

American Fencing

President's Annual Message . . .

It is my purpose this year, in sending you the President's annual message to make a brief report on the significant activities of the League during the past year. It is impossible to cover all details but I shall try to mention the highlights, particularly with respect to the functions and responsibilities of our national officers. These fall into two major divisions: (1) The development of the A.F.L.A. within the United States as the official governing body of our sport and (2) The development of our international relations, since the A.F.L.A. is also the official United States member of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.).

In many respects the A.F.L.A.'s chief problem for years has been fundamentally a financial one. If we had more resources we could do much more to promote our sport throughout the country. At the present time and for as long as I can remember the portion of the annual dues earmarked for the national office has been insufficient to meet the annual operating expenses for national (as distinguished from non-divisional or New York) affairs. The deficit runs into several hundred dollars which has been made up from the surplus produced by the local activities in New York. This method of handling our finances has been justified on the theory that the non-divisional group must guarantee the necessary funds in exchange for the privilege of holding the national championships in New York. The long-range solution, however, and one which will facilitate the rotation of the nationals around the country, is to increase the membership to the point where national finances can be independent of New York support. This will require a very substantial increase in our current membership figures.

It is encouraging, therefore, to note the growth of A.F.L.A. memberships in several divisions, particularly in the Southwest which has warranted the creation of a new A.F.L.A. "section" in that area. Most of the credit for this development must go to Harold Van-Buskirk, a former President of the League and one of the most constructive administrators in our history. Likewise, it is encouraging to note the growing strength of college fencing throughout the United States as evidenced by the excellent tournaments conducted this year by the I.F.A. and the N.C.A.A. College fencers have always become in their later years the backbone of the A.F.L.A. and it is my fervent hope that the great majority of young men and women who have enjoyed their fencing activities in college will continue them as amateurs in their post-graduate life. Credit for this development is due to the many amateurs and professionals who have undertaken to interest young people in our sport and who have faithfully given their time, energy and often money to this high purpose.

I believe that the publication of AMERICAN FENCING in the 1949-50 season will, in the future, be regarded as a real landmark in the history of the A.F.L.A. Because of its national circulation the magazine has made possible closer cooperation and better inter-communication among all fencers in the United States, and has achieved this desirable result

at no greater printing cost to the A.F.L.A. than the earlier newsletters and official notices. The lion's share of the credit, of course, goes to Jose de Capriles as editor and William Osborn as business manager. But the magazine could not have been financed in the critical first year without the generous support of the advertisers, particularly our two leading equipment manufacturers, and of several of our elder statesmen who have made anonymous contributions for the good of the cause. We are not out of the financial forest with respect to publication in the future but I am confident that we will obtain sufficient advertising and other support to justify the continuance of AMERICAN FENCING as the permanent official organ of the A.F.L.A. and as a truly national medium for all fencing news and opinions in the United States.

Internationally, the A.F.L.A. has endeavored to fulfill its obligations as one of the more important fencing organizations in the world. Under the plan approved by the Board of Governors nearly two years ago the international (F.I.E.) license has been automatically issued to all A.F.L.A. "senior" members as part of their annual dues. The consequent increase in our F.I.E. licenses, coupled with the excellent results obtained by our teams in the 1948 Olympic Games, caused the F.I.E. Congress in Paris this year to award the League three votes on all technical questions. The only countries now enjoying greater voting power, with the maximum of four votes, are Belgium, France, Hungary and Italy. In addition, a dozen of our top directors have been approved as international Presidents of Jury. We have also taken an active part in the clarification and improvement of the international rules of competition and in the labors of two other permanent international commissions. In all these activities we have received a warm welcome from the F.I.E. authorities, particularly from President Jacques Coutrot.

The excellent services of Salvatore Giambro, Tracy Jaeckel, Byron Krieger, Nathaniel Lubell, Donald Thompson, Edward Vebell and George Worth at the Caribbean Games have strengthened our worldwide reputation for competent and unbiased fencing officials. The election of J. Brooks B. Parker as a member of the International Olympic Committee has greatly enhanced the national and international prestige of American fencers.

Because of our limited funds we cannot finance (even in part) the participation of American fencers in the annual World Championships or the attendance of A.F.L.A. representatives at the annual F.I.E. Congress. However, this year for the first time in many years we were represented at the World Championships in Monaco by Alex Treves and at the F.I.E. Congress in Paris by Jack Garlin, both men paying their own expenses. We are now cooperating closely with the Olympic Fencing Games Committee in the training and selection of the American teams which will participate in the Pan American Games at Buenos Aires next spring and in the Olympic Games at Helsinki in 1952.

All of this is important to American fencers. It is true that only a small percentage of the A.F.L.A. membership ever participates in international events but the performance of this small number is the standard by which the quality of all American fencers is objectively gauged by the rest of the world. Furthermore, it is a well known psychological fact that we feel deep pride in, and identify ourselves with, the success of our champions.

In this perspective it is important to all of us that a few of our best fencers shall attain "international caliber" as measured by world standards. The more competitors we have in our tournaments and the tougher the competition the stronger our champions will be. It seems to me that there are a dozen or more young fencers barely out of their teens who show real promise. Their wide geographical distribution is a tribute to the efforts of our coaches throughout the country. I hope that the entire A.F.L.A. membership will encourage these young men and women to keep up their training and build up their competitive experience and thereby raise the quality of American fencing to the top.

The task of administering the affairs of the A.F.L.A. requires many heads and many hands and the sacrifice of much time and energy for the good of the sport. To all the divisional, sectional and national officials who have helped to run hundreds of competitions during the past year our heartfelt thanks are due. I cannot name them all, but from the point of view of our national office I should like to mention three men (in alphabetical order) whose work should be known to the membership at large and to whom I wish to express deep personal gratitude for their efforts on behalf of American fencing: First, Warren Dow who might be designated "Minister Without Portfolio." As usual he has undertaken the most difficult committee assignments such as the national championships, the new rules book (to be published in the fall), and the program of try-outs for our international teams and has done a first class job on them. Second, Dernel Every our Secretary and former President who functions as the "General Manager" of our national office. He is the A.F.L.A. in its day-to-day relations with members and non-members; and he is a tower of strength in our relations with the eastern colleges and with the amateur sports bodies in the United States. Third, Tracy Jaeckel, our Foreign Secretary who is the "Ambassador" of the A.F.L.A. to other countries. Much of the credit is due him for the current international position of the League; but his assignments are varied and his superb organization of the 1950 "Gala Night" is only a sample of the quality of his work. The A.F.L.A. is indeed fortunate to have the services of these devoted, capable and unselfish fencers; I hope, for the sake of the League, that their example will stimulate our other members to greater effort in improving the efficiency of our organization.

