

American Fencing

The Rise of Soviet Fencing

By Miguel de Capriles

The recent Winter Olympics highlighted the excellent performance of U.S.S.R. athletes (a clear-cut victory in the unofficial point score), and in the opinion of competent observers presaged a similar result in the "summer" Games to be held in Melbourne next November. It will be recalled that the Soviets, in their first Olympic appearance at Helsinki in 1952, ran a close second on total points to the United States—so close in fact that the difference was less than the U. S. fencers' advantage on points over the Russians. I do not mean to imply that our fencers "won" the Helsinki Games for Uncle Sam, but only to call attention to the fact that the athletic rivalry between these two great world powers extends to fencing, and that the comparative fencing scores may well prove decisive in the total results at Melbourne.

Neither the U.S.S.R. nor the U.S.A. appears at present likely to offer any real challenge to the "Big Three" of world fencing—France, Italy, and Hungary—in over-all strength. However, at the Olympic Games every four years, the United States has made a bid for fourth ranking among the fencing powers, and clearly succeeded at Los Angeles in 1932 and at London in 1948. The results at Helsinki were doubtful. The competition in the past has come mainly from Belgium on an all-around basis, and from countries which have largely specialized (e.g. Sweden and Switzerland in epee, Poland in sabre, Denmark in women's foil) but may win enough "points" in one or two events to exceed the United States total. Now it seems clear, however, that in 1956 the U.S.'s chief rival for the 4th best all-around record will be the Soviet Union.

First, let us consider the results of the World Championships in Rome last October: In both 1948 and 1952, the best individual performance by the United States was fourth place in the women's event (Maria Cerro and Janice-Lee York); in 1955, the Russians placed fourth in the women's team event, which is not on the Olympic program. In both 1948 and 1952, the strongest U. S. team was in sabre (third and fourth places); in 1955, the Russians placed third in the sabre team championship.

Now comes the December issue of "Scherma", the official organ of the Italian

Fencing Federation, with a detailed account by Edoardo Mangiarotti of two international tournaments held at the end of November in Moscow and Leningrad. The events were obviously designed to help train the Russian Olympic squad by the participation, at the invitation of the U.S.S.R. Fencing Federation, of some of the outstanding fencers of Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary and Italy.

In the women's events, 21 competed: 17 Russians and 4 others. These were Domolki of Hungary (present world champion), Camber of Italy (1952 Olympic champion), Delbarre of France, and Rakova of Czechoslovakia. At Moscow, Camber was eliminated, Domolki was 7th, Delbarre 6th, Rakova 4th; the first three places went to Plekhanova, Rastvorova, and Iagodina, all of the U.S.S.R. At Leningrad, the results ran closer to form: (1) Delbarre, (2) Domolki, (3) Guidmane, U.S.S.R., (4) Camber, (5) Plekhanova, (6) Ponomareva, (7) Rastvorova, (8) Boulochka, (9) Rakova.

The 21 competitors in men's foil at Moscow included 15 Russians plus d'Oriola of France (1952 Olympic champion), Mangiarotti, Spallino, and Ferrari of Italy, Chmela of Czechoslovakia, and Sakovics of Hungary. Chmela and Ferrari were eliminated, the latter on a fence-off. Mangiarotti made the finals on a fence-off. D'Oriola won, followed by (2) Spallino, (3) Kolesnikov, (4) Mangiarotti, (5) Midler, (6) Roudov, (7) Sakovics, (8) Vodovozov, (9) Zelikman. At Leningrad, Mouyal of France replaced Ferrari, and Cvirny of Czechoslovakia replaced Sakovics; neither replacement made the finals. The big story was the victory of Midler on a fence-off with d'Oriola, with Spallino third and the rest as follows: (4) Uralov, (4) Gallay, (6) Vodovozov, (7) Mangiarotti, (8) Roudov, (9) Ivanov.

In epee, the 18 competitors included 13 Russians plus Mangiarotti (1952 Olympic champion) and Bertinetti of Italy, Sakovics of Hungary (former world champion), Mouyal of France, and Cvirny of Czechoslovakia. All the foreigners made the finals in both tournaments, Sakovics winning at Moscow and Mangiarotti at Leningrad. The best Russian was Udras with a 9th and then a 2nd place, followed by Saichuk with an 8th and a 7th place.

In sabre there were also 18 competitors

in each tournament. At Moscow, eight foreigners competed: Karpati, Gerevich and Kovacs of Hungary (probably the best three sabremen in the world); Tcherepovskiy, Komarek and Chmela of Czechoslovakia; Ferrari, champion of Italy; and Roulot of France. The results: (1) Karpati, (2) Kouznetsov, (3) Gerevich, (4) Rylskiy, (5) Rybine, (6) Ferrari, (7) Kovacs, (8) Bogdanov, (9) Chmela. At Leningrad, Kovacs, Komarek and Chmela dropped out, as did four Russians, and they were replaced by seven other Russians. The results: (1) Karpati, (2) Rylskiy, (3) Gerevich, (4) Kouznetsov, (5) Vychpolskiy, (6) Leitman, (7) Ferrari, (8) Tychler, (9) Batzyi.

As I read these results, I would hazard the opinion that the U.S.S.R. has more topnotch sabremen and foilswomen than we now have, and that their strength is at least equal to that of the United States in 1948 and 1952. The epee appears relatively weaker and more erratic, but the same is true with us. The men's foil is more difficult to assess: Midler seems far stronger than in 1952, and he may outclass anyone we have, but the rest of the Russians are probably no better than our current Olympic squad. (I should mention that the foil events in Moscow and Leningrad were conducted with the electrical weapon).

Mangiarotti's article emphasizes that the rebirth of Russian fencing dates back to 1932—and not to 1945 as most of us had thought. Moscow and Leningrad are only the two most active of the 18 principal fencing centers in the Soviet Union, which has over 30,000 members of the U.S.S.R. Fencing Federation. An earlier crop of excellent French and Italian masters has been joined by well-trained teachers from Eastern Europe. (I may add that Hugo Castello recently sent me a Russian instruction manual on fencing, dated 1954, which describes the "Soviet" method; it is a thoroughly orthodox exposition of modern swordplay with all weapons.) In Mangiarotti's expert judgment—and few men in the world can match it—the audience at both tournaments was large and competent in its understanding of the sport; the organization and conduct of the events were excellent; and Russian fencing has both "tradition" and "class", and is entitled to serious respect in all four branches.

Official A.F.L.A. Notes

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

REPORT OF NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Donald S. Thompson, of the Northern Ohio Division, chairman of the national nominating committee, has submitted the following slate of national officers for the 1956-1957 season:

Honorary President: Col. Henry Breckinridge

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Recording Secretary: Mrs. W. J. Latzko

It is the task of the nominating committee to sound out sentiment in the various sections of the League and to submit a slate which will meet with general approval. Although the formal tenure of office is one year, it has been customary to retain the President for four years. It is also customary to select one new Vice-President every year, with the first Vice-President dropping out and the others moving up; the new Vice-President must come from the same Section as the one dropped, but preferably from another division. (In the proposed slate, Mr. Schlick of Maryland would replace Dr. Paul T. Makler of Philadelphia as the Vice-President for the Eastern Sections.) The actual term of office of the Secretary and/or Treasurer has ranged from two to seven years. (In the proposed slate, Mr. Leo Sobel, the present assistant treasurer, would move up to the position of Treasurer, replacing Mr. Rudolph Ozol.) The Foreign Secretary is a new elective office. (Mr. Jaeckel has previously served in that capacity under appointment by the Board of Governors.) The recording secretary is not a voting member of the Board of Governors unless elected as a governor.

