatter Brooklyn 5-2; D. Edwards (Philadelphia) 4-4; J. Kmerh (Saltus) 3-5; S. Wertheim (N.Y.U.) 3-5; S. Meyers (C.C.N.Y.) 2-5; Berger Brooklyn 2-6; E. Stroh (C.C.N.Y.) 2-6.

Other entries: J. Richheimer, I. Scoloff, J. Torcia Rhodes; J. Cohen, J. Livergood, M. Pans (N.Y.U.), R. Flynn (N.J.), J. Randolph Lucia, L. Bloom (C.C.N.Y.).

Novice Foil Team

by Silvio Giolito

The Saltus-McBurney team (Brandeis, Lostaglio, Pavlov, Stevens) nosed out Brooklyn College (Berger, Datner, Engelson, Nober) on the count of bouts after both had tied with two victories in the four-team final. The winners received the Dernel Every trophy. The event drew eight entries and was held at the victors' home strips.

The final round matches resulted as follows:

Saltus-McBurney d. Salle Santelli 6-3 and N.Y.U. "A" 6-3; lost to Brooklyn College 5-4 (16 wins.)

Brooklyn College d. N.Y.U. "A" 5-4 and Saltus-McBurney 5-4; lost to salle Santelli 6-3. (13 wins.)

Salle Santelli (Kaneff, Markowitz, Milletaire) d. Brooklyn College 6-3; lost to N.Y.U. "A" 5-4 and Saltus-McBurney 6-3. (13 wins.)

N.Y.U. "A" (Schoech, Taylor, Wallner) d. Salle Santelli 5-4; lost to Brooklyn College 5-4 and Saltus-McBurney 6-3. (12 wins.)

Other teams entered were C.C.N.Y., N.Y.A.C., N.Y.U. "B" and Riverdale.

Women's Novice

by Grace Acel

Miss Ida Balint of the Saltus-McBurney Club won the Novice event held at the Fencers Club. Miss Balint was undefeated in the final of six and went through the competition with a 15-1 record. Second place went to Mildred Boyce, of Rohdes Academy, who incidentally scored the only victory against the ultimate winner by defeating her 4-2 in the preliminary round. Anne Drungis of Hunter College placed third. Twenty competed.

The final round scores were: Ida Balint (Saltus) 5-0; Mildred Boyce (Rohdes) 4-1; Anne Drungis (Hunter) 3-2; Helene Borea (Santelli) 2-3; Margaret Cappello (Paterson Teachers) 1-4; Elvera Pizzarelli (Paterson Teachers) 0-5.

Other entries: Helen Efo, Louise Sanford, Marguerite Velabquez (Saltus); Bessie Bruitt, Louise Knab, Sylvia Masters (Hunter); Laura Ponnone (N.J.); Florence Jancu, Hertha Wegener (Turnverein); Mary Krell, Elsie Menyhhert (Santelli); Lorraine Murad (Paterson Teachers); Lee Katzman, Phyllis Klein (unattached).

Women's Prep

by Eve Cohen

Anne Drungis was undefeated in the final round of nine to win the Evelyn G. Buskirk gold medal. Louise Knab took second place on touches over Diana Mastropaulo. This was the first women's event of the new season.

The final results were:

Anne Drungis 6-0, Louise Knab 6-2 (13 vs.); Diana Mastropaulo 6-2 (19 vs.); Marguerite Velabquez 4-4; Laura Ponnone 3-5; Gloria Rosk, 3-5; Hertha Wegener 2-6; Florence Goggin 2-6; Sylvia Greenberg 2-6.

Ed Note: As might be noted, affiliations were not reported.

Novice Foil

by Dr. Leo Kellerman

Martin Brandeis of the Saltus-McBurney Club won the gold John R. Huffman medal from the largest field this year—51 entries. Second place was resolved on touches, with Charles Piperno (C.C.N.Y.) placing over Steve Stephens of Saltus. There were eleven entries from N.Y.U. and ten from the Riverdale School.

The final round scores were:

Martin Brandeis, Saltus, 1-7; Charles Piperno, C.C.N.Y., 6-2 (18 vs.); Steve Stephens, Saltus, 6-2 (25 vs.); Herman Wallner, N.Y.U., 5-3; Sheldan Taylor, N.Y.U., 4-4; Ben Schoeck, N.Y.U., 3-5; Milton Markowitz, Santelli, 2-6 (36 vs.); George Siegel, Brooklyn College, 2-6 (37 vs.); Robert Byrom, C.C.N.Y., 1-7.