Miguel A. de Capriles
President

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DETROIT TO HOLD NATIONALS!

The 1951 National Championships will be held at Detroit. This is the first time since 1939 that the events will be conducted elsewhere than New York, and it is expected we will have the biggest turnout in our history.

We sincerely hope that this marks the beginning of a new cycle for the Nationals and that other cities will witness the Championships in the near future.

The Washington Fencers Club announces that it has moved to new quarters at Western High School, 35th and R Sts., N.W. The new site affords more room with ample shower and locker facilities for men and women. The club meets on Mondays and Thursdays.

The annual elections produced new club officers as follows:

President: Lt. Col. Thomas J. Hayes
Vice President: Miss Sue Quinn
Secretary: Harold Newton
Treasurer: John Mac Vey

New Castello Product!

Mr. and Mrs. James Castello are the proud parents of Michael James, born on July 2nd. Mother and child are doing well, but father hasn't fully recovered from the ordeal.

Quebec Tournament

The Province of Quebec Fencing Association will hold its annual international tournament on October 7th and 8th at Montreal. Americans are invited to compete, and to form a foil team for a match with Canadian fencers. The schedule is as follows:

Sat., Oct. 7, 7:30 P.M.—Ladies' Foil.
Sun., Oct. 8, 10 A.M.—Men's Foil Team—U. S. vs. Canada.
Sun., Oct. 8, 1:30 P.M.—McConnell Electrical Epee Individual.

Those wishing to compete should advise Mr. Dornell Every at 3406 Chanin Bldg., N. Y. 17, and send their entries to the Province of Quebec Fencing Association, P. O. Box 205, Station G, Ave. des Pins, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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JOIN EARLY

A new season is under way and we suggest you join the AFLA now instead of waiting until mid-season. Urge your Division to forward its membership lists promptly and at frequent intervals so that all new members will be sure to get their magazines.

This is also the time to check over your equipment. Is your mask strong? Does your uniform need mending, or has it been washed too often in strong solutions which have weakened the material? Check your gloves and clean off your blades.

We again depend on you to keep us posted as to activities in your area, and to encourage all your fencing friends to join the League. Last year our circulation showed a steady increase, and with your help this year can do even better—let's go!

LIMITED EDITION!

Volume 1 has been attractively bound between yellow covers with stiff-back plastic rings. The edition is very limited and includes the special National Championship cover for June which was distributed only at Gala Night.

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Official A.F.L.A. Notes

DERNELL EVERY, Secretary

The Connecticut Trophy

The Connecticut Trophy is awarded each year to the division showing the greatest activity and interest during the year. Based on the results of the 1949-50 fencing season, there was a tie in the final standing for first place between the Michigan division and the Metropolitan division, both groups showing a large increase in fencing activity.

Points are given for the largest number of senior active and active members, the greatest per cent of increase in active membership, the greatest number of competitions and competitors, as well as for cooperation with the National Secretary's office. The points are given for the first five places; five for first place, four for second, etc.

The results are as follows:

Total Senior Active and Active Membership

1. Metropolitan	267
2. Southern California	102
3. Michigan	67
4. Northern California	66
Illinois	66
5. Philadelphia	64

Per Cent Increase in Membership

1. Kentucky	76%
2. Maryland	75%
3. Washington, D. C.	59%
4. Philadelphia	42%
5. Seattle	36%

Number of Competitions

1. Metropolitan	40
2. Michigan	36
3. Southern California	35
4. Northern California	34
5. Connecticut	31

Total Number of Competitors

1. Metropolitan	1029
2. Southern California	650
3. Michigan	516
4. Illinois	489
5. Connecticut	367

Standing at Headquarters

1. Michigan	3. Connecticut
2. Illinois	4. Northern California
	5. New Jersey

Final Standing

1. Michigan	15
Metropolitan	15
2. Southern California	11
3. Illinois	8
4. Northern California	6
5. Connecticut	5
Kentucky	5
6. Maryland	4
7. Philadelphia	3
Washington, D. C.	3
8. New Jersey	1
Seattle	1

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NATIONAL RANKINGS

The system of National Ranking was inaugurated in the fall of 1934 to give due recognition to performances during the previous season and to facilitate seedings at current competitions. We present here the rankings for the 1950-51 season:

Women		Foil	
1. Miss J. York	Calif.	1. S. Gialoto	N.Y.
2. Miss P. Craus	Calif.	2. N. Lubell	N.Y.
3. Mrs. M. Bower	Calif.	3. D. Every	N.Y.
4. Mrs. M. Mitchell	Calif.	4. D. Bukantz	N.Y.
5. Miss E. Cohen	N.Y.	5. A. Prokop	N.Y.
6. Miss G. Acel	N.Y.	6. R. Goldstein	N.Y.
7. Miss M. Dalton	N.Y.	7. A. Axelrod	N.Y.
8. Miss B. Meislahn	Calif.	8. C. Steinhart	N.Y.
9. Miss R. Maxwell	N.Y.	9. N. Lazar	N.Y.
10. Mrs. D. Funke	N.Y.	10. P. Makler	Phila.

Epee		Sabre	
1. N. Lewis	N.Y.	1. T. Nyilas	N.Y.
2. Lt. Col. F. Weber	USA	2. N. Armitage	So. Car.
3. Capt. J. Donaldson	USA	3. Col. U. De Martino	Wash. D.C.
4. Ensn. P. Utterbach	USN	4. G. Worth	N.Y.
5. F. McGrath	N.Y.	5. J. Flynn	N.J.
6. S. Shurtz	Calif.	6. N. Muray	N.Y.
7. J. de Capriles	N.Y.	7. R. Marson	N.Y.
8. E. Vebell	N.Y.	8. S. Giambra	Calif.
9. M. Metzger	N.Y.	9. A. Treves	N.J.
10. J. Strauch	N.Y.	10. B. Krieger	Michi.

In keeping with our policy of gathering all records of interest, we give you the national rankings to date. Keep all issues of American Fencing and you will eventually have the most complete encyclopedia of fencing in the U. S.