Under the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, additional nominations for national offices may be made by petition signed by ten voting members of the League, provided such petitions are received by the Secretary, Mr. Ralph Goldstein, not later than April 1, 1956.

The members of the national nominating committee, in addition to Mr. Thompson, are Jack Baker (Pacific Coast), Tom Carhart (U.S. Armed Forces), Jack Carnell (Southwest), Dick Dyer (North Atlantic), and George Worth (Metropolitan).

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DIVISIONAL TERRITORY

The Board of Governors has acted upon the request of the Washington, D. C., and Maryland Divisions for a more precise definition of the territorial jurisdiction of the Washington Division which includes the "areas adjacent and suburban to the District of Columbia." Based on the report of a special committee, the Board determined that such areas are included within a line beginning at Rockville, Maryland, then to Colesville and Fairland; from Fairland in a southerly direction to the westernmost boundary of the University of Maryland grounds as they now are or as they may be in the future; thence to the most northeastern point on Route #1; thence to Beltsville and on through Greenbelt, Upper Marlboro, Brandywine, Waldorf, Pispah, Chickamusen, and (continuing in Virginia) through Quantico, Triangle, Manasas, Centerville, Chantilly, Herndon, Dranesville, and back to the point of beginning at Rockville, Maryland. The parts of this area lying within the state of Maryland are excepted from the jurisdiction of the Maryland Division. It is understood that residents of College Park, the site of the University of Maryland, may belong to the Washington Division if they fence there; this is in accord with the Constitutional provision permitting a fencer to join the division in which he resides or the division in which he fences.

By-Laws Approved

The Board of Governors approved, with minor modifications, the by-laws of the Southwest Section and of the Gulf Coast Division.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the A.F.L.A. has been scheduled for Sunday, June 10, 1956, at 8 p.m. The place will be announced later.

The Annual Meeting of the Non-Divisional Membership has been scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 1956, at 8 p.m. at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53rd Street, New York.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board of Governors has approved the holding of the National Championship Tournament at the Hotel Concourse Plaza in New York for the entire program June 7 to 15, 1956, except the events scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, 1956.

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Eastern Olympic Tryouts

By Jose R. de Capriles

Foil

Twenty-six starters in the first Olympic point-scoring competition of the season in foil were reduced to a final of nine. Albert Axelrod repeated his performance at the 1955 nationals by placing first after a fence-off. His opponent this time was Nathaniel Lubell who had beaten Axelrod 5-1 in the regular round but bowed 5-2 in the fence-off. Dan Bukantz was third on touches over Neil Lazar and Harold Goldsmith. Two-thirds of the closely-fought final was fenced with the electric foil. Judges were used in the first few bouts when a short circuit in the reel and poor contacts between body cord and weapon frustrated fencers and spectators. Once the equipment was ready, the bouts were hampered only by the apparent frailty of the wires on the weapons; James Castello and Tom Bickley were kept busy on repairs. The breakdowns did not affect the general goodwill which prevails when there are no judges to blame for the loss of a touch.

Final Pool: (1) Axelrod, 6-2, won fence-off; (2) Lubell, 6-2; (3) Bukantz, 5-3, 23 t.r.; (4) Lazar, 5-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Goldsmith, 5-3, 34 t.r.; (6) Turk, 4-4; (7) Shurtz, 3-5; (8) Makler, 2-6; (9) Seeman, 0-8.

Women

Grace Acél Hillyer avenged her disappointing performance at the 1955 nationals by scoring a decisive victory in the round-robin of 14, losing only to Dolly Funke, 4-3. Madeline Dalton, who was unable to compete in the last nationals, resumed her winning ways and placed a fine second. Judy Goodrich was third and four girls tied for fourth. Most of the fencing was below par, and there was a noticeable lack of control of the point.

Round-robin: (1) Grace Acél Hillyer, 12-1; (2) M. Dalton, 11-2; (3) Goodrich, 9-4; (4) Balint, 8-5, 31 t.r.; (5) Drungis, 8-5, 33 t.r.; (6) Stack, 8-5, 36 t.r.; (7) Funke, 8-5, 41 t.r.; (8) L. Knab Dyer, 7-6; (9) Sokol, 6-7; (10) Brill, 4-9, 43 t.r.; (11) Jenkins, 4-9, 44 t.r.; (12) Feigelman, 3-10; (13) King, 2-11; (14) Kopp, 1-12.

Sabre

George Worth returned to good form and led the field of twentyfive with only two losses in sixteen bouts. The final was a round-robin of twelve which tested stamina as well as skill. Abram Cohen and Allan Kwartler tied for second and were followed by Tibor Nyilas, Sol Gorlin and Richard Dyer. Norman Armitage once again gave notice that he is a serious contender. Robert Blum showed to best advantage among the young hopefuls and his steady improvement may pay off this year. The only top-notchers who did not compete were Jose de Capriles and Alex Treves.

FINAL ROUND SCORES

Worth 9-2; Cohen 8-3 (30 vs); Kwartler 8-3 (32 vs); Nyilas 7-4; Gorlin 6-5 (33 vs); Dyer 6-5 (42 vs); Armitage 5-6; Blum 4-7 (43 vs); Spector 4-7 (46 vs); Farber 4-7 (47 vs); Spingarn 3-8; Austin 2-9.

Epee

Tall, young Richard Pew, intercollegiate champion from Cornell, took another step towards the Olympic team by capturing first place from a strong field of thirty-four. Two semi-final pools of ten each completed the fencing on December 11 and the final of ten was held on January 15. Edward Vebell

showed encouraging improvement in placing second but must condition himself physically. Sewell Shurtz turned in the consistently good performance we are beginning to expect from him. Only Shurtz and Cohen, of last year's National finalists, were able to make the grade this time.

FINAL ROUND SCORES

Pew 8-1; Vebell 7-2; Shurtz 6-3; Hoitsma 5-4 (34 vs); Cohen 5-4 (37 vs); Skrobisch 4-5; Andre 3-6 (36 vs, 30 for); Dollinger 3-6 (36 vs, 30 for); Kolowrat 2-7 (36 vs); Conomikes 2-7 (40 vs).

Eastern Olympic Squad Standings

After completion of the first group of Olympic tryouts in the East, the first ten members of each squad, in total points and average, were as follows:

Women: Judy Goodrich, 31, 6.2; Ida Balint, 30, 6; Grace Acél, 29, 4.8; Madeline Dalton, 26, 8.7; Louise Knab Dyer, 24, 4.8; Anne Drungis, 18, 3.6; Eve Siegel, 16, 8; Dorothy Stack, 12, 2.4; Mildred Boyce, 10, 3.3; Dolly Funke, 8, 1.6.

