

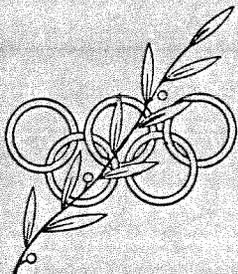
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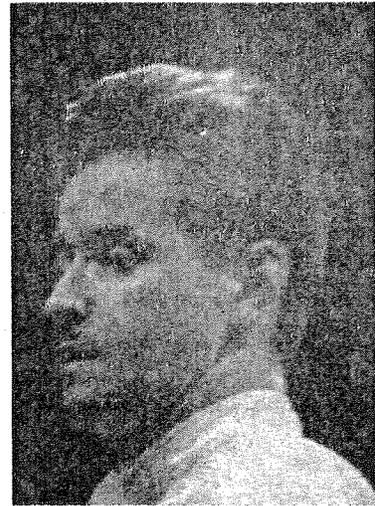
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**Miss Janet Lee York**, unattached, first appeared on the national scene as a member of the Faulkner School of Fencing under whose banner she placed second in 1948 and won her first national title in 1950. She has trained with Aldo Nadi and last year at Detroit she defended her title successfully. Miss York was a member of the 1948 Olympic Team and is of course a strong candidate for a place on this year's Team. She has been on two national championship teams.



**Silvio Giolito** of the New York Athletic Club has held the foil crown for two consecutive years after placing third on four other occasions. His brilliant defense of the title last year was a high-light of the championships; he went through the entire competition without a defeat and was carried to four-all by only two individuals. He was a member of the 1948 Olympic Team and was Intercollegiate Champion in 1940 while at NYU.



**Dr. Tibor Nyilas** of the Salle Santelli has been sabre champion four times (1944, 1946, 1950 and 1951) and a medalist every year since 1941. He held the three-weapon title in 1948, 1949, and 1950. He was a member of the 1948 Olympic Sabre Team which placed third in London and a finalist in the Olympic individual championship. Last year at the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires he won the individual sabre title and did much to make possible our victories in the foil and sabre team events. He has been a member of several national championship teams.



**Jose de Capriles**, New York Fencers Club, last year regained the epee title he won in 1938 as a member of the Salle Santelli. A strong competitor in all weapons, he won the foil title in 1946, the three-weapon title in 1939, was runner-up for the sabre title in 1937 and 1940, and has earned a total of 17 individual and 14 team National Championship medals. He was a member of the 1936 and 1948 Olympic Teams and was Intercollegiate Champion in 1933 while at N.Y.U. He is editor of American Fencing.



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## REPORT ON OLYMPIC PREPARATIONS

By John V. Grombach

**Ed. Note.** Mr. Grombach, former Olympic Boxing Champion, has been a powerful epee fencer for a great many years and is a former holder of the Epee Masters' trophy for which only a selected group of time-tested top-notch fencers may compete. He has just returned from a European tour during which he competed in the World Championships.

The fencing competitions at the Olympic Games of 1952 will take place in a large building situated in a suburb of Helsinki called Westend, five miles from the center of town. The main hall of the building in question will accommodate eight strips. The foil and sabre strips are covered with special linoleum from Holland while, of course, the epee strips will have metal covering. The capacity of the hall for spectators is about 1,250.

The fencing competitions are now scheduled to take place beginning Monday, July 21st through Thursday, August 1st.

Above is a picture of the fencing center for the XV Olympic Games. The large quonset hut at the right contains the main hall, the remainder of the building being devoted to rooms for officials, some showers and dressing rooms. The building on the left is equipped with more showers, dressing rooms and rest rooms for the teams while they are not fencing. In the upper foreground are tennis courts, and within 200 yards there is an excellent beach. The trees and beautiful evergreens, the clear crisp piney air, the view across the many lakes, are too beautiful to describe, and in many instances one can read a newspaper at midnight outdoors.

Very near the fencing area is Otaniemi Tech Town which would have been ideal

for housing the fencing teams, but because of the food problem and the fact that the United States Olympic Team is known to be interested in good food in great volume, the main Olympic Village was deemed more desirable, although the distance to the fencing area will be somewhat longer.

The Finnish Fencing Association, or Puurakenne Oy., is an efficient organization dating back to 1660. As early as then, Finland's oldest University at Turku (Abo) had its own fencing instructor, and since 1684 it has employed a regular coach. One of the early fencing teachers, Italian-born G. Otta, came to Turku from Sweden in 1812 and taught fencing there until his death in 1848. In 1923 Helsinki's fencers founded a club of their own and since 1950 they've engaged Italian champion Eduardo Alajmo as coach.

The Finns are friendly sportsmen who have done a herculean job in preparing for the Olympics and whose modern stadium, reminiscent of classical Greece, is one of the most beautiful in the world. Many Finns speak English and most Finnish fencers speak French.

The writer can guarantee that all American fencers will love Finland and especially enjoy Fiikka, which are small lobsters, and Akvavit, the native drink of Finland.

## Letters to the Editor

"It is our intention to advertise regularly in American Fencing as part of our contribution in support of the sport, and we hope that our example will encourage other clubs to do the same . . ."

A. Roland Lambert  
President, Berkeley Fencers Club

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## Italy-France Match

A three weapon match for 8-touch bouts was staged in Paris on March 21st and brought together the best fencers of Italy and France. The Italians won by a 9-3 margin, but the actual bouts were very much closer. Mr. Curtis Ettinger, who witnessed the event, tells us that both sides displayed excellent technique and in most cases the Italians won only because of superior tempo. Dario Mangiarotti was clearly superior in his events.

### Results

**Epee:** Dario Mangiarotti (Italy) d. Claude Nigon 8-2 and Armand Mouyal 8-3; Carlo Pavese (Italy) d. Claude Nigon 8-7; Armand Mouyal (France) d. Carlo Pavese 8-2.

**Sabre:** Aldo Montano (Italy) d. Jean Tournon 8-7 and Jacques Lefevre 8-6; Giorgio Pellini (Italy) d. Jacques Lefevre 8-6 and Jean Tournon 8-7.

**Foil:** Manlio DiRosa (Italy) d. Jacques Lataste 8-7 and Adrian Rommel 8-7; Adrien Rommel (France) d. Alberto Paoletti 8-4; Jacques Lataste (France) d. Alberto Paoletti 8-5.

## Report from France

by Joe Mastropaolo

**Ed. Note:** New Yorkers will remember our correspondent as a member of the Saltus Club. He has been in Paris studying fencing at L'Ecole Supérieure d'Esgrime and, when he completes his course, will return to the U.S. to coach. His training will be a great asset and we wish him good luck.

The competitions for selection and training of the French Olympic Foil Team have produced some excellent matches. In the Paris-Provence match D'Oriola went undefeated while Buhán and Lataste had only one loss each. Rommel had two defeats, and Netter and Noël also performed well. The following week-end D'Oriola was again the victor, with Buhán second and Rommel third. The top men hit with blinding speed—very few attacks with a march and few fleches. A false attack rarely draws a parry and most touches are scored either on the original attack or on the 3rd and 4th counter-riposte. D'Oriola is the most interesting; only 22 years old, he has tremendous speed of hand and footwork. More than once did he hit by making a one-two on the 4th counter-riposte after executing the previous actions with great precision and speed—what virtuosity!

In epee I've had the opportunity to fence several of the top men as Petit, Lecomte and Artigas. Petit chooses his time well and then makes a deceptive and penetrating attack. Lecomte stop-thrusts and counter-attacks with deadly accuracy, and also has a displacement to the right followed by an immediate attack inside to the hand which is done so smoothly it appears faster than it is.

The center of sabre fencing is at Salle Levavasseur, where the majority of attacks are with a fleche. Perhaps the best execution is in the fleche-head-cut where they extend the body and arm fully, have the hand high, and cut with the first few inches of the blade before the rear foot touches in the 'pas en avant'.

### A Charming Idea

The combined fencing Salles, The Cavaliers and The Dragons, were hosts at a dinner party held at the Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles to honor those whom the Salle members selected as their outstanding opponents during the season.

Miss Polly Craus received a beautiful trophy emblematic of the best feminine opponent met by the girls of the combined Salles. The presentation was made by Mrs. Maxine Mitchell.

Mr. Del Reynolds was chosen the best "All around" masculine opponent, and received a trophy presented by Mr. John Huntzicker of the Dragons.

Mr. Dave Rice received the National Fencing Coaches Association award for Outstanding Service to Fencing in promoting and developing a fencing seminar for officials, and a similar award was made to Mrs. Maxine Mitchell for her assistance in that program. The presentation was made by Mr. John C. McKee, West Coast Representative of the Coaches Association.

Special awards in the form of diplomas and leather bound rule books were made by Mr. McKee to his students.

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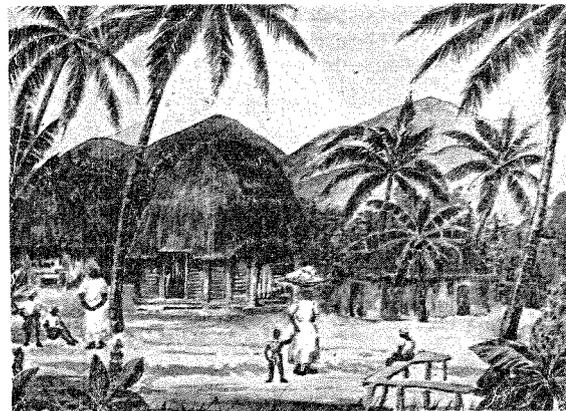
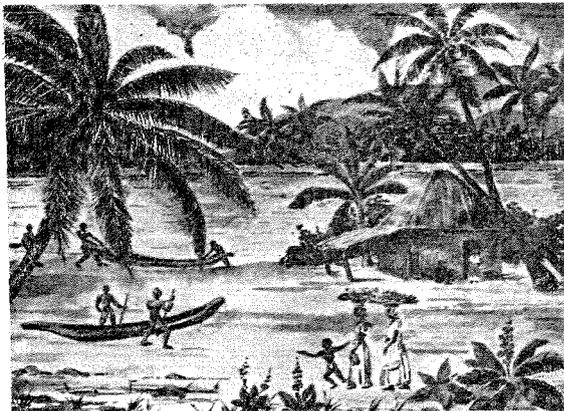
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The Olympic Committee has received two beautiful paintings from Pieter Mijer. They have been attractively mounted and framed, and will be raffled off on Gala Night. All money received will go to the Olympic Fencing Fund. The tickets are only \$2.00 each and may be obtained at the competitions during the National Championship week or by sending money to Dernel Every, 3406 Chanin Building, New York 17, before June 16th.

### The Long Lost Sheep Has Come Home

Ray W. Dutcher, Director of Men's Athletics at Bergen Junior College, Teaneck, New Jersey, 1920 Epee National Champion and member of the 1920 Olympic Team at Antwerp, Belgium is organizing and coaching a Fencing Team at the College.

The students seem very interested in the art and in the near future will be ready for competition.

Ray has never given up fencing and it is through his efforts that it was started in the Paterson State Teachers College and many other institutions. One of those who still holds his interest is no other than Elliot Coe, former President of the New Jersey Fencers League. Many others who are today's foremost from New Jersey

had their interest in the sport created in the old Paterson High School from which Ray was retired from teaching last June. Warren Dow, Dr. James Flynn and a host of others come under this category.

