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FRANK ANGER

The new Pan American epee champion is well known to our readers as such stars Dasaro, Axelrod, Romary and Richards but his past record is impressive. While a freshman at Princeton (he is a direct product of only Sieja) he was runner-up in the North Atlantic Championships; in his junior year won the ICFA Championship and in his senior year (1961) won the Illinois Memorial award as the outstanding fencer of the year. That same year he was runner-up in the Nationals at Los Angeles. After graduation in 1961 he went to study in Hamburg, Germany, and fenced in German, French and Swedish national tournaments, never placing lower than fifth nor higher than second. His proud coach, Mr. Sieja says: "His determination, perseverance and loyalty to the sport made him a champion."

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THE COINTE TROPHY

In reporting the ICFA Championships we neglected to include the winner of this new Memorial Trophy awarded to the outstanding fencer and sportsman - Ed Carfagno of Princeton.

Congratulations

To Delrene and Harold Goldsmith upon the birth of John Meyer on May 9, 1963 and to Connie and Al Kwartler for Ann Elizabeth, born May 10, 1963.

Rex Richard II was born on June 9, 1963. Congratulations to Louise and Dick Dyer.

COL. FRITZ WEBER

We've just received notice that Col. Weber is now stationed at USAG - NA, Frankfurt Post, APO 757, New York, N.Y. We know he will be happy to hear from his old fencing friends.

LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT

The annual International Tournament will be held in Montreal on August 31, September 1 and 2 and will as usual include events in all four categories.

Since the event has always been so popular with US fencers it is hoped it will be able to continue regularly. Entry forms will be sent to known clubs, but for advance information write to: Carl Schwende, 170 Goineau Blvd., Pont Viau, Quebec, Canada.

US WINS MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIPS MIKE DASARO TAKES INDIVIDUAL SABRE

by Laszlo Pongo

With the greatest pride we announce that for the first time the US has won the Championats D'Esclime Militaires du CISM (world's military fencing championships). Fourteen nations competed in the tournament, held in Vienna, with the US winning two of the six championships and the over-all Team Trophy.

This victory is a token of our "coming of age" in fencing and a tribute to the US fencers and others who through the years have guided, endorsed and assisted unselfishly in the furtherance of Service Fencing in this country. Here is the beginning of fencing equality with the older fencing nations. The teams consist of three men in each weapon.

The winning team consisted of Capt. Alan Jackson, Lts. David Kirkwood, Al Morales, Joe Paletta and Richard Stoll, and Pvts. Mike Dasaro, Albert Davis and Alex Orban. Although these men came from different branches of the service and are stationed in widely scattered areas, a wonderful team spirit was created by two men: Col. Frederick R. Weber, USA, Retired, who was "drafted" and whose experience as an outstanding competitor, organizing ability and excellent sportsmanship molded a proud group; and Maitre Poujardieu, US Army coach at Fort Sam Houston, who has been coaching most of the team. Col. Weber's value to any team is so manifest that he has been appointed by the AFLA to be manager of the US Fencing Team in the World Championships to be held in Poland this July.

Laszlo Pongo was designated one of the FIE Directors to complete the roster of officials.

Foil

Luxembourg's National (Olympic) Team is also its Military Foil Team and it upset favored France. The US placed third on bouts over Austria and Belgium when each finished with three match victories. The individual title went to Courtillot of France, with Link and Olinger of Luxembourg taking second and third. Mike Dasaro placed 6th and Joe Paletta 8th in a 4-way tie (11 v.). Although only two bouts behind, Al Davis was 14th. Twenty-one competed. Dasaro's recent training and combat experience in sabre was a tremendous help to him in foil; Joe Paletta,

away from the active lists for two years, proved that if given the opportunity to compete he will again become one of our top foilsmen; Al Davis was an excellent third man and has the talent that awaits a chance to train regularly.

Epee

Eleven teams and 33 individuals fought in epee, with Sweden, Luxembourg and Belgium tying at 8 team victories and placing as listed on bouts and touches. The US placed 6th, ahead of France, with 5 match victories. Lagerwall of Sweden was the individual winner, with Trost of Austria second. Debeur of Belgium placed third on touches over Link of Luxembourg and Ling-Vaneraus of Sweden. Morales led our contingent with a tie for 10th (18 v.), dropping to 12th on touches. Stoll was 15th (17 v.) and Kirkwood 21st (14 v.). Although this was our lowest ranking, we beat the Swedes 4/3 and lost only 5/4 to Belgium and France. The points we scored played an important role in our over-all victory.

Sabre

An undefeated record in the team matches gave the US the title. Belgium, Austria and France tied for second and placed as named on bouts. The crucial match was against Belgium. With the score 4-4 Morales took the deciding bout in a dramatic struggle with Belgium's veteran Olympian and 4-time CISM Champion, Van der Auwera. Although Dasaro was our most brilliant fencer, Morales was probably our most valuable - time and time again in epee and sabre he fenced and won the crucial bouts. The individual had twenty entries (Denmark had only two individuals and could not field a team) and Mike Dasaro won the crown (15 v.) over a very strong field that included present and former Olympians and National Champions from Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Austria and France. Wagnetscheck of Austria (14 v.) was second. Morales tied for third (13 v.) but dropped to sixth on touches, with Sagot of France, Van der Auwera and Van Baelen of Belgium ahead of him. Orban was 7th (12 v.) and impressed the foreign experts most. He is young and lacks competitive experience, but his talent is evident in all his moves.

The Trophy for Over-All Excellence, donated by the Austrian Secretary of Defense, is awarded to our team.

The next challenge is the World Championships at Gdansk, Poland. The Armed Forces was influenced to send a team to Gdansk by Maj. Gen. William C. Rose and Lt. Gen. John V. Grombach, USA, Ret., who are trying to convince the Services to send Dasaro, Davis, Orban (Army) and Paletta, Paletta, Wommack (Navy) to Gdansk. With only a few strong additions it by the AFLA, the US could stage quite a surprise.

LET US PREPARE FOR THE CRITERIUM

by James Castello

What is the Criterium Mondial des Jeunes? It is the World Championship for young fencers, both men and women. It was started in 1950 by Cmdt. Louis Bontemps, president

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of the French Federation, to develop young fencers in international competition. Only 15 nations entered the first event which was limited to foil. In 1952 sabre was added, a women's event in 1955 and epee in 1956. In the 1963 Championships held in Belgium there were 27 nations represented, 18 of them with entries in every event, and a total of 208 competitors.

What is it like? It is a wonderful experience for the young fencer of promise. It is an opportunity to evaluate and compare with those from other countries. The caliber of fencing is very high. The finalists in 1963 were all very close in ability and proficiency and the style could well be classified as classical.

If we in the U.S. are interested in future international competition it is important that we begin to encourage young fencers to participate in this level of fencing. Most AFLA divisions are presently sponsoring competitions for high school fencers which often duplicate High School Championship events.

I suggest we organize instead a competition for fencers under 19 years of age. The best way to start is at the division level, but if enough interest develops it could be converted to a qualifying round for a national Under-Nineteen championship. The top youngsters would then have until the following Easter holidays (when the World Tournament is held) to prepare themselves and raise funds for their trip.

I have been asked many times since my return from Belgium "What do I have to do to enter next year's Junior Championships?" Let us make it available to them by setting up a procedure for qualification. Young fencers are the most eager of all.

Pentathlon

by Mrs. Robert Beck

The Pan American Pentathlon Championship was won by the US. All three individual medals went to the US, led by the Champion, Robert Beck, with Lt. Stoll second and Capt. Moore third. It is important to note that the final individual and team standings were largely influenced by the results of the fencing event where Beck placed first and Stoll second, over Mexico's Capt. Almada.



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A EUROPEAN REPLY

Ed Note: Taken from the April issue of "Vivohirado", Hungary's official fencing bulletin, under the heading "Battle Noises in the Backyard of American Coaches."

In the January issue of American Fencing, official paper of the American League, a University professor and coach wrote a sharp answer to an article appearing in a previous issue of the same paper and containing hard criticism of American fencing and its coaches. He establishes, with typical American self-confidence, that "the quality of our best fencers is very high" because their international results are "not far from those who obtained first places". Stop trying to learn from Europe and "Let others worry about what we do" is the essence of the professor's article. Anyone who states "the technique of fencing has not changed" probably has not seen a competition involving the Hungarians, Poles, Russians, Italians and French in a very long time, else he would have noticed the tremendous technical and tactical changes in the fencing sport. Fencing is a technical sport in a state of constant progress. It would be advisable if the coaches of Universities turned to the famous European masters, of whom several reside now in the US, for advice. Here in Hungary even coaches with many years of fencing education or long years of competitive experience constantly attend advanced courses

and seminars. The USSR representative at the FFIE Congress in Buenos Aires, Mr. Popov, stated "One cannot imitate the literary style of Sophocles or Shakespeare today, because it would give a primitive and poor result—like-wise fencing cannot be done the way it was done 50 years ago".

If the professor turns a page in this same January issue of American Fencing he will find the competent remarks of Dr. George Rozgonyi regarding the performances of Hungarian ex-Olympians in the championships held in Buenos Aires. "Among the sabre fencers we found our once-hopeful Olympians Hamori, Magay and others who fenced the same way they did in Melbourne, disregarding the fact that since then sabre fencing made basic advances. With such obsolete technique it is impossible to compete today". On the other hand Mr. Rozgonyi recognizes that "the American Dasaro fenced magnificently, with his fast, explosive, colorful fencing and good blade control he demonstrated modern fencing and, would he live in Hungary, he would undoubtedly be a member of our first team".

The level of fencing in a country is not characterized by one or two excellent fencers. Therefore University coaches should not refuse to follow the example of the knowledgeable and experienced European fencing masters.

BOTTERELL TROPHY

by Chris Story

Fifty four entries from seven divisions competed in the two-day tournament held in Cincinnati. Southwest Ohio won the trophy, with defending champion Northern Ohio in second place 8 points behind. The top two fencers from each division (on the basis of victories rather than place in the final) are awarded a point for each victory toward the trophy. The individual events resulted as follows:

Women: 1. Mary Gehant, Ky.; 2. Monica Goering, Mich.; 3. Gigi Ivone, SW Ohio.