Other entries: Abrams, Dallinger, Garson, Gelenter, Law, Rosenberg, M. Taylor (N.Y.U.); Claczer, Hermanos, Kaeyer, Mugler, Papazian, Paynter, Saxe, Shonyo, Tuteur, Uless (Riverdale); Citti, Richheimer, Scoloff, Torcia (Rhodes); Goldman, Kaneff, Milletari (Santelli); Berger, Glatter, Nober (Brooklyn College); Gordon, Lapidas, Miller (C.C.N.Y.); Liebow (Turnverein); Lostaglio (Saltus); Flynn (N.J.); Alessio, Dow (N.Y.A.C.); Thorndike (Mass.) Banks, Boyens, Lidok, Shear, Shone (unattached).

Junior Foil Championship

by Dr. Leo Kellerman

Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y. star, won the Metropolitan Junior foil title from a strong field of 29 entries at the Fencers Club strips. The runner-up spot was taken by Martin Slattery, Fencers Club, on touches over his club mate Abram Cohen. The three place winners received the F. Barnard O'Connor medals.

The final round scores were as follows:

Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y., 7-1; Martin Slattery, Fencers Club, 6-2 (19 vs.); Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, 6-2 (23 vs.); Daniel Marmor, Fencers Club, 5-3; Leon Schechter, Saltus-McBurney, 4-4; Frank Biljadello, Fencers Club, 3-4; Martin Brandeis, Saltus-McBurney, 2-5; Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club, 1-6; George Siegel, Brooklyn College, 0-7.

Other contestants: P. Tishman, A. von Munchhausen (Fencers Club); M. Markowitz, U. Milletari, P. Moss, U. Yurchenko (Salle Santelli); H. Miller (C.C.N.Y.); R. Alessio, W. Dow (New York A.C.); I. Dushoff (U. of P.); H. Glatter (Brooklyn College); I. Abrams, M. Schneider, B. Schoeck, W. Thomas (N.Y.U.); R. Hermanos, D. Kaeyer (Riverdale); M. Banks, J. Randolph, H. Spector (unattached).



Women's Novice Team

by Larry Olvin

The Paterson State Teachers College "A" team (Capello, Murad, Pizarella) won the George Santelli trophy at the Salle Santelli strips on the count of bouts after tying the home club and the Saltus-McBurney in match victories. Six teams competed in the event which was held as a round-robin.

The match scores were as follows:

Paterson Teachers "A" d. Saltus 5-4, Paterson Teachers "B" 7-2, Hunter 6-3, N. Y. Composite 8-1; lost to Santelli 5-4 (30 wins); Saltus-McBurney (Balint, Eto, Sanford, d. Santelli) 6-3, Paterson Teachers "B" 7-2, Hunter 5-4, N. Y. Composite 6-3; lost to Paterson Teachers "A" 5-4, 28 wins.

Salle Santelli (Bored, Krell, Menhart) d. Paterson Teachers "A" 5-4, Paterson Teachers "B" 6-3, Hunter 6-3, N. Y. Composite 7-1; lost to Saltus 6-3 (27 wins, one bout not fenced). N. Y. Composite (Katzman, P. Klein, R. Klein) d. Paterson Teachers "B" 8-1; lost to Paterson Teachers "A" 8-1, Saltus 6-3, Santelli 7-1.

Hunter College (Drungis, Knab, Pruitt) lost to Paterson Teachers "A" 6-3, Saltus 5-4, Santelli 6-3.

Paterson Teachers "B" (Kennedy, Monaco, Stamilla) lost to Paterson Teachers "A" 7-2, Saltus 7-2, Santelli 6-3.

Novice Sabre Team

by Martha Rothman

For the second time in one week a Saltus-McBurney team (this one consisted of Lostaglio, Pavlov and Schmuikler) won a novice team crown on the count of bouts after tying in match victories. The winners, fencing on their home strips, earned the J. M. Castello trophy by the margin of one bout over the Salle Santelli team (Gray, Holt, Militaire, Reed). There were seven teams in the competition.

The final round matches resulted as follows:

Saltus-McBurney d. N.Y.U. "B" 5-4 and Santelli 7-2; lost to N.Y.U. "A" 5-4. (16 wins.)