Ray's daughter Margaret reorganized the Women's Fencing Team at Cornell and fenced on that team.

Though Ray has not been heard from during the past years this is just to let you know he is still active and a real exponent in the art.

Ray's men at Bergen are inexperienced like those of James Castello and he is looking forward to a match with Stevens Institute of Technology in the very near future.

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## Notice of Annual Meetings

As announced in the April issue, the Annual AFLA meeting will take place at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53 Street, on June 17th, 1952 at 8 P.M.

The agenda includes election of officers, reports from the various Divisions, and election of Nominating Committee for 1953-54 officers.

The Non-Divisional Meeting will be at the same place and date but will convene at 7 P.M. All members are urged to attend.

## Cetrulo Reinstated

Just prior to the National Championships in 1949 Dean Cetrulo indicated that he was turning professional and would not defend his 1948 sabre championship. Although he taught some classes in California that year he claimed that he had not profited therefrom and requested this April that his status be clarified. The Board of Governors reviewed his case thoroughly at its April meeting and declared him a professional. He then applied for reinstatement and, in view of the minor extent of his professional activities and the two years which had transpired since his last professional act, declared him eligible for amateur privileges again, effective September 1, 1952.

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## RIPOSTERS CAN'T REPOSE

by **Dernell Every**

My previous article which dealt with feints was no sooner off the press than both of our Olympic coaches gave me the same criticism of it. Coming from such experts identically and almost simultaneously, I bow.

Their criticism was that to make feints effective, as I was endeavoring to urge, a fencer should first, or at least occasionally, attack with straight lunges so that the opponent would respect any feint as possibly meaning business. The criticism is valid. It just never entered my head to mention it. As a result, anyone reading my second article on feints without having read my first article on straight attacks or lunges might not be able to profit fully from the recommendations on feints.

I now come to the third suggestion which fits into the series. It is merely another encouragement to do one of the normal and regular fencing actions better than you have done them. It deals with the riposte, particularly the direct riposte which is the one most frequently used. My suggestion is simple. Shoot that riposte out. Don't hold it. Make it explode from the parry. You think you are doing so now but you are not. There are only three or four fast riposters around, which fact automatically eliminates the majority of my readers. So just let your ego down for the moment and admit that you could improve your own riposte.

I am only asking for a small fraction of a second's improvement, but oh how important that fraction is. Have you ever tested a hot flat iron? All the girls have and I cannot imagine even a boy who hasn't. You wet the tip of your finger and tap the bottom of the iron to hear the "phit" of steam which tells you whether the iron is hot. You don't press or push hard on the iron or rub it with the tip of your finger. Not on your life you don't. For some reason you are more anxious to get away than you are to have reached it in the first place. That should give you a clue to how to leave the parry and start the riposte.

After contacting an opponent's blade with the parry do you freeze there momentarily, do you press or push the blade a little further to make sure, do you slide your blade along his before getting free to riposte or do you bounce your blade off his before pushing your riposte forward thereby opening your line? All are wrong, all waste time, all cost touches. You must now be committing one or more of these faults or your riposting would be more effective. Watch yourself and you'll realize that I am right. Your delays may not necessarily be lengthy; only a fraction of a second loss in fencing is costly. Remember the hot flat iron test and ask yourself honestly if you don't just naturally get away from that iron faster and more cleanly than you do from a parry. (It must be very discouraging to a fencing master to see a pupil riposte more slowly after the 100th lesson than he "phits" a hot iron on the 2nd try.)

Do not forget that the foil is a conventional weapon. Its conventions have been developed to make the weapon more difficult, and more logical and incidentally more enjoyable. As a result of these conventions foil is more of a game than an exercise in true defense. For instance, one doesn't need to parry a threat to the arm, the head or the leg. Nor does one have to parry so well that the point never gets through to the body. It is the contact of the "strong" part of your blade with the "feeble" part of the opponent's blade which constitutes the parry. What happens after that contact is ruled by convention. The first rule is that a direct attack has the right of way. The second is that after the parry the direct riposte has the right of way. There is no such thing as an insufficient beat parry in foil. If your parry is a beat parry (as compared with the opposition parry or the rare push parry) then the beat is the parry and gives you the right of way. Don't miff your chance. Don't hold back to make sure that you are safe. If your opponent doesn't get back to protect himself, but persists in trying to push through your parry or replace his point, he is wrong. Cash in on that mistake.

A good fencer isn't going to ignore these conventions and try to push through your parry except as an occasional "trick" to surprise you. The instant he feels your parry he is going to get back to parry your riposte. He may even have made his attack merely to draw your riposte so that he could counter riposte. This is called a "second intention" attack and if your riposte is lazy, as I urge you not to let it be, you'll get caught by that type of attack. This is another reason for making your riposte explode.

Your fencing master tries to teach this to you when he varies his actions without telling you. He does this to see whether you remain alert or instead have lapsed into playing "pat-a-cake." If you will conscientiously train yourself to shoot your hand out whenever you catch the blade, your foil game will improve. If, furthermore, you put more zing into that riposte (explode with it) than you did in the rest of your effort to catch the opponent's blade your score will improve even more.

Please do not think that I advocate only one type of parry, the beat parry, or one type of riposte, the direct riposte. I realize that some ripostes must be held or slowed to accomplish certain purposes wherein a defensive reaction on the opponent's part is to be played upon to make a point. The majority of ripostes, however, are of the tac-au-tac type and my whole essay is to urge the fencer, whenever he ripostes, to cash in on his own best speed for here more than with any other action in fencing, a fraction of a second makes the difference between success and failure.

## CHANGES IN DIRECTORY

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# Intercollegiate Events

## I. F. A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Jose R. de Capriles

The 55th Annual Championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association were held at Columbia University on March 14th and 15th. Thirteen colleges entered nine-man teams in the round-robin event and the fact that 1,453 bouts were contested during the two-day tournament speaks highly for the efficiency of the Bout Committee led by Robert Driscoll, and the generous efforts of a great many judges and directors.

The team events were dominated by N.Y.U., who entered the championships with a perfect dual-meet record. The Violets, coached by Hugo Castello with the assistance of James Castello, won the epee and three-weapon trophies and tied Columbia for the sabre crown. The three-bout sabre match between Columbia and N.Y.U. was the final team match of the tournament and a better climax could not have been staged; Columbia led N.Y.U. 29-26 in sabre and 69-67 in the three-weapon standings so that a single victory would decide the two titles in favor of the Lions who incidentally were the defending champions. An inspired stand by Schneider, Burgess and Cussamano turned back Columbia's trio, and the three victories gave the Violets their 11th Three-Weapon crown. Columbia, who had held the sabre title on nine other occasions, will share possession of the trophy for the second consecutive year.

The foil team championship was won by C.C.N.Y. with a margin of three bouts over Columbia and Navy who placed in that order on the count of touches. This marked the fourth time C.C.N.Y. has held the "Iron Man" trophy. The winners were paced by Harold Goldsmith with an 11-1 record.

Pennsylvania, who moved to the front ranks last year, again showed balanced strength in placing third in the epee and sabre events. Other team performances worthy of note were Cornell's second in epee; Navy's third in the three-weapon and fourth in the sabre.

Brooklyn College was invited to participate in the championships to fill the place vacated by Penn State. The newcomers showed ability and their epee star placed third in the individuals.

The individual championships were determined by round-robins of six qualifiers in each weapon. The fencing in these finals was generally better than in the team events, and particularly so in the foil.

Herman Wallner of N.Y.U. won the epee crown with a 4-1 record. John Tori of Penn placed second on touches over George Siegel of Brooklyn College who had the distinction of being the only fencer with national Senior Ranking. Charles Glossey of Cornell was the only epee finalists who had reached the championship round last year, and in placing fourth he improved his previous record by two notches.

Alfred Rubin of Columbia fenced a very steady game and won the foil title with a 4-1 record. His only loss was to Harold Goldsmith of C.C.N.Y. after he was assured of the crown because all his rivals had dropped two or more decisions. Second place went to John Smith of Navy on touches over Richard Hannegan of Yale and Harold Goldsmith who placed third and fourth. Goldsmith had placed second last year while Rubin and Smith, the only other 1951 finalists, had been 5th and 6th.

In the sabre, Navy's Frank Zimolzak turned in a perfect 5-0 performance, and proved his championship caliber when he defeated Penn's Robert Parmacek 5-4 after trailing 4-2. Parmacek placed second and Stephen Sobel of Columbia third. None of the finalists had been in the championship round last year.



Hugo Castello presents the silver three-weapon IFA trophy to N.Y.U.'s new Chancellor, Dr. Henry T. Heald. The championship has been won by N.Y.U. eleven times since 1933.

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Epee

(1) Herman Wallner, N.Y.U., 4-1; (2) John Tori, Penn., 3-2 (9 vs); (3) George Siegel, B'klyn., 3-2 (10 vs); (4) Charles Glassey, Cornell, 2-3 (9 vs); (5) William Thomas, N.Y.U., 2-3 (13 vs); (6) George Jacoby, Yale, 1-4

#### Foil

(1) Alfred Rubin, Columbia, 4-1; (2) John Smith, Navy, 3-2 (15 vs); (3) Richard Hannegan, Yale, 3-2 (17 vs); (4) Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y., 3-2 (18 vs); (5) Paul Primamore, Rutgers, 2-3; (6) Nicholaus Luykx, Cornell, 0-5.

#### Sabre

(1) Frank Zimolzak, Navy, 5-0; (2) Robert Parmacek, Penn., 4-1; (3) Stephen Sobel, Columbia, 3-2; (4) Theodore Reuter, Columbia, 2-3; (5) Martin Schneider, N.Y.U., 1-4; (6) Leonard Burgess, N.Y.U., 0-5.

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Epee	Foil	Sabre	3-Weap.
ARMY	17	16	18	51
BROOKLYN	19	15	12	46
C.C.N.Y.	14	26 (1)	13	53
COLUMBIA	17	23 (2)	29 (*)	69 (2)
CORNELL	22 (2)	19	14	55
HARVARD	18	15	17	50
M.I.T.	12	2	12	26
NAVY	17	23 (3)	23	63 (3)
N.Y.U.	24 (1)	17	29 (*)	70 (1)
PENN.	21 (3)	16	24 (3)	61
PRINCETON	20	21	19	60
RUTGERS	14	19	8	41
YALE	19	22	20	61

(\*) Tied for first, will share trophy.

## Women's Intercollegiate

The 24th Annual Championships of the Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Association were held at New York University on April 19th. Hunter College put an end to N.Y.U.'s three-year reign in the team event when it tied with Brooklyn College on matches won and scored three more bout victories. The event attracted eight colleges.

Miss Anne Drungis of Hunter won the individual crown after a fence-off with Phyllis Klein of Brooklyn College. Both girls completed the day with 21-2 records. Third place went to Margaret Capello of Paterson State Teachers College, with a 17-6 record.

### TEAM STANDINGS

Hunter d. N.Y.U. 7-2, Paterson 5-4, F. Dickinson 9-0, Montclair 8-1, Jersey City 8-1, Elmira 7-2, and lost to Brooklyn 3-6. (6-1 and 47 bout victories).