1934-35 SEASON	1935-36 SEASON	1936-37 SEASON
Women	Women	Women
Not Ranked	Not Ranked	1. Mrs. J. de Tuscan
Epee	Epee	2. Miss M. Lloyd
1. Lt. G. M. Heiss, USA	1. Lt. T. J. Sands, USA	3. Miss D. B. Locke
2. Lt. T. J. Sands, USA	2. J. R. de Capriles	4. Miss C. E. Alessandroni
3. Lt. F. R. Weber, USA	3. T. Jaeckel	5. Miss M. Guggolz
4. T. Jaeckel	4. L. G. Nunes	6. Miss M. Cerra
5. F. S. Righeimer	5. F. Linkmeyer	7. Mrs. D. Funke
6. M. A. de Capriles	6. Lt. F. R. Weber, USA	8. Miss M. Kumler
7. L. G. Nunes	7. M. A. de Capriles	9. Miss M. Dalton
8. K. Kapner	8. G. W. Thompson	10. Miss B. L. Cochrane
9. J. R. de Capriles	9. A. Boyd	Miss C. King
10. W. A. Dow	10. P. Mijer	Epee
Foil	Foil	1. Lt. G. M. Heiss, USA
1. J. L. Levis	1. J. L. Levis	2. M. A. de Capriles
(H. V. Alessandroni)	2. A. V. Alessandroni	3. Lt. F. R. Weber, USA
3. L. G. Nunes	3. J. G. Hurd	4. A. Boyd
4. W. A. Dow	4. H. M. Castello	5. J. R. de Capriles
5. F. S. Righeimer	5. W. A. Dow	6. Lt. T. J. Sands, USA
6. W. Block	6. N. Muray	7. T. Jaeckel
7. J. R. Huffman	7. J. R. de Capriles	8. F. S. Righeimer
8. M. A. de Capriles	8. A. J. Fregosi	9. H. V. Alessandroni
9. D. Every	9. H. B. Wesselman	10. J. F. Potter
10. A. J. Fregosi	10. E. J. Goldstein	Foil
Sabre	Sabre	1. H. V. Alessandroni
1. N. C. Armitage	1. N. C. Armitage	2. J. L. Levis
2. J. R. Huffman	2. J. R. Huffman	3. J. R. Huffman
3. P. W. Bruder	3. L. G. Nunes	4. D. Every
4. L. G. Nunes	4. P. W. Bruder	5. F. S. Righeimer
5. B. Faulkner	5. M. A. de Capriles	6. W. A. Dow
6. N. Muray	6. E. S. Acel	7. W. T. Pecora
7. E. S. Acel	7. J. R. de Capriles	8. J. G. Hurd
8. B. de Nagy	8. N. Muray	9. J. F. Potter
9. M. A. de Capriles	9. B. de Nagy	10. H. M. Castello
10. A. Muray	10. S. T. Stewart	Sabre

REMINDER

All Bout Committee Chairmen are requested to enforce the ruling of the Board of Governors regarding the collection of a 10¢ tax on every entry in competitions conducted under the auspices of the A.F.L.A. The money is to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the League for deposit in a special fund to facilitate the rotation of the National Championships.

News from the Divisions

BIAGNINI WINS

HALBERSTADT SABRE

Gerard Biagnini repeated his victory of last year by turning back Josef Lampl and Frank Giambra in a three-way fence-off. Twenty-one entered the annual event and six reached the final which was fenced as a 12-touch round-robin.

Miguel de Capriles, who spent the summer at Stanford, suffered an eye injury during his second bout in the final round and was rushed to the hospital where a glass splinter was removed from the cornea. He returned to the competition in time to witness the fence-off and we are happy to report that the eye has healed very well. "Mike," who had been undefeated, made the following observations: "Biagnini and Lampl were by far the best, even though Giambra beat Biagnini in the regular round. In the fence-off Biagnini won a close one from Lampl and then easily beat Giambra. Watson was fourth, Lane fifth, and I of course, was sixth. Salvatore Giambra was unable to fence, so he directed the matches. Biagnini is fencing remarkably well. He has improved greatly since last year and is still only 20 years old. He is also an excellent sportsman. Lampl is a seasoned Viennese fencer with much competitive savvy. Frank Giambra is fast, but is not top-notch. Lane is tall, smart, careful and a very nice individual. Watson has experience, but has yet to reach the higher level. The winner received a nicely plated sabre with inscription; the next two got silver medals and the next three bronze."

Kentucky

The Division's Open Championships resulted as follows:

Pat Shely, U. of Ky., won the women's title in a round of six composed entirely of girls from the University. Final standings placed Marylyn McDonald second and Eula West third, with June Sandusky, Ruth Stiltz and Billie Moore following in that order.

The men's foil was won by the defending champion, Scott D. Breckinridge Jr., unattached, after a fence-off with Alan Solomon of the U. of Ky. Charles Legette, Louisville YMCA, placed third. The final also included Norton Miller and Carl Burge of the Louisville YMCA, and Thomas Belsor of Vanderbilt U.

Albert Wolff, Louisville YMCA, was undefeated in his defense of the epee crown. George Christensen, U. of Ky., and John S. McBrayer, U. of Louisville, placed second and third. Other finalists were Carl Burge, Sidney Neal (U. of Ky.) and Scott Breckinridge Jr.

In Sabre, Carl Burge, Louisville YMCA, earned the reward of his long training. Alan Solomon, U. of Ky., and Robert Bosler, Notre Dame, won second and third respectively. Robert Southall, U. of Ky., Charles Legette, Louisville YMCA, and William Ray, U. of Louisville, completed the final.

Colorado

(In the July issue we listed only the Divisional Foil Championship results. The following completes the picture.)

Epee: (1) R. M. Johnson (2) F. W. Humberstone (3) I. I. Kibbey.

Sabre: (1) D. Foltz (2) H. West (3) R. M. Johnson.

Three-Weapon: (1) R. M. Johnson (2) D. Foltz (3) V. Sheridan.

Gulf Coast

The St. Joseph's School of Nursing is a comparatively new club which has added strength to the Division's activities. Composed of nurses, and calling themselves the Parrettes, this latest addition to fencing in the area has made remarkable progress. Miss Mary McDaniel won the Divisional and Sectional Prep Foil, was third in the Novice and second in the Junior. Miss Ruth Rogers won third in the Division Open Foil, second in the Prep and Novice, and then won the Sectional Novice. These two girls, with Betty Jo Langnecker, won the Division Team Championship.