Sabre: 1. Bill Goering, Mich.; 2. Herb James, No. Ohio; 3. R. Weaver, Columbus.

Epee: 1. B. Pritz, SW Ohio; 2. H. James, No. Ohio; 3. Al Styler, No. Ohio.

Foil: 1. J. Gilchrist, SW Ohio; 2. S. Moore, W. Va.; 3. J. Crane, SW Ohio.

DELMAR CALVERT

The Southern California Division is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Calvert as Fencing Master of the Los Angeles AC. Mr. Calvert is the founder of the mid-west's "Salle Calvert". He was trained as a fencing master in France, holds the "Brevet De Prevot D'Armes" and was awarded the "Medaille D'Honneur De La Jeunesse et Des Sports" by the French Ministry of National Education.

The Division hopes to benefit from his experience and welcomes him to Southern California.

Fred Linkmeyer

DID YOU KNOW?

by Alex Solomon

The first individual championships by the AFLA were held in 1892 and were won by Scott O'Connor, Fencers Club (foil); Dr. B. F. O'Connor, New York AC (epee); and R. O. Haubold, New York AC (Sabre). These two clubs monopolized all the national titles until 1899 when M. De Diaz of Harvard and Cuba won the epee crown. The next "outsider" was not until 1902 - James P. Parker of the Boston A.A. in foil.

The championships were not held in 1898 because of the Spanish-American War and in 1918 because of World War I but these have been the only interruptions to date. During World War II, despite the absence of such a large portion of our fencers, the spark was kept very much alive by Dernel Every, Warren Dow and many devoted local leaders.

The 1900 and 1901 Nationals included a singlestick championship and the same men placed in the same order both years: 1. Frank Slazinger, NYAC; 2. John Allaire, NY Turn-Verein; 3. J. Langdon Erving, Fencers Club.

The first team trophy was presented in 1891 by the Central Turn-Verein of New York and the second by Samuel T. Shaw. The New York A.C. was the first winner of each, and decided to complete the set by donating a third trophy — and who was the first winner? The Fencers Club.

Russia's contribution to American fencing was a trophy donated in 1905 by its Ambassador, Count Cassini. It was first won by the Washington Fencers Club and was, in fact, the first team trophy ever won by a club outside of New York.

The first fencing mask was used in the early part of the 19th century, but did you know that the first catcher's mask for baseball was made from a revised fencing mask in 1875?

In the 1904 Olympics at St. Louis the U.S. (with less than 250 members) did better than any U.S. team since then, winning 2nd and 3rd in foil, epee and sabre and all three medals in the single stick. Cuba, the only other entrant, took first place in the three weapons and defeated the U.S. foil team. Officially, the U.S. therefore won second in the foil team!

The 1908 Olympic foil event in London is not in the record books. Why? Because there were eight nations adhering to the French school and five to the Italian. The powers that be decided foil fencing was an art and the result should not be recorded by the mere scoring of touches. Since they could not find a common basis for evaluating form, they reduced the foil event to the status of an exhibition. (Thanks to Ray Miller for this tidbit.)

Four husbands and their respective wives have been National Fencing Champions - a passionate accomplishment not remotely approached in any other sport. The couples are: Florence and Leon Schoonmaker, Evelyn and Harold Van Buskirk, Marion Lloyd and Joseph Vince, Helena and Warren Dow.

Miguel and Jose de Capriles are the only two brothers who have captained Olympic Teams - in fencing or any other sport.

The Fencers Club of New York is the oldest and largest private club devoted exclusively to fencing. In addition to other fencing clubs and athletic clubs with fencing sections, the personal Salles of fencing masters have played an important role in the development of the sport.

The Salle Santelli is the largest personal Salle this country has ever known and it has won more National Championships than any other three personal Salles put together.

The New York A.C. has won more National fencing titles than any other organization in this country.

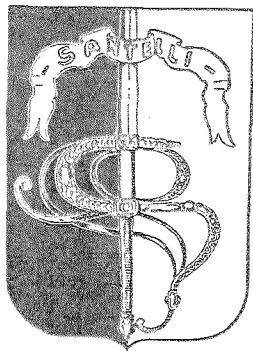
The dean of U.S. fencing is Jimmy Murray, who coached at the New York A.C. for 60 years and at Columbia University for 55 years. That's not 115 years of coaching, but Dernel Every will tell you that even at the age of 89 Jimmy was still very tough for the first few touches.

For many years the ladies were not members of the AFLA although their separate organization was affiliated with the League. As late as 1929 the 42 female members of the Fencers Club were not only listed separately from the men on the club membership rolls, but they fenced separately during special hours set aside for them.

THE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Gayle Dorschel

Three girls and two men from the U.S. went to Belgium at their own expense and, with permission from the AFLA, entered the der-Twenty Championships in Gand. Carol bey, Ann Rogers and Gayle Dorschel, all from Long Island, in women's foil; Irvingler of N.Y.U. in foil and epee; and Mike Gaylor of New Jersey in foil and sabre. The magnitude of the competition was overwhelming - 208 competitors from 27 nations - and we were very grateful to the Board of Governors for the privilege of fencing and practicing so many outstanding fencers. The experience surpassed our expectations and the wedge gained will improve our fencing practices. The finals in all events produced excellent fencing and were beautifully staged. In foil Mike Gaylor missed qualifying by a narrow margin while Irv Adler passed into the second round on a fence-off and then bowed to superior experience. Both our men impressed well later in the tournament. The



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foil title went to Nicolai Andriadze of Russia, with Drimba of Rumania, Courtillat of France and Losert of Austria following in that order.

The women's event showed us that the Europeans have an extreme advantage in speed and experience; their attacks were simple yet varied, their technique bespoke concentrated practice. Ann Rogers had the best record (2/4), Carol Abbey was next (1/4) and I won only experience. The title went to Ana Ene of Rumania on a fence-off over the popular entry from South Africa, Brunhilde Berger. France's Catherine Rousset was third and Raissa Mikheeva of the USSR fourth.

In the epee, Irv Adler went through two rounds in good style and then lost in the direct elimination round. His improvement emphasizes the importance of sending our young fencers to these marvelous competitions. Austria came to the foreground in this event, taking the two top places. The champion on a fence-off is Roland Losert over his countryman Brodin. Pavese of Italy was third and Modzelewski of Russia fourth.

Mike Gaylor advanced to the second round in sabre. Although he had been concentrating in foil for the past few months, he shows great promise in sabre also and the maturity he gained in these championships will pay big dividends. Russia's Gouram Lordkipanidze won the title, with Brasseur of Belgium, La Rigione of Italy and Drimba of Rumania placing as named.

DREW WINS NCE TOURNEY

The 15th annual invitation tournament at Newark College of Engineering attracted seven schools. Drew won with 34 points, Seton Hall was second with 31 and St. Peters and NCE tied for third with 30. Individual winners were:

(Foil) 1. Richard Lyons, Drew; 2. Gerald Manna, St. Peters; 3. George Kane, Rutgers.
(Epee) 1. Alex Bugeoff, Drew; 2. Conrad Donges, St. Peters; 3. William Owen, Drew.
(Sabre) 1. Jack Felice, Seton Hall; 2. William Cornetta, St. Peters; 3. Robert Schenck, Seton Hall.

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1963 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dr Paul T. Makler

Captain, US Fencing Team

The US won all four team events. We gained 8 of the 12 individual medals, taking second and third in men's and women's foil; first in epee and all three in sabre. Argentina provided the strongest opposition in general, although the Cuban women's champion Mireya Rodriguez, the Chilean epeeist Vergara and the Brazilian epee team gave us all the fight anyone wanted. The lack of entries from Mexico was a disappointment and there would have been stronger opposition from Canada if they had sent a larger entry to the Games.

Although our fencers dominated the championships, there were painful lessons to be learned. In the individual foil (men's and women's) and the epee our fencers were most successful when they were aggressive. When they became passive and allowed their opponents to choose the time and distance they lost a good part of their effectiveness. This was particularly evident in the women's foil where Rodriguez of Cuba won by psychologically dominating the strip in a manner highly reminiscent of Sewell Shurtz. In epee our men were bothered by the straight arm, point in line, evade the blade technique of many opponents - a style that has become less common in the past decade. When our men took the blade they did well, but when they tried to pick at the arm or fleche without controlling the blade, they were in trouble. In general our foil and epee fencers were less mobile than their opponents and depended on hand technique whereas the South Americans depended more on their feet and their fight. U.S. superiority was most conspicuous in sabre where we really met no serious threat.

We were fortunate to have two fine coaches and a wonderful armorer. Never did a team captain have an easier group to deal with than I did in Brazil. We lived for several weeks in very close quarters and came away with better friends than we went in. That statement is high praise for the fencers on this team. They fenced hard, practiced vigorously, tolerated each others' foibles and caused no trouble to anyone. Our coaches, Castello and Csiszar, were good trainers and good morale builders and earned the thanks and respect of the team. The managerial burdens were

carried for the most part by Wally Farber during the first half of the Games and by Albert Axelrod, Harold Mayer and others during the latter half. All members were most cooperative in helping with the many details of organization involved in team living.

The site of the fencing was the beautiful Club Paulistano in Sao Paolo. Facilities were good. The organizing committee provided sufficient electrical equipment and no delay was at any time experienced because of failure of equipment. Training facilities at neighboring clubs were likewise pleasant and abundant. The manpower situation was less satisfactory. There was a shortage of technicians among the other teams and if our splendid armorer, Dr. Joseph Byrnes, had not graciously worked beyond the call of duty we might still be in Sao Paolo.

A noticeable lack of officials was unfortunate because it imposed a heavy duty of judging and directing upon the competitors. The lack of unpleasant incidents was a tribute to the sportsmanship of the fencers, but we must hope that in the future Games there will be more qualified and assigned officials on hand.