Brooklyn d. N.Y.U. 9-0, Hunter 6-3, Paterson 5-4, F. Dickinson 6-3, Montclair 8-1, Elmira 7-2, and lost to Jersey City 3-6. (6-1 and 44 bout victories).

Paterson Teachers d. N.Y.U. 5-4, F. Dickinson 5-4, Montclair 6-3, Jersey City 9-0, Elmira 7-2, and lost to Brooklyn 4-5 and Hunter 4-5. (5-2).

N.Y.U. d. F. Dickinson 6-3, Montclair 7-2, Jersey City 5-4, Elmira 9-0, and lost to Brooklyn 0-9, Hunter 2-7, Paterson 4-5. (4-3 and 33 bout victories).

Jersey City Teachers d. Brooklyn 6-3, F. Dickinson 6-3, Montclair 6-3, Elmira 5-4, and lost to N.Y.U. 4-5, Hunter 1-8, Paterson 0-9. (4-3 and 28 bout victories).

Fairleigh Dickinson d. Elmira 6-3, lost to N.Y.U. 3-6, Brooklyn 3-6, Hunter 0-9, Paterson 4-5, Montclair 4-5, Jersey City 3-6 (1-6 and 23 bout victories).

Elmira d. Montclair 5-4, lost to N.Y.U. 0-9, Brooklyn 2-7, Hunter 2-7, Paterson 2-7, F. Dickinson 3-6, Jersey City 4-5. (1-6 and 18 bout victories).

Montclair Teachers d. F. Dickinson 5-4, lost to N.Y.U. 1-8, Brooklyn 1-8, Hunter 3-6, Jersey City 3-6, Elmira 4-5, Paterson 3-6. (1-6 and 17 bout victories).

### INDIVIDUALS (First Ten)

Anne Drungis, Hunter, 21-2; Phyllis Klein, Brooklyn, 21-2; Margaret Capello, Paterson, 17-6; Ellen Beaumeal, Brooklyn, 14-9; Gloria Bevelacqua, Paterson, 14-9; Louise Knab, Hunter, 14-9; Grace Milo, Hunter, 13-6; Sydel Herman, N.Y.U., 13-6; Eldera Pizzarelli, Paterson, 12-11; Lee Katzman, Brooklyn, 12-11.

## Western Conference

The University of Illinois defended its collegiate Western Conference title successfully. The champions scored 39 victories, while Michigan State was runner-up with 33. Wisconsin, Northwestern, Ohio State, Indiana and Iowa followed.

The Individual Foil title was won by Vince D'Orazio of Illinois, with his teammate Allan Mills second and Wisconsin's Walt Ebling third.

The Individual Epee was won by Richard Barry of Michigan State with Phil Urso of Illinois and Art Leopold of Wisconsin placing second and third.

The Individual Sabre title went to Michigan State's Fred Freiheit. Second was won by Bruce Sublette of Illinois and third by Robert Persellin of Northwestern.

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The eighth annual NCAA tournament, conducted at Yale University, saw Columbia's well-balanced trio retain the team championship. Although the Lions were unable to win any of the three individual titles, they placed in all three events and outscored N.Y.U. 71-69 in the three-weapon standing with Alfred Rubin, Daniel Chafetz and Stephen Sobel fencing foil, epee and sabre respectively. With Navy and Pennsylvania tying for third with 66 points each, the first four places were occupied by the four teams who had won top honors in the eastern I.F.A. championships the week before. Thirty-five schools from all sections of the country competed in the two-day event which was a magnificent closing chapter in the career of Mr. Robert Grasson, coach of Yale University for over thirty years.

The individual foil crown was won by Harold Goldsmith of C.C.N.Y., with 26 victories and 3 defeats. Second went to Edward Nober of Brooklyn and third to I.F.A. Champion Alfred Rubin of Columbia, on touches over Rudolph Salvato of Rutgers and Eric Solles of Harvard.

I.F.A. champion Herman Wallner of N.Y.U. reiterated his superiority by placing first in the epee with a 23-7 record. Second place went to Big-Ten champion Richard Berry of Michigan State on touches over Daniel Chafetz of Columbia (the only N.C.A.A. defending champion).

The sabre ended in a triple tie between Frank Zimolzak of Navy, Stephen Sobel of Columbia, and Robert Parmacek of Penn. Zimolzak, who had won the I.F.A. crown, won the fence-off, with Sobel and Parmacek following in that order.

**TEAM STANDINGS**

Columbia	71	Virginia	34
N.Y.U.	69	M.I.T.	33
Navy	66	Wayne	30
Pennsylvania	66	Wesleyan	29
Mich. State	62	Buffalo	29
Brooklyn	61	Boston U.	28
Army	58	Kentucky	27
Illinois	54	Haverford	24
Rutgers	51	St. Peters	24
Yale	50	Lafayette	23
C.C.N.Y.	45	Chicago	21
Johns Hopkins	44	Trinity	20
Princeton	42	St. Lawrence	15
Harvard	41	Lehigh	13
Wisconsin	41	No. Carolina	11
Notre Dame	40	Ohio State	8
Texas Tech	35	Geo. Washinton	7
Stevens Tech	34		

**Western Intercollegiate Fencing Conference**

by Frances Carter

The Conference held its annual Championship Tournament in foil only. San Francisco State College, dominated the event, winning both the team and individual titles.

The winning team was composed of Jack Anderson, Jerry Biagini and Wendell Tyrel.

In the individuals, Jerry Biagini won first place, Richard Gross of Stanford was second, and Jack Anderson of S. F. State was third.

**MACFA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

by Roger F. Jones

A well-balanced team from Lehigh University became the first Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association Champions. Two-man teams in each weapon represented the five member colleges. In winning the Yale Trophy symbolic of the three-weapon title, Lehigh captured the Association Foil Team Trophy, the Karl H. Spaeth Sabre Team Trophy, and tied with Haverford for the Roger F. Jones Epee Team Trophy.

The Individual Championships were more evenly distributed, with Bob Kevit of Lehigh taking the Foil, Roger Jones of Haverford the Epee, and Bruce Raymond of Johns Hopkins the Sabre. The Tournament was held at Haverford College.

**Team Summaries**

	Foil	Epee	Sabre	3-Weap.
Lehigh	13	12	11	36
Haverford	9	12	9	30
Johns Hopkins	7	10	9	26
Lafayette	7	5	7	19

**Individual Standings**

**Foil:** (1) Kevit, Lehigh, 7-1; (2) Pierce, Temple, 6-3-28 vs.; (3) Schlick, Hopkins, 6-3-32 vs.; (4) Mattson, Haverford, 5-4; (5) Laub, Lehigh, 5-4; (6) Greenwald, Lafayette, 4-5; (7) Woodward, Haverford, 3-6; (8) Meisel, Temple, 3-6; (9) Hodgens, Lafayette, 3-6; (10) Goldstein, Hopkins, 1-8.

**Epee:** (1) Jones, Haverford, 7-2\*; (2) Hergenham, Lehigh, 7-2\*; (3) Cox, Lehigh, 5-4; (4) Leibold, Haverford, 5-4; (5) Erlanson, Hopkins, 5-4; (6) Pederson, Hopkins, 5-4; (7) Rambow, Lafayette, 3-6; (8) Lang, Temple, 3-6; (9) Weisman, Temple, 3-6; (10) Osterweil, Lafayette, 2-7.

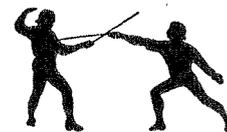
\*Fence-off requiring two-touch margin for victory: Jones d. Hergenham 4-2.

**Sabre:** (1) Reymond, Hopkins, 8-1; (2) Goldwyn, Leigh, 7-2; (3) Richter, Haverford, 6-3; (4) Lafean, Temple, 6-3; (5) Dreher, Lehigh, 4-5; (6) Roth, Lafayette, 4-5; (7) Cooper, Lafayette, 3-6; (8) Ranieri, Temple, 3-6; (9) Morris, Haverford, 3-6; (10) Rodriguez, Hopkins, 1-8.

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# The A.F.L.A. Officers

by J. R. de Capriles

The nominees for A.F.L.A. officers, to serve during the 1952-1953 season, have not been opposed by petition and the Secretary will therefore cast a unanimous ballot at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 17th. We believe that all fencers should know the men under whose guidance the League is to function, and in this and subsequent issues will present biographical sketches of every National officer.



**Miguel A. de Capriles**

President of A.F.L.A.

Captain of the 1952 Olympic Team

Although "Mike" has been President of the League for the past three seasons and has written extensively for **American Fencing**, this is the first time that we publish his biographical sketch. The current volume of "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA" (1952-1953) has scooped us by a few weeks on the dry, official record of his varied nonfencing achievements but the details which are of interest to fencers have never been told before.

Mike is a tall, bespectacled, stoop-shouldered, mild mannered individual who looks like (and is) a college professor; any resemblance to the typical athlete is purely coincidental. Having lost his father at an early age Mike worked his way through New York University where he earned three degrees (B.S., A.M., J.D.) with high honors. When the fencing bug bit him he induced Julio M. Castello to come to N. Y.U., captained "Papa" Castello's first varsity team, and as a young alumnus built up the organization—strictly unsubsidized—which has made his Alma Mater a power in intercollegiate fencing circles for the past twenty years.

A born teacher, Mike has always man-

aged to earn a comfortable living in a notoriously underpaid profession. He taught Economics at N.Y.U. from 1928 to 1942 but gradually his interests shifted to Law. A member of the New York Bar he became counsel for Hofstra College in 1936 and with the assistance of several enthusiastic amateurs, Hofstra soon developed a good fencing team. During the war he served as Special Assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, assigned to the political defense of the Western Hemisphere. He then returned to N.Y.U. to teach Law and is now a full professor and a nationally acknowledged expert in Corporation Law and the teaching of Accounting to lawyers. He is the Director of the Inter-American Law Institute, a famous organization in the field of comparative law, and the Associate Dean in charge of the Graduate Division of the N.Y.U. School of Law which enrolls over 700 practicing attorneys for advanced studies and is recognized as the most successful school of its type in the United States. He is President of the Lawmed Foundation, a charitable corporation devoted to the support of N.Y.U.'s Law and Medical Centres, and he has been a Director of several business corporations.

Mike joined the A.F.L.A. in 1925 and his competitive record since then is a little unusual. He won the National Epee Championship in 1931 and 1944, as well as seven other championships then listed as National but since demoted to All Eastern (Outdoor Epee in 1936 and 1938 and three-weapon in 1933, 1934, 1941, 1942 and 1947). He never placed higher than third in the National Sabre, yet he scored his greatest individual victory in that weapon when, in 1936, he won the Hungarian Outdoor Sabre Championship—regarded by many as the outstanding triumph thus far achieved by an American Sabreman. This tournament and an Epee competition in Canada which he won in 1938 represent the only times Mike ever competed for an individual title abroad, giving him a perfect batting average. The truth of the matter is that Mike's technical ability as a fencer in all three weapons has never been extraordinary, but he does have one of the keenest analytical brains in the game, a great deal of competitive courage, and the capacity to reach great heights when "the chips are down." These qualities have made him a formidable team fencer in all weapons and a remarkably successful team captain. He has been a member of every U. S. International and Olympic Team since 1932, and has the unusual distinction of having won two Olympic third-place team medals sixteen years part: Epee in 1932 and Sabre in 1948. In 1938 against Cuba in the third and deciding encounter of a three-match Epee series he won all his bouts to clinch the victory for the United States, and in 1939 he captained our three-weapon team to another victory over Cuba, fencing foil and sabre. In 1951, in his 45th year, he made his

final appearance as an international competitor in a blaze of glory: appointed Captain-Manager of our Pan American Team he fenced effectively in the crucial matches in all three weapons and scored the decisive victories in the Foil and Sabre Team Championships. This is the rather extraordinary record of the man who is to lead the 1952 Olympic Team at Helsinki.

