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 19—12 Noon—Met. WOMEN, III. CD Oct. 9. \$1.00 Santelli
 25—1 PM—Met. WOMEN Handicap Open. CD Oct. 15. \$1.75 Saltus
 26—12 Noon—Met. HIGH SCHOOL FOIL. CD Oct. 16. 50¢ NYAC
 Mich. SABRE TEAM

NOVEMBER

- 1—12 Noon—Met. EPEE Handicap Open. CD Oct. 20. \$2.75 FC
 2—10 AM—Met. SABRE Handicap Open. CD Oct. 22. \$1.75 NYAC
 Mich. EPEE TEAM
 8—1 PM—Met. FOIL C, III. CD Oct. 29. \$1.00 Saltus
 9—12 Noon—Met. EPEE TEAM C. CD Oct. 30. \$6.00 FC
 Mich. Unclassified Foil, Men & Women
 15—10 AM—Met. FOIL Handicap Open. CD Nov. 5. \$1.75 NYAC
 16—12 Noon—Met. WOMEN Open, I. CD Nov. 6. \$2.75
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 23—12 Noon—Met. SABRE TEAM C. CD Nov. 13. \$3.00 NYAC
 Mich. Unclassified Epee and Sabre
 29—12 Noon—Met. WOMEN Open, I. CD Nov. 19. \$2.75
 (Electric Semi & Final) FC
 30—12 Noon—Met. FOIL Open, I. CD Nov. 20. \$2.75
 (Electric Final) FC
 Mich. Prep Foil and Sabre

DECEMBER

- 6—12 Noon—Met. EPEE Open, I. CD Nov. 24. \$2.75 FC
 12 Noon—Met. FOIL Prep. CD Nov. 24. \$1.00 Saltus
 Oberlin & Western Reserve at Case
 7—12 Noon—Met. TEAM Mixed Doubles (Sabre-Women) CD Nov. 27.
 \$3.50 Santelli
 Mich. Prep Epee and Women
 10—Oberlin at Fenn
 13—Women's Christmas Intercollegiate. Paterson State College
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JANUARY

- 3—Sherwood FC at U. of Wisconsin
 9—Detroit at Notre Dame; Western Reserve at Buffalo; USAF at Iowa.
 10—Oberlin at Ohio State; Western Reserve at Rochester; USFA and Detroit at Wisconsin.
 16—Notre Dame at Oberlin
 17—Notre Dame, Fenn, Western Reserve at Case
 U. of Kansas at USAF
 23—Detroit at Michigan State

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After witnessing the World Championships I realize more than ever that there is no finer sport. . . . I hoped it would bring publicity to fencing but this has not been the case. The blame lies in many places, but we fencers and coaches must accept the burden of guilt. How many of us, failing to see accounts of the Championships in our local papers and the sports magazines, have taken the trouble to write or telephone these publications to complain? We must be more militant in expressing our interest in our sport. . . . The electrical foil and epee worked wonderfully . . . in sabre I was at first amused and then annoyed at the childish behavior of veteran fencers, notably their glaring at the judges after a dramatic removal of their masks. One of our own sabremen was among the worst of these "actors". It was a delight, therefore, to watch Mr. Hoskyns whose strip manners and sportsmanship put him head and shoulders above the others.

Charles Simonian
 Mayfield Heights, Ohio

CAPTAIN'S PRELIMINARY REPORT

(Ed. Note: Ralph Goldstein is submitting a comprehensive report on the 1958 Championships. Due to space limitations we are only able to present herein an edited and abridged version.)

This was the largest team that the U.S. ever entered in any international fencing event. Thirty-five of our fencers actually competed. There were nine each in Men's Foil, Women's Foil, and Sabre, and eight in Epee. In the past we never had more than 21 — six each in Foil, Epee and Sabre, plus three women — and such entries were sent only to the Olympics. The Olympics permit only 3 entries per country in each individual event, whereas the World Championships allow six. This fact gave us a most unusual opportunity to have additional fencers compete in each weapon. With this in mind, the U.S. Selection Committee increased the number of fencers chosen for each category. The last minute instructions to the Captain were that he was to select six out of nine (or eight) for the team and that the remaining fencers must be entered in the individual events. No other restrictions were made.

There is only one objective in this report. It is to take advantage of the lessons which we should have learned from this unique experience. If we fail to do this, then from our point of view the 1958 World Championships will have been held in vain. A careful inspection of the overall results clearly indicates that the Soviet fencers dominated this tournament. May I direct your attention to the following finals chart from which I believe you will graphically see what I am driving at.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
U.S.S.R.	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	1
ITALY	2	1	1	3	1	0	3	1
HUNGARY	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	0
FRANCE	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	1
GT. BRITAIN (2 entries)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
POLAND	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
GERMANY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S.A.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

It is readily conceded that Russia's showing would have been materially affected if Hungary had participated in the Epee and Sabre individual events. But even if they had lost a first and second (in Sabre) to the Hungarians, their overall results would probably have equalled, if not still exceeded, Hungary's.

Now this is not stated as an excuse for a comparatively poor showing, but the only way to improve is to apply to our fencing at least some of the practices which have enabled the Soviet to advance so far so quickly in the field of fencing. Basically, this is training — but on a far more intensive and comprehensive scale than we have ever before attempted. I understand that months prior to the tournament the members of the Soviet team go to a camp where they train intensively — physical conditioning as well as fencing is stressed. We were all impressed with the fact that even at the end of the individual finals, the Russians did not appear to be tired.

Granted, that in our society it is not possible (except for members of the military and then only in rare instances) for our fencers to take off so much time from their jobs. Consider then the remarkably good results earned by the Italians and the French. From what I have learned, although these fencers cannot devote as much time to the sport as those behind the Iron Curtain, they nevertheless attend numerous international tournaments throughout the year and then spend a month prior to the World Championships at a training camp.

If our fencers cannot spend three months, or even one month at a training camp — how much time can they spend? Can we obtain the facilities of such a camp for such a purpose? George Cointe, Fencing Coach at Cornell and Trainer at the 1956 Olympiad, indicates it might be possible to make some such arrangement for a couple of weeks at Cornell prior to the 1960 Olympics. Perhaps it could also be arranged just before the Pan-American Games of 1959. No one questions the fact that the level of competition in this hemisphere is below what we meet in Europe. This does not mean that we should be complacent where the Pan-American Games are concerned. On the contrary, we should train to the utmost and use the Pan-Ams as a definite warm-up for the Olympics. We will have a splendid opportunity to work together as a team.

And that brings us to another highly important factor — team spirit. Every team member must be imbued with the full sense of his responsibility toward the total team effort. This includes one's own physical conditioning, training and fencing in as many competitions as possible prior to the tournament aimed at, as well as completely cooperating in specific assignments in that tournament. Now that foil as well as epee is electrical, it is absolutely necessary that each fencer have a "second" assigned to him to minister to his needs as long as the fencer is in competition (this is particularly important in the individuals, where our fencers are competing on six different strips). It is also of vital importance that we have as many qualified judges as possible in sabre, and qualified presidents of jury in all weapons.

In addition, each team member has the responsibility of advising the Team Captain of any injuries sustained or any special condition developing which conceivably could affect one's performance. It is the Captain's responsibility to decide whether one should fence in such circumstances.

The conduct of each fencer is a reflection on his team and on his country. Do not argue every touch; do not act as though you'd been robbed. Do not rip off your mask and glare at the President in foil, or the judges and President in sabre. (You have permission to glare at the machine in foil and epee.) Do not make deals! The basic American sense of fair play requires that you fence to win every bout. We understand that some Europeans make deals within their own team and between countries, but that is no excuse for us to

do the same. It is contrary to our own sportsmanship ideals and to the Olympic Oath.

In a later report I will discuss the tremendous achievements of our outstanding performers in this World Championships. To get back to the objective of this initial report, I make the following recommendations:

1. That the Olympic Fencing Committee obtain permission to select promptly the Captain for the next Pan-American and Olympic Games.

2. That the Captain promptly meet with the last three Olympic Team Captains and with me to obtain the full benefit of our overall experience.

3. That the Captain set up a comprehensive and intensive physical and fencing training program for the Olympic Fencing Squad, approved by the Olympic Committee, with power to drop a person from the Squad for failure to comply with the training schedule.

4. That arrangements be made for the Foil and Epee Squads to practice on neutralized strips with electrical equipment at all times and that at least one open electrical competition be held **monthly** between now and the summer of 1960, and be conducted in French.

5. That persons accepting selection on a Pan-American or Olympic Team do so with the clear understanding that they will be available for the full period of time as determined by the Team Captain, and that their duties include other assignments in addition to fencing.

6. That a committee (to include fencing MDs) be set up promptly to study and report as soon as possible on recommendations for diet and special training to best prepare our fencers for the conditions and competitions expected in Rome in August and September 1960, with special emphasis on the fatigue problem. (It may be necessary to recommend different diets for different members of the team, and it might well pay to have each member of the squad examined by a panel of doctors with our objective in mind.)