The Directoire Technique consisted of Vallim of Brazil (President), Dalton of Canada, Avila of Venezuela, Morales of Cuba and Makler of the U.S.

We feel the team's results were good. At the same time we must be aware that the Pan American Games are not comparable with the Olympics and there is no reason for complacency. The Sao Paolo results confirm the general impression that sabre is our strongest weapon and epee our weakest. The potential of young foilists Cohen and Davis is great. Anger is a most impressive addition to our epee internationalists. The youth of the team is striking: Melcher, Eisner, Anger, Anastasi, Davis Cohen, Dasaro, Farber, Mayer, Morales and King are as yet nowhere near their potential maximum ability. Veterans Romary, Mitchell and Axelrod are by no means displaced by our younger internationalists. There was no member of the team whose performance made it seem he or she was there accidentally. Look at the results and it is clear that all did well.

Foil Individual

Axelrod, Cohen and Richards made the foil without difficulty and appeared to be the strongest in the field. The Argentine Saucedo, who had experienced difficulty in making the final, fenced extremely well and lost only to Axelrod in the last bout when he had already won the Championship. Axelrod, after a bad beginning, improved steadily and finished second, ahead of Cohen. Richards as fifth. In addition to Saucedo, Gruber of Venezuela looked very dangerous but seemed tired during the competition.

Preliminary

Pool A: Garcia, Venezuela, 4/1; Napoli, Uruguay 4/1; Axelrod, USA, 3/2; Paredes, Peru, 2/3; Andru, Canada, 1/4; Bene, Brazil, 1/4.
Pool B: Richards, USA, 5/0; Medina, Peru, 3/2; Simo, Canada, 3/2; Saucedo, Argentina, 2/3; Ruiz, Cuba, 2/3; Jackson, Jamaica, 0/5. Saucedo d. Ruiz in fence-off.
Pool C: Barua, Peru, 4/2; Penabella, Cuba, 4/2; Paladino, Uruguay, 3/3; Nannini, Argentina, 3/3; Soroas, Venezuela, 3/3; Sagomes, Brazil, 2/4; Bakontli, Canada, 1/5. Paladino and Nannini d. Soroas in fence-off.
Pool D: Cohen, USA, 5/0; Gruber, Venezuela, 1/4; Morales, Cuba, 2/3; Bascola, Argentina, 2/3; Fama, Brazil, 1/4; Verella, Uruguay, 1/4.

Semi Final

Pool A: Simo 5/0; Cohen 4/2; Gruber 4/2; Penabella 4/2; Nannini 3/4; Paladino 2/4; Barua 2/4; Peredes 0/6.
Pool B: Axelrod 4/1; Saucedo 4/1; Bascola 4/1; Richards 3/4; Morales 3/4; Garcia 3/4; Napoli 3/4; Medina 1/6. Fence-off: Richards 3/0, Morales 2/1; Garcia 0/2, Napoli 0/2.

Final

Saucedo, Argentina, 6/1; Axelrod, USA, 4/3, 24 t.r.; Cohen, USA, 4/3, 26 t.r., 30 t.g.; Gruber, Venezuela, 4/3, 26 t.r., 29 t.g.; Richards, USA, 4, 25 t.r.; Simo, Canada, 3/4, 28 t.r.; Penabella, Cuba, 3/4, 29 t.r.; Bascola, Argentina, 1/6.

Women's Individual

As with the men, all our individuals made the final, Romary and King fencing very strongly and Linkmeyer overcoming some nervousness in her first few bouts. On the basis of performance in the semi-finals Romary was the favorite but the Cuban Rodriguez was the winner. Lacking the technique of the US fencers, she compensated by tremendous drive and fighting spirit and finished ahead of King and Romary. King was hurt by an unexpected loss to Weidel of Canada as well as a 4/3 loss to Rodriguez after having a 3/1 lead.

Preliminaries

Pool A: Linkmeyer, USA, 4/1; Rodriguez, Cuba, 3/2; Irigoyen, Argentina, 3/2; Santini, Venezuela, 3/2; Pacheco, Brazil, 2/3; Worthington, Panama, 0/5.
Pool B: King, USA, 4/1; Weidel, Canada, 4/1; Sauter, Panama, 2/3; Navarro, Venezuela, 2/3; Tambasco, Brazil, 2/3; Arrieta, Argentina, 1/4. Navarro d. Tambasco in fence-off.
Pool C: Romary, USA, 3/1; DeWage, Panama, 3/1; Antequada, Argentina, 2/2; Xavier, Brazil, 1/3; Gonzales, Venezuela 1/3. Xavier d. Gonzales 4-2 in fence-off.

Semi Final

Pool A: Romary 5/0; Weidel 3/1; Santini 3/2; Linkmeyer 2/3; Antequada 1/4; Saurer 0/4.
Pool B: King 4/1; Rodriguez 4/1; Navarro 3/2; DeWage 2/3; Xavier 1/4; Irigoyen 1/4.

Final

Rodriguez, Cuba, 6/1; King, USA, 5/2; Romary, USA, 4/3; 18 t.r.; Navarro, Venezuela, 4/3, 19 t.r.; Santini, Venezuela, 4/3, 23 t.r.; Weidel, Canada 3/4; Linkmeyer, USA 1/6, 30 t.r.; DeWage, Panama, 1/6, 32 t.r.

Foil Team

Zombolas and Davis, who did not have a chance to fence in the individuals, were avid and strong and with Cohen, Richards Axelrod and Anastasi we won easily. It is difficult to single out any one person but Davis with 16/0 and Cohen with 15/1 were spectacular performers. A measure of the fire shown by our team is the fact that Argentina's Saucedo lost all 4 bouts to the U.S.

Preliminary

Pool A: Argentina d. Brazil 9/7 and Peru 11/5.
USA d. Peru 14/2 (Anastasi 4/0, Cohen 4/0, Zombolas 3/1, Richards 3/1)
USA d. Brazil 14/2 (Axelrod 4/0; Zombolas 4/0, Davis 4/0, Anastasi 2/2)
Pool B: Uruguay d. Cuba 9/7
 Venezuela d. Cuba 10/6

Final

USA d. Uruguay 15/1 (Richards 4/0, Davis 4/0, Cohen 4/0, Axelrod 3/1)
USA d. Venezuela 12/4 (Davis 4/0, Zombolas 3/1, Cohen 3/1, Richards 2/2)
USA d. Argentina 14/2 (Davis 4/0, Cohen 4/0, Axelrod 3/1, Richards 3/1)

Women's Team

Mitchell, Angell and Drungis, who had not been in the individual event, were "hungry" and good and we won easily. As the scores indicate our fencers were so readily dominant that no single performance could be singled out for attention.

USA d. Brazil 15/1 (Drungis 4/0, Mitchell 4/0, Angell 4/0, Linkmeyer 3/1)
USA d. Argentina 14/2 (Angell 4/0, Romary 4/0, Mitchell 3/1, Rrungis 3/1)
USA d. Venezuela 13/3 (Mitchell 4/0, Romary 4/0, Drungis 3/1, King 2/2)
USA d. Panama 9/3 (King 3/0, Mitchell 2/1, Romary 2/1, Linkmeyer 2/1)

Epee Individual

As always, the individual epee was the least predictable event. Anger and Anastasi made the finals readily and Margolis was eliminated in the semi final on a barrage. In the finals our two men, Vergara of Chile and Ballestrini of Argentina were consistently good. Anger displayed the most varied game and won over the steady, conservative Vergara. The American's poise in critical moments and his willingness to try a wide variety of actions at all times were conspicuous factors in his success. He was best when the pressure was greatest. Ballestrini's active, pressing game placed him third ahead of Anastasi.

Preliminary

Pool A: Anger, USA, 4/1; Villegas, Venezuela, 3/2; Vergara, Chile, 2/3; Couto, Brazil, 2/3; Gogliardi, Uruguay, 2/3; Dias, Argentina, 2/3. Vergara and Couto won on fence-off against Gogliardi and Dias.
Pool B: Anastasi, USA 5/0; Pereira, Brazil, 4/1; Ballestrini, Argentina, 3/2; Badano, Uruguay, 2/3; Andru, Canada, 1/4; Sergio, Chili, 0/5.
Pool C: Martinez, Argentina, 5/0; Margolis, USA, 3/2; Bakonyi, Canada, 2/3; Fuentes, Chili, 2/3; Ruis, Cuba, 2/3; Borges, Brazil, 1/4. Ruis lost to Bakonyi and Fuentes on fence-off.

Semi Final

Pool A: Anastasi 4/1; Couto 3/2; Martinez 3/2; Badano 2/3; Villegas 2/3; Fuentes 1/4.
Pool B: Anger 3/2; Ballestrini 3/2; Vergara 3/2; Bakonyi 2/3; Margolis 2/3; Pereira 1/4. Bakonyi d. Margolis and Pereira in fence-off.

Final

Anger, USA, 7/0; Vergara, Chili, 5/2; Ballestrini, Argentina, 4/3, 27 t.r.; Anastasi, USA, 4/3, 31 t.r.; Martinez, Argentina, 3/4, 22 t.r.; Bakonyi, Canada, 3/4, 28 t.r.; Couto, Brazil, 2/5; Badano, Uruguay, 0/7.

Epee Team

We expected to have difficulty with Argentina and we did. In addition, Brazil was unexpectedly strong, defeated Chile, Argentina and Venezuela and its last match, against the US, decided the Championship. Our fencers had been consistently good up to that point, but with Brazil we ran into trouble. None of our men was actually bad, but none was at his best and we came to the last bout leading 8/7 but with Dasaro needing 4 touches to insure victory. Mike won 5-0 and the touch count was not needed. The mobile, forceful game of Dasaro and Anger was most effective; passive reliance on hand technique and unwillingness to force the opponent to

make errors were causes of failure. The success of our men was directly related to their ability to take the blade.