Foil: Albert Axelrod, 50, 10; Daniel Bukantz, 43, 8.6; Nathaniel Lubell, 35, 7; Harold Goldsmith, 30, 6; Silvio Giolito, 16, 8; Allan Kwartler, 16, 3.2; Leonard Turk, 16, 3.2; Neil Lazar, 16, 5.3; Herman Velasco, 10, 3.3; Sewall Shurtz, 8, 2.7.

Epee: Sewall Shurtz, 42, 8.4; Abram Cohen, 32, 6.4; Richard Berry, 21, 4.2; Kinmont Hoitsma, 20, 6-7; Richard Pew, 20, 5; Alfred Skrobisch, 19, 3.8; Edward Vebell, 19, 3.8; Frank Bavuso, 18, 3.6; Herman Wallner, 12, 2.4; William Andre, 12, 2.4.

Sabre: Sol Gorlin, 38, 7.6; George Worth, 38, 7.6; Allan Kwartler, 37, 7.4; Richard Dyer, 34, 6.8; Tibor Nyilas, 27, 5.4; Abram Cohen, 23, 4.6; Jose de Capriles, 22, 7.3; Norman Armitage, 15, 3; Barry Pariser, 14, 2.8; Robert Blum, 9, 1.8.

QUESTIONS ON RULES

To the Editor:

There is an interchange between fencers A and B. On the halt, the director is not certain as to who initiated the action. May he request this information from the judges, as to the initial right of way?

Is the director permitted to request anything other than opinion on materiality from the judges?

—Ira M. Dushoff, Philadelphia

Answer

The director may **not** ask the judges their opinion as to who initiated the action. Nevertheless, a director in such an embarrassing spot can minimize the possibility of injustice by asking each judge first whether the fencer he is watching has been hit fair or foul. If only one fencer has been hit, the right of way makes no difference. If both men are hit, the director should, under Rule 623, require each judge to state on which movement the hit arrived in each direction. Although this is not fool-proof, it may settle the question if one hit is so far ahead of the other that the right of way would make no difference. If the time difference is not clear, the director should apologize to the fencers, state that he is in doubt as to the right of way, and annul the action under Rule 835-c.

—M. de Capriles

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Western New York

By Fran Breton

The exhibitions committee has been extremely busy. Fencing hows have been given at the Park School (2), Smallwood School, Temple Emanuel, Holy Trinity Church, Falcons Club and St. Luke's in Depew. Both Sidney Schwartz and Joe Coppola have entered the professional ranks. Charles Jacobs has replaced Joe Coppola as divisional vice-president. The University of Buffalo has an imposing schedule of 19 matches during the 1955-56 season, and for the first time in history a 12-match schedule is being arranged for the freshmen. Recent competitive results:

Women's Junior: (1) Marcia Richmond; (2) Peggy Nicolas; (3) Helen Vail.

Foil Junior: (1) Denis Plewniak; (2) Paul Scipioni; (3) Ellis Pierce, Jr.

Epee Junior: (1) Ellis Pierce, Jr.; (2) Peter Frachel; (3) Bob Feinen.

Sabre Junior: (1) Dave Bohacket; (2) Dan Hermanson; (3) Carl Nelson.

Women's Novice: (1) Fay Rexicker; (2) Ione Kurak; (3) Lucia Guminski.

Foil Novice: (1) Paul Scipioni; (2) Aaron Ament; (3) Bob Lowrey.

Central Illinois

By Pete Tomaras

The division's active program has interested many young fencers, so that the membership has reached 78. There has been a lively exchange of visits with the Illinois Division in Chicago, and a series of exhibitions throughout the state, featuring Head Coach Maxwell R. Garret and his varsity squad, which included a half hour of non-sponsored time over the television facilities at Springfield. Such exhibitions have been of value in gaining members from as far as Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, and in soliciting contributions to be sent directly to the Olympic Fencing Fund. Competition results follow:

Sabre Junior, 11/12/55, 5 entries: (1) Arthur Schiller; (2) Tyler Hunt.

Epee Junior, 11/19/55, 11 entries: (1) Herman Velasco; (2) Gerald Haselhuhn; (3) James Dammann.

Foil Novice, 11/19/55, 22 entries: (1) Tyler Hunt; (2) Marvin Ginsburg; (3) William Moll.

Women's Novice, 12/3/55, 5 entries: (1) Mrs. Ilse Quick; (2) Mrs. Leona Abelle.

Foil Prep, 12/10/55, 6 entries: (1) Kenneth Fordham; (2) David Dobberman.

Epee Open, 1/7/56, 14 entries: (1) Larry Kauffman; (2) Don Thompson, Ill. Div.; (3) Herman Velasco.

Foil Open, 1/7/56, 19 entries: (1) Arthur Schankin; (2) Don Thompson, Ill. Div.; (3) Marvin Metzger.

Sabre Open, 1/14/56, 9 entries: (1) Raymond Siever; (2) Arthur Schankin; (3) Marvin Metzger.

Foil Team, Junior, 10 teams, 1/14/56: (1) J. Dammann, R. Sharer, L. Gahan; (2) L. Kauffman, J. Siegman, J. Carlins.

Maryland

By Abbie H. Rose

Following are the results of meets held up to the end of December 1955:

Women's Prep: (1) Gail Lambert, Goucher; (2) Peggy Martin, Int. YWCA.

Women's Novice: (1) Mary Bryant, Towson; (2) Gail Lambert, Goucher; (3) Arl Ward, Goucher.

Epee Novice: (1) Maurice Wells, Towson.

Sabre Novice: (1) Palmer True, Balt. FC.

Foil Novice: (1) Dick Everett, Johns Hopkins; (2) Palmer True, BFC; (3) Maurice Wells, Towson.

... Divisional

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

The nominating committee has selected the following slate for divisional officers for 1956-57: Chairman, John Curry, Ind.; Vice-Chairman, Charles Reed, Rice; Secretary-Treasurer, Mabel Morse, S.d'E; Additional Governor, Jack Baird, Buc. Additional nominations may be made by petition of not less than 10 voting members if presented to the Secretary by March 1, 1956. The next annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14, 1956, at 2 p.m. Competition results:

First Prize Competition

Univ. of Houston, 12/3-4/55

Women's Open, 7 ent.: (1) Betty Jean Kolenda, Ind., 6-0; (2) Marcelle Ducros, Sd'E, 4-2, 12 t.r.; (3) Nancy Derrick, Sd'E, 4-2, 19 t.r.

Epee Open, 7 ent.: (1) Fred Sklar, Rice, 6-0; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 4-2; (3) J. L. Brisco, Buc., 3-3.

Sabre Open, 20 ent.: (1) Fred Sklar, Rice, 6-1; (2) Charles Ree, Rice, 5-2; (3) Arnold Mercado, Buc., 4-3, 26/31; (4) John Curry, Ind., 4-3, 26/30; (5) Don Roth, A&M, 4-3, 28 t.r.

Foil Open, 30 ent.: (1) Jack Baird, Buc., 5-0; (2) A. Mercado, Buc., 4-1; (3) John Curry, Ind., 2-3, 18 t.r.; (4) Don Roth, A&M, 2-3, 21 t.r.; (5) David Brown, Beau., 2-3, 23 t.r.