Not many clubs can boast such a fine record for their first year in competition. The girls are coached by Dr. Johanna Blumel who learned to fence at the University of Texas.

Maryland

The Open Championships resulted as follows:

Foil: (1) R. Steere, Balto. F. C.; (2) R. Lewis, Balto. F. C.; (3) E. Baylor, YMCA.

Epee: (1) R. Lewis, Balto. F. C.; (2) A. Hurwitz, YMCA; (3) T. Hayes, Wash. F. C.

Sabre: (1) H. Newton, Wash. F. C.; (2) R. Lewis, Balto. F. C.; (3) J. MacVey, Wash. F. C.

Mid-New York

The Division Championships resulted as follows:

Foil: (1) Benjamin Burtt, (2) Gerald Kalb, (3) Dean Demopolous.

Epee: (1) Benjamin Burtt, (2) James Cullison, (3) Marc Rice.

Sabre: (1) Benjamin Burtt, (2) Dean Demopolous, (3) Howard Amidon.

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Washington, D. C.

by SUSAN QUINN

The Women's Open Championship was captured by Diana Millstein, Wash. F. C., with a clean sweep of her 4 bouts in the round-robin of five entries.

Results

Diana Millstein, Wash. F. C., 4-0; Vicki Kuhn, YMCA, 3-1; Penny Newton, Wash. F. C., 1-3 (14 against); Sabina Godwin, Wash. F. C., 1-3 (15 against); Ruth Pergande, Wash. F. C., 1-3 (15 against).

The Open Foil Championship was won by Richard Steere, USN, of the Baltimore F. C. without a defeat in 12 bouts. Irving Cantor, Washington F. C., placed second and Robert Lewis, Baltimore F. C. was third on touches over Harold Newton of Washington. Fourteen competed.

Final Round

Steere, Balto. F. C., 7-0; Cantor, Wash. F. C., 6-1; Lewis, Balto. F. C., 4-3 (20 against); Newton, Wash. F. C., 4-3 (25 against); Joel, Wash. F. C., 3-4; Udell, Balto. F. C., 2-5; Lyons, Wash. F. C., 1-6; Huilet, Wash. F. C., 1-6. Other entries: Buntzig, Hull, McVey, Marlow, Randall, Reynolds.

The Open Sabre Championship was won by Col. Umberto De Martino, with Irving Cantor second and Harold Newton third.

Results

De Martino, Wash. F. C., 4-0; Cantor, Wash. F. C., 3-1; Newton, Wash. F. C., 2-2; Kunzig, Wash. F. C., 1-3; Lewis, Balto. F. C., 0-4.

The Open Epee Championship was won by Col. Gustave Heiss after two fence-offs with Robert Lewis and Alfred Hurwitz.

Results

Heiss, Wash. F. C., 3-1; Lewis, Balto. F. C., 3-1; Hurwitz, Balto. F. C., 3-1; Cantor, Wash. F. C., 1-3; Hull, YMCA, 0-4.

First fence-off: Heiss d. Lewis; Lewis d. Hurwitz; Hurwitz d. Heiss.

Second fence-off: Heiss d. Lewis and Hurwitz; Lewis d. Hurwitz.

New Jersey

State Sabre Championship

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| 1. Rudolph J. Ozol | New York A. C. |
| 2. Alex Treves | Salle Santelli |
| 3. James H. Flynn | New York A. C. |

Outdoor Electrical Epee Championship

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Capt. J. Donaldson | New York A. C. |
| 2. Abram Cohen | Fencers Club |
| 3. James H. Flynn | New York A. C. |

Seattle

by R. G. COATES

Division Chairman

The following events were held at the Washington A. C.:

Sabre

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| 1. Alfred Raisters | YMCA |
| 2. Lt. A. Papageorge | U. S. Navy |
| 3. R. G. Coates | Washington A. C. |

Women

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Miss Pat Hall | Washington A. C. |
| 2. Mrs. R. G. Coates | Washington A. C. |
| 3. Miss Bettelou Woodman | Washington A. C. |

Epee

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. William Modrell | YMCA |
| 2. R. G. Coates | Washington A. C. |
| 3. James Robbins | YMCA |

Salle d'Armes Extending Non-Resident Privileges To AFLA Members

(For addresses and information communicate with the Secretary of the League or the Division in which the Salle is located.)

NEW YORK: Fencers Club, New York A. C., New York Turnverein, Salle Santelli, Saltus Club.

CONNECTICUT: Bridgeport YMCA, New Haven YMCA, Waterbury YMCA.

ILLINOIS: Fencers Club of Chicago, University Club.

KENTUCKY: Louisville YMCA.

MIAMI VALLEY, OHIO: Dayton Fencers Club, Dayton YMCA.

MICHIGAN: Grosse Pointe Sword Club.

MID-NEW YORK STATE: Syracuse University.

NEW ENGLAND: Boston Fencing Club.

NEW JERSEY: Westfield YMCA.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: Funke Fencing Academy, Halberstadt School of Fencing.

NORTHERN TEXAS: Dallas YMCA, Fort Worth YMCA, Waco YMCA.

PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia Fencers Club.

SAN DIEGO: San Diego Club, Army & Navy YMCA, San Diego YWCA.

SEATTLE: Washington A. C., YMCA Central Branch.

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WARREN A. DOW

Warren A. Dow, Captain of the 1948 Olympic Team and former Secretary of the AFLA, has had a long and distinguished record of service with the League. His unswerving loyalty and unstinting efforts to promote and maintain the dominance of the AFLA over the national fencing scene have done much to further the cause of the sport in this country. Few men have, over a long period, worked as hard or as well.

Dow first came to the fore in League affairs when he and his brother, Edwin, helped the early development of the New Jersey Division and he later assisted the Long Island Division during its infancy.

He has been a member of the Board of Governors in 1935, '36, '38 and from 1942 to the present, serving as Secretary from 1942 to 1948 inclusive.

Recognized as one of our best officials in all weapons, he has on many occasions served as member of the Rules Committee and been Chairman of the National Bout Committee. When the founders of the Riposte were unable to carry on, he and Dernel Every undertook the task until the war forced discontinuance of that publication.