USA d. Venezuela 16/0 (Anastasi 4/0, Melcher 4/0, Anger 4/0, Dasaro 4/0)
USA d. Chile 10/6 (Margolis 3/1, Eisner 3/1, Anastasi 2/2, Anger 2/2)
USA d. Argentina 10/6 (Anger 3/1, Dasaro 3/1, Eisner 2/2, Margolis 2/2)
USA d. Brazil 9/7 (Dasaro 3/1, Anger 3/1, Margolis 2/2, Anastasi 1/3)
 Brazil d. Argentina 8/7, Venezuela 10/5 and tied Chile 8/8.
 Argentina d. Venezuela 11/4 and Chile 10/6.
 Venezuela d. Chile 9/7.

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Sabre Individual

Our individual entries, Dasaro, Faber and Pallaghy made the final with ease and were clearly the three best men in the competition. In the final Farber beat both of his team mates and Dasaro beat Pallaghy. Dasaro and Pallaghy then won the rest of their bouts. Farber also won all until his last bout with Gogliardi. Needing a win to be Champion, Farber took a 4-2 lead only to lose 5-4. The fact that there were two difficult calls in the last 3 touches heightened the tension. In the barrage for first Dasaro was excellent and beat a disheartened Farber 5-0.

Preliminary

Pool A: Gogliardi, Uruguay, 4/1; Dasaro, USA, 5/1; Morales, Cuba, 4/2; Soares, Brazil, 3/3; Egon, Antilles, 2/4; Andry, Canada, 1/4; Valqui, Peru, 0/4.

Pool B: Pallaghy, USA; Paladino, Uruguay; Hernandez, Argentina; Penabella, Cuba; Boutmy, Antilles; Mujica, Venezuela; Benko, Chili; Gamma, Peru (scores not furnished).

Pool C: Farber, USA; Lowy, Chili; Bascolo, Argentina; Lopez, Venezuela; Molnar, Brazil; Bakonyi, Canada; Hilgers, Antilles. (scores not furnished).

Pool D: Martinez, Cuba; Bravo, Chili; Simo, Canada; Velasquez, Argentina; Bortone, Venezuela; Jackson, Jamaica; Rosa, Brazil; Garcia, Peru (scores not furnished).

Semifinal

Pool A: Farber 6/1; Dasaro 6/1; Gogliardi 5/2; Velasquez 3/4; Bravo 3/4; Bascolo 2/5; Morales 1/6. Velasquez d. Bravo in fence-off.

Pool B: Pallaghy 7/0; Soares 5/2; Paladino 4/3; Simo 3/4; Lowy 3/4; Penabella 3/4; Martinez 3/4; Hernandez 0/7. Simo won all three on fence-off.

Final

Dasaro, USA, 6/1; Farber, USA, 6/1; Pallaghy, USA, 5/2; Velasquez, Argentina, 3/4; Gogliardi, Uruguay, 2/5; Paladino, Uruguay, 2/5; Simo, Canada, 2/5; Soares, Brazil, 1/6. Dasaro d. Farber 5-0 in fence-off.

Sabre Team

Morales, Richards and Mayer fenced most of the way and were very effective. It is likely that had they been our individual entries they would have been as successful as Dasaro, Farber and Pallaghy. We had little trouble in winning this one.

Preliminary

Pool A: USA d. Brazil 15/1 (Richards 4/0, Mayer 4/0, Morales 4/0, Pallaghy 3/1)

USA d. Peru 9/2 (Morales 3/0, Farber 2/0, Mayer 2/1, Richards 2/1)

Chile d. Peru 12/4 and Brazil 9/3

Pool B: Argentina d. Venezuela and Antilles

Cuba d. Venezuela and Antilles

Final

USA d. Chile 16/0 (Pallaghy 4/0, Mayer 4/0, Richards 4/0, Morales 4/0)

USA d. Cuba 10/2 (Richards 3/0, Pallaghy 3/0, Dasaro 2/1, Morales 2/1)

USA d. Argentina 14/2 (Farber 4/0, Dasaro 4/0, Mayer 3/1, Morales 3/1)

Argentina d. Cuba 11/5 and Chile 9/7

Chile d. Cuba 8/8



Ed/Note: Three members of the original team were unable to go to Brazil and were replaced. Paulette Singelakis was replaced by Anne Drungis, Paul Pesty by Jim Melcher in epee, Robert Blum by Al Morales in sabre.

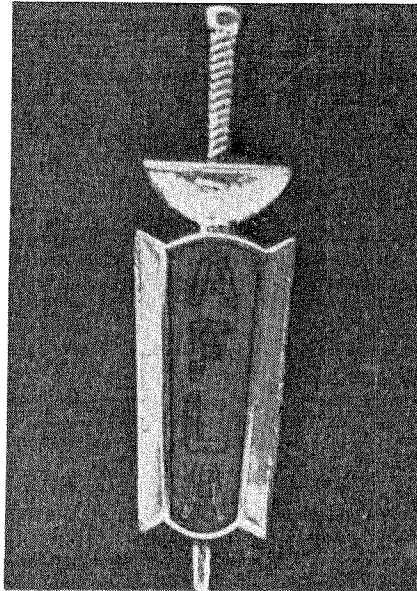
Individual Results in Team Events

Foil: Davis 16/0, Cohen 15/1, Axelrod 10/2, Richards 12/4, Anastasi 6/2, Zombolas 6/2

Women: Angel 8/0, Romary 10/1, Mitchell 12/2, Drungis 10/2, King 5/2, Linkmeyer 5/2

Epee: Melcher 4/0, Dasaro 10/2, Anger 12/4, Anastasi 7/5, Margolis 7/5, Eisner 5/3

Sabre: Farber 6/0, Richards 13/1, Pallaghy 10/1, Morales 16/2, Dasaro 6/1, Mayer 9/2

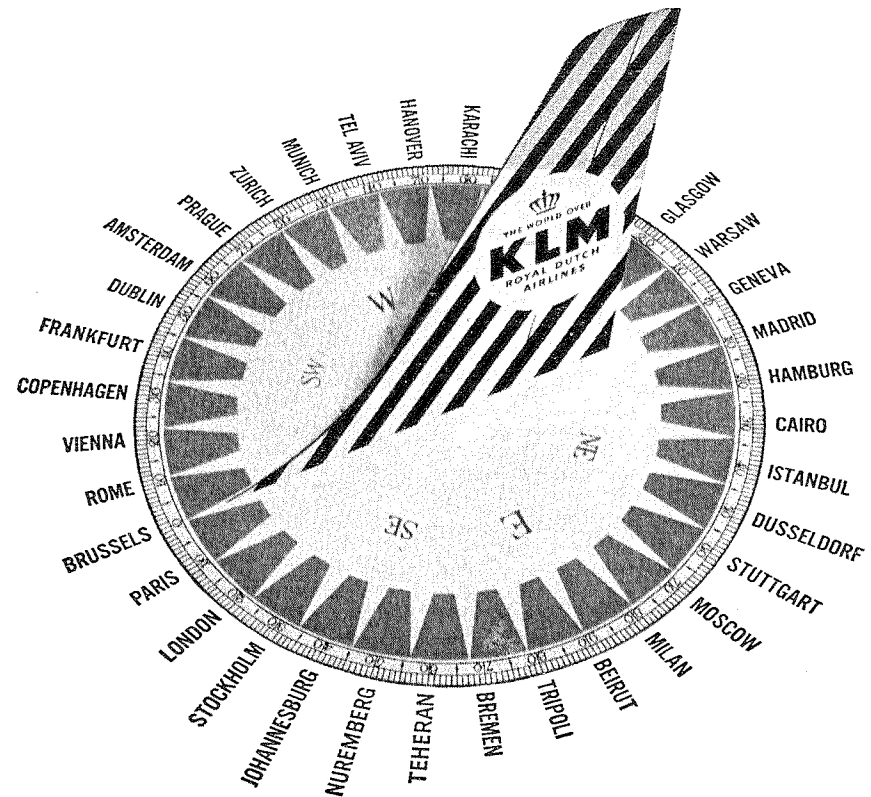


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- SECTIONS -

MIDWEST

By W. Robert Witte, Vice President, AFLA

Richard Pew, Michigan, won the epee title without the loss of a single bout in the entire event. Defending champion Dieter Von Oppen of Illinois came second, losing only to Pew in the final. Many-time prior champion Albert Wolff of Kentucky was third. Twenty-four competed.

A three-way tie for the women's title, each with 5/2, was won by Diane Dobesh of Wisconsin. Myrel Fried, No. Ohio, was second and Joan Lux, Illinois, third. Defending champion Sandra Trembley of St. Louis was sixth. Fifteen competed.

William Goering, Michigan, won the sabre with an undefeated record in the final. William Seiller, Kentucky, placed second. A three-way tie for third 4/3 was resolved on touches with Larry Silverman, Illinois, taking the medal and Walter Henry (Miami Valley) and Art Schankin (Central Illinois) following in that order. Defending champion James Camoli did not fence. Nineteen competed.

Another three-way fence-off settled the foil title, with Larry Silverman, the 1961 champion from Illinois regaining the crown. Art Schankin, Central Illinois was second and Mike Bruce, Michigan, third. Defending champion Anthony Zombolas of Illinois was fourth. There were twenty-five entries.

The over-all championship went to Illinois,

who won last year. Michigan was again second, with St. Louis third.

Summaries

Epee: 1. Richard Pew, Mich., 7/0; 2. Rieter Von Oppen, Ill., 6/1; 3. Albert Wolf, Ky. 5/2; 4. Richard Gretn, Ill., 3/4; 5. Mike Bruce, Mich., 3/4; 6. Jim Roberts, St. L., 2/5; 7. Jim Tibbitts, Cent. Ill., 2/5; 8. Joe Trembley, St. L., 1/6.

Women: 1. Diana Dobesh, Wis., 5/2; 2. Myrel Fried, No. O. 5/2; 3. Joan Lux, Ill., 5/2; 4. Carol Bond, Wis., 4/3; 5. Muriel Witte, St. L., 3/4; 6. Sandra Trembley, St. L., 3/4; 7. Margo Hasson, St. L., 2/5; 8. Mary Gehaut, Ky., 1/6.