Mike's success as Captain of college, club and international teams has been due largely to his ability to get the best out of his teammates; he prefers to lead rather than to drive, and to develop mutual respect and self-confidence. Strangely enough Mike was a highly controversial figure in his early years in the A.F.L.A. and was thoroughly disliked by some of the League officers and several fencing professionals. But Mike was a hard worker on the administrative side of amateur competitions; he soon became a top-notch official in all weapons and an expert on the rules; and he was the first American to serve as a President of Jury in an Olympic Individual Final (sabre—1936). His own experience as a teacher has given him a deep respect and warm regard for the professional teachers of fencing and this feeling is now reciprocated by most of our outstanding coaches. He has taken an active part in the affairs of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association for nearly twenty-five years and has been a member of the N.C.A.A. Fencing Rules Committee since 1946. He has served almost continuously as a Governor of the A.F.L.A. since 1933 and was Chairman of the A.F.L.A. Rules Committee for ten years. His command of languages as well as his professional ability and fencing experience have helped to make Mike one of the best known Americans among the fencing organizations in other countries. In 1938 he married Dorothy Hafner, herself a fencer and former Women's Intercollegiate Champion, who has had a great mellowing influence upon him. They have two children. This is the background of the man who is scheduled to head the Amateur Fencers League of America for the fourth successive year—1952-53.

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Ralph became interested in fencing in 1929 when his older brother brought some foils to hang on the wall. That same year he started a group at Thomas Jefferson High School, where he was a senior, even though he, himself, had not yet had any fencing instruction. This determination to get things going and to carry through on anything he considers interesting or important is a keynote of Ralph's character. Although not a natural athlete and not blessed with any physical aptitude for fencing, he has developed into a very formidable epee and foil fencer by hard work, intelligent analysis and a good competitive temperament. His first formal instruction was received from Joseph Smith in 1930 while attending the Brooklyn section of C.C. N.Y. (now Brooklyn College). He joined the Brooklyn F. C., later helped found

the Metropolitan F. C., and finally became a member of the Salle Santelli. It was under Santelli's guidance that he reached the peak of his game in 1948 and achieved every fencer's ambition by making the Olympic Team. In the early '40's he won the All-Eastern Intermediate Foil and Epee Championships. In 1946 he won the Mid West Epee and Sabre titles and placed third in the foil. He has won the Metropolitan Epee championship and although he never placed in a National individual championship he has been a member of several National Championship Teams. Ralph was born in Malden, Massachusetts, in 1913. He is married to a fencer (nee Stella Fox) who was Women's Intercollegiate Champion in 1934. They have three children and live in Westchester where he has helped to activate a new A.F.L.A. Division. An accredited celestial navigator, he served with the Coast Guard and later with the Air Force during the war years; while stationed at Wright Field he did much to reactivate the Miami Valley Division of the League. His love of boats and the sea is rivaled only by his devotion to fencing.



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**Donald S. Thompson**  
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Our Vice-President for the Mid-West is also Vice-President and general Economist of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Mr. Thompson attended the University of California where he received his B. S. and M. A. degrees and later became a Teaching Fellow in Business Administration. While an undergraduate he fenced on the varsity and also acted as student coach, but from 1924 to 1948 he discontinued his competitive activities. Since his return to fencing he has devoted much of his time and talent to the advancement of the sport in Ohio. A familiar figure at recent Sectional and National championships, he is an active competitor in all three weapons. He has been Vice-President of Sword & Mask, chairman and amateur coach of the Woodland Cultural and Sports Club, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Northern Ohio Division. In 1951 he was awarded the "Fencer of the Year" trophy for outstanding contribution to fencing in Northern Ohio.

His devotion to the sport has had an

interesting result in that the Thompson name has been carried to the championship round of the Nationals by three members of the family—himself, his son Donald G., and his daughter-in-law Sue. It is very probable that in another year or two a fourth Thompson—his daughter Gail—will reach the championship rounds. His son Donald G. was a member of the 1948 Olympic Epee Team. The harmony and very close affection so evident between the four competitors in the family is a greater tribute to Mr. Thompson's character than anything we might say.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., he is recognized as an outstanding Economist, Editor and Statistician. In addition to his important office in the Federal Reserve Bank, he is a Fellow (and former Vice-President) of the American Statistical Association, was Economist for the Federal Reserve Board, and is a member of several national bodies dedicated to research in Economics, Finance and Political Science. During World War I he served with the U. S. Navy.

Edward Carfagno is deservedly one of the most popular and respected fencers who have been developed on the West coast.

Ed started to fence at the University of Southern California with Henri J. Uyttenhove, and while there won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championship. After graduation in 1933 he joined his present club—the Los Angeles A. C.—and has since won the Pacific Coast championships in all three weapons several times. Foil and Sabre are his forte, and for a period of twelve years he held Pacific Coast titles in those weapons with amazing regularity and in some years won the championship in both. During this same period he held the Southern California titles in one or more weapons almost without interruption and also won the Davenport and Salznick sabre trophies. Unfortunately his business has prevented Ed from competing very often at our National Championships, but his compara-

tively few appearances have been impressive. In addition to placing second in the 1939 Foil Championship, he has been a finalist in both foil and sabre and has been ranked among the National First Ten three times in foil and twice in sabre. He was a member of the 1939 U. S. team which defeated the Cubans at Havana, and was selected for the 1940 U. S. Olympic Foil Team. In 1949 he suffered a badly torn ankle and he has only recently resumed his winning ways. This year he was named Deputy Captain of the Olympic Squad, in charge of the Women's West Coast Tryouts.

Professionally Ed has progressed steadily in the motion picture industry. He became a member of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Art Department after graduating from the School of Architecture at U.S.C. with a Master's degree. In 1941 he became an Art Director and during the last two years has spent considerable time in Italy for the filming of "Quo Vadis" and "When in Rome."



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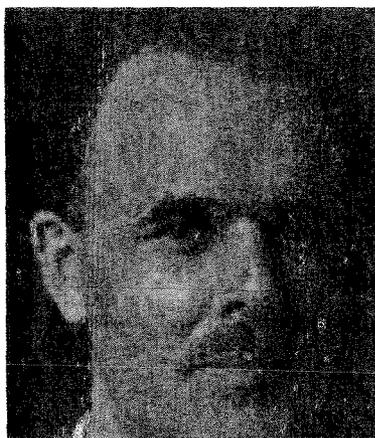
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**HAROLD VAN BUSKIRK**  
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Mr. Van Buskirk's entire adult life has been devoted to the advancement of

fencing and raising the standards of the sport. This brief sketch is necessary only for the edification of our many new fencers, for surely anyone who has been an active fencer for more than eight years knows "Van."

Van was President of the AFLA from 1936 to 1939 and again in 1944. He then moved to Texas and has, in a comparatively few years, played a major role in developing the South West Section of the League. A resident of Houston, his presence has been of particular value to Rice Institute and Houston University with the result that intercollegiate fencing is now a major activity and the A.F.L.A. membership rolls in that area have increased tremendously.

Van started fencing in 1908 at Erasmus Hall High School, and then went to the University of Pennsylvania where he captained the team and won the Intercollegiate Foil Championship in 1915. After graduation he joined the New York A. C. and later went to the Fencers Club. For the next 25 years Van was one

of our great fencers, winning the National Epee title in 1927. He was runner-up in sabre in 1928 and bronze medalist in 1923 and 1925; a member of the 1924 National Championship sabre team; and runner-up for the 3-weapon championship in 1923 and 1930. He was a member of the 1924, 1928 and 1932 Olympic Teams and was named captain of the 1936 Team but resigned due to the pressure of business. For many years he was our best and most active director at major competitions and he has been asked to officiate at the Caribbean Olympic Games and the Bolivarian Games on four different occasions. The League is indeed fortunate that a man of such qualities and devotion to the sport is available to guide the development of its newest and fastest growing Section.

A prominent builder by profession, he is married to Evelyn Van Buskirk who has played an important role in the development of women's fencing in this country and was herself National Champion in 1930.

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## Open Letter to the Board of Governors

April 10, 1952

Dear Sirs:

In desperation, I awake in the middle of the night and compose this letter on my temperamental typewriter. You see, honorable gentlemen, I am a frustrated fencer. It is a known fact among my colleagues and friends that I prefer to be a fencer rather than a coach of fencing. In a sense, then, it is unfortunate that I chose Physical Education as my vocation. Automatically, I am a professional and barred from competition. But for preference, this is not disastrous in itself. Even after telling you that I'd much rather be a competitor, I am diligently working toward becoming a better coach. I could be both . . . if it were possible.

At twenty-seven years of age a fencer is beginning to mature with several possibly good years in competition to anticipate. But what happens if, for several reasons, he becomes a professional? What if this occurs before he has reached fencing maturity? Except for one or two competitions which may be sponsored by the National Fencing Coaches Association of America, his competitive days are ended. How does this affect the sport we all love so much?

In the first place, good fencers are removed from the scene and their ability to push their countrymen to greater development through competitive force is eliminated. Now you'll say the new coach will help fencing by teaching the sport and bringing in many new fencers. And this is true. However, I'll avoid any discussion of the calibre of new fencers he may introduce.

In the second place, he may be forced to professionalism prematurely. He may have had too little time in training and development; in competitive experience, to become a good professional.

And, in the third place, competition helps keep a person fit and enthusiastic. It offers continually new and beneficial experiences to the serious competitor and to one who would teach people to be serious competitors.

The Amateur Fencers League of America is in a position to help remedy this situation and, I believe, help fencing immeasurably. Look at the facts:

It is repeated, time and again, by most fencers that the best coaches are Europeans. Many of the AFLA "top-strata" believe this, too. In many cases, I must admit, this is true; at least, insofar as the techniques of the sport are concerned. But have we stopped to consider why the European is a better fencing coach? And why fencers prefer them?

The considerations are somewhat obvious. The European starts to fence at an earlier age than we do. He takes instruction from teachers who started at an earlier age. He fences in more competitions and meets more fencers and has a greater scope of experience. By the time he is of age to graduate from a university, he has had our equivalent of

two life-times of fencing. He reaches fencing maturity at an earlier age. And, what is more important, **he continues to compete intensely after he becomes a professional.**

Instead of building a similar system that will aid the American fencing coach as much as possible, what has the AFLA done? You know the answer; it seeks out European coaches.