Salle Santelli d. N.Y.U. "A" 7-2 and N.Y.U. "B" 6-3; lost to Saltus 7-2. (15 wins.)

N.Y.U. "B" d. N.Y.U. "A" 5-4; lost to Saltus 5-4 and Santelli 6-3. (12 wins.)

N.Y.U. "A" d. Saltus 5-4; lost to N.Y.U. "B" 5-3 and Santelli 7-2. (11 wins.)

Other teams entered were Brooklyn College, C.C.N.Y. and New Haven.

Novice Sabre

By Martha Rothman

Martin Slattery, Fencers Club, had a perfect record in 15 bouts to win the Norman C. Armitage gold medal from a field of 25 at his club's strips. Pavlov, Saltus-McBurney, placed second on touches over Thomas, Cusamano, and Schoeck—all of N.Y.U.—who placed in the order named. Twelve different clubs were represented.

The final round scores were:

Slattery, Fencers Club, 8-0; Pavlov, Saltus, 5-3 (23 vs.); Thomas, N.Y.U., 5-3 (25 vs.); Cusamano, N.Y.U., 5-3 (27 vs.); Schoeck, N.Y.U., 5-3 (28 vs.); Schmuikler, Saltus, 4-4; Ströh, C.C.N.Y., 2-6; Myers, C.C.N.Y., 1-7; Itskowitz, C.C.N.Y., 1-7.

Other entries: Garson, Gelenter (N.Y.U.); Richheimer, Socolof (Rhodes); Cohan, Nimberg (Brooklyn College); Kadis, Padula (Riverdale); Goldman (Santelli); Schwartz (C.C.N.Y.); Lostaglio (Saltus); Schlicht (Pace); White (Rutgers); Goldwin (Lehigh); Liebow (Turnverein); Lidok (unattached).

Novice Epee Team

by Julia Doerschuk

N.Y.U.'s "A" team (Bernard, Dollinger, Wallner) won the Jose de Capriles trophy on the Fencers Club strips with a clean sweep of its final round matches, having only 5 losses in 25 bouts. Seven teams were entered, with four qualifying for the final round-robin.

The results of the final round were:

N.Y.U. "A" (Bernard, Dollinger, Wallner) d. Paterson Teachers 8-1, Saltus-McBurney 7-2, and Brooklyn College "A" 5-2; Brooklyn College "A" (Datner, Siegal, Wertheimer) d. Saltus-McBurney 6-3, and Paterson Teachers 6-3.

The match between Saltus-McBurney (Griffin, Lostaglio, Schechter) and Paterson Teachers (Antonik, Kennedy, Maksimowski) was not fenced.

The other teams entered were C.C.N.Y., Brooklyn College "B" and N.Y.U. "B."

Novice Epee

by Israel Gray

H. Wallner of N.Y.U. defeated F. Bavuso of the Fencers Club 3-2 in a fence-off for the Robert S. Driscoll gold medal. Both men had completed the final round of nine with a 6-2 record. Third place went to G. Siegel of Brooklyn College. The competition was held at the Fencers Club and drew eighteen entries.

The final round scores were:

Wallner, N.Y.U., 6-2; Bavuso, Fencers Club, 6-2; Siegel, Brooklyn College, 5-3; Dollinger, N.Y.U., 4-4 (15 vs.); Datner, Brooklyn College, 4-4 (18 vs.); Eniger, Saltus, 4-4 (20 vs.); Denman, U. S. Army, 3-5; Olanoff, unattached, 2-6; Pans, N.Y.U., 2-6.

Other entries: Benoze, Bloom, Miller (C.C. N.Y.); Cusamano, Livergood, Taylor (N.Y.U.); Johnson, Troy (U. S. Army); Flatow (Saltus).

Junior Epee Championship

by Leon Schechter

William Thomas of N.Y.U. won the Metropolitan Junior title and the Jose de Capriles gold medal on the Fencers Club strips from a field of twenty-three contestants. Three men tied for second and two of them tied on the count of touches so that a fence-off was required. Dushoff of Penn defeated Bavuso of the Fencers Club for second, and Capt. Troy of Army placed fourth on touches.

The final round scores were:

Thomas, N.Y.U., 4-1; Dushoff, Penn, 3-2 (11 vs.); Bavuso, Fencers Club, 3-2 (11 vs.); Troy, Army, 3-2 (12 vs.); McGrath, Saltus, 1-4; Lukert, Army, 1-4.