Second Prize Competition

Rice Inst., 12/10/55

Women's Novice, 4 ent.: (1) Marcelle Ducros, Sd'E, 3-0; (2) Ruth Goodlett, Cav., 2-1; (3) Roxan Renneberg, Ind., 1-2.

Foil Novice, 36 ent.: (1) Carl Hill, A&M, 4-1, on fence-off; (2) David Brown, Beaumont, 4-1; (3) Charles Reed, Rice, 3-2, 17 t.r.; (4) J. L. Brisco, Buc., 3-2, 19 t.r.; (5) Phil Petmecky, U.H., 1-4.

Third Prize Competition

Univ. of Houston, 1/7/56

Sabre Novice, 17 ent.: (1) Fred Sklar, Rice, 5-0; (2) Donald Steiner, Rice, 3-2, 16 t.r.; (3) Edwin Kashy, Rice, 3-2, 17 t.r.; (4) Philip Petmecky, UH, 2-3, 19 t.r.; (5) John Curry, Ind., 2-3, 20 t.r.

Epee Novice, 18 ent.: (1) Philip Petmecky, UH, 5-1; (2) John Curry, Ind., 4-2, 9 t.r.; (3) Don Roth, A&M, 4-2, 11 t.r.; (4) Tom Brown, UH, 3-3, 11 t.r.; (5) Pierson Camp, UH, 3-3, 15 t.r.

Fourth Prize Competition

Root Sq. Pk., 1/14/56

Women's Prep, 6 ent.: (1) Marcelle Ducros, Sd'E, 5-0; (2) Roxan Renneberg, Ind.; (3) Corinna Balli, THS, 3-2.

Foil Prep, 15 ent.: (1) Philip Petmecky, UH, 5-0; (2) David Livitz, Rice, 3-2, 18 t.r.; (3) Mike Simons, Rice, 3-2, 22 t.r.; (4) Roberg Kingrey, A&M, 2-3.

Washington, D. C.

By Billie M. Bryan

On October 28, the District of Columbia Fencers Club under Dr. Sam Munson presented its ninth annual Fencing Seminar, featuring Professor George Santelli, before an audience of 400 persons. There was a group lesson given by Dr. Munson to twelve boys aged 10 to 13, several foil bouts by club members, an epee bout between Professor Santelli and Dan Lyons, a sabre lesson by Professor Santelli to John MacDonald, and a master's exhibition bout between Professor Santelli and Dr. Munson. An appeal for support for the 1956 Olympic Team resulted in a fair contribution to the fund.

Border

By David P. Tabor

There have been two schedule changes: The St. Joseph's Invitational has been moved to March 3 and 4, and the Ft. Bliss Invitational to March 24 and 25. Competitive results:

1/14/56 Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Foil Junior: (1) James Gilchrist; (2) Richard Van Praag; (3) Nelson Iry.

Epee Junior: (1) John McDaniel; (2) Anthony Buzzelli; (3) James Gilchrist.

Sabre Junior: (1) James Gilchrist; (2) John McDaniel; (3) James Willis.

Foil Intermediate: (1) James Gilchrist; (2) Anthony Buzzelli; (3) Donald Bengé.

Epee Intermediate: (1) Anthony Buzzelli; (2) John McDaniel; (3) Donald Bengé.

Sabre Intermediate: (1) Anthony Buzzelli; (2) James Gilchrist; (3) John McDaniel.

Northern Ohio

By Madison H. Dods

The Northern Ohio Division is enjoying one of its most active seasons in years, and is pointing for a membership of more than 75. The first 19 meets of the season have averaged more than 10 entries per meet, with the highest entry average coming from the Cuyahoga Falls Blades, a group started less than two years ago by Al Musichuk. The four colleges in the Cleveland area who support fencing — Fenn, Case, Oberlin and Western Reserve — have also been contributing members and entries. Three members of the division (John Shelly in sabre, Howard Fried in epee, and Madison Dods in foil) will defend their All-Ohio Championships at Columbus on March 17.

1959 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

The Cleveland Plain Dealer of January 26, 1956, announces that Mr. Eddie Finnigan, technical director of the 1959 Pan American Games to be held in Cleveland in August, 1959, has appointed 28 chairmen of technical committees for 23 athletic events. The chairman of the technical committee for Fencing is Mr. Donald S. Thompson, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, who is also special Vice-President of the Amateur Fencers League of America.

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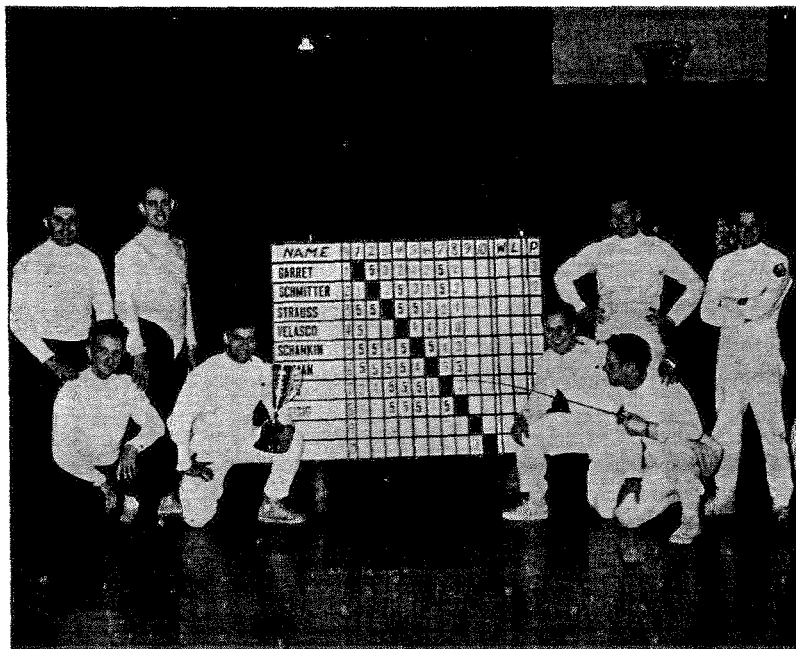
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Finalists, Midwest Masters Foil — Standing (left to right): Maxwell R. Garret, U. of Ill. coach; Leon Strauss, professional at Harand F.C.; Mack Gilman, U. of Chicago F.C.; Edmond Zeisig, Shorewood F.C., Milwaukee. Kneeling (left to right): Charles Schmitter, Mich. St. U. coach; Herman Velasco, Champaign; Art Schankin, Champaign; Maj. Jerome Mau, USAF, O'Hare Field. —Photo by J. Bitterman

National Women Fencing Coaches Association

By Julia Jones Pugliese

With sponsorship from the N.F.C.A.A., the National Women Fencing Coaches' Association of America was recently formed with the following officers:

President: Mrs. Lisel Oppenheimer, Boston, Mass.

Vice-President: Mrs. Julia Jones Pugliese, Belle Harbor, N. Y.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Herta Friedrich, New York, N. Y.

The charter members, in addition to the officers, are: Miss Judy Marofsky, Bronx, N. Y.; Mrs. Harold Louis, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lucille Heintz, Sarasota, Fla.; and Mrs. Norma de Tuscan, Detroit, Mich.