In closing, let me add that the Captain must get to know each team member very well, and under competitive conditions. This can hardly be done in the six weeks between selection and the Games, especially where a number of team members are located in fencing centers as far apart as our East and West Coasts. A former Captain said: "The Team trains the Captain as the Captain trains the Team". With that thought and the 1958 World Championships fresh in mind, let us take advantage of the lessons learned. We have less than two years left now until the 1960 Olympics, and it is hardly time enough.

Ralph Goldstein
'58 U.S. Team Captain

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Belle and Irving Dekoff on the new addition to the family: William David, born July 31.

1958 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Miquel and Jose de Capriles
US Members of Directoire Technique

Hundreds of fencers from all parts of the country and hundreds of non-fencers from nearby areas witnessed the 1958 World Championships at Philadelphia. The Organizing Committee was so good that (except for two days) it even arranged comfortable weather for the last two weeks of August.

Twenty-two nations and 203 different individuals competed. Entries from four other countries were absent, including the excellent Egyptian foil team which met tragic death on its way across the Atlantic.

The tournament established the clear overall supremacy of the athletic style favored by the Eastern European nations. The Soviet Union won the Prince Ranier Trophy with 3 first places and 4 second places (only first counts for the Trophy and other places are used to resolve ties). The USSR and Hungary placed teams in every final (Italy missed in the women's and France in the sabre), while Poland, entering only in sabre, was third to Hungary and Russia in the team event, and placed third in the individual final. The Soviet's record in the individuals was also impressive, placing at least one entry in every final and winning first and second in both the women's and the sabre. Hungary fenced in only two individual events and placed two entries in each final.

Despite the French foil team victory and the Italian foil individual championship, the only weapon which is still 'safely' in the West's hands is the epee. The USSR tied with both France and Italy in the foil team event, placing second on the count of **touches**, and a single touch was the margin of victory between Italy and Hungary in the individual foil.

It was generally agreed that the new six-minute time-limit for men (5 for women), is entirely adequate. However, it should be noted that in electric foil a definite technique has been developed to consume time by touching the invalid surface. We believe that only the one-minute warning should be retained for the shorter time limitation.

Thanks to the excellent facilities and the experienced management by Messrs. Heide, Mercier, Visconti and Mike and Joe de Capriles, the competition ran smoothly.

The overall U.S. results were disappointing yet there were some performances which give us hope. We thought our best efforts would be in the team events, but actually we did better in the individuals. The accomplishments of Axelrod, Bukantz, Blum, Dyer, Nyilas, and others will be discussed in the articles covering each event. Ralph Goldstein suffered the many headaches that befall a captain and had some difficult decisions to make. We know from experience that his was a nerve wracking 24-hour job subject to the usual second guessing of "experts." We doubt that even the Monday morning quarterbacks could produce better results.

Tony Orsi was a popular and most efficient manager and our coaching staff deserves a vote of thanks. George Koski was made official trainer after he had helped many of our athletes with their sore muscles and minor sprains.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Thanks to the efforts of a great many volunteers the organization of the Championships met with high praise from our foreign and domestic visitors. It is impossible to list all who deserve thanks, but it is also impossible to ignore the outstanding efforts of some.

Paul Makler and Allen Reuben were the trouble-shooters who tackled all problems with efficiency.

The organization of score keepers, timers, apparatus managers, and score board attendants for the various strips was complicated by the frequently changed schedule and the failure of some to report at the assigned time and place. Jack Baker acted as Arena manager and was the most harassed man in view — we hope he enjoys a well earned rest at his office in California. Franklin and Roger Jones marshaled the available manpower for these and many other tasks and also pinch-hit as sergeant-at-arms, etc., etc.

The electrical weapon events were handled perfectly by the Technical Commission headed by M. Debeur of Belgium and our own Leon Wortman. The Carmimori, Wortman, Kessinger & Paul machines were excellent and a strict inspection of personal equipment reduced breakdowns to a minimum. Wortman was so good that he will become a regular member of the F.I.E. Committee for Electrical Equipment — the first American so honored. Mike Greenwald, Bill Durrett, Mike Jacobs, Dick Gradkowski, Jim Castello and Jerry Romary were invaluable. The copper strips re-

quired constant repair and, in one instance, an 8-hour soldering masterpiece by Durrett, Jacobs, and Greenwald saved the day.

It was necessary to remove the copper mesh and sand the new linoleum strips at the end of the epee events and before the start of the sabre. Frank Barone, who had already done so much got this difficult and dirty job accomplished in time.

The Directoire Technique required clerical assistance to reproduce and distribute notices. Dorothy Wortman and Stella Goldstein supervised an attractive corps of girls and enabled us to start all events on time and supply each delegation with a complete set of the results.

Problems involving University facilities or personnel were resolved without delay by our trouble-shooters and the wonderful assistance of Henry Sparks.

The victory ceremony for each event was very impressive and much of the credit goes to Lenny Gerwitz who assumed responsibility for placing the flags and playing the National Anthems.

Our publicity was handled by Jack Keane and Donald Kahn, with the assistance of Mary Gehant. The trio kept the Associated Press, United Press, and many foreign correspondents busy and pleased.

General Jean Grombach solved the transportation problems for many of the delegations and, with Tracy Jaeckel and George Worth, acted as Reception Committee.

Anthony Orsi was not just manager of the US team — he was a goldmine to the organizing committee who called upon him for innumerable services.

Allan Kwartler supervised the sale of programs and souvenirs throughout the Championships and a group of Hungarian Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were most helpful during the two weeks.

Everything of course was under the quiet and able supervision of our President, Donald S. Thompson.



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The "Brass" of the Championships

Seated: Rene Bondoux, VP of FIE; Donald Thompson, Pres. of AFLA; Pierre Ferri, Pres. of FIE; Paul Makler, Ch. of Org. Comm.; Henri Dulieux, Sec. of FIE.

Standing: Charles Debeur, FIE Elec. Com.; Rene Mercier, Jose de Capriles, Paul Heide, Miguel de Capriles, Mario Visconti, the Directoire Technique.

Mention must also be made of the service rendered by Stanley Sieja. The Polish team arrived in Canada by boat and planned to tour the U.S. after the Championships. At the request of the State Department, Stanley was assigned to the Poles as host, interpreter and troubleshooter during their stay in Philadelphia and for the arrangement of the Post-Championship tour. His constant attendance on our Polish guests elicited the highest praise and gratitude of the Poles and the State Department.

The housing of the competitors and officials at the attractive dormitories provided an excellent opportunity for informal parties in the evenings.

THE HUNGARIAN WITHDRAWAL

Much publicity was given to the withdrawal of Hungarian entries from the epee and sabre individual events. Here are the full details.

The Bureau of the F.I.E. is permitted to accept entries to the World Championships from persons who can prove by proper documentation that they are juridically Stateless. Such acceptance is a privilege and not a right.

Five fencers of Hungarian origin who have renounced their native government and now reside in the U.S. desired to compete in the Championships: Magay, Orley, Hamori, and Kereztes in sabre; Mrs. Magay in women's foil. As members of the A.F.L.A. their petition had to be supported and filed by the League before the Bureau of the F.I.E. could consider it. Affidavits from each one renouncing their Hungarian citizenship were authenticated with the seals of the state of residence. The U.S. Department of State then examined the documents and certified that the applicants were juridically Stateless and that their papers had the same effect as the International or Nansen Passport issued by the League of Nations (since the U.S. was not a member of the League of Nations and does not require identity papers for residents it does not issue such documents).

At the F.I.E. Congress held the day before the start of the Championships, the Hungarian delegation objected to the petition of the Stateless fencers. They argued that the applicants were not Stateless, that they were still Hungarians because Hungarian citizenship is lost only with the consent of the Hungarian Government and their laws do not recognize a unilateral renunciation of citizenship. The U.S. pointed out that the right of the individual to renounce allegiance to a government is fundamental in most legal systems and, in fact, gave birth to our own national existence; that the U.S. Government had determined the juridical Statelessness of these persons; that the laws of the U.S. covered residents of this country and must be accepted by the F.I.E. for the Championships held in Philadelphia. (A similar petition and objection was made as to a Canadian resident, Bakonyi).

The Bureau was faced with a difficult problem involving a clear-cut conflict of laws. While it alone is empowered to de-

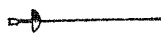
cide the merits of the petitions, it requested an advisory vote from the assembled delegates as to whether the applicants were Stateless or not. It is interesting to note the vote: France, Hungary, USSR and Romania (by proxy), voted "no"; Belgium, and Italy, abstained; Australia, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Germany, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, U.S.A. and Venezuela voted "yes."

On the third day of the Championships the Bureau announced its decision to the assembled leaders of the Hungarian and U.S. delegations:

1. The applicants are juridically Stateless,
2. Their amateur status was certified by the U.S. and Canadian fencing organizations,
3. Each nation is limited to 6 individual entries in the World Championships regardless of the size of its F.I.E. membership list. The Bureau decided against accepting all the Stateless fencers due to the lack of a selective process such as is required of all member countries. Thus the Bureau accepted only two of the four sabre men — Magay and Orley, who had placed highest in the 1958 National Championships. It was also felt that the applicants must meet the test of current high level fencing efficiency to warrant their admission to the Championships. It denied the petition of Mrs. Magay because she did not meet this requirement. Bakonyi was accepted in epee and rejected in foil on the same principle.