Sabre: 1. William Goering, Mich., 7/0; 2. William Seiller, Ky., 5/2; 3. Larry Silverman, Ill., 4/3; 4. Walter Henry, Miami Valley, 4/3; 5. Art Schankin, Cent. Ill., 4/3; 6. Craig Bell, Cent. Ill., 3/4; 7. John Miller, Ill., 1/6; 8. Ron Weaver, Columbus, 0/7.

Foil: 1. Larry Silverman, Ill., 5/2; 2. Art Schankin, Cent. Ill., 5/2; 3. Mike Bruce, Mich., 5/2; 4. Anthony Zombolas, Ill., 4/3; 5. Richard Green, Ill., 3/4; 6. Jerry Wiviott, Wis., 3/4; 7. Dan Edward, St. L., 2/5; 8. William Seiller, Ky., 1/8.

Division	Men	Women	Total
Illinois	69	12	81
Michigan	59	2	61
St. Louis	38	16	54
Central Illinois	48	0	48
Wisconsin	24	19	43
Kentucky	33	6	39
No. Ohio	9	12	21
Minnesota	8	3	11
Miami Valley	8	0	8
Columbus	7	0	7
Kansas	1	0	1

SOUTHWEST

by Mrs. William Towry

Dallas YMCA was the scene of the 1963 Sectional Championships. North Texas, Gulf Coast and Oklahoma were represented in the week-day tournament. The Dallas Y Fencers Club, with Tom Bickley, Bob Crawford, Ed Sims and Bill Towry won all the men's team events. A Gulf Coast Composite using Lou House, Betty Kolenda and Jean Tomson won the women's team title.

Elmer Hoyle of Tulsa was the only men's champion to defend his title (epee) and he did so successfully. Mike Dasaro, who had won both the foil and sabre events last year, was not eligible to defend.

The foil crown went to Dr. Oscar Parsons of Oklahoma City and the sabre to Ed Sims of Dallas, who had the best three-weapon record.

The women's championship went to Mrs. Naomi Abbot of Waco, with defending champion Betty Kolenda of Houston in second place.

Results:

Foil: 1. Oscar Parsons, Okla. City; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas; 3. Elmer Hoyle, Tulsa.

Epee: 1. Elmer Hoyle, Tulsa; 2. Ed Sims, Dallas; 3. Bob Crawford, Dallas.

Sabre: 1. Ed Sims, Dallas; 2. Tom Bickley, Dallas; 3. Bill Towry, Dallas.

Women: 1. Naomi Abbott, Waco; 2. Betty Kolenda, Houston, 3. Francis Duke, Okla. City.

NORTH ATLANTIC

By Roger U. Owings

The 9th annual Championships, held in Atlantic City, had a record of 161 entries. Two new champions were crowned and two defenders retained their titles. The Delaware Division served as host.

In sabre, George Worth (L.I.) displaying a smooth international style, moved undefeated into the championship round with Eugene Hamori (Phila.) but lost in an excellent bout to last year's champion. Probably the most intense bout of the day was the fence-off for fifth place, where the score was tied four times before Balla (Phila.) pulled ahead in the final minute of action to defeat Sobel (N.J.).

Marty Davis (Phila.) ranked second nationally, had to defeat national champion Ed Richards (N.E.) in the initial elimination round before successfully retaining his foil title in a tense and dramatic championship bout against Uriah Jones (Conn.) who definitely showed the strain of a long second-round bout with Mooney (L.I.).

A new champion was crowned in a stunning upset when unseeded Melvin Benjamin (L.I.) won the epee event, defeating three strong Philadelphians: Micahnik, Anastasi (defending champion), and Steinman. Qualifying from both preliminary rounds on the basis of touches, Benjamin won his first elimination bout 10 - 10, then grew stronger and more confident after upsetting the 1962 champion in the second round.

The women's foil event produced a record 51 entries and a new champion. Harriet King (L.I.) lost only two bouts of the 18 she fenced, but was forced to go all out to defeat Madeline Miyamoto (N.J.) in the championship bout. Denise O'Connor (N.J.), placing third, and Betty Santelli (N.J.), finishing fourth, entered the final round having only one defeat each.

Dr. F. L. Carter won the special C. A. Rotunda medal for sportsmanship, while Miss Miyamoto repeated her 1962 win, receiving the women's medal for best fencing form.

Ed Note: We hear the tournament was the finest yet, thanks to Mr. Owings' very efficient handling of the record entry.

Results (Direct Elimination Final)

Sabre: 1. Hamori (d. Krajcir 10-6, Kaplan 10-3, Worth 10-5); 2. Worth (d. Pongo 10-5, Richards 10-7); 3. Richards (d. Balla 10-7, Kaplan 10-6); 4. Kaplan (d. Sobel 10-9); 5. Balla (d. Sobel 10-8); 6. Sobel. Krajcir and Pongo were the other finalists.

Foil: 1. Davis (d. Richards 10-9, Friedman 10-6, Jones 10-7); 2. Jones (d. Schlick 10-9, Monney 10-9); 3. Mooney (d. D'Ambola 10-8, Friedman 10-5); 4. Friedman (d. Canvin 10-2); 5. Richards (d. Schlick 10-6); 6. Schlick. D'Ambola and Canvin completed the final of eight.

Epee: 1. Benjamin (d. Micahnik 10-10, Anastasi 10-6, Steinman 10-7); 2. Steinman (d. McMahon 10-7, Fried 10-9); 3. Anastasi (d. Geraci 10-6, Fried 10-9); 4. Fried (d. Schafft 10-9); 5. Micahnik (d. McMahon 10-8); 6. McMahon. Schafft and Geraci were the other finalists.

Women: 1. King (d. Piccinnino 8-3, Santelli 8-3, Miyamoto 8-6); 2. Miyamoto (d. Festa 8-7, O'Connor 8-5); 3. O'Connor (d. Brightman 8-1, Santelli 8-5); 4. Santelli (d. Abby 8-3); 5. Festa (d. Piccinnino 8-6); 6. Piccinnino. Abby and Brightman were the other finalists.



Florida State Championships

by Fay Huppert

The host Gateway Division won three of the four individual championships, the team event and the newly created Greco Trophy for high score.

Women: 1. Ingermoll Prietzal, Central; 2. Nancy Gore, Gold Coast; 3. Harriet Brewster, Gateway; 4. Loretta Kushner, Gold Coast.

Foil: 1. Ludwig Hofacker, Gateway; 2. Mike Morgan, Gold Coast; 3. Jeff Bart, Gold Coast; 4. Howard Eisenfeld, Gold Coast.

Epee: 1. Ludwig Hofacker, Gateway; 2. Nicola Buano, Gateway; 3. David Sayres, Gateway; 4. Gerry Taines, Gold Coast*.

Sabre: 1. David Sayres, Gateway; 2. Jeff Bart, Gold Coast; 3. Jim Vaughn, Central; 4. Tim Reed, Gateway.

Team: 1. Gateway, 2. Gold Coast, 3. Central.

*Despite a year's absence from competition Gerry Taines proved his true championship mold by defending his sabre crown on the strip instead of letting it go by default. That he gave a good account of himself is obvious.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

11 individual finals were held on May 26 at the New York AC. The date conflicted with the North Atlantic championships and epee qualifiers could not compete in New York. Martini & Rossi was patron to the event.

Paul Pesthy, NYAC, was the only champion in his crown without a defeat. The epee final was decided by one touch in the last bout when Pesthy and Jim Margolis, Fencers Club, met with undefeated records. Third place went to Jay Powell, NYAC. The three men received medals donated in memory of Pieter van der Meer.

Christine Sokol, Fencers Club, lost her first bout and then won the rest to face undefeated Ed Drungis, Salle Santelli, in the last bout. Sokol won 4-0 and then, on the fence-off, 4-3 to take the championship. Evelyn Simeone of Santelli, with only two defeats, placed third. The girls received medals donated by Helena Dow.

In the last bout in foil determined first and second places. Ed Richards, NYAC, defeated Herb Axelrod, Fencers Club, 5-1. The loss helped Axelrod to third and gave second place to Herb Cohen, Fencers Club, by one touch. Richards received the Leo G. Nunes medals.

Harold Meyer, Fencers Club, clinched the

sabre title with a 5-4 victory over Attila Keresztes. Wally Farber, Fencers Club, placed second one bout behind, and Tom Bala, Salle Csiszar, won third. Keresztes, Pallaghy, Richards and Blum tied at 4/4 and placed as listed. The first three received Jose de Capriles medals.

The Fencers Club won the Leo G. Nunes trophy awarded to the highest scoring club in the team and individual championships of the division. JRdeC.

Summaries

Epee: 1. Pesthy, NYAC, 8/30; 2. J. Margolis, FC, 7/1; 3. Powell, NYAC, 5/3; 4. Coll, LIS, 4/4, 24 t.r.; 5. D. Margolis, Columbia, 4/4, 26 t.r.; 6. Farrell, NYAC, 3/5, 28 t.r., 34 t.g.; 7. Leoni, NYAC, 3/5, 28 t.r., 32 t.g.; Geraci, FC, and Micahnik, Csiszar, 0/8 (Default).

Women: 1. Sokol, FC, 7/1; 2. Drungis, Santelli, 7/1; 3. Terhune, Santelli, 6/2; 4. Dalton, FC, 5/3; 5. Pierce, Santelli, 4/4; 6. Jurgan, FDU, 3/5, 20 t.r.; 7. Kuzen, Nnatt, 3/5, 22 t.r., King, Lucia, and Wade, Csiszar, 0/8 (Default). Fence-off: Sokol d. Drungis 4-3.

Foil: 1. Richards, NYAC, 7/1; 2. Cohen, FC, 6/2, 21 t.r.; 3. Axelrod, FC, 6/2, 22 t.r.; 4. Glazer, FC, 4/4, 29 t.r.; 5. Russell, Santelli, 4/4, 32 t.r., 32 t.g.; 6. Spinella, NYAC, 4/4, 32 t.r., 29 t.g.; 7. Mooney, NYAC, 2/6, 35 t.r.; 8. Goldsmith, FC, 2/6, 36 t.r.; 9. Weinstein, Santelli, 1/7.