As a competitor he has established a proud record. A member of the 1936, 1940 and 1948 Olympic Teams, he was National Foil Champion in 1942 and 1943, silver medalist in 1944 and 1947, and third place winner in 1927, '34, '40 and '45. In 1931 he placed second in the National 3-Weapon Championship. He has won the Metropolitan title several times and has been on many championship teams.

In keeping with his devotion to the sport, he has given much of his time to coaching and helping promising fencers. He has been instrumental in developing several outstanding girl fencers such as Mildred Stewart and his wife, Helena. The latter has, under his guidance, won three National Championships.

The League could well afford more men with the enthusiasm and ability of Warren Dow.

J. R. deC.

Philadelphia

The Division Championships resulted as follows:

Foil: (1) Dr. Paul Makler, (2) Ray Chambers, (3) John Austin.

Epee: (1) G. B. Calkins, (2) Dr. Paul Makler, (3) Jim Otto.

Sabre: (1) Dr. Paul Makler, (2) Richard Dyer, (3) Leon Gerber.





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PAN AMERICAN GAMES TRYOUTS

According to the latest report of the Executive Board of the U. S. Olympic Committee, a fencing team to consist of six men has been approved to represent the United States at the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from February 25th to March 8th, 1951. One additional person is to be taken along to act either as coach, manager or captain, at the discretion of the Fencing Games Committee.

The restriction of this fencing team to six men is severe in the face of the complete tournament of individual and team events scheduled in all three weapons. However, present plans call for a total of only 90 athletes for the entire team which is to represent the United States in ten sports. The limited size of the fencing team automatically necessitates a doubling up and, perhaps, a tripling up in weapons. The limited time between now and the departure of the team in late February, plus the doubling up feature of the team, has led the Fencing Games Committee to plan to alter its tryouts to a different basis than has been used previously in selecting Olympic Teams.

Tryouts will be held in each AFLA Division with the three highest contestants in each weapon qualifying to compete in a Sectional Tryout. The eight highest qualifiers in each weapon from New York and the four highest in each weapon from each of the other Sections will compete in a National Final Tryout to be held in New York, February 10, 11 and 12th. The Pan American Fencing Games Committee, reported upon in the February issue, will select the team from the results of all the tryouts. Warren Dow is Bout Committee Chairman for the Committee. The Sections are as follows:

Section	Divisions	Bout Committee Chairman
New York Met.	New York Met.	Tracy Jaeckel
Eastern (Northern Group)	West Point, Mid New York, Buffalo, Connecticut, New England	Col. Fred R. Weber
Eastern (Southern Group)	New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Georgia	Name to be announced later

Midwest (Northern Group) Central Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Howard Hayden

Midwest (Southern Group) Columbus, Northern Ohio, Miami Valley, Cincinnati, Kentucky, St. Louis, Scott Breckinridge

South-western North and South Texas Divisions, Harold VanBuskirk

Pacific Coast San Diego, Southern Calif., Northern Calif., Oregon and Washington, Ferard Leicester

The Colorado and Arizona Divisions shall have the choice of competing in either the South-western or Pacific Coast Sections.

For the New York Group—all persons wishing to try out for the team must send their entries before November 1st to Darnell Every, Secretary, Pan American Fencing Games Committee, 3406 Chanin Building, New York 17, New York. Entries should specify the weapon or weapons in which the competitor shall compete. The competitions will be run on a pool basis. Persons eliminated are out of the tryouts and may not compete in subsequent tryouts.

As previously inferred, selections will not be based upon the result of one weapon. The committee shall endeavor to select a team to present the strongest aggregation in the three weapons. On the other hand, if the committee feels that American fencing will profit more by concentrating its strength in one or two weapons, it reserves the right to make its team selections accordingly.

All-Eastern Committee

The All-Eastern Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. James H. Flynn, will consist of the following:

W. Hauber, A. Orsi, V. Surdi and M. Tetaz from New Jersey; K. C. Shailer from Connecticut; Dr. P. T. Makler from Philadelphia; J. de Capriles, R. Driscoll, D. Every and R. Goldstein from New York.

The All-Eastern Intermediate Championships will be held in the Connecticut, New Jersey and Philadelphia Divisions. Exact place and times will be announced later.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITIONS

Entries must be in writing and received one week prior to date of competition by Executive Secretary C. L. Tuthill, 509 W. 121 St., N. Y. 27.

Competitors must report to Bout Committee at least 15 minutes prior to starting time and be ready to fence when called.

Teams may consist of four members. Teams with only two members present at scheduled starting time will be compelled to fence the first match with only those two fencers. A third member may join team after completion of first match.

Armament and Equipment must comply with the rules. All epee competitions will be fenced with the electrical epee. For electrical epee events a fencer must have at least two epees approved by the Bout Committee. Fencers appearing in soiled or torn uniform will not be allowed to fence.

Acknowledgments: The AFLA wishes to convey its sincere appreciation for the generosity of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. Harbld Van Buskirk, Mrs. Marion Lloyd Vince, Mrs. Wendt Voorhees, Dr. Norman C. Armitage, Mr. J. M. Castello, Mr. Jose R. de Capriles, Mr. Miguel A. de Capriles, Mr. Robert S. Driscoll, Mr. Darnell Every, Mr. Anthony Greco, Lt. Col. John T. Honeycutt, Dr. John R. Huffman, Mr. Arthur S. Lyon, Mr. Pieter Mijer, Mr. Nickolas Muray, Mr. Leo G. Nunes, Mr. F. Barnard O'Connor, Mr. Giorgio Santelli, and Mr. Henrique Santos.

The League also wishes to convey its thanks to the several clubs and schools for their courtesy in permitting the use of their facilities for its competitions.

NOTE!

Those wishing to compete in the Pan-American Games tryouts must abide by the following rules:

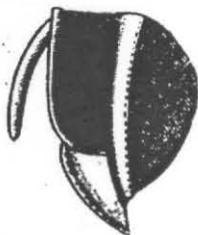
New York Group: Entry must be sent in writing to Darnell Every before November 1st and must indicate the weapon or weapons. This is the only entry required for the series of try-outs. After the first try-outs, eligibility to compete will be determined by performance.

Sectional Groups: Those wishing to enter the try-outs in the various Divisions should consult their Division Chairmen for dates, places, and entry requirements.