The decision appeared to be a compromise, but it had a sound technical basis and was generally regarded as a satisfactory solution. The Hungarian delegation announced that they accepted the decision without prejudice to their fundamental position that the fencers in question were still Hungarians. The Championships were resumed in the belief that an amicable solution had been achieved. Three days later (after a telephone call from Budapest), to the obvious chagrin and embarrassment of the Hungarian fencers and their leaders, they notified the President of the F.I.E. that they had to withdraw from the two events which included Stateless fencers. Apparently Budapest controls the right of the individual to participate in sports as closely as it controls his right to determine his own allegiance.

At the last minute Magay had an attack of acute appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital. In accordance with the F.I.E. rule to permit substitution on the eve of an event if the original entry is unable to compete because of "force majeure", Hamori was permitted to fill the vacancy.



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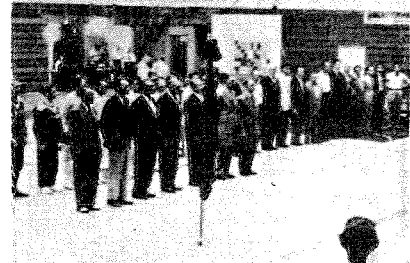
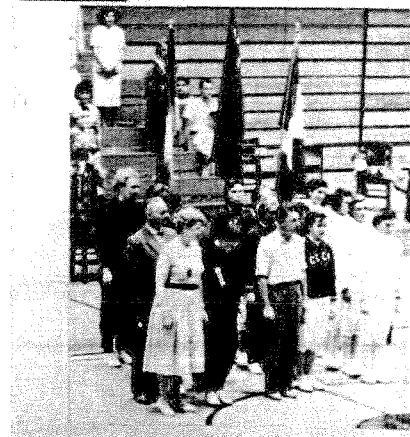
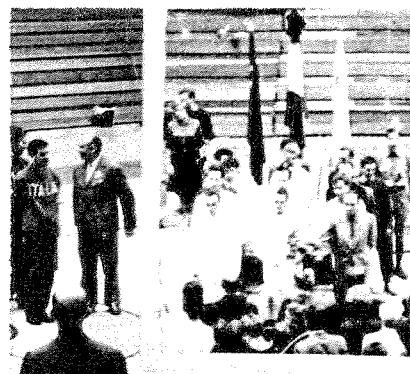


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Epee Team

1. ITALY: Bertinetti, Delfino, Mangiarotti, Pavesi, Pellegrino, Saccaro.
2. HUNGARY: Balthazar, Barany, Berzecenyi, Gabor, Kausz.
3. FRANCE: Dagallier, Guittet, Huet, Lefranc, Mouyal, Queyroux.
4. USSR: Khabarov, Kostava, Tchernikov, Tchernouchevitch.

Eight teams participated and, as in foil, there were four from Europe and four from the Americas. The Europeans clearly outclassed us on the record, but the France-US match in the first round should have been very close. Pew's only loss against the French was 5-4, while Berry dropped four and Vebell and Margolis won only one each. Three of these losses were 5-5 or 5-4. After the loss to France we bowed to Hungary but were comforted by Kolowrat's 2/1 performance in his first major international event. This is our youngest team and should be better by 1960.

In the first round of the final Hungary turned back France 11/5 while Italy had a close shave with a young Soviet team, 9/7. Bertinetti clinched the victory in the penultimate bout, but Pellegrino (4/0) and Delfino (3/1) were the real heroes.

After their effort against Italy the Soviet loomed as the favorite for runner-up honors but Hungary and France pushed them down to fourth with successive defeats — Hungary by the one-sided score of 12/4 and France (in the match for third) by 9/6. While the Hungary-USSR was in progress France and Italy were having a battle royal. Guittet's three victories had France leading 8/5. Pavesi's 5-4 victory over Queyroux and Bertinetti's 5-2 over Lefranc brought it up to 8/7 and the Italians needed only to tie to win on touches. This put it up to the veteran Delfino who has perhaps the most versatile epee game today. Huet fought him to 5-5 and with the match at stake they scored two doubles but Delfino pulled it out and Italy survived by two touches.

The championship match was almost anti-climatic as Italy won 9/4 behind Pellegrino's four victories.

Thus the Italian team maintained a distinguished record: the identical group (Anglesio instead of Saccaro) has been winning every international epee team event they have entered for more than seven years. They are all very close friends and have taken young Saccaro under their wing. Anglesio withdrew and fenced only in the individual so as to give the "newcomer" an opportunity. They were the first champions to make a successful defense in the 1958 Championships (Hungary's sabre team was to be the only other repeater).

Elimination (2 qualify)**Pool A:**

ITALY 14, MEXICO 2

Bertinetti 4/0, Saccaro 4/0, Pavesi 3/1, Delfino 3/1; Cicero 0/4, Schlaepfer 1/3, Roldan 1/3, Meraz 0/4.

USSR 12, CUBA 4

Kostava 3/1, Khabarov 2/2, Tchernikov 3/1, Tchernouchevitch 4/0; Garcia 0/4, Jordan 1/3, Olivella 2/2, Menendez 1/3.

USSR 9, MEXICO 2

Kostava 3/0, Khabarov 1/2, Tchernikov 2/0, Tchernouchevitch 3/0; Schlaepfer 1/2, Roldan 0/3, C. Agostoni 1/2, Meraz 0/2.

ITALY 13, CUBA 3

Saccaro 2/2, Mangiarotti 3/1, Bertinetti 4/0, Pellegrino 4/0; Garcia 1/3, Jordan 2/2, Olivella 0/4, Menendez 0/4.

Pool B:

HUNGARY 12, CANADA 4

Berzecenyi 3/1, Kausz 4/0, Balthazar 1/3, Barany 4/0; Foxcroft 1/3, Frazer 2/2, Pearce 1/3, Desjarlais 0/4.

FRANCE 11, USA 5

Mouyal 1/3, Lefranc 3/1, Queyroux 4/0, Huet 3/1; Berry 0/4, Vebell 1/3, Margolis 1/3, Pew 3/1.

FRANCE 15, CANADA 1

Dagallier 3/1, Guittet 4/0, Queyroux 4/0, Lefranc 4/0; Frazer 1/3, Desjarlais 0/4, Pearce 0/4, Foxcroft 0/4.

HUNGARY 9, USA 3

Baranyi 2/1, Kausz 1/2, Gabor 3/1, Balthazar 3/0; Pew 1/2, Margolis 0/3, Kolowrat 2/1, Andre 0/3.

FINAL**Round 1:**

HUNGARY 11, FRANCE 5

Baranyi 2/2, Kausz 2/2, Gabor 4/0, Balthazar 2/2; Guittet 1/3, Queyroux 2/2, Lefranc 2/2, Mouyal 0/4.

ITALY 9, USSR 7

Pellegrino 4/0, Pavesi 2/2, Bertinetti 1/3, Delfino 3/1; Khabarov 2/2, Kostava 2/2, Tchernikov 0/4, Tchernouchevitch 3/1.

Round 2:

HUNGARY 12, USSR 4

Baranyi 4/0, Kausz 2/2, Gabor 3/1, Balthazar 3/1; Tchernikov 1/3, Khabarov 1/3, Kostava 0/4, Tchernouchevitch 2/2.

ITALY 8, FRANCE 8 (64-66 t.)

Pellegrino 2/2, 15 t.r.; Pavesi 2/2, 17 t.r.; Bertinetti 2/2, 14 t.r.; Delfino 2/2, 18 t.r.; Guittet 3/1, 13 t.r.; Queyroux 2/2, 18 t.r.; Lefranc 2/2, 17 t.r.; Huet 1/3, 18 t.r.

Match for Third:

FRANCE 9, USSR 6

Guittet 2/2, Dagallier 2/2, Lefranc 3/1, Queyroux 2/1; Tchernikov 3/1, Khabarov 0/4, Kostava 1/3, Tchernouchevitch 2/1.

Championship Match:

ITALY 9, HUNGARY 4

Pellegrino 4/0, Pavesi 1/2, Bertinetti 2/1, Delfino 2/1; Kausz 0/4, Balthazar 0/3, Baranyi 2/1, Gabor 2/1.

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Sabre Team

1. HUNGARY: Gerevich, Horvath, Karpati, Kovacs, Mendelenyi.
2. U.S.S.R.: Kouznetsov, Mavlikhanov, Rylskii, Tychler.
3. POLAND: Ochyra, Pawlas, Pawlowski, Piatkowski, Twardokens, Zablocki.
4. ITALY: Calanchini, Calarese, Comini, Ferrari, L. Narduzzi, P. Narduzzi.