Whenever an idea new to the American fencing scene is presented, AFLA officials can reject it, if they wish, and point to the rules of the Federation Internationale d'Esgrime or the Amateur Athletic Union, and blame them for some prohibitory factor. But now in the middle of the night and again in broad daylight, the AFLA can only fail itself, alone. Can it deny that the FIE is responsible, in a large part, for professional tournaments and for mixed professional-amateur tournaments? Here in America, has not precedence been set for mixed competitions by our golfers? And what about the football and basketball "all-star" games? What keeps fencing from improving itself in a manner akin to the method used by the Europeans it chooses to be coached by, and tries to emulate?

Certainly, there are more advantages to the European system than ours. For years it has been evident that we cannot beat them at their game, with our system. What keeps American fencing from improving its system? There need be no fear of the few professionals "taking over." Is it afraid it will have to concede to professionals officiating? Professional officials are common in most sports but if you insist, I won't expect to judge in bouts. I only want to fence, enjoy fencing and maybe develop into the kind of a coach American fencers want. Won't you consider it at your next meeting? It might help our sport. And please, don't wait until I'm too old to care.

Sincerely,

Robert Kaplan  
Fencing Coach  
The Ohio State University

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**The A.F.L.A. has, in the past, conducted several special tournaments open to professionals. They were discontinued because only three or four professionals entered the first one, and one or two competed in the subsequent ones. The F.I.E. does not sponsor professional or mixed tournaments, but does permit amateur participation in a few special events of that type. The European professional competes, for the most part, with other professionals. The reason he is able to enjoy more competition is primarily because there are a great many more professionals willing to engage in such activity. Furthermore, Mr. Kaplan is inaccurate in stating that the AFLA seeks out European coaches. European coaches have been encouraged to come to this country by amateur clubs or schools who guaranteed employment. These men have played a vital, indispensable role in developing the sport in the U.S.A. and the League is grateful to them. The AFLA as an organization does not obtain or place any coaches—European or American—but many League members have helped our young physical education men get located in their present posts.**



Charles R. Schmitter

### Schmitter New NFCAA Head

Charles R. Schmitter, Fencing Coach of Michigan State College, has been elected President of the National Fencing Coaches Association of America, to succeed Maxwell Garret of Illinois.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Schmitter is a good friend of the A.F.L.A. who recognizes that the interests of the coaches' and amateur fencers' organizations are very closely allied.

"Charlie" began fencing in 1928 while a junior at the University of Detroit. The team was organized and coached by Joe Kuenz, a student, and the following year Charlie took on the task of keeping the sport alive. During his first few months of fencing he took some lessons from Bill Caswell who is one of the men most responsible for the establishment of the AFLA Michigan Division. In his own words, Charlie learned "largely from watching other people and through trial and error." Apparently he's an excellent watcher, because he held the Division Championships in foil, epee, sabre, and three-weapons several times, and in 1936 he won the Turner National Championship in foil and sabre (epee was not held), and placed third in the Mid-West sabre. His only formal training by a recognized professional during his amateur activities was a foil lesson from Rene Pinchart.

Charlie turned professional in 1938 and is now closing his 14th season at Michigan State, with a better than .600 record. He is a highly intelligent individual who takes his responsibilities seriously. Upon assuming the duties of coach he set out to learn as much as he could about his task. He has taken foil lessons from the Grassons and Hugo Castello, and since 1948 he has studied sabre with George Santelli every time he is in New York. As a result, he has turned out strong fencers in all weapons and several of his pupils have attained Senior ranking in Mid-West Championships. His College teams have ranked high in the Western Conference and N.C.A.A. championships. He has been very active in NFCAA affairs and has for several years been on the Fencing Rules Committee of the N.C.A.A.

### THIRD WESTERN OLYMPIC TRYOUT

by Edward Carfagno  
Deputy Captain, Olympic Squad

The third and final round of the Western Olympic tryouts for women was held at Los Angeles A. C. on April 11, 1952. Seven girls had been qualified for this event which was conducted as a double round-robin.

Miss Bernadine Meislahn turned in the best performance for the evening. She seemed to thrive on the hard evening's work. The most improved fencer was Barbara Baxter, and I believe that with more seasoning and hard work she could become a strong fencer. Miss Janice-Lee York had a poor evening and seemed out of condition. Mrs. Maxine Mitchell fenced very strongly, and Miss Craus used her usual high-spirited style.

The following were the results:

1st Round-robin—Mitchell 5-1; York 4-2; Baxter 4-2; Meislahn 4-2; Craus 2-4; Hoblit 2-4; Watson 0-6.

2nd Round-robin—Meislahn 5-1; Craus 5-1; York 4-2; Mitchell 3-3; Baxter 3-3; Hoblit 1-5; Watson 0-6.

The final standings: (1) Meislahn 9-3; (2) Mitchell 8-4 (23 vs.); (3) York 8-4 (27 vs.); (4) Craus 7-5 (31 vs 23 for); (5) Baxter 7-5 (31 vs 20 for); (6) Hoblit 3-9; (7) Watson 0-11.

### Semi-Final Sabre Tryout

George Worth and Tibor Nyilas, the two leading sabremen of the season, again finished in a tie for first place but Worth scored two more touches to earn top ranking. Norman Armitage, after a poor start, finished a strong third. On a quadruple tie for fourth, Sol Gorlin came back to a contending position for the team by outpointing Alex Treves, Jose de Capriles and Allan Kwartler. The veteran Nicholas Muray, at sixty the oldest sabreman in active competition, again demonstrated that he can fence on even terms with the best in the country. James Flynn had a bad day which dropped his point score to eighth in the race for places on the Olympic Team.

#### Summaries

George Worth, Salle Santelli, 11-3 (41 vs, 65 for); Tibor Nyilas, Salle Santelli, 11-3 (41 vs, 63 for); Norman Armitage, Fencers Club, 10-4; Sol Gorlin, Salle Santelli, 9-5 (45 vs.); Alex Treves, Salle Santelli, 9-5 (49 vs.); Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, 9-5 (51 vs.); Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, 9-5 (53 vs.); Nicholas Muray, N.Y.A.C., 6-8; Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, 5-9 (57 vs); Neil Lazar, Salle Santelli, 5-9 (61 vs); Robert Blum, Salle Santelli, 5-9 (63 vs, 50 for); Steven Sobol, Columbia, 5-9 (63 vs, 47 for); Ham Millard, Fencers Club, 4-10 (63 vs, 47 for); Herbert Spector, Salle Santelli, 4-10 (63 vs, 41 for); James Flynn, N.Y.A.C., 3-11.

#### March Women's Tryout

Madeline Dalton, Fencers Club, 9-2; Maria Tishman, Fencers Club, 8-3 (23 vs.); Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, 8-3 (25 vs.); Diane Millstein, Fencers Club, 8-3 (26 vs.); Toni Jauch, Fencers Club, 7-4; Eve Cohen, Santelli, 6-5 (28 vs.); Grace Accl, Santelli, 6-5 (33 vs.); Aida Gormley, Unattached, 5-6; Vivienne Sokol, 4-7; Julia Doerschuk, Fencers Club, 3-8; Dorothy Stack, Fencers Club, 2-9; Harriet Brewster, New England, 0-5 and then withdrew.

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### Women's Semi-Final Tryout

Grace Accl and Diane Millstein moved into the lead in the Eastern Women's Tryouts when they tied for first place in the last even before the Nationals. Maria Cerra Tishman, heroine of the 1948 Olympics, missed a chance to share in the tie when she lost her last bout to Aida Gormley, but finished a clear third to keep her consistently high average. Madeline Dalton, winner of the two previous tryouts, dropped to fourth place but is still in an excellent position to pass the leaders when the adjusted point totals are computed. Eve Cohen, who had the highest gross score up to this event, finished ninth.

#### Summaries

Grace Accl, Salle Santelli, 9-2 (25 vs); Diane Millstein, Fencers Club, 9-2 (28 vs); Maria Tishman, Fencers Club, 8-3; Madeline Dalton, Fencers Club, 6-5 (30 vs); Dolly Funke, Fencers Club, 6-5 (32 vs); Toni Jauch, Fencers Club, 6-5 (35 vs); Aida Gormley, Unattached, 5-6; Julia Doerschuk, Fencers Club, 4-7 (33 vs); Eve Cohen, Salle Santelli, 4-7 (36 vs); Dorothy Stack, Fencers Club, 4-7 (38 vs); Vivienne Sokol, Salle Santelli, 3-8; Harriet Brewster, New England, 2-9.

#### March Foil Tryout

Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club, 12-3; Nathaniel Lubell, Fencers Club, 11-4 (44 vs.); Silvio Giolito, N.Y.A.C., 11-4 (47 vs.); Albert Axelrod, Santelli, 10-5 (45 vs.); Charles Steinhardt, U.S.A.F., 10-5 (49 vs.); Ralph Goldstein, Santelli, 9-6 (51 vs.); Harold Goldsmith, CCNY (54 vs.); Edward Vebell, Fencers Club, 8-7 (57

### SEMI-FINAL EPEE TRYOUT

The three outstanding Eastern candidates for the Olympic epee team—Jose de Capriles, Alfred Skrobisch and Marvin Metzger—finished in a tie for first place with Herman Wallner, N.Y.U.'s intercollegiate champion, as all four posted 13 victories in the gruelling 20-man round robin. Wallner capitalized upon his reach, speed, and vastly improved technique to pace the field most of the way, having a 13-3 record with only 3 bouts to go; but he tired and dropped his last three. Metzger then had the advantage with a 13-4 record, but lost his last two bouts. This enabled Skrobisch and de Capriles, both of whom had fenced steadily throughout, to catch the leaders. Leonard Turk and James Strauch finished fifth and sixth, only one bout behind the leaders. Ralph Goldstein strained a muscle half-way through the competition but remained a strong contender until the closing bouts and finished seventh.

#### Scores

Alfred Skrobisch, Fencers Club, 13-6 (30 vs); Herman Wallner, N.Y.U., 13-6 (33 vs); Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, 13-6 (36 vs, 45 for); Marvin Metzger, Salle Santelli, 13-6 (36 vs, 43 for); Leonard Turk, Salle Santelli, 12-7 (31 vs); James Strauch, Fencers Club, 12-7 (36 vs); Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli, 11-8; Paul Moss, Salle Santelli, 10-9; George Siegel, B'klyn College, 9-10 (37 vs); Paul Uterbach, U.S.N., 9-10 (39 vs); Frank Bavuso, Fencers Club, 9-10 (42 vs); Paul Makler, Phila. F. C., 8-11 (41 vs); Edmund Dollinger, N.Y.U., 8-11 (44 vs); Edward Vebell, Fencers Club, 8-11 (46 vs, 41 for); Joseph Sonnenreich, Fencers Club, 8-11 (46 vs, 32 for); Clarence Roher, C.C.N.Y., 7-12 (44 vs, 38 for); Daniel Chafetz, Columbia, 7-12 (44 vs, 36 for); Wallace Goldsmith, N.Y.A.C., 7-12 (47 vs); Robert Derronian, USAF, 6-13 (46 vs); Kevis Kapner, Salle Santelli, 6-13 (48 vs).

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vs.); Allan Kwartler, Santelli, 8-7 (58 vs.); Leonard Turke, Santelli, 7-8 (52 vs.); Leo Kellerman, Fencers Club, 7-8 (59 vs.); Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club, 5-10 (64 vs.); Neil Lazar, Santelli, 5-10 (65 vs.); Evan Quinn, Fencers Club, 4-11 (67 vs.); Martin Slattery, Fencers Club, 4-11 (68 vs.); Frank Billadello, Fencers Club, 0-15.