The president of the association started fencing in Germany at the age of twelve, won a number of championships, and came to the United States in 1938. Mrs. Oppenheimer held the New England women's title until 1943, when she turned professional, and was ranked among the U. S. "first ten" in 1939, 1940 and 1941. She is a charter member of the Boston Fencing Club and teaches at three preparatory schools, at the Boston Y.W.C.A., and at Brandeis University, where she coaches both the men's and women's teams.

The new organization invites all interested women coaches to get in touch with the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Herta Friedrich, at 313 West 19th Street, New York 11, N. Y., to obtain applications for membership.

New England

The Latvian Fencers Club was host to a Latvian tournament which drew entries from four divisions. K. Keggi of Yale won the foil over R. Milberg of Columbia and G. Krastins, U. of Conn.; defeated A. Aistrauts of Rochester for the epee crown; and was second to V. Bergs, L.F.C., in sabre. R. Straumane, L.F.C., won the women's event.

Silvio Vitale, M.I.T. coach, has donated electrical epee equipment to the division and has made available the facilities of Salle Vitale for prep and novice competitions while M.I.T.'s fencing room is being refurbished.

—Z. J. Katkins

Results of competitions in the New England Division during December and January:

Epee Novice (10 entries): (1) Robert Adair, Harvard; (2) David Strawson, MIT; (3) Gundar Zaikals, Latvian FC.

Women's Novice (9 entries): (1) Joan Scott, YWCA, on fence-off; (2) Shirley Prada, Salle Elde; (3) Joan Fraser, Salle Elde.

Women's Handicap (9 entries): (1) Harriet Brewster, Boston FC; (2) Shirley Prada, Salle Elde; (3) Barbara Lenehan, YWCA.

Foil Novice (16 entries): (1) Peter Boyce, Harvard; (2) William Bassetti, Harvard; (3) Sawyer Sylvester, Salle Elde.

Sabre Novice (12 entries): (1) John Craig, Harvard; (2) Saul Moskowitz, Brown, on touches; (3) Wendyl Reis, Jr., MIT.

Women's Junior (8 entries): (1) Barbara Lenehan, YWCA; (2) Joan Scott, YWCA; (3) Alyce Smetana, YWCA.

Foil Junior (8 entries): (1) Harvey Levine, MIT, on fence-off; (2) Stevan Schneider, Harvard; (3) Clifford Thompson, Harvard, on touches.

Epee Junior (5 entries): (1) David Strawson, MIT; (2) Harold Miller, MIT; (3) Gundars Zaikals, Latvian FC.

—Helen F. Kenney

MIDWEST MASTERS FOIL

By Donald G. Thompson

Herman Velasco, Midwest and NCAA foil champion, won the first Midwest Masters Foil Competition at Chicago on November 26, losing only to Max Garret, his coach at the University of Illinois, in the final of eight. Charles Schmitter, Michigan State coach, and Garret were second and third with five victories each. The winner received a tall, silver cup donated as a perpetual trophy by Frank Righeimer, Jr. Five professionals and nine amateurs competed.

Miguel de Capriles Honored

The 30th anniversary of the founding of the New York University fencing team on a permanent basis was celebrated by the N.Y.U. fencing alumni on December 2, 1955, with the presentation of a gold sabre to Dean Miguel de Capriles as "Founder." The sword is inscribed with the impressive college championship record compiled by N.Y.U. fencers to date. The presentation was made by Melvin Zimet, member of the first three-weapon championship team of 1933.

Dean de Capriles accepted the trophy in behalf of the many students and alumni whose devoted efforts led to N.Y.U.'s success in fencing, and emphasized that the real "founder" of the sport at N.Y.U. was its first coach, the great Professor Julio Martinez Castello, who served for twenty years, 1927-1947, and whose sons, Hugo and James, are now carrying on the traditions so firmly established by their famous father. Other outstanding college coaches developed by "Papa" Castello include Stanley Sieja of Princeton, Bob Kaplan of Ohio State, Arthur Tauber of Yeshiva, and Servando Velarde, formerly of Army and Columbia.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE INVITATION

By Larry Olvin

Ralph De Marco, of Columbia, topped the field of 43 competitors by defeating Paredo, N.Y.U., 5-2, on a fence-off.

Finalists: (1) De Marco, Col., 7-1; (2) Paredo, NYU, 7-1; (3) Petix, NYU, 6-2, 22 t.; (4) Glasser, CCNY, 6-2, 26 t.; (5) Murdock, Temple, 3-5, 32 t.; (6) Wolfe, CCNY, 3-5, 35 t.; (7) Hoffman, Princ., 2-6; (8) Farrell, NYU, 1-7, 37 t.; (9) Paletta, NYU, 1-7, 38 t.

Semi-Finalists: Berger and Prostick, Brooklyn; Witsche, Cornell; Tannenbaum, CCNY; Wommack and Zechlin, Navy; Miller and Morioka, Princeton; Fratto, Temple.

Others: Ayres, Bailiss, Chernum, Chill, Crisanti, Daus, Fink, Gervitz, Gottlieb, Ince, Lentz, Levy Marcaski, Pia, Platt, Promisch, Ritzau, Rothman, Rothman, Salomon, Schmitz, Smyth, Turtle, Wertlieb.

Foil Prep

Final: (1) Mercurio, NYU, 1-7; (2) Russomano, Montclair, 6-2; (3) Bavuso, NYU, 5-3, 22 t.r.; (4) Turtle, Q., 5-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Ramson, FC, 4-4, 26 t.r.; (6) Davis, NYU, 4-4, 27 t.r.; (7) Montaigne, NYU, 2-5; (8) Glazer, FH, 1-6; (9) Aikens, FC, 0-7.

Others: Albenburg, Schwartz (Col.); Marturana, Goldberg, Krauss (CCNY); Klein, Rothman (Yesh.); Neithold, Montclair; Cushing, TV.

—A. Seeman

Foil Novice

Finalists: (1) James Canvin, FC, 5-0; (2) Jaffe, Saltus, 4-1; (3) Wolchuck, unatt., 2-3, 20 t.r.; (4) Gradkowski, Saltus, 2-3, 22 t.r.; (5) Dappert, West, 2-3, 23 t.r.; (6) Markowitz, SS, 0-5.

Semi-finalists: Shome, SJ; Turtle, Chernin, QC; Ramson, FC; Mercurio, NYU; Schnell, unatt.

Others: A. and D. Wachsmann, WFC; Agnes, Fink, Harrison, Platt, QC; Rodriguez, Molnar, Brodeth, SC; Bavuso, NYU; Reyes, NYTV; Glazer, FH.

—H. Goldsmith

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METROPOLITAN NOTICES

Salle Santelli has moved to 412 Sixth Ave. (Avenue of the Americas), between 8th and 9th Streets. Two competitions scheduled for that salle have been moved to take advantage of the fact that the facilities will be available over week-ends. These changes are:

Women's Junior Team, moved to Saturday, February 25, at noon.

Epee-Sabre Team, moved to Sunday, March 4, at noon.

Intermediate Foil Team (9 teams)

Finals: 1) Santelli "A" (Moss, Rubin, Oldstein) 1 v., 1 d., 10 bouts won; (2) Fencers Club (Seeman, Frank, Marmor) 1 v., 1 d., 9 bouts won; (3) N.Y.A.C. (Suinn, Leoni, Sully) 1 v., 1 d., 8 bouts won.