Sabre: 1. Mayer, FC, 7/1; 2. Farber, FC, 6/2; 3. Bala, Csiszar, 5/3; 4. Keresztes, NYAC, 4/4, 26 t.r.; 5. Pallaghy, Santelli, 4/4, 27 t.r.; 6. Richards, NYAC, 4/4, 28 t.r.; 7. Blum, FC, 4/4, 32 t.r.; 8. Keane, NYAC, 2/6; 9. Pariser, NYAC, 0/8 (Default).

PROPRIOCEPTIVE AID FOR BEGINNERS

by Albert Manley
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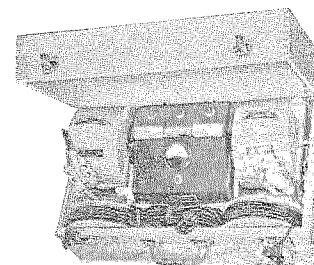
Maestro Joseph Waffa's article "Why Have Your Eyes Alone Control Your Fencing?" (November, 1961) was extremely informative in its classification of senses, other than sight, which bear on improved fencing performance. Indeed, blindfold practice is helpful to all students, and especially beginners.

Fencing loses too many beginners during their first year because the mechanics of the game are so strange: few people have any practice in walking sideways; actions are seldom symmetrical. This is an intriguing situation pedagogically, because for the first time since childhood most beginners are learning something really new in a physical way. By the time they start fencing lessons, most people have long forgotten the days when mere walking was arduous. The infant devotes hours daily for weeks and months in trial and error, and keeps at it until standing, walking, climbing and running are habitually effective. There is a recurrence at a later age with the tensions of learning to write. Such difficulty may be unbearable for the adolescent or adult and causes the loss of the greater portion of fencing neophytes.

Since 1958 I have experimented with new students, as well as more experienced fencers, to find a way through these formidable barriers. The pupil must be led to a fresh appreciation of the problems of balance and tension control. This can be done by simplifying the procedure at first and providing some means to free attention for these matters. Soon a new style of action becomes so well known that it vanishes below the level of awareness.

The first lesson should be concerned less with looking and more with FEELING. The body is equipped to do this by proprioception which, as explained by Maestro Waffa, includes kinesthesia, the vestibular sense and motor memory. The beginner will learn from the inside out, with himself as a center, expanding toward involvement with an adversary. I suggest this scheme:

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2. **Fundamental silent drills.** Without the weapon, lead the student through the on



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uard, advance, retreat, thrust and lunge by VISUAL cues alone: when the instructor steps forward or back, the student retreats or advances to maintain the same distance; when the instructor drops his hand from the on guard position, the student thrusts, lunges and recovers. It also helps to occasionally aggravate the balance problem by having the student advance, retreat, lunge and recover with his arms folded behind his back.

3. **Fundamental blind drills.** After a short period of silent drill students should be introduced to blind drills, working from voice commands. Emphasis should be on poise, looseness, smoothness and correct form - no raise for speed at this stage. Enough time could be allowed between commands for the student to feel for excess tensions, misplacements of weight and deviations from proper attitudes.

4. **Advanced drills.** After student has learned how to hold the weapon, salute, etc., silent and blind drills can be repeated with variations and increasing speed.

5. **Individual lessons.** Some of the early lessons can be done with the student's eyes shut so that he maintains his awareness of internal patterns and gains the feeling for presence or absence of blade, beats, pressures and glides, responding to beats, releasing from pressures, etc., along with attention to sounds. Blockages can often be circumvented quickly by a momentary return to blind procedures. In particular, the student who "tries too hard" can be aided. As much as possible, lessons should avoid verbal commands if vision is employed, so that the student works from visual and tactile cues, as he would in a bout.

Sight is so important that it may dominate perception, overwhelming consideration of other problems. With sight eliminated, the pupil may refine his perception of sounds, his sense of touch and his sense of equilibrium and orientation. Later, with his eyes open, he will be able to concentrate on his opponent while maintaining balance and optimum patterns of tension. The important senses will be integrated toward solving the total problem of dealing with a variable, deceptive and aggressive adversary.

ALL OHIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Robert Kaplan

Only one champion made a successful defense of his title: W. Shaw of Northern Ohio retained the epee crown. J. Kitson, also Northern Ohio, won the foil title to succeed H. James who placed second. The sabre and women's champions did not defend, and the respective titles were won by J. Gilchrist of Southwest Ohio and C. Simpson of Columbus. Summaries:

Epee: 1. W. Shaw, N.O.; 2. A. Styler, N.O.; 3. L. Jones, N.O.; 4. J. Ritenour, Col.; 5. C. Thomas SW; 6. M. Pailack, Col.; 7. R. Puceffi, N.O.; 8. J. Bambrick, N.O.

Foil: 1. J. Kitson, N.O.; 2. H. James, N.O.; 3. J. Crane, SW; 4. B. Smith, Miami; 5. R. Floyd, N.O.; 6. M. Dods, N.O.

Sabre: 1. J. Gilchrist, SW; 2. H. James, N.O.; 3. A. Federavicius, Col.; 4. W. Henry, Miami; 5. R. Weaver, Col.; 6. J. de Lannoy, N.O.; 7. G. Harkine, Col.; A. Tarian, Col.

Women: 1. C. Simpson, Col.; 2. O. Flukei, N.O.; 3. A. Vigh, N.O.; 4. K. Straga, N.O.; 5. E. Heesom, N.O.; 6. J. Durica, N.O.

The Olympic Point System

The US Fencing Games Committee's plan for selecting the 1964 Olympic Team is basically sound and its detailed publication has been gratifying to all who aspire to be on the team. In the light of the experience of several earlier committees we make the following suggestions which may prevent some very difficult situations:

(1) Some allowance, whether on the basis of weighted average or average score for one absence should be made to provide for candidates who for one reason or another cannot compete in each and every qualifying event in 1963 and 1964.

(2) Since no mathematical point system is infallible if carried to extremes, two or more competitors should be considered as **tied** for team selection (or for The Olympic Tryout in July of 1964) if the difference in their point scores is **less** than the aggregate time and strength factors involved in the difference of **one place** in the Qualifying Tournaments.

M. A. de Capriles

Ed. Note: In view of the fact that there have been rumors that Mr. de Capriles was opposed to a point system, we have asked him to clarify his position.

AMERICAN FENCING

BEFORE TOKYO

by Dr. Stephen Kausz

World Epee Champion

Ed. Note: Dr. Kausz of Hungary was in the U.S. for two weeks and competed in our New York AC-Martini & Rossi International Tournament this year. He sent us his views which were part of a larger story covering our Tournament.

The organizational structure of American sport life, measured against our own standards, is full of contradiction and quite unusual. First, it is odd that the U.S. lacks a central sport organization which would direct and help all sports in the country. The result is that in spite of the unlimited possibilities, the abundance of talent and riches, some sports do not develop at the rate desirable and possible.

During the few days I spent in the U.S. I repeatedly heard that football, basketball, track and field and swimming count as sports and the other "minor" sports are neglected and left to survive as best they can. I cannot, and do not want to, decide how much truth there is to these complaints and how much they are influenced by the bitterness of the neglected fencers. But it is a fact that the American sabre team could not participate in the Warsaw Tournament because of lack of funds, and the same reason caused the AFLA to decide that the U.S. will not send a full team to the World Championships this year.

American fencing can be divided into two parts - fencing in the clubs and fencing in the colleges (which is completely independent of the clubs). In spite of the fact that 99% of the members of the national team are members of clubs, the considerable influence of university fencing in the selection of the national team is inexplicable and incorrect.

There is no central guidance or centrally organized preparation for the Olympic Games even at this late date. Everybody works only

within his club and nobody coordinates or controls the training schedules. It seems natural that the clubs concentrate on the National Championships rather than international success, but who concentrates on the latter? The competitors get no financial help or preferential treatment at their jobs whatsoever, with perhaps a very few notable exceptions. Because of these reasons the general opinion is that unless a radical change takes place in the methods of organization, America will be unpleasantly surprised at the next Olympics - not only in fencing. But what should be the new course? There is a lot of talk about it. President Kennedy has a promising point in his sport program which has not yet been accepted, a change from former practice and the promise of some federal help. In addition, it was announced that before the Olympics there will be a compulsory training camp. Non-participation would be punishable by exclusion from the Olympic team. Knowing the strict and rigid methods of selection in the U.S., there will be no exceptions from this. But this will lead to complications, since most of the competitors in fencing cannot take leaves of their jobs for this long in addition to the time off for the Olympics.

The solution to these problems depends mostly upon the fate of the President's program. Naturally these problems are still in the background - the world records of the American swimmers and track and field men are hogging the limelight at present, but American sportsmen know that under present conditions the leading role of the U.S. in sports is only temporary and they are desperately trying to convince the unconcerned that a change is necessary. Whether they will succeed cannot be decided yet.

Tokyo and the years following the Olympics will supply the answer.