Hungary still has the best sabre team in the world because its remarkable veterans, Gerevich, Kovacs and Karpati are still tops in the field. But time marches on, and the younger Hungarians, Mendelenyi and Horvath, do not seem any better than several sabremen from other countries. The U.S.S.R. and Poland made strong bids for the 1958 team title, and in another year or two may well take it.

The sabre team event was in our judgment the most dramatic of the entire tournament. Except for the one-sided defeats suffered by Canada and Cuba, every match was full of tension and in the majority of cases the lead see-sawed back and fourth.

Principal interest in the semi-finals centered on the match between the United States and Poland. The United States jumped to a 3-0 lead as Kwartler beat Zablocki, Nyilas beat Pawlowski, and Dyer beat Piatkowski. Poland took the next four bouts. Dyer beat Pawlas to tie, and Nyilas put the U.S. ahead once more by blanking Piatkowski. Then Poland won five in a row to clinch the match at 9-5. The last two bouts were split, Dyer winning and Kwartler losing, each for the third time. A subsequent loss to Hungary, 9-1, with Nyilas contributing the lone victory, eliminated the U.S. team.

On the other strip, the crucial match between Italy and France started evenly until the score was 3-3; then Italy won four in a row, France came back with three, and Italy took the last three for victory at 10-6. Next France met the U.S.S.R. and was eliminated 9-5, the Soviets jumping to a 3-1 lead and never being in danger. The lack of a good fourth man proved a fatal handicap to the French in both of these matches.

Five of the six matches in the final were extremely close. Only Hungary's 11-5 conquest of Italy was one sided, even though Calarese posted three victories for the losers. By contrast, the U.S.S.R.-Poland match ended in a tie in bouts, 8-8, with

the Soviets coming from behind at 8-6 to win on touches, 60-66, when Tychler beat Zablocki 5-3 for his only victory and Rylskii beat Pawlowski 5-2 for a sweep of his four bouts.

The Soviet's next match, against Italy, also proved to be an uphill fight. The Russians fell behind 5-2, then 6-4 and 7-5, but rallied to win the last four bouts and the match. Mavlikhanov beat Ferrari 5-2, Tychler won for the fourth time in the match against Calarese 5-2, and Kouznetsov clinched victory on touches by beating Luigi Narduzzi 5-4. Rylskii, who had lost twice against Italy, beat Comini in the last bout. The Hungary-Poland match also was extremely tense. Poland led at 1-0, 4-2, and 5-4. Gerevich, Karpati and Kovacs took the next three bouts to lead 7-5, then Poland won one, and Hungary's "big three" ran out the match, 10-6, with three more victories. Kovacs starred with a clean sweep.

In the contest for third place, Poland took a 3-1 and then a 5-2 lead. Italy rallied to tie at 5-5, again at 6-6, and finally at 7-7, before Piatkowski beat Paolo Narduzzi 5-3 and Pawlowski scored his fourth victory, 5-2, over Luigi Narduzzi to give Poland the match at 9-7.

The score of the championship match, 9-3 in favor of Hungary, looks deceptively decisive. Actually there was only a difference of 8 touches between the two teams, as the Soviets lost five of the six 5-4 bouts and three of the four 5-3 bouts, and even this 8-touch difference may not be a true gauge of the closeness of the match. The French and U. S. judges had an unusual record of abstentions and disagreements, and the French president of the jury frequently had to render decisions on materiality. Split-second judgments on time and right of way left considerable room for argument on both sides. The tension was heightened by a voracious audience, composed largely of persons of Hungarian and Polish extraction, and this may have had an unsettling effect upon the jury. The consensus of disinterested observers was that the Soviets may well have deserved two or three more bouts; but there was no real doubt that the better team had won.

**SABRE TEAM (8 teams)
Elimination (2 qualify)**

Pool A:

POLAND 10, USA 6
Piatkowski 2/2, Pawlas 3/1, Zablocki 2/2, Pawlowski 3/1; Worth 0/4, Nyilas 2/2, Dyer 3/1, Kwartler 1/3.
HUNGARY 15, CUBA 1
Gerevich 4/0, Mendelenyi 3/1, Karpati 4/0, Horvath 4/0; Pereida 0/4, Salup 0/4, Rodriguez 1/3, Morales 0/4.
POLAND 12, CUBA 2
Ochyra 3/1, Piatkowski 3/1, Twardokens 3/0, Pawlas 3/0; Rodriguez 1/3, Salup 0/4, Morales 1/2, Pereida 0/3.

HUNGARY 9, USA 1

Horvath 3/0, Mendelenyi 2/1, Kovacs 2/0, Karpati 2/0; Nyilas 1/2, Blum 0/2, Dyer 0/3, Pariser 0/2.

Pool B:

ITALY 10, FRANCE 6
Calarese 2/2, L. Narduzzi 2/2, Comini 3/1, Ferrari 3/1; Roulot 2/2, Fraisse 0/4, Arabo 1/3, Lefevre 3/1.

USSR 15, CANADA 1

Kouznetsov 4/0, Rylskii 3/1, Mavlikhanov 4/0, Tychler 4/0; Desjarlais 0/4, Kerekes 1/3, Howard 0/4, Foxcroft 0/4.

ITALY 15, CANADA 1

Calarese 4/0, Calanchini 3/1, P. Narduzzi 4/0, L. Narduzzi 4/0; Kerekes 0/4, Frazer 0/4, Howard 1/3, Foxcroft 0/4.

USSR 9, FRANCE 5

Mavlikhanov 2/2, Kouznetsov 3/1, Tychler 1/2, Rylskii 3/0; Lefevre 1/3, Fraisse 0/4, Roulot 2/1, Arabo 2/1.

FINAL

USSR 8, POLAND 8 (60-66 t.)
Mavlikhanov 1/3, 19 t.r.; Kouznetsov 2/2, 14 t.r.; Tychler 1/3, 19 t.r.; Rylskii 4/0, 9 t.r.; Piatkowski 2/2, 15 t.r.; Twardokens 3/1, 15 t.r.; Zablocki 1/3, 18 t.r.; Pawlowski 2/2, 18 t.r.
HUNGARY 11, ITALY 5

Horvath 2/2, Gerevich 3/1, Karpati 3/1, Kovacs 3/1; Calanchini 0/4, Calarese 3/1, Comini 1/3, L. Narduzzi 1/3.

Round 2:

USSR 9, ITALY 7
Mavlikhanov 2/2, Kouznetsov 1/3, Tychler 4/0, Rylskii 2/2; Ferrari 2/2, Calarese 1/3, L. Narduzzi 2/2, Comini 2/2.

HUNGARY 10, POLAND 6

Mendelenyi 1/3, Gerevich 3/1, Karpati 2/2, Kovacs 4/0; Zablocki 2/2, Ochyra 2/2, Twardokens 0/4, Pawlowski 2/2.

Match for Third

POLAND 9, ITALY 7
Zablocki 3/1, Pawlas 0/4, Piatkowski 2/2, Pawlowski 4/0; Calarese 1/3, Calanchini 2/2, P. Narduzzi 2/2, L. Narduzzi 2/2.

Champion Match:

HUNGARY 9, USSR 3
Horvath 2/1, Gerevich 3/0, Karpati 2/1, Kovacs 2/1; Mavlikhanov 2/1, Kouznetsov 0/3, Tychler 0/3, Rylskii 1/2.

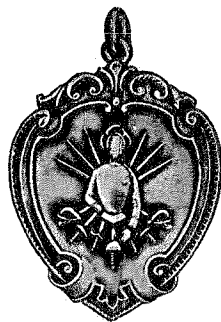


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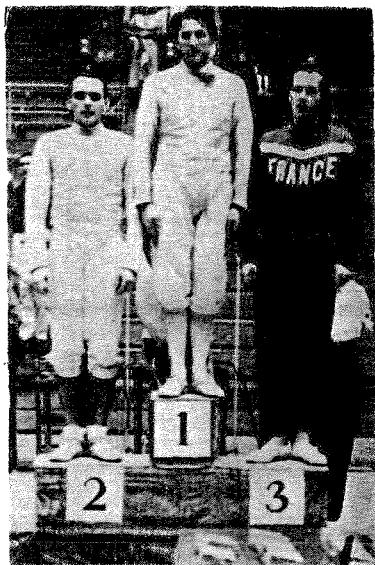


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INDIVIDUALS . . .

Foil Individual



1. GIANCARLO BERGAMINI, Italy.
2. FERENC CZVIKOVSKY, Hungary.
3. BERNARD BAUDOUX, France.

This event attracted competitors from sixteen countries. The greatest disappointment was the decision of France's great D'Oriola not to compete. The first round followed expectations; the second round included the team finalists who had received byes and saw the elimination of such stars as Sissikine (USSR), Pellegrino (I), Guittet and Closset (F) — the latter on a fence-off with our Gerard Biagini. Three U.S. entries failed to reach the quarter-final: Gene Glazer, Harold Goldsmith and Herman Velasco.