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AFLA METROPOLITAN AND ALL-EASTERN SCHEDULE 1950-1951

- 1950
- Thurs. Oct. 19—WOMEN'S FOIL. Prep Individual. Evelyn Van Buskirk
7 P.M. Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee 85¢
- Sun. Oct. 22—FOIL. Prep Individual. Leo G. Nunes Medals. New York
12 Noon A.C. Entry fee 85¢
- Mon. Oct. 23—WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM. Novice. AFLA Medals. Giorgio
7 P.M. Santelli Trophy. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$4.80
- Sat. Oct. 28—FOIL TEAM. Novice. AFLA Medals. Dernel Every Tro-
12 Noon phy. Saltus Club. Entry fee \$4.80
- Sun. Oct. 29—SABRE TEAM. Novice. AFLA Medals. J. M. Castello
12 Noon Trophy. New York A.C. Entry fee \$4.80
- Tues. Oct. 31—EPEE TEAM. Novice. AFLA Medals. Jose de Capriles
7 P.M. Trophy. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$4.80
- Thurs. Nov. 2—EPEE TEAM. Continuation of Oct. 31 competition.
7 P.M. Entry fee 60¢ per person.
- Sat. Nov. 4—SABRE. Novice Individual. Norman C. Armitage Med-
12 Noon als. Saltus Club. Entry fee 85¢
- Sun. Nov. 5—FOIL. Novice Individual. John R. Huffman Medals.
12 Noon New York A.C. Entry fee 85¢
- Wed. Nov. 8—FOIL. Continuation of Nov. 5 competition. New York
7 P.M. A.C. Entry fee 60¢
- Sat. Nov. 11—EPEE. Novice Individual. Robert S. Driscoll Medals.
12 Noon Fencers Club. Entry fee 85¢
- Mon. Nov. 13—WOMEN'S FOIL. Novice Individual. Manrique Medals.
7 P.M. Salle Santelli. Entry fee 85¢
- Sat. Nov. 18—FOIL. Pan American Games Tryout. Saltus Club. En-
12 Noon try fee \$1.60
- Sun. Nov. 19—EPEE. Pan American Games Tryout. Fencers Club.
12 Noon Entry fee \$2.60
- Mon. Nov. 20—WOMEN'S FOIL. Continuation of Nov. 13 competition.
7 P.M. Salle Santelli. Entry fee 60¢
- Sat. Nov. 25—WOMEN'S FOIL. Metropolitan Junior Championship.
12 Noon Individual. Marion Lloyd Vince Medals. Saltus Club.
Entry fee \$1.10
- Sun. Nov. 26—SABRE. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
12 Noon Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. Dec. 2—FOIL. Metropolitan Junior Championship. Individual.
12 Noon F. Barnard O'Connor Medals. Fencers Club. Entry
fee \$1.10
- Sun. Dec. 3—EPEE. Metropolitan Junior Championship. Individual.
12 Noon Jose de Capriles Medals. New York A. C. Entry fee
\$2.10
- Sat. Dec. 9—EPEE. Pan American Games Tryout. Fencers Club.
12 Noon Entry fee \$2.60
- Sun. Dec. 10—SABRE. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
12 Noon Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. Dec. 16—SABRE. Metropolitan Junior Championship. Individual.
12 Noon Nickolas Murray Medals. New York A. C. Entry fee
\$1.10
- Sun. Dec. 17—FOIL. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
12 Noon Entry fee \$1.60
- 1951
- Sat. Jan. 6—SABRE. Pan American Games Tryout. Fencers Club.
12 Noon Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. Jan. 7—FOIL. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. Jan. 13—WOMEN'S FOIL. Open Individual. Anthony Greco Tro-
12 Noon phy. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. Jan. 14—EPEE. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A. C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$2.60
- Wed. Jan. 17—WOMEN'S FOIL. Intermediate Individual. Qualifying
7 P.M. Round for All Eastern Championship. Salle Santelli.
Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. Jan. 20—EPEE. Pan American Games Tryout. Fencers Club.
12 Noon Entry fee \$2.60
- Sun. Jan. 21—FOIL. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. Jan. 28—SABRE. Pan American Games Tryout. New York A.C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- Wed. Jan. 31—EPEE. Intermediate Individual. Qualifying Round for
7 P.M. All Eastern Championship. Salle Santelli. Entry fee
\$2.60
- Sat. Feb. 3—FOIL. Intermediate Individual. Qualifying Round for
12 Noon All Eastern Championship. Fencers Club Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. Feb. 4—SABRE. Intermediate Individual. Qualifying Round for
10:30 A.M. All Eastern Championship. New York A.C. Entry fee
\$1.60
- Sat. Feb. 10—SABRE. Pan American Games Finals. Fencers Club.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. Feb. 11—FOIL. Pan American Games Finals. New York A.C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- Mon. Feb. 12—EPEE. Pan American Games Finals. Fencers Club.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$2.60
- Thurs. Feb. 15—WOMEN'S FOIL. Individual. Seniors and⁸ Ranking
7 P.M. Fencers only. Mildred Fish Medals. Fencers Club. En-
try fee \$1.60
- Sat. Feb. 17—FOIL TEAM. Intermediate. All Eastern Championship.
Time and Place in next issue.
- Sun. Feb. 18—SABRE TEAM. Intermediate. All Eastern Champion-
ship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Thurs. Feb. 22—EPEE TEAM. Washington Square Cup. Fencers Club.
1 P.M. Entry fee \$7.80
- Sat. Feb. 24—WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM. Intermediate. All Eastern
Championship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Sun. Feb. 25—EPEE TEAM. Intermediate. All Eastern Championship.
Time and Place in next issue.
- Sat. March 3—EPEE. Intermediate Individual. All Eastern Cham-
pionship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Sat. March 3—WOMEN'S FOIL. Individual. Seniors, Intermediates
1 P.M. and Juniors only. Alice Wendt Voorhees Medals.
Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. March 4—FOIL. Intermediate Individual. All Eastern Champion-
ship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Sat. March 10—WOMEN'S FOIL. Intermediate Individual. All Eastern
Championship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Sun. March 11—SABRE. Intermediate Individual. All Eastern Cham-
pionship. Time and Place in next issue.
- Wed. March 21—WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM. Metropolitan Championship.
7 P.M. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$4.80
- Sat. March 24—FOIL TEAM. Metropolitan Championship. Saltus Club.
12 Noon Entry fee \$4.80
- Tues. March 27—EPEE TEAM. Metropolitan Championship. Fencers
7 P.M. Club. Entry fee \$7.80
- Thurs. March 29—EPEE TEAM. Continuation of March 27 competition.
7 P.M. Fencers Club. Entry fee 60¢ per person.
- Sat. March 31—SABRE TEAM. Metropolitan Championship. Saltus
12 Noon Club. Entry fee \$4.80
- Wed. April 4—WOMEN'S FOIL. Open Individual. Qualifying Round
7 P.M. for All Eastern and National Championship*. Salle
Santelli. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. April 7—EPEE. Open Individual. Qualifying Round for All
12 Noon Eastern and National Championships*. Fencers Club.
Entry fee \$2.60
- Sun. April 8—FOIL. Open Individual. Qualifying Round for All
10:30 A.M. Eastern and National Championships*. New York A.C.
Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. April 14—SABRE. Open Individual. Qualifying Round for All
12 Noon Eastern and National Championships*. Saltus Club.
Entry fee \$1.60
- Thurs. April 19—THREE WEAPON. Open Individual. All Eastern Cham-
7 P.M. pionship. President's Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. April 22—EPEE and SABRE TEAM. Arthur S. Lyon Trophy and
10:30 A.M. gold and silver medals. New York A. C. Entry fee
\$3.30
- Sat. April 28—EPEE. Individual. Open only to Olympians and win-
12 Noon ners of two medals in National Epee Championships.
Entry limited to twelve. Saltus Trophy, Miguel de
Capriles Medals. Fencers Club.
- Sun. April 29—THREE WEAPON TEAM. All Eastern competition. Gen.
12 Noon Francis W. Honeycutt Trophy. One team per club, no
composites. New York A.C. Entry fee \$4.80
- Sat. May 12—EPEE. Open All Eastern Championship. Fencers Club.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$2.60
- Sun. May 13—SABRE. Open All Eastern Championship. New York
10:30 A.M. A.C. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sat. May 19—WOMEN'S FOIL. Open All Eastern Championship.
12 Noon Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.60
- Sun. May 20—FOIL. Open All Eastern Championship. New York A.C.
10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60
- June 14-24 —NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Schedule and Places
to be announced later.
- *Former Nat'l champions and last year's medalists qualify automatically.