DIVISIONS

New England

by Carla-Mae Festa

- Sabre Prep:** 1. Ben Bova, YMCA; 2. Peter Reiss, YMCA; 3. Bruce Wellnitz, YMCA.
Epee Open: 1. Ed Richards, NYAC; 2. Uldis Kaktins, YMCA; 3. Larry Cohen, YMCA.
Foil Open: 1. Art Gradowski, NYU; 2. Dan Kirsch, Harvard; 3. Peter Bush, Harvard.
Women Unclass: 1. Nancy Hopkins, BFC; 2. Sue Colodny, MIT; 3. Nan Zweben, Brandeis.
Foil Championship: 1. Ralph Spinella, NYAC; 2. Uldis Kaktins, YMCA; 3. Dan Kirsch, Harvard.
Women Championship: 1. Lillian Aylward, BFC; 2. Carla-Mae Festa, Elde; 3. Laurie Maxon, Conn.
Foil Prep: 1. Angelo Cascia, YMCA; 2. Michael Tarascio, Salem Y; 3. Dean Guenther, BFC.
Sabre Championship: 1. Ed Richards, NYAC; 2. John Terninko, Santelli; 3. John Kennedy, Harvard.
Women Novice: 1. Sally Pechinsky, Salem Y; 2. Marlene Adrian, Springfield; 3. Nancy Hopkins, BFC.
Epee Championship: 1. Dave Juncker, MIT; 2. Ed Richards, NYAC; 3. Egils Kaktins, Nnatt.
Epee Open: 1. Ed Richards, NYAC; 2. Uldis Kaktins, YMCA; 3. Egils Kaktins, Unatt.
Women's Team won by N.E. Terriers (Festa, Pechinsky, Billings).
Foil Team won by YMCA (U. Kaktins, Carlson, Cohen).
Sabre Team won by Composite (Kirsch, Kolombatovich, Marion).
1-Weapon Team won by Harvard (Kirsch, Barzun, Khinoy).

Fla. Gateway

by Fay Huppert

The Division Championships:

- Yomen:** 1. Fay Huppert, Jacksonville; 2. Horriet Brewster, Gainesville; 3. Ellen Curtis, Gainesville; 4. Donna Wiley, Gainesville.
Foil: 1. Tim Reed, Gainesville; 2. Ludwig Hofacker, Gainesville; 3. Nicola Buano, Jacksonville; 4. Norman Martin, Jacksonville.
Epee: 1. David Sayers, Gainesville; 2. Jose Hill, Jacksonville; 3. Nicola Buano, Jacksonville; 4. Tim Reed, Gainesville.
Sabre: 1. Nicola Buano, Jacksonville; 2. David Sayers, Gainesville; 3. Tim Reed, Gainesville; 4. William Lapeza, Jacksonville.

Gulf Coast

- Foil:** 1. M. Fooks, FCH; 2. Reed, FCH; 3. Gause, Bucs.
Epee: 1. M. Fooks, FCH; 2. Skylar, FCH; 3. Gause, Bucs.
Sabre: 1. Sklar, FCH; 2. Reed, FCH; 3. M. Fooks, FCH.

North Texas

by Helen Keller

- Women's Open:** 1. Neomia Abbott; 2. Marietta Towry; 3. Helen Gray.
Epee Novice: 1. Bob Crawford; 2. Willy Garnica; 3. James Orr.
Sabre Open: 1. Ed Sims; 2. Bill Towry; 3. Everett Abbott.
Women's Prep: 1. Louise Watson; 2. Helen Bohn; 3. Carol Barnes.
Foil Open: 1. Tom Bickley; 2. Ed Sims; 3. Phil Geller.
Mixed Team won by Dallas Y (Ed Sims, Helen Ingmire).
Foil Novice: 1. Bob Crawford; 2. Steve Nelson; 3. James Orr.
Foil Prep: 1. Kevin Farley; 2. Galen Watson; 3. Sonny Dorlan.
Women's Open: 1. Neomia Abbott; 2. Mozelle Hampton; 3. Helen Gray.
Sabre Open: 1. Tom Bickley; 2. Ed Sims; 3. Everett Abbott.
Foil Team won by Dallas Y (Sims, Bickley).
Foil Novice: 1. James Orr; 2. Mike Grove; 3. Willy Garnica.
Women's Novice: 1. Louise Watson; 2. Helen Reynolds; 3. Sonja Bandy.
Women's Team won by Dallas Y (Gray, Reynolds, Ingmire).
Foil Prep: 1. Charles Unfried; 2. Galen Watson; 3. Ted Vittek.
Women's Open: 1. Mozelle Hampton; 2. Neomia Abbott; 3. Helen Keller.
Epee Open: 1. Ed Sims; 2. Mike Grove; 3. Bob Crawford.
Epee Team won by Dallas Y (Sims, Geller, Crawford).
Sabre Novice: 1. Mike Grove; 2. Willy Garnica; 3. James Orr.
Sabre Open: 1. Tom Bickley; 2. Ed Sims; 3. Bill Towry.
Sabre Team won by Dallas Y (Bickley, Sims, Towry).
Women's Open: 1. Neomia Abbott; 2. Marietta Towry; 3. Mozelle Hampton.
Foil Open: 1. Tom Bickley; 2. Ed Sims; 3. Bob Crawford.

Long Island

by Alfred Bachner

- H.S. Girls:** 1. Rogers, EEF; 2. Dorschel, EEF; 3. Howard, Wheatley.
H.S. Boys: 1. Kolombatovich, Harbor FC; 2. Hermetz, Roosevelt; 3. Schwartz, Jamaica.
Women's Championship: 1. Brill, FC; 2. Abby Lucia; 3. Edson, LIS.
Epee Championship: 1. Benjamin, Bankuti; 2. Coll, Bankuti; 3. Brodeth, LIS.

Kansas

by Ted Hootman

- Foil Intermediate:** 1. Lt. Zim Smith, WFC; 2. Mike Munson, KUC; 3. Bob Williams, OCFC.
Epee Inter.: 1. Ted Hootman, WFC; 2. David Stiles, Tulsa; 3. Don Steiner, Tulsa.
Sabre Inter: 1. Bob Williams, OCFC; 2. David Heller, WFC; 3. -
Women's Inter: 1. Mary Allton, OCFC; 2. Diane Wisnowor, OCFC; 3. Kay Grothe, OCFC.
Foil Open: 1. Fred Farid, WFC; 2. Elmer Hoyle, Tulsa; 3. Arthur Wade, Tulsa.
Women's Open: 1. Orpha Harnish, Tulsa; 2. Lee Wilshire, WFC; 3. Sonya Offenstien.
Epee Open: 1. Elmer Hoyle, Tulsa; 2. Ted Hootman, WFC; 3. Steve Farid, WFC.
Foil Novice: 1. Bill Middleton, WFC; 2. Gary Thompson, WFC; 3. Jim Sullinger, KUC.
Women's Novice: 1. Gudrun Neudorfer, WFC; 2. Barbara Bowman, WFC; 3. Susie Caple, KUC.
3-Weapon Team won by Wichita FC (Stiles, Farid, Hootman, Heller).
Women's Team won by Oklahoma City FC (Duke, Grothe, Wisnowor, Allton).
Sabre Open: 1. Fred Coons, Mo.; 2. Ted Hootman, WFC; 3. Bob Saxon, OCFC.
Foil Open (10-touch) 1. Bob Saxon, OCFC; 2. Steve Farid, WFC; 3. Arthur Wade, Tulsa.

Northern California

by Elizabeth Ferrari

- Women's Open:** 1. Tommy Angell, HSF; 2. Elizabeth Magay, PAC; 3. Patricia Barkdull, HSF
Four Weapon Team won by Pannonia AC (Magay, Green, Biagini, Resch)
Women's Introductory: 1. Karen Van Merta, Balboa HS; 2. Janice Leonard, CPI; 3. Rose Eyler, SPI
3-Weapon: 1. Rene Pinchuk, Unatt; 2. L. H. Brownlee, LGH; 3. L. Sentman, MPFC
Foil Introductory: 1. Robert Dean, Balboa HS; 2. Lee Butler, Gompers HS; 3. Gary Cooper, City College
Women's "B" Team won by Halberstadt SF (Barkdull, Huddleson, Jesseph)
Sabre 'B' Team won by Pannonia AC (Biagini, Baker, Dollard)
Foil 'B' Team won by Letterman GH (Pasol, Cassidy, Crabtree, O'Brien)
Epee 'B' Team won by Composite (Christe, Pavlath, Berge)
Epee 'B': 1. K. Christie, Unatt; 2. L. Sentman, MPFC; 3. S. Pasol, LGH
Foil Open: 1. F. Marki, PAC; 2. J. Green, PAC; 3. S. Pasol, LGH
Epee Open: 1. M. Cassidy, LGH; 2. K. Christie, Unatt; 3. N. Brami, Unatt.
Sabre Open: 1. D. Magay, PAC; 2. H. Resch, PAC; 3. J. Baker, PAC
Women's Team won by Halberstadt SF (Barkdull, Huddleson, Johnson)
Foil Team won by Letterman GH (Brownlee, Ferpozzi, Pasol, Schwarz)
3-Weapon Team won by Pannonia AC (Baker, Green, Magay)
Epee Team won by Composite (Brami, Christie,

Pinchuk, Sentman)
Sabre Team won by Pannonia AC (Baker, Biagini, Magay, Resch)

Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer

- Foil Open:** 1. Hirokazu Sawada, LAAC; 2. Ted Hirose, LAAC; 3. Joel Prostick, LAFA
Foil Open: 1. Ted Hirose, LAAC; 2. Verne Delling, FSF; 3. Hirokazu Sawada, LAAC
Epee Open: 1. Lee Rombeau, LAFC; 2. Jim Adams, Cav.; 3. Ted Hirose, LAAC
Epee Open Team won by Faulkner No. 2 (Arp, Kempwolf, Winter)
Women's 'B' Team won by Salle de Nord (Bernhard, Filerman, Mencher)
Sabre Open: 1. Paul Etter, Vince; 2. Josef Lampi, LAAC; 3. Gerald Platin, Vince
Sabre Open Team won by Vince (Etter, Paltin, Milletaire, Couturier)
Bowen Handicap: 1. Phil Marsh, FSF; 2. Andy Rivera, LAFA; 3. Dean Kunicki, LAFC
Douglas Handicap: 1. Bernice Filerman, S d N; 2. Bettie Drago, FSF; 3. Linda Carfagno, Vince
Greco 3-Weapon: 1. Lee Rombeau, LAFC; 2. Andy Rivera, LAFA; 3. Mike Dmytryk, S d N
Women's Open Team won by Faulkner (Drago, Linkmeyer, Gerakin)
Women's Team of Four won by Faulkner (Drago, Linkmeyer, Gerakin, Sillman)