Others: Saltus, Brooklyn College, Fencers B, Santelli B, Baltimore, Brooklyn Composite.

L. Olvin

Epee Novice

Final: (1) Guinot, NYU, 5-2; (2) Ulenas, CCNY, 4-3, 23 t.r.; (3) Farrell, NYU, 4-3, 26 t.r.; (4) Margolis, Co., 3-4, 23 t.r.; (5) Wolfe, CCNY, 3-4, 24 t.r.; (6) M. Carter, Col., 3-4, 27 t.r.; (7) Levy, Pr., 3-4 28/27; (8) Gradkowski, Saltus, 3-4, 28/21.

Others: B. Carter, Lipper, Nilsonson (Col.); Urcinolie, Hockman (CCNY); Mercurio (NYU); Coll (Fordham).

—E. Dollinger

Sabre Novice

Final: (1) Robert M. Flynn, Verona FC, 7-1, won fence-off 5-3; (2) B. Olcott, NYAC, 7-1; (3) Mills, CCNY, 5-3, 26 t.r.; (4) Fineberg, CCNY, 5-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Whittingham, Saltus, 4-4, 30 t.r.; (6) Jaffe, Saltus, 4-4, 32 t.r.; (7) Nielson, Col., 3-5; (8) Byfield, SS, 1-7; (9) Richheimer, unatt., 0-8.

Others: Frank, Leon, Boccini, Dollinger (FC); Bloom, Gordon (Col); Gradkowski, Kmech (Saltus); Homes (SS); Wolfe (CCNY); Grelia (Verona).

—R. Blum

Women's Intermediate Team

Round-robin: (1) Salle Santelli (Feigelman, Pierce, Rosenbaum), 4 v. - defeated Hunter "A" 7-2, Lucia 5-4, Saltus 8-1, Hunter "B" 8-1. (2) Hunter A (Schwabe, King, Maviglia) 2 v. - defeated Hunter B 8-1, Lucia 5-4. (3) Salle Lucia (Jenkins, Genton, McCune, Byrr) 2 v. - defeated Saltus 6-3, Hunter B 8-1.

—J. Oldstein

Women's Prep (Van Buskirk)

Final: (1) Pat Gager, HC, 7-1; (2) Diana Hor, TCL, 6-2; (3) Judy Morofsky, HC, 5-3; (4) Cox, HC, 4-4, 20 t.r.; (5) Martin, HC, 4-4, 24/22; (6) Hudson, HC, 4-4, 24/21; (7) Burnet, HC, 3-5; (8) Stukowki, PT, 2-6; (9) Ruane, PT, 1-7.

Others: Milletari, FC; Gerber, Stegan, Ross, Wienke, Wolf, PT; Rakauskas, Schwartz, SS; McCune, SL; Belevia, BC.

—Ida Baiant

NEW FRESHMAN FOIL EVENT

The Metropolitan Committee announces a new foil competition limited to college freshmen to be held at Salle Santelli on Sunday, March 18, 1956 at 1 p.m. Each college may enter a maximum of three men.

NON-DIVISIONAL AND METROPOLITAN SLATES

Bill Latzko, chairman of the non-divisional and metropolitan nominating committee, has submitted the following slate for non-divisional governors for the 1956-1957 season:

Abram D. Cohen, Fencers Club; Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club; Silvio Giolito, NYAC; Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli; Constance Latzko (recording secretary, AFLA); Loran K. Marcell, Salle Santelli; Nickolas Muray, NYAC; and Basil Wittigham, Saltus-McBurney.

Inasmuch as it is expected that the Annual Meeting of the AFLA will approve the formation of the Metropolitan Division (there being no apparent opposition to the proposal made last year), the nominating committee recommends that the above list, with the exception of Connie Latzko, shall become the Executive Committee of the new division, and that the nominees shall take their places on the board of governors for 1956-1957 as the chairman and additional governors of the Metropolitan Division. The committee will present this recommendation at the annual meeting of the non-divisional group to be held on June 21, and will further present the nomination of Abram D. Cohen to serve as first chairman of the new division. Mrs. Latzko's nomination is solely as non-divisional governor, and if the Metropolitan Division is approved, she will represent the remaining non-divisional members of the League.

Additional nominations may be submitted on petitions signed by at least ten non-divisional voting members of the League, provided such petitions are in the hands of the Secretary, Ralph Goldstein, not later than March 15, 1956.

BOOK REVIEW

HOW TO FENCE — A Handbook for Teachers and Students. By Frederica Bernhard and Vernon Edwards. Foreword by Rene Pinchart. W. C. Brown Company, Dubuque, Iowa (1956).

An interesting compact book designed primarily for teaching fencing to groups, it emphasizes great simplicity in the development of fundamental actions and the importance of a competent master for advanced training. The authors urge that every student in turn act as director, judge, and scorer as well as fencer, and provide suggestions for group recreation in various sword games. This reviewer was particularly pleased to see the outline of the Grand Salute as often demonstrated by Maitre Pinchart.

—M. de C.

WEDDINGS

Grace Acel of Tarrytown, N. Y., artist and for several years a top-ranking U.S. fencer, on December 18, 1955, to Peter Hillier of Boston, a Bermuda newspaperman.

Al Hurwitz of Baltimore, outstanding competitor in the Maryland Division, on December 26, 1955, to Ruth Borscher of Baltimore, whom he is going to teach to keep score.