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NOTE: ALL EPEE COMPETITIONS are with the electrical weapon. The Outdoor all-eastern epee and sabre championships will be scheduled later and will be listed in a future issue.

1950 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Charles-Louis de Beaumont

(Mr. de Beaumont was Captain of the British Team at the Championships and the following is taken from his report made to the British Empire Fencing Federation.)

Entries from seventeen nations (including Alex Treves from the USA in sabre) participated in the championships which were held at Monte Carlo from July 9th to 22nd.

Ladies' Foil Teams

The five nations entered, France, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy and Austria formed one final pool, and ended in that order.

Men's Foil Teams

The final consisted of Italy, France, Egypt and Belgium who finished in that order. In the crucial match France established a commanding lead but the Italians came back strongly and Nostini's defeat of d'Orlola squared the match exactly on victories and hits. Italy was decided champion with a much larger number of wins in the pool. (France had had a very close match with Egypt.)

Epee Teams

The final saw Italy, France, Sweden and Belgium place in that order. Italy won easily, defeating France 9-5.

Sabre Teams

The final consisted of Italy, France, Egypt and Belgium who ended in that order. The Hungarians did not come to Monaco. Italy defeated France 9-6 in the final but the young French team showed great improvement.

Ladies' Individual

The final of eight was fought on a very hot afternoon. In the last bout Renee Garillhe, the French champion, beat the title holder Ellen Muller-Preiss of Austria so that both ended in a tie with two defeats each. During this last fight of the regular final Mrs. Preiss fell and aggravated an injury to her knee which had caused her to retire from the team matches. The fence-off was a most painful affair as Mrs. Preiss hobbled onto the strip and came on guard with many gestures of physical distress. Miss Garillhe obviously felt herself unable to go for her and in fact the director asked her not to bustle Mrs. Preiss. Two half hearted attacks from Miss Garillhe were stopped and a

third parried. With the score 3-1 for Mrs. Preiss the latter broke down and seemed unable to get on guard. The French captain Levy then asked his lady to leave the strip. The jury of appeal decided that the fence-off could not be regarded as properly fought and declared the two ladies equal winners. This seemed the only possible solution but the Austrians have protested and the matter is referred to the next Congress.

Summary

1. R. Garillhe (France) and E. Muller-Preiss (Austria) tied at 5-2
3. F. Filz (Austria) 4-3 (21 against)
4. M. Glen Haig (Gr. Britain) 4-3 (23 against)
5. S. Jorgensen (Denmark) 3-4 (19 against)
6. I. Gamber (Italy) 3-4 (23 against)
7. G. Olsen (Denmark) 2-5 (24 against)
8. L. Guyonneau (France) 2-5 (26 against)

Men's Foil Individual

The final consisted of five French and three Italians. The round-robin among the French ended with their three leaders, Buhau, Bougnol and Lataste each with one defeat while Renzo Nostini was unbeaten against the Italians. Nostini was in magnificent form and only lost to Lataste. Buhau was second and Lataste third.

Summary

1. R. Nostini (Italy) 6-1
2. J. Buhau (France) 5-2 (18 against)
3. J. Lataste (France) 5-2 (24 against)
4. E. Mangiarotti (Italy) 4-3 (24 against 28 for)
5. R. Bougnol (France) 4-3 (24 against 23 for)
6. M. di Rosa (Italy) 2-5 (30 against)
7. A. Rommel (France) 2-5 (32 against)
8. C. Netter (France) 0-7

Epee Individual

The final was unusual: Only two Italians (the brothers Mangiarotti) and one Frenchman, the veteran Guerin got through. It was won by Luchow of Denmark who lost only to Guerin. Luchow is an unorthodox epeeist who has never been regarded as particularly strong even in Denmark. He was, however, the perfect example of a man whose reflexes, sense of time and

distance and accuracy was working exactly and he thoroughly deserved his surprising victory that night.