In the quarter-final the Soviet's great captain, Mark Midler, was eliminated in a fence-off by Biagini and Bancelhon (F), while our Ed Richards suffered the same fate at the hands of Baudoux who finished third.

The semi-final strips both required fence-offs. Italy's great Mangiarotti bowed to his team-mate Spallino 5-0, while Albert Axelrod eliminated the defending champion Fulop (H) and Kamuti (H). Axelrod's success was the sweeter in that he foiled what had been an obvious "deal". Albie had finished the regular round with 2/3 when he lost his last bout to Bancelhon (F). Fulop stood at 1/3 and had to fence the eventual champion Bergamini who already had 3/1, while Kamuti (1/3) had to fence Russia's Sveshnikov who also had 3/1. Fulop defeated Bergamini 5-3 in a good bout, but then Sveshnikov lost to Kamuti without even having the grace to make it look good. Axelrod rose to the occasion by overpowering both Hungarians and defeating Kamuti 5-1 to the delight of those who witness the Kamuti-Sveshnikov farce.

The final pool was well fought. Bergamini suffered his only loss at the hands of Axelrod. Spallino came to his team mate's aid by defeating the previously unbeaten Czvikovsky. By good fortune the last bout of the night decided the championship, but both contestants fought too cautiously and the score was 2-1 when time ran out. Any bout that decides a world championship is of course dramatic, but this one lacked the brilliance and excitement that characterized many of the other bouts in the final. Baudoux started poorly but won his last four bouts to earn third. Axelrod's 5th place was the best American performance since Joe Levis placed second in the 1932 Olympiad. He fenced brilliantly at times: trailing 4-0 in his first bout (against the Sveshnikov who had forced the fence-off with Kamuti) he proceeded to score 12 successive touches — 5 against his Soviet opponent to win 5-4, 5 more against the strong Spallino, and the first two against Bancelhon. But Albie could not keep up the pace; he lost to Bancelhon and Czvikovsky, rose again to great heights to defeat Bergamini 5-1, and then scored only one touch in his last two bouts. He was as good as anyone there that night, but there is no substitute for physical condition in a long tournament.

The final was directed by Danny Bukantz and Carlo Filogamo.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL (49 entries)

Elimination (4 qualify)

Byes: BAUDOUX, CLOSSET, GUITTET, NETTER, France; CZVIKOVSKY, FULOP, GYURICZA, KAMUTI, PAPP, Hungary; BERGAMINI, MANGIAROTTI, PELLEGRINO, SPALLINO, Italy; MIDLER, LER, RUDOV, SISSIKINE, SVESHNIKOV, USSR.

Pool A: AXELROD, USA, 4/0; SICHEL, Aus, 2/2; MORALES, Cuba, 2/2; SCHLAEPFER, Mx, 2/2; Foxcroft, Can, 0/4; Durand, Peru, scratched.

Pool B: BANCELHON, F, 4/0; GOLDSMITH, USA, 4/1; THEUERKAUFF, G, 4/1; A SILVERSTONE, Can, 3/2; Olivella, Cuba, 1/4; Wainstein, Chl, 1/4; H. Fajardo, Mx, 0/5.

Pool C: McCOWAGE, Aus, 5/0; CURLETT, I, 4/0; GLAZER, SUA, 3/3; FRAZER, Can, 3/3; Gauberti, Mon, 2/4; G. Agostoni, Mx, 2/4; D. Silverstone, Can, 0/5.

Pool D: HOSKYN, GB, 4/1; GOMEZ, V, 4/1; CICERO, Mx, 2/3; BIAGINI, USA, 2/3; Tate, Can, 2/3; Olaverreita, Cuba, 1/4. **Fence-off:** Cicero 2/0, Biagini 1/1, Tate 0/2.

Pool E: RICHARDS, USA, 5/0; VELASCO, USA, 3/2; MASSINI, Arg, 3/2; PEREDA, Cuba, 2/3 Desjarrias, Can, 1/4; W. Fajardo, Mx, 1-4.

2nd Elimination (3 qualify)

Pool A: SVESHNIKOV 5/1, FULOP 4/1, RICHARDS 4/1, Netter 3/3, McCowage 2/3, Massini 1/4, Morales 0/6.

Pool B: CURLETT 4/1, CZVIKOVSKY 3/2, BIAGINI 3/2, Closset 3/2, Sissikine 2/3, A. Silverstone 0/5. **Fence-off:** Czvikovsky 1/0, Biagini 1/0, Closset 0/2.

Pool C: BANCELHON 5/0, GYURICZA 4/1, RUDOV 3/2, Pellegrino 2/3, Glazer 0/4, Pereda 0/4.

Pool D: KAMUTI 4/0, SPALLINO 3/1, MIDLER 3/1, Schlaepfer 2/3, Velasco 1/4, Frazer 0/4.

Pool E: PAPP 4/0, SICHEL 3/1, BERGAMINI 3/2, Goldsmith 2/3, Guittet 2/3, Gomez 0/5.

Pool F: MANGIAROTTI 4/1, BAUDOUX 3/2, AXELROD 3/2, Theuerkauff 3/2, Hoskyns 1/4, Cicero 1/4. **Fence-off:** Baudoux 2/0, Axelrod 1/1, Theuerkauff 0/2.

Quarter-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: MANGIAROTTI 5/0, FULOP 3/2, BIAGINI 2/3, BANCELHON 2/3, Midler 2/3, Curletto 1/4. **Fence-off:** Biagini 1/1, 27 t.r.; Bancelhon 1/1, 28 t.r., 30 for; Midler 1/1, 28 t.r., 25 for.

Pool B: AXELROD 5/0, SVESHNIKOV 3/2, SPALLINO 3/2, GYURICZA 3/2, Papp 1/4, Sichel 0/5.

Pool C: BERGAMINI 4/1, KAMUTI 3/2, CZVIKOVSKY 3/2, BAUDOUX 2/3. Richards 2/3, Rudov 1/4. **Fence-off:** Baudoux d. Richards 5-3.

Semi-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: BAUDOUX 4/1, GYURICZA 3/1, CZVIKOVSKY 3/2, SPALLINO 2/3, Mangiarotti 2/3, Biagini 0/4. **Fence-off:** Spallino d. Mangiarotti 5-0.

Pool B: BERGAMINI 3/2, BANCELHON 3/2, SVESHNIKOV 3/2, AXELROD 2/3, Fulop 2/3, Kamuti 2/3. **Fence-off:** Axelrod 2/0, Fulop 1/1, Kamuti 0/2.

FINAL

1. BERGAMINI, I, d. Gyuricza 5-0, Czvikovsky 5-4, Baudoux 5-0, Spallino 5-2, Bancelhon 5-2, Sveshnikov 5-1 (6/1)

2. CZVIKOVSKY, H, d. Gyuricza 5-1, Baudoux 5-0, Axelrod 5-2, Bancelhon 5-1, Sveshnikov 5-2 (5/2, 16 t.r.)

3. BAUDOUX, F, d. Gyuricza 5-3, Spallino 5-2, Axelrod 5-1, Bancelhon 5-4, Sveshnikov 5-4 (5/2, 24 t.r.)

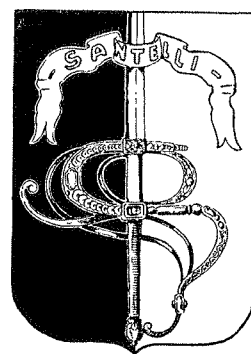
4. GYURICZA, H, d. Spallino 5-1, Axelrod 5-0, Bancelhon 5-3, Sveshnikov 5-1 (4/3)

5. AXELROD, USA, d. Bergamini 5-1, Spallino 5-0, Sveshnikov 5-4 (3/4)

6. SVESHNIKOV, USSR, d. Spallino 5-2, Bancelhon 5-1 (2/5, 28 t.r.)

7. SPALLINO, I, d. Czvikovsky 5-2, Bancelhon 5-4 (2/5, 31 t.r.)

8. BANCELHON, F, d. Axelrod 5-4 (1/6)



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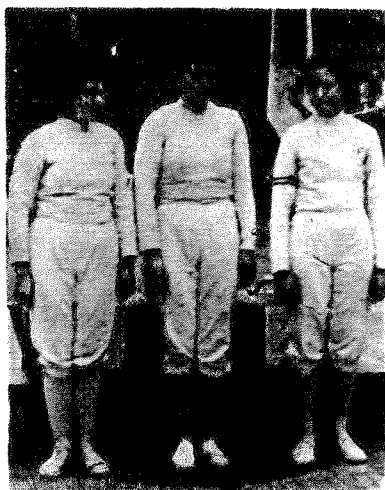
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Women's Foil Individual



1. VALENTINA KISSELEVA, USSR,
2. EMMA GITNIKOVA, USSR.
3. ILDIKA REJTO, Hungary.

Sixteen nations were represented in this event. The first round saw all the U.S. entries pass without trouble but such stars as Berndt (G), Pilar Roldan (Mx) and Veronnet (F) were surprise casualties. A tough quarter-final saw the elimination of Angell, Balint and Hillyer along with other strong fencers.