Other contestants: Charney, Denman, Johnson, Martin, Vandenberg, Wilson (Army); Bernard, Dollinger, Pans, Wallner (N.Y.U.); Benoze, Bloom, Miller, C.C.N.Y.; Corbett, Sonnenreich (Fencers Club); Ehringer, Stephens (Saltus-McBurney).

Women's Jr. Championship

by Eve Cohen

Miss Julia Doerschuk, Fencers Club, turned in an impressive performance to win the Metropolitan Junior title and the Marion Lloyd Vince medal at the Saltus-McBurney club. The competition drew ten entries and was conducted as a complete round-robin. Second place was won by Beatrice Greenstein of the Salle Santelli, and third went to Ida Balint of Saltus Club on the count of touches over Mildred Boyce (Rhodes Academy) and Antonina Carlino (Salle Santelli).

The scores were as follows:

Julia Doerschuk, Fencers Club, 8-1; Beatrice Greenstein, Santelli, 7-2; Ida Balint, Saltus, 6-3 (19 vs.); Mildred Boyce, Rhodes, 6-3 (21 vs.); Antonina Carlino, Santelli 6-3 (23 vs.); Anne Drungis, Hunter, 5-4; Helene Borca, Santelli, 3-6; Louise Knab, Hunter, 2-7 (32 vs.); Elsie Menyhert, Santelli, 2-7 (34 vs.); Bessie Pruitt, Hunter, 0-9.



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News from the Divisions

Illinois

by Donald Thompson
Division Chairman

The first of two annual dual meets between the Illinois and Wisconsin Divisions resulted in a 19-8 victory for Illinois. Wisconsin won the foil 6-3, using Fitzsimmons, Mortimer and Zeisig against Roth, Thompson and Velasco. Illinois came back with a 7-2 score in the epee, using Rose, Tiefenbach and Soddy against Corzine, Lund and Thomas, and made a clean sweep of the sabre event when Nakagawa, Taxel and Westley turned back Briner and Marshall. Wisconsin had to forfeit three sabre bouts for lack of a third man.

Leon Strauss, University Club, won the Open Foil in a competition otherwise dominated by a very strong group of high school fencers. Second place went to Carl Roth, Fencers Club of Chicago (but a Lane Tech student), and third was won by Carl Rosenbloom of the Senn F.C. Other contestants: H. Velasco, L. Kaufman, L. Rowe, R. Fixler, K. Krum, L. Walders (Senn F.C.); F. Slomski, J. Klein, H. Lair, S. Fishbain, B. Bachmann, S. Fishman (Austin F.C.); R. Appel, R. Krieg, C. Templeton (Art Institute); A. Rose, A. Dobin (Univ. Club).

In the men's Handicap Foil meet, Larry Kaufman (Senn F.C.), Charles Templeton (Art Institute) and Richard Fixler (Senn F.C.) placed in that order. There were nine entries.

The Open Sabre was won by John Westley, University Club, when he defeated his club mate Hal Taxel 5-2 in the deciding bout. Robert Miller, unattached, was third. D. Thompson and A. Nakagawa (Univ. Club), and C. Roth and I. Frejdin (F.C. of Chicago), completed the field of seven.

Tom Soddy, University Club, won all his bouts 3-2 and won the Open Epee event. Frank Tiefenbach (Univ. Club) and Carl Roth (F.C. of Chicago) placed second and third. A. Rose (Univ. Club) and I. Frejdin (F.C. of Chicago) completed the small entry.

In an unclassified women's competition Mrs. Phyllis Velander was undefeated in the double round-robin. Karen Hain, Lillian Vondra and Penny Witte finished in that order behind the winner.

Northern Ohio

by Margaret Warnock
Division Secretary

Our season is just getting under way. Our first meet was the Open Foil and was won by Patrick Quigley.

The Executive Committee for this season is: James Gosline, Chairman; John Shelley, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Warnock, Secretary; Walter Henry, Treasurer; Patrick Quigley, Bout Committee Chairman; Donald S. Thompson, Publicity; William Durrett, Member-at-Large.



Michigan

by Howard A. Hayden

The first part of our season is devoted to competitions for experienced fencers. Prep and Novice events are delayed as long as possible so as to give new fencers as much instruction as possible.