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# Metropolitan Events

## Metropolitan Championships

The three men's events and the women's foil were all decided on fence-offs. This unusual situation emphasizes the keen competition that marked this year's championships, which incidentally are also counted as Olympic Tryouts. The finals consisted of twelve in the men's events and ten in the women's, but the entry of many automatic qualifiers for the National Championships made it necessary in some cases to hold fence-offs among semi-finalists to determine the Non-Divisional members eligible for the National Championship Round.

### Epee Individual by Julia Doerschuk Final Round (\*)

**Frank Bavuso**, Fencers Club, 8-3; **Marvin Metzger**, Salle Santelli, 8-3; **Alfred Skrobisch**, Fencers Club, 7-4 (21 vs); **Edward Vebell**, Fencers Club, 7-4 (21 vs); **Jose de Capriles**, Fencers Club, 7-4 (22 vs); **Norman Lewis**, Salle Santelli, 6-5 (18 vs); **James Strauch**, Fencers Club, 6-5 (21 vs); **Paul Moss**, Salle Santelli, 6-5 (26 vs); **Paul Utterback**, Fencers Club, 5-6; **George Jacoby**, Yale, 3-8; **Leonard Turk**, Salle Santelli, 2-9; **Edward Dollinger**, N.Y.U., 1-10.

(\*) Names in bold print indicate Metropolitan qualifiers. Other finalists are automatic qualifiers under the rules or are from other divisions. **Kevis Kapner**, Salle Santelli, was the seventh qualifier, and **Wallace Goldsmith**, New York A. C., won a three-way fence-off for eighth place by beating Roher of C.C.N.Y. and Wallner of N.Y.U. Roher is first alternate.

### Sabre Individual by Martha Rothman Final Round

**Tibor Nyilas**, Salle Santelli, 9-2\*; **George Worth**, Salle Santelli, 9-2\*; **Jose de Capriles**, Fencers Club, 8-3 (35 vs); **Allan Kwartler**, Salle Santelli, 8-3 (36 vs); **Norman Armitage**, Fencers Club, 7-4; **James Flynn**, New York A. C., 6-5; **Nickolas Muray**, New York A. C., 5-6 (43 vs); **Abram Cohen**, Fencers Club, 5-6 (46 vs); **Hamilton Millard**, Fencers Club, 3-8; **Neil Lazar**, Salle Santelli, 2-9 (48 vs); **Paul Makler**, Philadelphia F. C., 2-9 (49 vs); **Herbert Spector**, Salle Santelli, 2-9 (50 vs).

(\*) Nyilas d. Worth 5-1 in fence-off.

### Women's Individual by Larry Olvin Final Round

**Madeline Dalton**, Fencers Club, 7-2\*; **Grace Acel**, Salle Santelli, 7-2\*; **Eve Cohen**, Salle Santelli, 7-2\*; **Diane Millstein**, Fencers Club, 6-3; **Julia Doerschuk**, Fencers Club, 5-4 (23 vs); **Dolly Funke**, Fencers Club, 5-4 (28 vs); **Toni Jauch**, Fencers Club, 3-6; **Yvienne Sokol**, Salle Santelli, 2-7 (29 vs); **Aida Gormley**, Unattached, 2-7 (34 vs); **Dorothy Stack**, Fencers Club, 1-8.

(\*) Fence-off: Dalton d. Acel and Cohen; Acel d. Cohen.

### Foil Individual by Dorothy Friedman Final Round

**Daniel Bukantz**, Fencers Club, 10-1\*; **Harold Goldsmith**, C.C.N.Y., 10-1\*; **Albert Axelrod**, Salle Santelli, 8-3; **Leo Kellerman**, Fencers Club, 6-5 (44 vs); **Leonard Turk**, Salle Santelli, 6-5 (46 vs); **Jose de Capriles**, Fencers Club, 5-6 (44 vs); **James Strauch**, Fencers Club, 5-6 (45 vs); **Edward Treves**, Fencers Club, 5-6 (47 vs); **Ralph Goldstein**, Salle Santelli, 4-7 (47 vs); **Neil Lazar**, Salle Santelli, 4-7 (51 vs); **Abelardo Menendez**, Fencers Club, 3-8; **Herbert Spector**, Salle Santelli, 0-11.

\* Fence-off: Bukantz d. Goldsmith 5-0.

## GOLDSTEIN WINS MASTERS' EVENT

Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli, won the annual epee Masters' event which is limited to Olympic Team members and medalists in at least two National Championships. The winner received the Miguel A. de Capriles gold medal and custody of the J. Sanford Saltus Sword for one year.

Seven stars competed in a double round-robin of one-touch bouts and the veteran Pieter Mijer, also of the Salle Santelli, was the popular runner-up. A fence-off for third place was won by Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, over Henrique Santos, New York A. C. Tracy Jaeckel, last year's winner, maintained tradition by failing to place.

### Results

Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli, 10-2; Pieter Mijer, Salle Santelli, 8-4; Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, 6-6; Henrique Santos, New York A. C., 6-6; Alfred Skrobisch, Fencers Club, 4-8; Jean Grombach, New York A. C., 3-9; Tracy Jaeckel, Fencers Club, 2-10.

## THE LYON TROPHY

by Martha Rothman

The Philadelphia F. C. (Rex Dyer and Paul Makler) won a popular victory in the annual epee-sabre team competition held at the New York A. C. Nine teams competed in the event, with the host club (James Flynn and Nickolas Muray) placing second.

The winners received the Lyon gold medals and the beautiful trophy "The Duel" which Mr. Lyon presented to the League several years ago. The Philadelphians presented a well-balanced strength, both Dyer and Makler being proficient in the two weapons. In the deciding match the victors split the sabre event 2-2 and won with the epee 3-1.

### Scores

**Philadelphia F.C.** d. N.Y.U. "A" 7-1, N.Y.U. "B" 5-0, Fencers Club "B" 5-2 and N.Y.A.C. 5-3;  
**New York A. C.** d. B'klyn. College 6-2, Santelli "B" 5-3 and Fencers Club "B" 5-3;  
**Fencers Club "B"** d. Santelli "A" 5-3;  
**Santelli "B"** d. Fencers Club "A" 5-3;  
**N.Y.U. "B"** d. Brooklyn College 5-3.

## All-Eastern Three-Weapon

by Martha Rothman

Herbert Spector, Salle Santelli, defeated his club mate Allan Kwartler 8-6 for the Individual Three-Weapon crown and the President's gold medal on the Fencers Club strips. Fifteen competed for the title but Neil Lazar and Abram Cohen, last year's champion and medalist were not among the entries.

Spector had lost to Kwartler 8-6 in the preliminary pool which preceded the direct-elimination rounds, but thereafter he disposed of six contenders by impressive scores and avenged his only defeat in the deciding match. Tibor Nyilas, Champion in '48, '49 and '50, was eliminated in the quarter-final round by Ham Millard who then lost to Spector 8-3 in the semi-finals.

### Summary

**Final:** Spector d. Kwartler 8-6 (4-1, 1-4, 3-1)\*  
**Semi-Final:** Spector d. Millard 8-3 (3-2, 4-1, 1-0) Kwartler d. Kapner 8-5 (4-1, 2-3, 2-1)  
**Quarter-Final:** Spector d. Menendez 8-6 (2-3, 3-2, 3-1); Kwartler d. Turk 8-4 (3-2, 4-1, 1-1); Kapner d. Billadello 8-6 (3-2, 3-2, 2-2); Millard d. Nyilas 8-6 (2-3, 3-2, 3-1).

\* Figures in parenthesis represent scores in foil, epee, and sabre respectively.

**Other Contestants:** Dushoff (Philadelphia); Antonick, Kennedy (N.J.); Broderick (Salle Santelli); Balk, Slattery (Fencers Club); Stephens (Saltus).

## The Honeycutt Trophy

The All-Eastern three weapon team competition was won by the Fencers Club, represented by Daniel Bukantz and Nat Lubell in foil, James Strauch in epee, and Jose de Capriles in sabre. The Salle Santelli (Allan Kwartler, Marvin Metzger, George Worth, Tibor Nyilas) was second by two touches, and the New York A. C. (Silvio Gialito, Wallace Goldsmith, Nickolas Muray) was third.

The event is held as a complete round-robin and the winner is determined by the fewest number of touches and in all weapons the loser of a bout is penalized a sixth touch. Bout and Match victories are not counted, so that it would be possible to win all matches yet lose on the count of touches against.

Unfortunately only four teams competed.

### Results

**Fencers Club** d. Newark 18-3 (foil 6-1, epee 6-2, sabre 6-0); N.Y.A.C. 18-9 (foil 6-3, epee 6-3, sabre 6-3); and lost to Salle Santelli 8-13.  
**Salle Santelli** d. Fencers Club 13-8 (foil 1-6, epee 6-1, sabre 6-1); Newark 18-4 (foil 6-3, epee 6-0, sabre 6-1); and lost to N.Y.A.C. 12-15.  
**New York A. C.** d. Salle Santelli 15-12 (foil 6-3, epee 6-3, sabre 3-6); Newark 18-6 (foil 6-1, epee 6-3, sabre 6-2); and lost to Fencers Club 9-18.  
Newark lost all.

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# News from the Divisions

## Northern California

by Ferard Leicester and Frances Carter

To the regret of the entire Division, Gerard Biagini and Wolford Wootan have reported to the Armed Forces. We wish them well and a speedy return to our strips.

The following are results of recent competitions:

### Junior Epee Team

Won by the Berkeley F. C. (Arthur Pardee, Peter Stevenson, David Swift).

### Junior Sabre

1. Al Lamber .....Berkeley F. C.
2. Daniel DeLa O .....Halberstadt S. F.
3. Gordon Scheile .....Halberstadt S. F.

### Junior Sabre Team

Won by a Composite team consisting of Daniel DeLa O, Roger Kirschhoff, and Gordon Scheile.

### Junior Foil Team

Won by a Composite team of Jack Baker, Wesley Olson and Gordon Scheile.

### Intermediate Epee

1. Bill Lundeberg .....Cavaliers, So. Cal.
2. Wesley Olson .....Olympic Club
3. David Swift .....Berkeley F. C.

### Open Epee

1. Al Lambert .....Berkeley F. C.
2. Gerard Biagini .....Olympic Club
3. Peter Stevenson .....Berkeley F. C.

### Open Epee Team

Won by the Olympic Club (Jack Baker, Gerard Biagini, Wesley Olson).

### Women's Open

1. Janice Lee York\* .....Unattached
  2. Frances Carter\* .....Halberstadt S. F.
  3. Tommy Angell\* .....Halberstadt S. F.
- \*Three-way tie for first.

### Intermediate Sabre

1. Daniel De La O .....Unattached
2. Frank Giambra .....Olympic Club
3. Wesley Olson .....Olympic Club

### Open Foil

1. Daniel De La O .....Unattached
2. Leon Yulkowski .....Berkeley F. C.
3. Jack Anderson .....San Francisco State

### Intermediate Foil

1. Al Lambert .....Berkeley F. C.
2. Daniel DeLa O .....Halberstadt S. F.
3. Leon Yulkowski .....Berkeley F. C.

### Three-Weapon

1. Gerard Biagini .....Olympic Club
- Al Lambert .....Berkeley F. C.
3. Jack Baker .....Olympic Club

### Women's Junior Team

Won by a Composite team of Mary Huddleson, Helyn Lum, and Christin Yulkowski.