The semi-final was highlighted by a 6-way tie for two places on one strip (and a 3-way fence-off on the other). The pool which contained Goodrich and Romary saw Zabellina and Sheen qualify while the remaining six contenders finished with identical 3/4 records. No one could recall a similar result in world championship competition. The unusual size of the fence-off required a postponement of the final to the following afternoon. Rejto and Garilhe qualified with 4/1 records while Goodrich (2/3), Romary (1/3), Schmid (3/2) and Gorokhova (0/4) failed. On the other semi-final Mitchell was in a fence-off with Colombetti and Maillard for one place which went to Colombetti. Mitchell's defeat was particularly disappointing because the first day (Saturday) she had fenced with such authority that many doubted anyone could stop her: she won 12 straight and was touched only 10 times. The Sunday rest took the edge off her game; she pressed too hard and her choice of time was very poor.

The strength of the Soviet's distaff side continued to be manifest when they placed three in the final. Hungary placed two, Italy, France and Great Britain one each. The final was dominated by the three medalists and Italy's Colombetti who looked as though she'd carry the day when she defeated Kisseleva, but faltered against Gitnikova and Rejto. Kisseleva's 4-3 victory over Rejto proved to be the decisive bout. Gitnikova, Rejto and Colombetti, were tied at 5/2 and placed as listed. Defending champion Zabelina and Olympic Champion Sheen each had only one victory in the final which was ably directed by Miguel de Capriles and Corrado Schlaepfer.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL (52 entries)

Elimination (4 qualify)

Pool A: ZABELINA, USSR, 4/2; MAILLARD, F, 4/2; REJTO, H, 4/2; NAVARRO, V, 4/2; Wallet, Bel, 2/3; Baxter, Aus, 2/4; Woolcott, Peru, 0/5.

Pool B: DELBARRE, F, 4/1; SHEEN, GB, 4/1; GITNIKOVA, USSR, 3/2; JUHASZ, H, 3/2; Leclercq, L, 1/4; Chiasson, Can, 0/5.

Pool C: ROMARY, USA, 3/1; GOROKHOVA, USSR, 3/1; FLESCHE, L, 3/1; GARILHE, F, 2/3; Dickson, Can, 2/3; Baldwin, Peru, 0/4. **Fence-off:** Garilhe d. Dickson 4-1.

Pool D: MITCHELL, USA, 6/0; KISSELEVA, USSR, 4/2; RAGNO, I, 4/1; PAREYON, Mx, 3/3; Berndt, G, 3/3; Marchand, Can, 1/5; Marques, V, 0/6. **Fence-off:** Pareyon d. Berndt 4-2.

Pool E: PREDAROLI, I, 4/0; PROUDSKOVA, USSR, 3/1; HOEHLE, G, 3/1; ANGELL, USA, 2/3; Orozco, Mx, 1/4; Leveque, Can, 0/4.

Pool F: GOODRICH, USA, 4/2; KEYDEL, G, 4/2; L. ROLDAN, Mx, 4/2; BORTOLOTTI, I, 4/2; Veronnet, F, 2/3; Sotomarin, Peru, 0/4; Leal, V, 0/4.

Pool G: SCHMIDT, G, 4/1; CESARI, I, 4/1; HILLYER, USA, 3/2; DOMOLKY, H, 2/3; P. Roldan, Mx, 2/3; McElwee, NZ, 0/5. **Fence-off:** Domolky d. Roldan 4-1.

Pool H: KOVACS, H, 6/0; MEES, G, 4/1; COLOMBETTI, I, 4/1; BALINT, USA, 3/3; Santini, V, 2/4; Meichers, Bel, 1/5; Worthington, Pan, 0/6.

Quarter-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: MITCHELL 6/0, SHEEN 5/1, MAILLARD 4/3, GOROKHOVA 4/3, Keydel 4/3, Cesari 3/4, Juhasz 0/6, Pareyon 0/6. **Fence-off:** Maillard 10, Gorokhova 1/0, Keydel 0/2.

Pool B: DOMOLKY 5/2, MEES 5/2, ROMARY 4/3, ZABELINA 4/3, Predaroli 4/3, Angell 3/4, Ragno 2/4, Roldan 0/6. **Fence-off:** Romary 1/1 25 t.r.; Zabelina 1/1, 26 t.r.; Predaroli 1/1, 29 t.r.

Pool C: REJTO 4/2, GITNIKOVA 4/2, GOODRICH 4/2, COLOMBETTI 4/2, Delbana 2/4, Proudskova 2/4, Balint 2/4, Hoehle 2/4.

Pool D: SCHMIDT 5/1, KOVACS 5/1, KISSELEVA 4/3, GARILHE 4/3, Flesch 3/4, Navarro 2/4, Bartolotti 1/5, Hillyer 1/5.

Semi-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: KISSELEVA 5/2, GITNIKOVA 5/2, KOVACS 5/2, COLOMBETTI 3/4, Mitchell 3/4, Maillard 3/4, Mees 2/5, Domolky 2/5. **Fence-off:** Colombetti 2/0, Mitchell 0/1, Maillard 0/1.

Pool B: ZABELINA 6/1, SHEEN 4/3, REJTO 3/4, GARILHE 3/4, Schmidt 3/4, Goodrich 3/4, Romary 3/4, Gorokhova 3/4. **Fence-off:** Rejto 4/1, Garilhe 4/1, Schmidt 3/2, Goodrich 2/3, Romary 1/3, Gorokhova 0/4.

FINAL

1. KISSELEVA, USSR, d. Zabelina 4-1, Gitnikova 4-0, Garilhe 4-1, Sheen 4-3, Rejto 4-3, Kovacs 4-1 (6/1)

2. GITNIKOVA, USSR, d. Zabelina 4-0, Colombetti 4-2, Garilhe 4-0, Sheen 4-3, Kovacs 4-3 (5/2, 16 t.r.)

3. REJTO, H, d. Zabelina 4-3, Gitnikova 4-2, Colombetti 4-2, Garilhe 4-2, Sheen 4-1 (5/2, 18 t.r.)

4. COLOMBETTI, I, d. Zabelina 4-2, Kisseleva 4-3, Garilhe 4-3, Sheen 4-3, Kovacs 4-1 (5/2, 20 t.r.)

5. KOVACS, H, d. Garilhe 4-2, Sheen 4-2, Rejto 4-3 (3/4)

6. GARILHE, F, d. Zabelina 4-3, Sheen 4-2 (2/5)

7. SHEEN, GB, d. Zabelina 4-2 (1/6, 26 t.r.)

8. ZABELINA, USSR, d. Kovacs 4-3 (1/6, 27 t.r.)

Epee Individual



1. H. WILLIAM HOSKYN, Great Britain.
2. EDOARDO MANGIAROTTI, Italy.
3. ARNOLD TCHERNOUCHEVITCH, USSR.

The Hungarian withdrawal from this event reduced the starting field to 46 from fourteen nations. The first round featured excellent performances by our own Fried, Italy's Anglesio and Pellegrino, and the USSR's Saitchuk. Anastasi and Kolowrat fell by the wayside. The quarter-final put an end to our hopes — Berry Fried, Margolis and Pew were eliminated. Cuba's Olivella fenced very well and bowed only after a barrage with Guittet and Khabarov.

Both semi-final strips required 4-way fence-offs. On one strip, with three places at stake, Pavesi, Pellegrino and Bertinetti lost to each other and then concentrated on the Soviet's Khostava. On the other strip there was only one place available. Hoskyns defeated his three rivals and thus gave Great Britain a perfect record: two entries (Miss Sheen in the women's) and two finalists.

The final included five Italians, two Russians and Hoskyns. It seemed that the round-robin among the heavily favored Italians had decided the championship when Mangiarotti emerged 4/0 and Pellegrino 3/1. No one paid much attention to Hoskyns although he was cheered as he scored some brilliant ripostes to win his first bouts before losing to Mangiarotti 5-3. As the final progressed he gained more and more of a following. Sentiment was divided between Mangiarotti and Hoskyns for opposite reasons: the Italian, now approaching 40, is unquestionably the strongest all-around competitor of this generation and it would be fitting to have this popular figure add another gem to his lustrous crown at this late date; Hoskyns, on the other hand, was relatively unknown and represented the fencers who do not have a background of rigorous physical conditioning and extensive fencing regimentation.



The stage was set when Mangiarotti faltered against the Russians and finished with 5/2. Hoskyns (5/1) had to face the versatile Delfino (4/2) in the final bout. A triple tie could result and would give the Italians another crack at the "up-start". Hoskyns fenced as coolly as though the bout had no special significance and won 5-2 by pressing Delfino to the end of the strip and counter-timing or riposting every time the latter committed himself.

It was perhaps the most popular and unexpected victory of the entire tournament.

Russia's Tchernouchevitch won third on touches over Pellegrino and Delfino.