New Jersey

by Mary Ellen Flynn

- Women's Prep:** 1. Diane Rombey, PSC; 2. Marilyn Melville, PSC; 3. Carolyn Chesney, MSC.
3-Weapon: 1. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 2. J. Byrnes, FCNJ; 3. A. Geraci, NYFC
Epee Open: 1. C. Schlick, FCNJ; 2. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 3. A. Geraci, NYFC
Sabre Open: 1. C. Schlick, FCNJ; 2. S. Sobel, FCNJ; 3. O'Sullivan, Unatt.
Women's "B": 1. C. Taylor, SS; 2. M. Mosely, Unatt; 3. C. Kuzen, Unatt.
Foil Open: 1. W. Hicks, PU; 2. E. Carfagno, PU; 3. D. Sieja, Hun.
Women's Open: 1. P. Piccinino, SS; 2. B. Santelli, SS; 3. D. O'Connor, SS.
Sabre State Championship: 1. S. Sobel, FCNJ; 2. J. Terninko, SS; 3. C. Schlick, FCNJ
Foil State Championship: 1. W. Hicks, PU; 2. W. Wills, Morris Hills HS; 3. A. Geraci, NYFC
Women's State Championship: 1. D. O'Connor, SS; 2. M. Mosely, Unatt; 3. J. Dardio, NYFC
Epee State Championship: 1. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 2. J. Parry, PU; 3. J. Byrnes, FCNJ
Epee Outdoor: 1. J. Melcher, NYFC; 2. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 3. R. Spinella, NYAC

Northern Ohio

by Madison H. Dods

- 3-Weapon Team** won by Composite (Weaver, Henry, Fried).
Women's Open: 1. E. Heesom; 2. R. Rogers; 3. F. Pake - all Akron Turners.
Sabre Open: 1. A. Styler, Kador; 2. H. James, Estabrook; 3. A. Fedarovicus, Ohio State.

Seattle

by Jean Robeson

The Northwest International Tournament resulted as follows:

Foil: 1. Wade Longworth; 2. Don Laslo; 3. Harry Jensen.

Epee: 1. Bob Miller; 2. Jim Bundy; 3. Dale Griffith.

Sabre: 1. Don Laslo; 2. Harry Jensen; 3. John Brekelmans.

Women: 1. Pat Hayes; 2. Elizabeth Coles; 3. Jean Belanger.

Women's Team won by Pat Hayes, Jean Belanger, Jean Robeson.

The Division Opens:

Women: 1. Pat Hayes, Seattle; 2. Jean Robeson, Seattle; 3. Dorothy Thomas, Fencibles.

Foil: 1. Wade Longworth, Fencibles; 2. Don Naylor, Portland; 3. Al Manley, Fencibles.

Epee: 1. Simon Hernandez, Fencibles; 2. Bob Miller, Seattle; 3. Jerry Pournelle, Seattle.

Washington D.C.

by Virginia Crawford

Epee Open: 1. Conomikes, WFC; 2. Mamlouk, WFC; 3. Black, USNA.

Sabre Open: 1. De Silva, WFC; 2. Fishman, WFC; 3. Johnson, WFC.

Women's Open: 1. Heaps, I Y; 2. Von Der Muhl, DCFC; 3. Morel, WFC.

Foil Open: 1. Zwick, WFC; 2. Lyons, DCFC; 3. Da Silva, WFC.

Divisional Epee: 1. Lyons, DCFC; 2. Conomikes, WFC; 3. Schafft, WFC.

Divisional Sabre: 1. Balla, Csiszar; 1. Fishman, WFC; 3. DaSilva, WFC.

Women's Divisional: 1. Smith, DCFC; 2. Flynn, WFC; 3. Crawford, DCFC.

Maryland

by Barton Heaps

Foil Beginners: 1. Steve Nutwell, MFC; 2. Joel Goldstein, JHU; 3. Geesey, York FC.

Foil Team won by Baltimore FC (Ahern, Oles, Rousseau).

Weapon Team won by Washington FC (Fishman, Zwick, Schafft).

Oregon

by Art Manley

The Oregon qualifying round for the Pacific Coast and National Championships resulted as follows:

Women: 1. Elizabeth Becker; 2. Colleen Marx; 3. Martha Tripp

Foil: 1. Sam Senior; 2. Wade Longworth; 3. Don Naylor

Oregon has not had any contestants in sectional or national play for several years, but Misses Becker and Marx, and Mr. Longworth, will represent us this year in both. The experience should prove valuable for the development of the Division.

Metropolitan

by Barbi Brill

3 Weapon Team Championship won by Salle Santelli (Kwartler, Russell, Weinstein).

Women's Open: 1. Harriet King, Lucia; 2. Vivienne Sokol, FC; 3. Evelyn Terhune, Santelli.

Foil Team Championship won by Fencers Club 'B' (Cohen, Adams, Glazer).

Women's Prep: 1. Linda Bucaria, Hunter; 2. Judy Prager, Hunter; 3. Phylis Cooper, Lucia.

Epee 'B': 1. Jim Melcher, FC; 2. Sanford Weinstein, Santelli; 3. Paul Oratofsky, Brooklyn.

Women's Team Championship won by Salle Santelli (Santelli, Terhune, O'Connor).

Harrisburg

by Charles Kessler

The second annual Pennsylvania class 'C' state championships resulted as follows:

Women: 1. Carol Hesperheide, Phila.; 2. Jeanne Thompson, Lancaster; 3. Doris Conrad, Lancaster.

Foil: 1. Dan Steinman, Phila.; 2. Jack Hesperheide, York; 3. Bill Eyster, York.

Epee: 1. Dan Steinman, Phila.; 2. Todd Makler, Phila.; 3. Bill Eyster, York.

Sabre: 1. Tom Pecsvardi, Phila.; 2. Todd Makler, Phila.; 3. Bill Eyster, York.

Fla. Gold Coast

by Sy Eisenfeld

The largest tournament in our history took place at Gainesville when the University played host to foilsmen and women from Mississippi, Georgia and all parts of Florida:

Women: 1. Kushner, Gables; 2. Brewster U. of Fla.; 3. Gore, De Tuscan.

Men: 1. Hoffacker, U. of Fla.; 2. Morgan, De Tuscan; 3. Vaughn, St. Pete.

The third annual Sunshine State Festival Tournament was held at the Million Dollar Pier in St. Pete, in foil only:

Women: 1. Kushner, Gables; 2. Brewster, U. of Fla.; 3. Prietzel, De Tuscan.

Men: 1. Vaughn, St. Pete; 2. Hoffacker, U. of Fla.; 3. Eisenfeld, Gables.

North Dakota

by Lois Selberg

The Open Divisional Championships resulted as follows:

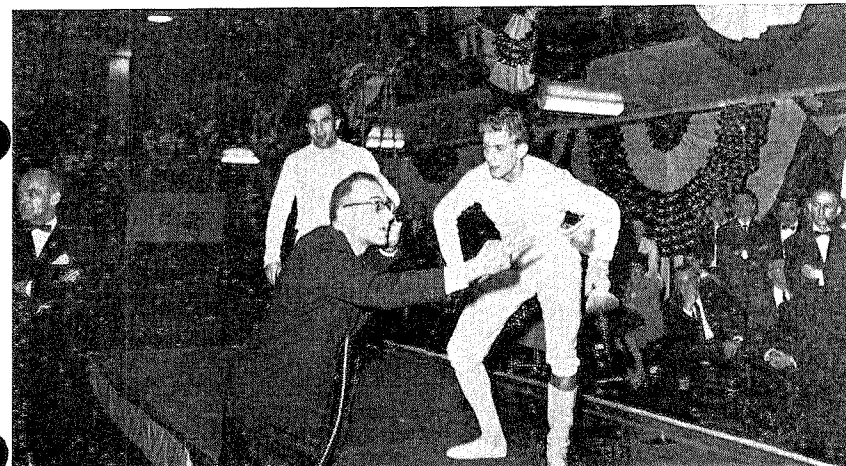
Foil: 1. Clark Johnson; 2. Blaine Amidon; 3. Roger Page

Women: 1. Diana Amidon; 2. Jan Meyerson; 3. Julie Moore

Epee: 1. Clark Johnson; 2. Blaine Amidon; 3. Mike Vorrias

Sabre: 1. Steve Werre; 2. Roger Page; 3. John Gibb

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Dramatic moment in crucial match between Calarese and World Champion Horvath.



Champion Calarese, Italy, receives Martini & Rossi Sabre Challenge trophy from Mr. Bruno Torti



CURTIS ETTINGER

Nothing is impossible for a fencer. Curtis Ettinger, born November, 1900, has just graduated from the NYU School of Law and received his LL.B. The degree is an Oak Leaf Cluster, because when Curt came to the US in 1941 from Vienna he was a lawyer with international prestige. Not licensed to practice his profession in this country, he became an importer and (after time out for US military service) made a success at his new venture. The intellectual appeal of the law is a

powerful thing and Curt, ever young in spirit, is once again a lawyer.

His fencing record is also a proud one: H.S. Champion from 1916 to 1919; University Champion in both foil and sabre; Austrian National Foil Champion 10 times, Sabre Champion twice; Olympic semi-finalist and 5th place in the 1925 World (then European) Championships ahead of Gaudini, Marzi and Bini. On every Austrian international team from 1922 to 1937 except the Los Angeles and Berlin Olympiads.

With typical tongue in cheek he writes: "I was on the foil and sabre Olympic Team in 1924 (Paris) and 1928 (Amsterdam) where I met Norman Armitage, partly responsible for my invading the USA, and Joe Levis who had the audacity to beat me 5-4 . . . Arriving here in 1941 with slightly shop-worn legs and facing directors who overruled me at every turn, I never did better than 3rd in foil. I do not have to tell you I would have won all the championships if they had let me do the directing . . . American fencing did more for me in the second act of my life than any other factor. For this I shall ever be grateful . . . With clean living and God's permission I shall compete at least two more years to complete 50 years of competitive fencing . . . Please husband your words of praise in contemplation of my unexcelled modesty so well known to you and all my friends."

We will not praise. His deeds speak better than our words. J.R.deC.

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