### Women's Intermediate

1. Tommy Angell .....Halberstadt S. F.
2. Eleanor Turney .....Halberstadt S. F.
3. Shirley Canter .....Funke F. A.

### Women's Intermediate Team

Won by the Halberstadt S. F. (Tommy Angell, Pat Powers, Eleanor Turney).

### OPEN SABRE

1. Frank Giambra .....Olympic Club
2. Daniel De La O .....Olympic Club
3. Jack Baker .....Olympic Club

### WOMEN'S OPEN TEAM

Won by the Halberstadt School of Fencing represented by Tommy Angell, Frances Carter and Patricia Powers.

### Foil Team Championship

Won by Stanford University team of Richard Gross, Earl Schmitt and Ralph Amado, who were undefeated. The University of California was second and Olympic Club third.

### Open Sabre Team

Won by the Olympic Club, represented by Jack Baker, Daniel DeLa O, and Frank Giambra.

## Western New York

by Sidney Schwartz  
Division Chairman

This year has seen all records broken; our membership increased to seventy-five, the greatest number of tournaments were held, and we had the greatest number of entries. Also the sport is now taught at ten different places and all by amateur coaches. We may not produce the best fencers but we do get a great deal of activity and the competition, at our level, is very strong.

### Results of Divisional Championships

The preliminaries in all weapons were held at the University of Buffalo and the finals at the Buffalo Jewish Center.

#### Women

- \*1. Mrs. Vicky Coppola 4-2 Jewish Center
2. Mrs. Ruth Goldstein 4-2 Jewish Center
3. Miss Fran Breton 4-2 Jewish Center

\*(Mrs. Coppola defeated Goldstein and Breton, and Goldstein defeated Breton in a fence-off).

Mrs. Betty Hamilton of Montreal, Canada, also competed in this final round and was undefeated. Her records did not count toward the W.N.Y. Championship.

#### Foil

- \*1. Sidney Schwartz 4-1 U. of Buffalo
2. Art Plouffe 4-1 Rochester Kodak Park
3. Fulton Dye 3-2 Buffalo F. C.

\*(Schwartz defeated Plouffe, 5-3, in a fence-off).

#### Epee

- \*1. Fulton Dye 4-1 Buffalo F. C.
2. Bob Green 4-1 Buffalo F. C.
3. Bob Starks 3-2 University of Buffalo

\*(Dye defeated Green, 3-0, in fence-off).

#### Sabre (For the Santelli Trophy)

1. Sidney Schwartz 5-0 U. of Buffalo
2. John Tremor 3-2 U. of Buffalo
3. Joe Coppola 3-2 Jewish Center

A new type of team event was also held to be called the Annual Four Weapon Team Championships. The Teams consist of three men and one woman and there were eight teams entered. The meet was held in four separate pools with medals being awarded to the winners of the individual pools and team medals going to the top three teams.

After the regular competition, the Buffalo Fencers Club (Art Plouffe, foil; Bob Green, Epee; Fulton Dye, sabre and Rhoda Martin, Women's) were tied with the Buffalo Jewish Center, (Tony Buzzelli, foil; Dr. Irving Vogel, epee; Joe Coppola, sabre; and Vicky Coppola, Women's). It required a double fence-off in order for the Buffalo Fencers Club to emerge the victors.

Third place was taken by the U. B. Alumni team (Henry Niemczycki, foil; William Kohsmann, epee, Sidney Schwartz, sabre; and Helen Mintz, Women's).

The individual medals were won by:  
Foil Tony Buzzelli Jewish Center "A"  
Epee Donn Boyle Jewish Center "B"  
Sabre Sidney Schwartz U. B. Alumni  
Women's Rhoda Martin Buffalo F. C.

## Kentucky

by Carl M. Burge  
Division Secretary

The fifth annual Kentucky Championships were held at the Louisville YMCA. Fifty-eight entries participated, and the quality of the fencing was the highest in our Division's history.

Kamillo Szathmary, of Knoxville, Tennessee won the foil and sabre titles. Szathmary fenced on the Romanian Olympic Team in 1936.

Our own Albert Wolff of Louisville YMCA, who represented the U. S. in the 1948 Olympics and the 1950 Pan-American Games, retained his epee crown.

#### Summaries

##### Foil - (26 entries)

Kamillo Szathmary, Knoxville YMCA, 4-1; Charles Reese, U. of Louisville, 3-2; Bill Seiller, U. of Kentucky, 2-3; Bill Long, U. of Louisville, 2-3; Francis Wolff, Indiana U., 2-3; John Mooney, Notre Dame, 2-3.

##### Epee - (14 entries)

Albert Wolff, Louisville YMCA, 5-0; Carl Burge, Louisville YMCA, 3-2; Francis Wolff, Indiana U., 3-2; Bill Seiller, U. of Kentucky, 2-3; Bob O'Nan, U. of Kentucky, 1-4; E. V. Smith, Indiana U., 1-4.

##### Sabre - (18 entries)

Kamillo Szathmary, Knoxville YMCA, 8-0; Tom Prather, U. of Kentucky, 6-2; Bill Seiller, U. of Kentucky, 5-3; Carl Burge, Louisville YMCA, 5-3; Francis Wolff, Indiana U., 5-3; John Yarbro, U. of Louisville, 3-5; Ed Schickle, Louisville YMCA, 2-6; Bob O'Nan, U. of Kentucky, 1-7; James Bick, Knoxville YMCA, 1-7.

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## New Jersey

by Dr. James Flynn

The Women's Open Team event for the Griffin Trophy was won by the Paterson State Teachers team composed of M. Cappello, L. Murad and E. Pizzarelli. Seven teams competed.

The State Sabre Championship was won by Dr. James Flynn. A tie for second was won by Vincent Surdi over Anthony Orsi on touches.

### Maryland

by Calvert E. Schlick, Jr.  
Division Secretary

We of the Maryland division are quite proud of one of our young fencers, Miss Abbi Herring. Although she only began fencing four years ago, she has won the 1952 Washington, Philadelphia, and Maryland Open Championships. Miss Herring is a member of the Tri-Weapon Club of Baltimore which is coached by John O. Pope.

Results of Competitions to date:

**Prep Epee**

1. Hugh Montigue ..... Johns Hopkins
2. Ben Crouse ..... Johns Hopkins
3. Lt. Col. Corrie ..... Washington F. C.

**Prep Sabre**

1. Lee Stanley ..... International Y
2. Joe Abel ..... Washington F. C.
3. Lt. Col. Corrie ..... Washington F. C.

**Women's Open**

1. Abbie Herring ..... Tri-Weapon Club
2. Lissie Nielson ..... Washington F. C.
3. Jane Burger ..... International Y

**S Weapon Team Open Championship**

- Johns Hopkins "A" Team  
Cal Schlick—Foil  
Charles MacLaughlin—Epee  
Bruce Raymond—Sabre

**Open Foil**

The U. S. Naval Academy was host to fourteen fencers from the Baltimore, Washington, and Annapolis areas.

1. Bob Lewis ..... Y.M.H.A.
2. John Smith ..... U.S.N.A.
3. Comm. Hart Kait ..... U.S.N.

**Open Epee**

1. Al Rose ..... Y.M.C.A.
2. Bill Lykes ..... U.S.N.A.
3. Hilary Sandoval ..... Y.M.C.A.

**Open Sabre**

1. Bob Lewis ..... Y.M.H.A.
2. Bruce Reymond ..... Johns Hopkins
3. Roger Owings ..... Wilmington F. C.

### Washington, D. C.

by Harold Newton  
Division Secretary

Results of recent competitions:

**Open Epee**

1. Maj. Thomas Carhart ..... Wash. F. C.
2. C. L. Dickerson ..... U. of Va.
3. C. E. Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins

**Open Foil (Lanzelli Prize)**

1. Lt. Charles Steinhart\* ..... U. S. Air Force
  2. Clark Joel ..... YMCA
  3. Harold Newton ..... Wash. F. C.
- \*Steinhart d. Joel 5-3 in fence-off.

**Open 3-Weapon**

1. Maj. Thomas Carhart ..... Wash. F. C.
2. Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie ..... Wash. F. C.

The annual meetings, held April 27th, elected the following officers for the 1952-53 season:

- Chairman: Harold Newton  
Vice-Chairman: Hugh Salzberg  
Secretary-Treasurer: Hertha Wegener  
The following, chairmen of the Bout Committees, will also be members of the Division's Board of Governors: Major Thomas Carhart, Dr. Horace Craig, Clark Joel, Mrs. Penny Newton.

**3-Weapon Championship**

1. Harold Newton\* ..... Washington F. C.
2. Cdr. Hart Kait ..... U.S.N.
3. Capt. William McGarvey ..... Washington F. C.

\*Triple tie required a fence-off.

**Women's Championship**

1. Lissie Nielsen ..... Washington F. C.
2. Mrs. Penny Newton ..... Washington F. C.
3. Hertha Wegener ..... Washington F. C.

### Northern Ohio

by Donald S. Thompson  
Women's Foil

The first women's competition of the season was held in the Flora Stone Mather Gymnasium. There were eight entries from Mather College and four from the Woodland Culture and Sports Club. In order to provide as much fencing as possible, two round robin pools of six each were organized and each bout was fenced for four minutes without regard to the total score. The bouts were not fenced off.

Miss Margaret Warnock, of Woodland and the Sword and Mask Club, won top honors in the "White" pool with four wins and no losses, and a 15-year-old Shaker Heights sophomore, Gail Thompson, wearing the colors of the Woodland Club paced the "Blue" pool with a perfect record of 5 wins. Lack of time prevented a fence-off between the qualifiers from the two pools.

**Epee Team Championship (Fenn College)**

Won by the Woodland Culture and Sports Club "A" team composed of William Durrett, James Gosline, and D. S. Thompson.

### Gulf Coast

by Betty Jean Fox  
Division Secretary

**Women's Junior—11 entries**

1. Carolyn Cummins ..... Unattached
2. Eileen Miggins ..... St. Joseph's School
3. M. Drumheller ..... St. Joseph's School

**Junior Foil—12 entries**

1. Robert Jones ..... Texas A & M
2. Don Gaucher ..... Rice Institute
3. Joseph Pafford ..... Texas A & M

**Junior Epee—10 entries**

1. Robert Jones ..... Texas A & M
2. W. J. William ..... Texas A & M
3. J. R. Gottlob ..... Texas A & M

**Sabre Team**

Won by the Buccaneers of Galveston, with Jack Baird, W. T. Brown and Owen Holzheuser.

**Open Sabre**

1. W. T. Brown ..... Buccaneers
2. Jack Baird ..... Buccaneers
3. Horace Flatt ..... Unattached

**Open Epee**

1. W. T. Brown ..... Buccaneers
2. Horace Flatt ..... Buccaneers
3. Jack Slattery ..... Rice Institute

**Women's Team**

Won by Houston Composite, made up of Betty Jean Fox, Margaret Pack and Ruth Peaceman.