Elimination (4 qualify)

Pool A: MARTINEZ, Arg, 4/1; FRIED, USA, 4/1; MOUYAL, F, 3/2; KOSTAVA, USSR, 2/3; C. Agostoni, Mx, 2/3; Wolfensohn, Aus, 0/5. **Fence-off:** Kostava d. Agostoni 5-4.

Pool B: KHABAROV, USSR, 5/1; MANGIAROTTI, I, 4/1; HUET, F, 3/2; BAKONYI, S, 3/3; Massini, Arg, 2/4; Kolowrat, USA, 1/4; Peredo, Cuba, 1/4.

Pool C: ANGLÉSIO, I, 6/0; MARGOLIS, USA, 4/2; LEFRANC, F, 3/3; TCHERNIKOV, USSR, 3/3; Roldan, Mx, 3/3; Sichel, Aus, 2/4; Desjarliis, Can, 0/6. **Fence-off:** Lefranc 1.0, Tchernikov 1/0, Roldan 0/2.

Pool D: PELLEGRINO, I, 5/0; BERRY, USA, 4/1; THEUERKAUFF, G, 4/2; GUITTET, F, 4/2; Gutierrez, V, 2/4; Garcia, Cuba, 1/5; Schloepfer, Mx, 0/6.

Pool E: SAITCHOUK, USSR, 5/0; PAVESI, I, 3/1; GNAIER, G, 2/2; PEW, USA, 2/2; Frazer, Can, 1/4; Stanborough, V, 0/4.

Pool F: QUEYROUX, F, 5/0; BERTINETTI, I, 3/2; TCHERNOUCHEVITCH, USSR, 3/2; KOESTNER, G, 2/3; Foxcroft, Can, 1/4; Anastasi, USA, 1/4.

Pool G: DAGALLIER, F, 4/0; HOSKYNs, GB, 4/1; DELFINO, I, 4/2; OLIVELLA, Cuba, 4/2; Zivkovic, Y, 2/4; Meraz, Mx, 1/5; Pearce, Can, 0/5.



Quarter Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: ANGLÉSIO 4/2, MOUYAL 4/2, GUITTET 3/3, KHABAROV 3/3, Olivella 3/3, Pew 2/4, Theuerkauff 2/4. **Fence-off:** Guittet 1/0, Khabarov 1/0, Olivella 0/2.

Pool B: HOSKYNs 5/1, PELLEGRINO 4/1, SAITCHOUK 4/2, HUET 4/2, Lefranc 2/3, Gnaier 1/5, Fried 0/6.

Pool C: DAGALLIER 4/2, MANGIAROTTI 4/2, TCHERNOUCHEVITCH 3/3, BERTINETTI 3/3, Koestner 3/3, Berry 2/4, Bakonyi 2/4. **Fence-off:** Tchernouchevitch 1/1, 27 t.r.; Bertinetti 1/1, 29 t.r., 32 for; Koestner 1/1, 29 t.r., 29 for.

Pool D: KOSTAVA 5/0, PAVESI 4/2, TCHERNIKOV 4/2, DELFINO 4/2, Queyroux 2/4, Margolis 0/5, Martinez 0/5.

Semi-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: TCHERNOUCHEVITCH 6/1, BERTINETTI 4/3, PELLEGRINO 4/3, PAVESI 4/3, Kostava 4/3, Mouyal 3/4, Huet 2/5, Khabarov 1/6. **Fence-off:** Bertinetti 2/1, Pellegrino 2/1, Pavesi 2/1, Kostava 0/3.

Pool B: TCHERNIKOV 6/1, MANGIAROTTI 4/3, DELFINO 4/3, HOSKYNs 3/4, Anglesio 3/4, Saitchouk 3/4, Guittet 3/4, Dagallier 2/5. **Fence-off:** Hoskyns 3/0, Anglesio 1/1, Guittet 0/2, Saitchouk 0/1.



FINAL

1. HOSKYNs, GB, d. Pellegrino 5-3, Delfino 5-2, Pavesi 5-3, Bertinetti 5-2, Tchernouchevitch 5-3, Tchernikov 5-5 (6/1)

2. MANGIAROTTI, I, d. Pellegrino 5-5, Delfino 5-2, Pavesi 5-4, Bertinetti 5-1, Hoskyns 5-3 (5/2)

3. TCHERNOUCHEVITCH, USSR, d. Pellegrino 5-3, Mangiarotti 5-3, Pavesi 5-3, Bertinetti 5-3 (4/3, 27 t.r.)

4. PELLEGRINO, I, d. Delfino 5-5, Pavesi 5-3, Bertinetti 5-4, Tchernikov 5-1 (4/3, 28 t.r.)

5. DELFINO, I, d. Pavesi 5-2, Bertinetti 5-2, Tchernouchevitch 5-5, Tchernikov 5-5 (4/3, 29 t.r.)

6. TCHERNIKOV, USSR, d. Mangiarotti 5-1, Bertinetti 5-4, Tchernouchevitch 5-4 (3/4)

7. PAVESI, I, d. Tchernikov 5-4 (1/6, 34 t.r., 24 for)

8. BERTINETTI, I, d. Pavesi 5-4 (1/6, 34 t.r., 21 for)



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OUR "PICTURE OF THE YEAR"

Nick Muray caught this scene during the individual sabre final. . . . Three men in identical poses . . . with different thoughts.

Sabre Individual

1. IAKOV RYLSKII, USSR
2. DAVID TYCHLER, USSR
3. JERZY TWARDOKENS, Poland

The withdrawal of the Hungarians from the individuals left the field wide open; but there is no doubt that the new title-holder, Rylskii of the U.S.S.R., is at least as good a sabreman as the 1957 champion, Pawlowski of Poland, who won last year against the best Hungarians and finished 5th this year. Rylskii and his fellow Russian, Tychler, tied for first. The Poles showed the best balance with six good sabremen, three of whom made the individual final. The six young Italians also showed promise, but it is doubtful that they can surpass their Eastern European rivals in the near future. France has three good men: the 32-year-old veteran Lefevre and two youngsters, Roulot and Arabo. For the United States, Nyilas and Dyer starred in the team events and Blum exceeded fondest expectations in reaching the individual final; but our relative position in sabre has steadily deteriorated for the past ten years, and the time has come for rebuilding with young men as the Poles have done and the French and Italians are in the process of doing.

The absence of the Hungarians deprived the event of the luster and excitement that had characterized the team championship. The first round was routine, but the going got rough in the quarter-final. Five of the six U.S. entries dropped out in this round, with Blum the sole survivor after a five-way fence-off for two qualifying places. Dyer had a chance for a fence-off on his strip until Orley, stateless, beat Ochyra of Poland (who had already qualified) in his last bout.

In the semi-finals, the most gratifying surprise was Blum's excellent tactical performance which produced victories in his four bouts and a tie with Rylskii for second place on his strip. The strong fencers eliminated included Hamori, Orley, Roulot, Ferrari and Zablocki, as well as Hoskyns of Great Britain (the new epee champion) and Koestner of Germany, both of whom fell short of a fence-off by one bout.

The final was very close and the result in doubt until the end. In the first bout, Rylskii beat Tychler by 5-2; in their fence-off for the championship, the result was identical. Tychler's other defeat was at the hands of Ochyra, whom Rylskii beat. Rylskii's two losses were to Pawlowski and Twardokens, both of whom Tychler beat. There was, however, an interesting contrast between the two talented Russians. Tychler, tall and thin, flexible and mobile, volatile in temperament, led the field with two bouts to go; his game fell apart as he was blanked by Ochyra, but he came back brilliantly to eliminate the defending champion, Pawlowski, 5-1. Rylskii, stockier in build, immobile on guard, but light and fast on his feet, was coldly efficient, gaining the tie with Tychler by a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Calarese in the last bout of the final.

Twardokens of Poland won his last four bouts to take third place on touches; his two losses to his teammates cost him the championship. Lefevre.. started.. strongly with three victories, then he dropped three, and salvaged fourth place in his last bout. Pawlowski had a chance to tie for first until the end, when he lost to Tychler; that defeat dropped him to 5th place. Ochyra, the only unbeaten fencer in the semi-finals, lost four close bouts and finished 6th. Calarese, a resolute fighter but perhaps not as good a technician as most of the finalists, was in contention until his last two bouts. Blum failed to score any victories, but he fenced creditably throughout the final.

Elimination (4 qualify)

Byes: CALARESE, CALANCHINI, COMINI, FERRARI, L. NARDUZZI, P. NARDUZZI, Italy; OCHYRA, PAWLAS, PAWLOWSKI, PIATKOWSKI, TWARDOKENS, ZABLOCKI, Poland; KOUZNETSOV, MAVLIKHANOV, RYLSKII, TYCHLER, USSR; (Hungary withdrew).

Pool A: ROULOT, F, 5/0; WORTH, USA, 3/1; HOSKYNs, GB, 2/2; FARBER, USA, 2/3; Kerekes, Can, 1/4; Moreno, V, 1/4; Rodriguez, Cuba, scratched.