National Calendar

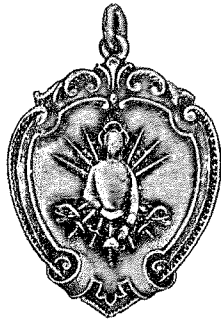
MARCH

2	No. Calif.—WOMEN'S TEAM Int. So. Calif.—WOMEN Open	8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Halberstadt L.A.A.C.
3	Delaware—FOIL Prep Gulf Coast—EPEE Prep Gulf Coast—SABRE Prep Metropolitan—FOIL TEAM CHAMP. New England—WOMEN Qual.R.Sec.Ch. No. Calif.—SABRE Open No. Texas—FOIL Int. & Team No. Texas—SABRE Novice No. Texas—WOMEN Prep, Int., Team Western N.Y.—THREE WEAPON Team	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm Noon 1:30 pm 8:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Hanover Church Texas A&M Texas A&M N.Y.A.C. S. Vitale Halberstadt Dallas Dallas Dallas N.H. #1 St. Joseph's (El Paso)
3-4	Border—F-E-S-W St. Joseph's Invitational	8:00 am	St. Joseph's (El Paso)
4	Metropolitan—EPEE-SABRE Team New England—FOIL TEAM Open No. Ohio—EPEE TEAM Ch. Oregon—FOIL Interm. Oregon—WOMEN Interm.	Noon 2:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	Santelli M.I.T. Case Portland F.C. Portland F.C.
5	Western N.Y.—SABRE Interm.	7:00 pm	U. Buffalo
8	New Jersey—FOIL Q.R.Sect.Ch.	7:30 pm	Brown School
9	No. Calif.—SABRE TEAM Open So. Calif.—FOIL TEAM Open Western N.Y.—EPEE TEAM	8:00 pm 8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Letterman AH L.A.A.C. U. Buffalo
9-10	Eastern—Intercol. Fencing Assn.	10:00 am	Concourse Plaza
10	New England—FOIL Interm. No. Calif.—WOMEN Open Wisconsin—FOIL Novice	2:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 am	Harvard S.F.S.C. Wauwatosa HS
10-11	Gulf Coast—WOMEN Interm. Gulf Coast—FOIL Interm. Gulf Coast—EPEE Interm. Gulf Coast—SABRE Interm.	(2:00 pm and 9:00 am)	Univ. Houston Univ. Houston Univ. Houston Univ. Houston
11	Maryland—WOMEN Open Metropolitan—WOMEN Interm. No. Ohio—FOIL TEAM Ch.	1:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Towson HS Fencers Club Fenn
12	Western N.Y.—WOMEN'S TEAM	7:00 pm	U. Buffalo
15	Metropolitan—THREE WEAPON Team	7:00 p.m.	N.Y.U.
16	So. Calif.—EPEE Open	8:00 pm	L.A.A.C.
17	Eastern—No. Atlantic Intercollegiate Gulf Coast—WOMEN Open Inv. Gulf Coast—EPEE Open (1 touch) Gulf Coast—SABRE Open Inv. Maryland—FOIL & WOMEN Pavese Metropolitan—EPEE TEAM CHAMP. No. Calif.—EPEE Open No. Texas—EPEE Open & Team No. Texas—SABRE Prep No. Texas—WOMEN'S TEAM Ohio—STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Wisconsin—EPEE Novice Wisconsin—SABRE Novice	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:30 pm Noon 8:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm Noon 2:00 pm	Syracuse Univ. Rt.Sq.Pk., H'ston Rt.Sq.Pk., H'ston Rt.Sq.Pk., H'ston Balto. YMCA N.Y.A.C. Berkeley FC T.C.U. T.C.U. T.C.U. O.S.U., Columbus Wauwatosa HS Wauwatosa HS
18	Metropolitan Freshman Intercollegiate New England—EPEE Interm. No. Ohio—SABRE TEAM Ch.	Noon 2:00 pm 1:00 pm	Santelli M.I.T. Case
22	New Jersey—WOMEN Qual.Rd.Nat.Ch.	7:30	Paterson STC
23-24	National N.C.A.A. Championship	9:00 am	U.S. Naval Ac. (to be ann.)
24	Central Illinois—WOMEN Open Gulf Coast—EPEE Novice Gulf Coast—SABRE Novice Metropolitan—WOMEN Open No. Calif.—FOIL Open	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:00 pm 8:00 pm	Rice Inst. Rice Inst. Saltus-McBurney Letterman AH
24-25	Border—F-E-S-W Indiv. & Team Invit.	8:00 am	Bundy Gym, Ft. Bliss
25	New England—THREE WEAPON TEAM No. Calif.—WOMEN Helene Mayer Mem. Wisconsin—FOIL Closed	2:00 pm 1:00 pm 11:00 am	M.I.T. Halberstadt Downt'n YMCA
30	So. Calif.—EPEE TEAM Open	8:00 pm	L.A.A.C.
31	Metropolitan—WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMP.	Noon	Fencers Club

APRIL

6	So. Calif.—SABRE Open	8:00 pm	L.A.A.C.
7	Gulf Coast—WOMEN Novice Gulf Coast—FOIL Novice Maryland—FOIL Open Metropolitan—SABRE TEAM CHAMP. New England—WOMEN Interm. North Texas—SABRE Open & Team North Texas—WOMEN Open & Junior Western N.Y.—FOIL TEAM Western N.Y.—FOUR WEAPON TEAM Western States—Western Intercollegiate	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:30 pm 10:00 am 1:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 10:00 am 2:30 pm	U. Texas, Austin U. Texas, Austin U.S. Naval Ac. N.Y.A.C. C'bridge YWCA T.S.C.W. T.S.C.W. U. Buffalo U. Buffalo U. Arizona
8	Metropolitan—FOIL Interm. New England—SABRE TEAM No. Ohio—WOMEN Div. Ch.	10:30 am 2:00 pm 1:30 pm	Fencers Club Latvian FC Fenn

11	New Jersey—WOMEN'S TEAM Junior	7:30 pm	Paterson STC
14	Eastern Women's Intercollegiate Maryland—THREE WEAPON (Closed) No. Calif.—EPEE TEAM Open	1:30 pm 8:00 pm	Paterson SCT Balto. YMCA Berkeley FC
14-15	Gulf Coast—WOMEN Open & Team Gulf Coast—FOIL Open & Team	(2:00 pm- 9:00 am)	Univ. Houston Univ. Houston
15	Maryland—WOMEN (Closed) Metropolitan—EPEE Interm. New England—SABRE Interm. No. Calif.—WOMEN'S TEAM Open No. Ohio—FOIL Div. Ch. Oregon—THREE WEAPON Open Wisconsin—WOMEN Open	1:30 pm 10:30 am 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:00 pm	Balto. YMCA Fencers Club M.I.T. Halberstadt Case Portland FC D'town YMCA
15-16	Border—F-E-S-W Open, Int., Jr., & Teams	9:00 am	St. Joseph's (El Paso)
20	So. Calif.—SABRE TEAM Open So. Calif.—WOMEN'S TEAM Open	8:00 pm 8:00 pm	L.A.A.C. L.A.A.C.
21	Metropolitan—SABRE Interm. New England—EPEE TEAM Open No. Calif.—FOIL TEAM Open North Texas—F-E-S-W Div. Finals	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 1:00 pm	Saltus-McBurney Harvard Letterman AH Ft. Worth
21-22	Gulf Coast—EPEE Open & Team Gulf Coast—SABRE Open & Team	(2:00 pm- 9:00 am)	Texas A&M Texas A&M
22	Maryland—EPEE (Closed) Metropolitan—WOMEN Ch.&Q.R.Nat.Ch. No. Ohio—EPEE Div. Ch.	1:30 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Towson HS Fencers Club Case
25	Delaware—FOIL Qual.Rd.Nat.Ch.	7:30 pm	Hanover Church
26	New Jersey—WOMEN Prep	7:30 pm	Brown School
27	Oregon—EPEE Interm.	8:00 pm	Nottingham
28	Metropolitan—FOIL Ch.,Q.R.Nat.Ch. New England—WOMEN Prep Wisconsin—EPEE Open Wisconsin—SABRE Open	10:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	N.Y.A.C. Latvian FC Shorewood HS Shorewood HS
29	Maryland—SABRE (Closed) Metropolitan—WOMEN Junior New England—SABRE Championship No. Ohio—SABRE Div. Ch. Wisconsin—FOIL Open	1:30 pm Noon 2:00 pm 1:00 pm Noon	Towson HS Fencers Club M.I.T. Case Shorewood HS

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UNOFFICIAL WORLD RANKINGS

The December issue of the official magazine of the International Fencing Federation (L'Esprime Française) carries an article by Daniel Dagallier, former world epee champion, giving his unofficial world rankings for 1955-1956. Mr. Dagallier, at this writing is visiting in New York. The rankings, published for information purposes only, and with emphasis on their non-official character, are:

WOMEN	
1955	1956
1. Camber (I)	1. Domolki (H)
2. Lachmann (4)	2. I. Elek (H)
3. Garilhe (F)	3. Camber (I)
4. I. Elek (H)	4. Colombetti (I)
5. Muller-Preis (Aus.)	5. Delbarre (F)
6. Zsabka (H)	6. Garilhe (F)
7. Bernheim (F)	7. Kovacs (H)
8. Nyari Kovacs (H)	8. Lachmann (D)
9. Keydel (G)	9. Muller-Preis (Aus.)
10. Maillard (F)	10. Keydel (G)

FOIL	
1. d'Oriola (F)	1. d'Oriola (F)
2. E. Mangiarotti (I)	2. Gyuricza (H)
3. DiRosa (I)	3. E. Mangiarotti (I)
4. Lataste (F)	4. Lataste (F)
5. Spallino (I)	5. Spallino (I)
6. Rommel (F)	6. DiRosa (I)
7. Bergamini (I)	7. Netter (F)
8. Tilly (H)	8. Bergamini (I)
9. Pellini (I)	9. Rommel (F)
10. Netter (F)	10. Fulop (H)
11. Sarpaneda (I)	11. Baudoux (F)
12. Bancilhon (F)	12. Carpenda (I)
13. Closset (F)	13. Closset (F)
14. Verhalle (B)	14. Lucarelli (I)
15. Cintrat (F)	15. Tilly (H)
16. Favia (I)	16. Coicaud (F)
17. Gyricza (H)	17. Riaz(Egypt)
18. Montorsi (I)	18. Favia (I)
19. Mirandoli (I)	19. Fethers (Austral.)
20. Baudoux (F)	20. Bancilhon (F)

EPEE	
1. E. Mangiarotti (I)	1. Pavesi (I)
2. Sakovics (H)	2. Bertinetti (I)
3. Bertinetti (I)	3. Anglesio (I)
4. Pavesi (I)	4. E. Mangiarotti (I)

REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION RULES

The Rules Committee is working on a revision of classification rules. A suggestion has been made that Senior rank be attained only by placing in the nationals, winning a sectional, or making an international team. Comments on this and other classification problems will be welcomed. Address correspondence to American Fencing, 5 Brook Manor, Pleasantville, New York.

5. Mouyal (F)	5. Huet (F)
6. Delfino (I)	6. Dagallier (F)
7. Anglesio (I)	7. Delfino (I)
8. Dagallier (F)	8. Mouyal (F)
9. Zapelli (Switz)	9. Balthazor (H)
10. Huet (F)	10. Carleson (Swed)
11. Delaunois (B)	11. Queyrux (F)
12. Del'Antonio (I)	12. Sakovics (H)
13. Rehbindler (Swed)	13. Rehbindler (Swed)
14. Carleson (Swed)	14. Pellegrino (I)
15. Müller (F)	15. Nigon (F)
16. Forsell (Swed)	16. Del'Antonio (I)
17. Bergenniy (H)	17. Forsell (Swed)
18. Nigon (F)	18. Muller (F)
19. Evequaz (Switz)	19. Delaunois (B)
20. Buck (Lux)	20. Ridz (Pol)

SABRE

1. Kovacs (H)	1. Gerevich (H)
2. Karpaty (H)	2. Karpaty (H)
3. Gerevich (H)	3. Kovacs (H)
4. Lefevre (F)	4. Nostini (I)
5. Berczelli (H)	5. Pawlowski (Pol)
6. Mikla (stless)	6. Lefevre (F)
7. Pawlowski (Pol)	7. Zablocki (Pol)
8. Ferrari (I)	8. Ferrari (I)
9. Papp (H)	9. Keresztes (H)
10. Levasseur (F)	10. Palocz (H)

INTERNATIONAL SABRE MATCHES

The Italo Santelli sabre cup for six-man teams representing Italy and Hungary on a home-and home basis was won in 1955 by Hungary, 38-34. Italy won the first match at Pescara, 19-17; Hungary won at Budapest in November, 21-15. For the Hungarians, in the second encounter, Delneki and Magay each won 5 bouts, Orley 4, Hamory and Mendelenyi 3 each, and Szerencses 1. For the Italians, Arturo Montorsi won 4, Narduzzi and Ravagnan 3 each, Chicca and Calanchini 2 each, and Brondi 1. All the competitors were "young" fencers.

Another November match, between the national teams of Poland and France, resulted in an 11-5 victory for Poland (Pawlowski 3, Kuzewski 3, Pawlas 2, Zablocki 3). For France, Lefevre won 2, Morel 2, Brousse 1, Gamot 0.

INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING ASSOCIATION

The Intercollegiate Fencing Association, oldest college fencing league in the United States, held its annual meeting on December 5 at the Hotel Biltmore. Mr. Thomas D. Bolles of Harvard University was elected President, and Mr. Asa S. Bushnell Secretary-Treasurer for 1956.

Rules.—The Association voted to continue its experimentation with the "no-foul" rule for 1955-56, but to conform in every other respect with the A.F.L.A. and F.I.E. rules of competition. Accordingly the following changes were approved: (1) Five-touch bouts in epee; (2) two-meter penalty for going off the side of the strip in epee and sabre; (3) scoring of touches **against** the fencer who is hit.

1956 Championships.—The I. F. A. 1956 Championships will be held March 9 and 10 at the Hotel Concourse Plaza, Bronx, New York, on the following schedule:

Friday, March 9:

9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Weapon Inspection
11:00 a.m.- 3:45 p.m. Epee Team
4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Foil Team

Saturday, March 10:

9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Sabre Team
3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Individuals

The Bout Committee consists of Alexander Solomon (Yale), Chairman, Dr. Daniel Bukantz (CCNY), Daniel Chafetz (Columbia), Commo. Leonard Doughty, U. S. Navy (Ret.), Norman Lewis (NYU), Rudolph J. Ozol (MIT), Robert K. Parmacek (Penn.) and Robert Zaum (Brooklyn).

Teams are limited to 9 regulars (3 in each weapon) and 3 substitutes, and only one substitute may be used in any weapon.

—G. Shiebler

METROPOLITAN SCHEDULE WOMEN'S COLLEGE FENCING

(second half of season)

Feb. 27—N.Y.U. at Paterson S.T.C.
Mar. 1—Jersey City S.T.C. at Paterson S.T.C.
Mar. 1—Fairleigh Dickinson at Brooklyn
Mar. 6—Brooklyn at Jersey City S.T.C.
Mar. 6—N.Y.U. at Montclair S.T.C.
Mar. 8—Fairleigh Dickinson at Hunter
Mar. 12—Montclair S.T.C. at Paterson S.T.C.
Mar. 15—Montclair S.T.C. at Jersey City S.T.C.
Mar. 15—Paterson S.T.C. at Fairleigh Dickinson
Mar. 17—Brooklyn and R.I.T. at Hunter
Mar. 21—Brooklyn at Paterson S.T.C.
Mar. 22—Fairleigh Dickinson at Jersey City S.T.C.
Mar. 22—Hunter at Montclair S.T.C.
Mar. 29—Jersey City S.T.C. at N.Y.U.
Apr. 5—Hunter at N.Y.U.
Apr. 14—Intercollegiate Championship at Paterson S.T.C.

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