Results to date are as follows:

Women's Open

1. Janet Roberts Highland Park H.S.
2. Carol Christensen Salle de Tuscan
3. Lynn Twitchell Michigan State College

Women's Foil Team

Won by Michigan State College (Devereaux, Gluck, Twitchell).

Men's Foil Team

Won by Salle de Tuscan (Hayden, Krieger, Watson).

Epee Team

Won by Salle de Tuscan (Hayden, Krieger, Tobey).

Women's Combination Team

Won by Highland Park High School (Hill, Leighton, Ryan).

Sabre Team

Won by Salle de Tuscan (Hayden, Krieger, Watson).

Michigan Plaque (3-weapon team)

Won by Salle de Tuscan No. 2 (Young, foil; Tobey, epee; Schankin, sabre).

Women's Open

1. Lynn Twitchell Michigan State College
2. Carol Christensen Salle de Tuscan
3. Donna Hill Highland Park H.S.

Individual 3-Weapon

1. Byron Krieger Salle de Tuscan
2. James Campoli Grosse Pointe Sword Club
3. Gergory Flynn Grosse Pointe Sword Club

Philadelphia

by John F. Austin

Our Division is growing rapidly and we are proud to report that membership will probably run close to 100, including fencers from Haverford College, Penn. Temple and several high schools in the Philadelphia area. We have two national first-ten ranking fencers and expect to have more, with the benefit of Maestro Czissar's coaching. We are sponsoring 27 meets this season in addition to being hosts for two All-Eastern events.

The following are the results of meets held thus far:

Prep Foil

1. Edwards Philadelphia F.C.
2. Hyman Philadelphia F.C.
3. Dramise Philadelphia F.C.

Prep Epee

1. Woodward Haverford College
2. Fishman Pennsylvania
3. Stokes Northeast H.S.

Prep Sabre

1. Levine Pennsylvania
2. Masland Haverford College
3. Fishman Pennsylvania

Women's Prep

1. Grayson Tyler Art School
2. Brouse Pennsylvania
3. Dallmeyer York F.C.

Foil Team

Won by Philadelphia F.C. "C" team (Austin, Dramise, Zitomer).

Epee Team

Won by Philadelphia Y.C. (Makler, Otto, Short).

Sabre Team

Won by Philadelphia F.C. "B" team (Alta, beff, Austin, Marshall).

Western New York

by Sidney Schwartz
Division Chairman

The Western New York Division opened its fencing season with an open tournament in all events. The meet was held at the University of Buffalo's Clark Gym and was very well attended, with the following results:

Women's Foil

1. Mrs. Betty Hamilton, Montreal, Canada 6-0.
2. Mrs. Vicky Coppola, Buffalo Jewish Center 4-2 (11 vs.)
3. Mrs. Edna Lawrence, Delaware Y.M.C.A. 4-2 (13 vs.)

Men's Foil

1. Fred Washburn, U. of Buffalo 9-0.
2. Robert Liebman, U. of Buffalo 8-1.
3. Robert Green, Unattached 7-2.

Epee

1. Robert Starks, U. of Buffalo 6-0.
 2. William Kohsmann, Buffalo F. C. 4-2.
 3. Peter Shea, Canisius College 3-3*.
- *Won fence-off from Ed Haas, Delaware Y.M.C.A.

Sabre

1. Sidney Schwartz, U. of Buffalo 6-0.
2. Joseph Coppola, Buffalo Jewish Center 4-2 (16 vs.)
3. Alfred Goldsmith, U. of Buffalo 4-2 (17 vs.)

The next events on the Western New York schedule will be held in Rochester, N. Y. This city is just starting a fencing group and being that they are within the jurisdiction of the Western New York Division, a number of events will be held there to help further the sport. Scheduled for the first week-end in December, at Rochester, will be Novice Foil; Junior Epee; and Junior Women's Foil. A large group from Buffalo will make the seventy-five mile trip to participate.