Pool B: LEFEVRE, F, 4/1; DYER, USA, 3/1; SICHEL, Aus, 3/2; ORLEY, S-, 3/2; Howard, Can, 1/3; Foxcroft, Can, 0/5; Fajardo, Mx, Morales, Cuba, scratched.

Pool C: KOESTNER, G, 3/2; COHEN, USA, 3/1; FRAISSE, F, 3/2; BLUM, USA, 3/2; Wainstein, Chl, 2/3; Frazer, Can, 0/5; Penabella and Pereda, Cuba, scratched.

Pool D: HAMORI, S-, 5/0; ARABO, F, 3/1; PONGO, USA, 2/2; THEUERKAUFF, G, 2/2; Stanborough, V, 1/4; Desjarlais, Can, 0/4; Reyes and Salup, Cuba, scratched.

Quarter-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: HAMORI 6/1, PAWLOWSKI 5/1, BLUM 3/4, LEFEVRE 3/4, Comini 3/4, Calanchini 3/4, Mavlikhanov 3/4, Sichel 1/5. **Fence-off:** Blum 4/0; Lefevre 2/2, 39 t.r.; Comini 2/2, 45 t.r.; Calanchini 1/3, 43 t.r.; Mavlikhanov 1/3, 51 t.r.

Pool B: ZABLOCKI 5-1, TYCHLER 5/2, CALARESE 4/2, ROULOT 4/3, Theuerkauff 3/4, P. Narduzzi 2/4, Farber 2/5, Cohen 1/5.

Pool C: KOESTNER 6/1, ARABO 4/2, FERRARI 4/2, TWARDOKENS 4/3, Kouznetsov 2/4, Worth 2/4, Piatkowski 2/4, Pongo 1/5.

Pool D: RYLSKII 5/1, HOSKYNs 5/2, ORLEY 4/3, OCHYRA 4/3, Dyer 3/4, L. Narduzzi 3/4, Pawlas 2/5, Fraisse 1/5.

Semi-Final (4 qualify)

Pool A: PAWLOWSKI 5/1, LEFEVRE 5/2, TYCHLER 5/2, TWARDOKENS 4/3, Hoskyns 3/4, Roulot 3/4, Ferrari 1/5, Orley 1/6.

Pool B: OCHYRA 6/0, BLUM 4/2, RYLSKII 4/2, CALARESE 4/3, Koestner 3/4, Zablocki 2/4, Hamori 2/5, Arabo 1/6.

FINAL

1. RYLSKII, USSR, d. Ochyra 5-4, Calarese 5-4, Blum 5-2, Lefevre 5-3, Tychler 5-2 (5/2)

2. TYCHLER, USSR, d. Pawlowski 5-1, Twardokens 5-4, Calarese 5-1, Blum 5-4, Lefevre 5-3 (5/2)

3. TWARDOKENS, P, d. Calarese 5-4, Blum 5-3, Lefevre 5-3, Rylskii 5-2 (4/3, 27 t.r.)

4. LEFEVRE, F, d. Pawlowski 5-3, Ochyra 5-4, Calarese 5-2, Blum 5-4 (4/3, 28 t.r., 29 for)

5. PAWLOWSKI, P, d. Ochyra 5-3; Twardokens 5-3, Blum 5-3, Rylskii 5-4 (4/3, 28 for)

6. OCHYRA, P, d. Twardokens 5-3, Blum 5-1, Tychler 5-0 (3/4, 24 t.r.)

7. CALARESE, I, d. Pawlowski 5-4, Ochyra 5-3, Blum 5-3 (3/4, 30 t.r.)

8. BLUM, USA, lost seven.

Fence-off: Rylskii d. Tychler 5-2.

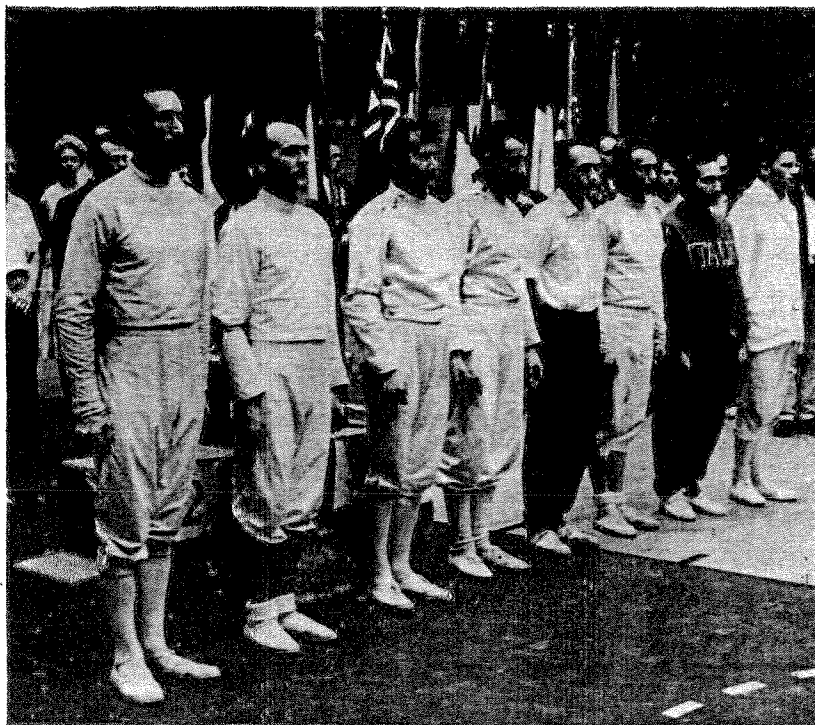


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Individual Sabre Finalists

Left to right: Tychler, Rylskii, Twardokens, Lefevre, Pawlowski, Ochyra, Calarese, Blum.

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BRIEF ANALYSIS OF FENCING STYLES AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Edward Lucia,
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The material presented is transcribed from notes taken while the bouts were in progress.

Regardless of the weapon fenced, the foot work was outstanding. Powerful, penetrating lunges, extremely rapid advances and retreats, with the knees generally well bent and with the feet skimming the ground, the fencers did not slacken the pace regardless of the number of bouts fenced. This style of fencing calls for the most rigorous type of training if the Americans wish to advance in international competition.



Foil

One of the most striking features was the lunge. The fencers snapped out in what Americans might consider an over-lunge: the forward foot reached out as far as possible then, after the heel hit the ground, the body sank down deeply to establish the position. The top fencers executed these fast, powerful lunges from early morning to late at night without losing the snap.

The fleche was practically non-existent. Second intention was used mostly by the Italians and French.

The parries were mostly fourth, sixth and second with a minimum of counter parries. Tic-tac ripostes were executed only when the parry was made well forward. While the fencers seemed to avoid a phrase, they were perfectly capable of sustaining one if the need arose. The foot work was extremely mobile and close attention was paid to distance.

The fencing was very simple and fast. A one-two attack was about the most complicated used. The stop-thrusts were well favored and executed with great rapidity and precision. The remise was pressed into service on many occasions.

Epee

Two styles of fencing were evident. The naturalistic style was favored by men like Balthazer and Gabor of Hungary, and Hoskyns of Great Britain who is the new champion. It consists of an on guard position in which the fencer is almost standing erect, the body three-quarters turned toward the opponent, the rear foot turned in with the heel off the ground like a runner, the elbow turned out, with the point of the weapon turned in and down.

The classic style as exemplified by Mangiarotti of Italy was very much like the foil except that the sword arm was more than three-quarters extended with the elbow slightly bent.

While some brilliant touches were scored at the wrist and foot, many of the attacks were delivered to the body. During a phrase most ripostes were made to the body or the thighs.

Sabre

The modern sabre as fenced by all the best fencers regardless of country, is now the same.

The stance is orthodox with the knees bent. The blade is generally held low with the point almost on the ground, and a long distance is maintained.

If an opportunity presents, the stop-cut is made followed by a jump to the rear. The defense consists of retreats followed by a parry a-la-finale and an immediate riposte. The attack is delivered after a penetration into the proper distance. The advance-lunge is favored over the balestra, and the fleche is used often. There were very few attacks on the blade. Cuts were very light and very fast.

The Hungarian team of Gerevich, Kovacs, Karpati, Horvath and Mendelenyi dominated the entire team event. They fence with a composure that is unsurpassed and represent the highest development of sabre fencing.

Women's Open

by Basil Whittingham

Betty Santelli turned in her strongest performance to date, winning the foil event with an over-all 15/2 record. The final of ten saw Eve Siegel place second, Louise Dyer third and Denise O'Connor fourth. Twenty one competed.

Final Round

(1) Santelli, SS, 8/1; (2) Siegel, SS, 7/2; (3) Dyer, Csizsar, 6/3; (4) O'Connor, SS, 5/4; (5) Melchers, BFC, 4/5, 26 t.r., 27 for; (6) Gernton, Lucia, 4/5, 26 t.r., 23 for; (7) Greenwald, SS, 4/5, 31 t.r.; (8) Terhune, SS, 3/6; (9) Hillyer, SS, 2/7, 31 t.r.; (10) King, Lucia, 2/7, 32 t.r.