**Foil Team**

Won by the Buccaneers, represented by Jack Baird, W. T. Brown, David Linker and W. D. Bentley.

**Women's Open**

1. Mrs. Neomia Abbott ..... Galveston F. C.
2. Betty Jean Fox ..... Unattached
3. Margaret Pack ..... Unattached

**Open Foil**

1. W. T. Brown ..... Buccaneers
2. Jack Baird ..... Buccaneers
3. John Gottlob ..... Texas A. & M.

**Open Sabre**

1. Leopold Ffrench ..... Rice Institute
2. Truett Fields ..... Texas A. & M.
3. Daniel Weiser ..... Rice Institute

### Colorado

by John Giele  
Division Secretary

**Junior Foil Championship**

1. Sadaichi Kubota ..... U. of Colorado F. C.
2. Frank Pinnock ..... U. of Colorado F. C.
3. Everts Fox ..... U. of Colorado F. C.

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### Philadelphia

by John F. Austin

The following are results of recent competitions:

**Open Foil**

1. Paul Makler ..... Philadelphia F. C.
2. Jack Altabef ..... Philadelphia F. C.
3. John Austin ..... Philadelphia F. C.

**Open Epee**

1. Roger Jones ..... Haverford
2. Jack Tori ..... U. of P.
3. Don Kolowrath ..... Princeton

**Novice Epee**

1. Bert Lankester ..... Princeton
2. Don Kolowrath ..... Princeton
3. Joe Dramise ..... Philadelphia F. C.

**Novice Foil**

1. Dan Edwards ..... Philadelphia F. C.
2. Pete Nomikos ..... Philadelphia F. C.
3. Don Kolowrath ..... Princeton

**Open Sabre**

1. Rex Dyer ..... U. S. Army
2. Dan Rubinstein ..... Philadelphia F. C.
3. Jack Altabef ..... Philadelphia F. C.

**Women's Novice**

1. Carol Morgan ..... Bryn Mawr
2. Aileen Sallom ..... U. of P.
3. Nancy Grayson ..... Tyler

**Schoolboy Team Foil**

Won by Northeast High's "A" team, with the "B" team second. No names of team members were reported.

**Junior Sabre**

1. James Otto ..... Philadelphia F. C.
2. Frank Bartone ..... U. of P.
3. Robert MacFarlane ..... Princeton

**Women's Junior**

1. Carol Morgan ..... Bryn Mawr
2. Jane Greer ..... Bryn Mawr
3. Nancy Grayson ..... Tyler

**Three-Weapon Team**

Won by the U. of P. with Frank Bartone, Jack Tori and Robert Parmacek.

**Junior Epee**

1. Franklin Jones ..... Philadelphia F. C.
2. Tom Woodward ..... Haverford
3. Dan Edwards ..... Philadelphia F. C.

### Minnesota

by Paul E. Dahl  
Division Secretary

Recent winners:

**Novice Foil**

1. .... Charles Bradley
2. .... Richard Peterson
3. .... Ted Walters

**Junior Foil**

1. .... Robert Forsythe
2. .... Richard Peterson
3. .... Charles Bradley

**Three-Weapon**

1. .... Robert Forsythe
2. .... Sid Tieman
3. .... Paul E. Dahl

## GREETINGS

FROM THE

## NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

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**JOSEPH VERA, Chairman**  
**GUIDO POMODORO, Secretary**  
**EDWARD WASHWELL, Treasurer**

## Seattle

by R. G. Coates  
Division Secretary

The Seattle Division played host to fencers from Portland, Spokane and British Columbia in the first Northwest Fencing Tournament held on March 28-29. The first time this event has been held, it attracted the strongest field seen in Seattle, including Jack Shaw, former New Zealand champion and Alfred Raisters, former Latvian champion now residing in Seattle. The outstanding performance of the tournament was that of Jack Nottingham of Seattle, who lost only two bouts out of thirty, and who placed second in foil and first in epee and sabre. The results are as follows:

### Women's Novice

1. Marilyn Fortson .....W.A.C. Seattle
2. Bettelou Woodman .....W.A.C. Seattle
3. Mrs. Emma Davis .....Portland Y.M.C.A.

### Novice Foil

1. Tex Ploeger .....Portland Y.M.C.A.
2. Sam Allman .....Vancouver, B. C.
3. Don Firth .....Y.M.C.A.

### Women's Open

1. Joyce Davies .....Vancouver, B. C.
2. Bettelou Woodman .....W.A.C., Seattle
3. Mrs. R. G. Coates .....W.A.C., Seattle

### Open Foil

1. Dan Drumheller .....Spokane
2. Jack Nottingham .....Seattle
3. Charles Loewen .....Vancouver B. C.

### Open Epee

1. Jack Nottingham .....Seattle
2. Jack Shaw .....Vancouver, B. C.
3. William Modrell .....Y.M.C.A.

### Open Sabre

1. Jack Nottingham .....Seattle
2. Charles Loewen .....Vancouver B. C.
3. Alfred Raisters .....Seattle

## New England

by Guido Pomodoro  
Division Secretary

Results of competitions:

### Women's Prep

1. Grace Marchant .....Boston F. C.
2. Connie Knight .....(club not known)
3. Dorene Turhune .....Boston F. C.

### Intermediate Sabre

1. Phil Gibber .....M.I.T.
2. Eric Sollee .....Harvard
3. George Younnis .....Boston U.

### Intermediate Foil

- \*1. Eric Sollee .....Harvard
2. Guido Pomodor .....Boston F. C.
3. Phil Gibber .....M.I.T.

\*Fence-off.

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WO 1-7379

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## Border

by Irving Kipnis  
Division Chairman

The results of recent competitions held in Tucson are as follows:

### Prep Foil

1. Bob Salit .....U. of Arizona
2. Jerry Parker .....U. of Arizona
3. Michael Lipscomb .....Tucson H. S.

### Women's Prep

1. Delsa Plumb .....Tucson H. S.
2. Jeannette Doeble .....U. of Arizona
3. Jean Simpson .....U. of Arizona

### Prep Epee

1. David Broadway .....Tucson H. S.
2. Bob Salit .....U. of Arizona
3. Bill Bartlett .....Tucson H. S.

### Women's Novice

1. Feral Farmer .....U. of Arizona
2. Jeannette Doeble .....U. of Arizona
3. Jean Simpson .....U. of Arizona

### Novice Foil

1. Bruce Burch .....Tucson H. S.
2. Phillip Sorbidge .....U. of Arizona
3. Joe Burch .....U. of Arizona

### Novice Epee

1. Phillip Corbidge .....U. of Arizona
2. Bruce Burch .....Tucson H. S.
3. Joe Burch .....U. of Arizona

### Junior Foil

1. Irving Kipnis .....Tucson YMCA
2. Allan Marshick .....U. of Arizona
3. Bruce Burch .....Tucson H. S.

### Novice Sabre

1. Al Marshick .....U. of Arizona
2. Bruce Burch .....Tucson H. S.
3. Phil Corbidge .....U. of Arizona

## Iowa

by Robert M. Hensley  
Division Secretary

League activity for this newly organized Division got underway in April. The membership is at present derived from four main centers: Grinnell College; Des Moines YWCA, taught by Don Durnand and composed primarily of women but with a few male participants; the State University of Iowa whose varsity squad is coached by Dr. Lucien Morris, and where a group of coeds are now also starting to take lessons; and the Iowa State College Fencing Club which is a co-educational group under the guidance of Sherrett Chase, the Division Chairman,

and extends non-resident privileges to AFLA members.

## Illinois

by Don Thompson  
Division Chairman

### Open Foil Championship

1. Leon Strauss ..... University Club
2. Edmond Zeisig ..... Wisconsin Division
3. Bernie Fishman ..... University Club

### Women's Championship

1. Mrs. Sue Thompson ..... University Club
2. Mrs. Flip Velander ..... Chicago F. C.
3. Karen Hain ..... Chicago F. C.

### Open Sabre Championship

1. John Westley ..... University Club
2. Don Thompson ..... University Club
3. Hal Taxel ..... University Club

### Open Epee Championship

1. Don Thompson\* ..... University Club
2. Arnold Katz ..... U. of Chicago
3. Carl Roth ..... Chicago F. C.

(\* ) On fence-off.

### Junior Foil Championship

1. Herman Velasco ..... Senn H. S.
2. Bruce Bachmann ..... Austin
3. Allen Mills ..... Unattached

### Three-Weapon

1. Don Thompson ..... University Club
2. Leon Strauss ..... University Club
3. August Nakogawa ..... University Club

### Women's Novice

1. Lillian Vondra\* ..... Chicago F. C.
2. Rosemary Ernst ..... Mundelein
3. Gail Thompson ..... N. Ohio Division

(\* ) On fence-off.

## SPECIAL N. J. EVENTS

**June 1**—Outdoor 3-Weapon Team. Limit of two teams per club. At Library Park, Plainfield, N. J. (opposite Plainfield High School). 10:30 A.M. Plainfield Trophy and individual prizes in each weapon. Entry fee \$3.00.

**June 7**—Outdoor Electrical Epee. At Lambert's Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, N. J. 10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.50. Paterson Morning Call Trophy and six prizes.

These events are very popular. Send entries to Miss M. Rosebault, 439 West First Ave., Roselle, N. J.

## JUNE CALENDAR

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 13—Women's Team, 10 A.M. Fencers Club  
Three-Weapon Team, 6:30 P.M. Fencers Club
- 14—Women's Individual, semi-finals, 10 A.M., Fencers Club  
Epee Team, 4 P.M. Fencers Club
- 15—Epee Individual, semi-finals, 10 A.M. Fencers Club  
Women's Individual Final, 6:30 P.M. Fencers Club
- 16—Foil Team, 9:30 A.M. New York A. C.  
Epee Individual Final, 6:30 P.M. Fencers Club
- 17—Foil Individual, semi-finals, 9:30 A.M. New York A. C.  
Annual Meetings, 7 P.M., Fencers Club
- 18—Sabre Team, 10 A.M. Saltus McBurney Club  
Foil Individual Finals, 7 P.M. New York A. C.
- 19—Sabre Individual, semi-finals, 1 P.M. Fencers Club
- 20—Sabre Individual Finals, 10 A.M. Fencers Club  
Gala Night, 8 P. M. Hotel Roosevelt

### ALL-EASTERN OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 22—Epee (Santos Medals) 10:30 A.M. Travers Island
- 29—Sabre (Mijer Medals) 10:30 A.M. Travers Island

**NOTE:** All electrical epee equipment must be checked and marked prior to competitions. Checking times: June 13, 4 to 6 P.M.; June 14, 2 to 3 P.M. Tests will be made at the Fencers Club and it is suggested you get your weapons checked on the 13th. No weapons checked at other times.

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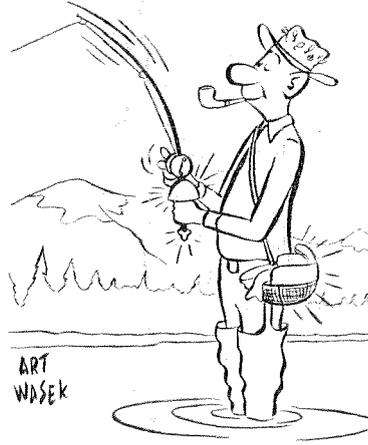
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