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A.F.L.A. NATIONAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1951

- 4—N.J. Women's Junior, 7:30 P.M., Plainfield F.C.
 7—No. Cal. Junior Foil, 8 P.M., Olympic Club
 8—Met. Women's Intermediate, Qual. Rnd. for All-Eastern, 12 noon Fencers Club
 Gulf Coast Women's Novice, 2 P.M., Houston YMCA
 Gulf Coast Novice Foil, 2 P.M., Houston YMCA
 Gulf Coast Prep Sabre, 3:30 P.M., Houston YMCA
 9—Met. Intermediate Foil, Qual. Rnd. for All-Eastern, 12 noon, New York A.C.
 11—N.J. Junior Foil, 7:30 P.M., Newark College of Engineering
 14—No. Cal. Junior Epee, 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 15—Met. Intermediate Sabre, Qual. Rnd. for All-Eastern, 3 P.M., Saltus Club
 Gulf Coast Novice Epee, 2 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 Gulf Coast Three-Weapon, 2 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 Gulf Coast Novice Sabre, 3:30 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 No. Cal. Women's "Doubles," 8 P.M., Funke F.A.
 16—Met. Intermediate Epee, Qual. Rnd. for All-Eastern, 12 noon Fencers Club
 Wash. D.C. Mixed Foil Team, 1 P.M., YMCA
 21—Met. Women's Open, 7 P.M., Sabre Santoir

JANUARY 1952

- 5—Olympic Tryout—Foil—Open, 12 noon Fencers Club
 6—Olympic Tryout—Sabre—Open, 12 noon, New York A.C.
 Wash. D.C. Junior Foil, 1 P.M., YMCA
 8—Met. Women's Open (Cont. of Dec. 21st) 7 P.M., Rhodes Acad.
 12—Olympic Tryout—Epee—Open, 12 noon, Fencers Club
 Gulf Coast Women's Open, 2 P.M., St. Joseph's School
 Gulf Coast Open Foil, 2 P.M., St. Joseph's School
 13—Olympic Tryout—Women—Open, 1 P.M., Saltus Club
 18—No. Cal. Junior Epee Team, 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 19—Met. Open Epee Team Championship and Qual. Rnd. for Nationals, 12 noon, Fencers Club
 Gulf Coast Open Epee, 2 P.M., Rice Institute
 Gulf Coast Open Sabre, 3:30 P.M., Rice Institute
 No. Cal. Women's "Club Team," 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 20—Met. Open Sabre Team Championship and Qual. Rnd. for Nationals, 12 noon, New York A.C.
 Wash. D.C. Women's Open, 1 P.M., YMCA
 Wash. D.C. Open Sabre, 1 P.M., YMCA
 25—No. Cal. Intermediate Epee, 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 26—No. Cal. Women's Intermediate, 8 P.M., Funke F.A.

FEBRUARY

- 1—No. Cal. Open Epee, 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 Met. Women's Open Team Championship and Qual. Rnd. for Nationals, 12 noon, Fencers Club
 2—No. Cal. Halberstadt Foil (Women), 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 3—Met. Open Foil Team Championship and Qual. Rnd. for Nationals, 1 P.M., Saltus Club
 Wash. D.C. Open Epee, 1 P.M., YMCA
 5—Met. Women's (Sr., Int., Jr. only), 7 P.M., Fencers Club
 8—No. Cal. Open Epee Team, 8 P.M., Halberstadt S.F.
 9—All Eastern Intermediate Foil Team Championship, 1 P.M., Newark College of Engineering (367 High St., Newark, N.J.)
 Gulf Coast Women's Prep., 2 P.M., Galveston Youth Center
 Gulf Coast Prep Foil, 2 P.M., Galveston Youth Center
 Gulf Coast Prep Epee, 3:30 P.M., Galveston Youth Center
 10—All Eastern Intermediate Women's Team Championship, 1 P.M., Waterbury Central Y.M.C.A. (Waterbury, Conn.)
 15—No. Cal. Three-Weapon, 8 P.M., Olympic Club
 16—All Eastern Intermediate Epee Team Championship, 1 P.M., Plainfield H.S. Main Gym (119 W. 9th St., Plainfield, N. J.)
 Gulf Coast Women's Novice, 2 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 Gulf Coast Novice Foil, 2 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 Gulf Coast Prep Sabre, 3:30 P.M., Texas A. & M.
 No. Cal. Women's Intermediate, 8 P.M., Funke F.A.
 17—All Eastern Intermediate Sabre Team Championship, 12 noon, Rhodes Academy (169 E. 86th St. thru lobby of Loew's Theatre, N. Y.)
 Wash. D.C. Open Foil, 1 P.M., YMCA

A.F.L.A. DIRECTORY

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Note: Chester L. Tuthill's title has been changed from Executive Secretary to Recording Secretary.

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