Summary

1. M. Luchow (Denmark) 8-1
2. C. Forsell (Sweden) 5-4 (16 against)
3. D. Mangiarotti (Italy) 5-4 (17 against)
4. O. Ruffenacht (Switzerland) 4-5 (19 against)
5. H. Guerin (France) 4-5 (20 against)
6. P. Carleson (Sweden) 4-5 (21 against)
7. F. Abdel Rahman (Egypt) 4-5 (21 against)
8. G. Delaunais (Belgium) 4-5 (22 against)
9. E. Mangiarotti (Italy) 3-6 (21 against)
10. B. Nielson (Denmark) 3-6 (22 against)

Sabre Individual

The final of eight contained five Italians and three Frenchmen. An Italian victory seemed assured but the leading Italians, Pinton, Dare and Nostini beat each other during the Italian round-robin so that it ended with one or two defeats each for all of them while Jean Levavasseur survived the French round-robin without a loss. He made no mistake and lost only to Pinton. He is about 22, tall and with a very quick and well chosen fleche. His victory was a great reward for his father Maitre Lavavasseur whose pupil he is and who has done so much for the postwar revival of French sabre fencing.

(The lone American entry, Alex Treves, reached the semi-final and gave a good account of himself.)

Summary

1. J. Levavasseur (France) 6-1
2. V. Pinton (Italy) 5-2
3. G. Dare (Italy) 4-3 (20 against)
4. J. Levre (France) 4-3 (27 against)
5. J. Parent (France) 4-3 (31 against)
6. R. Nostini (Italy) 3-4
7. R. Ferrari (Italy) 2-5
8. A. Montano (Italy) 0-7

During the championships an experimental pool was held with the electrical foil judging apparatus. This was won by Rene Paul of Gr. Britain with O. Abdel Hafiz of Egypt being second and Magnusson of Sweden third.

HISTORICAL DATA

by DERNELL EVERY

The first fencing rules adopted by the A.F.L.A. were issued on October 14, 1891. These consisted of only 19 rules in regard to foil and a brief reference to cover the rules of epee and sabre. Although the basic conventions of fencing were the same as today, there were considerable differences in the target and costumes. In foil and epee the jackets were dark and chalk was used on the points of the weapons.

The original rules remained unchanged until 1897, when the dark jacket in foils was replaced with white and the use of chalk discontinued. In epee, however, the dark jackets were used until 1911. The five-touch foil bouts were also discontinued in 1897 and bouts were contested for four minutes of actual fencing, the winner being the one with the higher score at the end of the time limit. It was not until 1915 that foil bouts returned to the original five-touch basis, still in use.

The foil target was also subjected to many changes. The original target was only one-half of the front jacket from collar to hip. In 1906 the target was increased to the entire jacket between collar and waistline, front and back, similar to the women's foil target today.

In 1923 the groin line was adopted, and the foil target has since remained unchanged.

The original fencing strip for foil and sabre was only twenty feet long and three feet wide. In 1897 all space limits were removed from sabre fencing. In 1915 a forty foot strip was adopted for sabre with one warning allowed for crossing the end of the strip. The foil strip remained at its original dimensions until 1923 when a strip forty feet long and six feet wide was adopted for all weapons with touch penalties for once off in foil and twice off in epee and sabre.

The earlier fencing was considered an art and a far less athletic contest than today. The judges kept separate records of points on each competitor and these points were not based exclusively on touches made. So far as watching touches was concerned, a judge's task was facilitated by a foil and sabre rule that all contestants must acknowledge touches, failure to do so penalizing a fencer two points. An average of the separate judges' scores became the official score.

On April 1, 1905 the following foil regulations were recommended for strict observance: "Judges are requested to give points for the general bearing, for form shown in defense and attack, and for the value of the touch itself." (You

will note that the actual touch was given only final mention.) "A good parry, even if not followed by a touch, should be credited with some value. Touches made in poor style should not receive the consideration of a well-executed touch which should be worth at least two points in comparison. Rushing, pounding, failing to cross foils, or to make the parry, dragging the feet, throwing forward the body, dodging, coming on guard poorly, failing to use the left hand correctly, or offending against form in any way, should be counted against such offenders and should the opponent have better form or fewer faults, it should be counted in his favor and so expressed in points in the judge's score."

Up until 1923 American fencing seemed to go its own way with little attention paid to the developments of the sport in Europe. Even the fencing which took place at the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis was confined through circumstances to representatives from the U. S. and Cuba. The American Olympic Teams which visited Stockholm in 1912 and Antwerp in 1920 returned with the objective of making our fencing more practical. Revisions in our rules were undertaken to modernize the game in this country with the result that today the Rulesbook of the A.F.L.A. differs little from the F.I.E. rules used in Europe.

ALL-EASTERN OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Salle Santelli achieved the remarkable distinction of winning all six medals in the two annual outdoor championships held at Travers Island during the month of June.

Worth Wins Outdoor Sabre

George Worth, Salle Santelli, won the All-Eastern Outdoor Sabre title and the Pieter Mijer gold medal by defeating his clubmate Allan Kwartler 5-4 in a fence-off. Both men had finished the final of eight with only one defeat. Seventeen competed. Neil Lazar, also of the Salle Santelli, placed third.

Final Round

Worth (Santelli) 6-1; Kwartler (Santelli) 6-1; Lazar (Santelli) 4-3; Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 3-4 (25 against); Spector (Montague) 3-4 (26 against); Marson (N.Y.A.C.) 3-4 (28 against); Kapner (Santelli) 1-5; Sobel (unattached) 1-5.

Other Entries

Marcel, Tishman (Santelli); Billadello, Slatery, Spingarn, Vebell (Fencers Club); Latzko (Haudegen); Knobloch (Connecticut); Gay (unattached).

Moss Wins Outdoor Epee

Paul Moss, Salle Santelli, won a four-way fence-off to take the All-Eastern Outdoor Epee title and the Henrique Santos gold medal. Kevis Kapner, August von Munchhausen and Albert Di Giacinto had tied the winner at the end of the 10 man round-robin, each having won 6 bouts. Kapner and von Munchhausen, also of the Salle Santelli, placed second and third while Di Giacinto, New York A. C., was fourth.

Regular Round-Robin

Moss (Santelli) 6-3; Kapner (Santelli) 6-3; von Munchhausen (Santelli) 6-3; Di Giacinto (New York A. C.) 6-3; J. Flynn (New York A. C.) 4-5; McGroth (Saltus) 4-5; G. Flynn (Michigan) 4-5; Bloomberg (Mercado) 3-6; Chafetz (Mercado) 1-8; Olanoff (unattached) 1-8.

Fence-Off

Moss d. Di Giacinto 3-2, von Munchhausen 3-2; Kapner d. Moss 3-1, tied Di Giacinto and von Munchhausen; von Munchhausen d. Di Giacinto 3-2, tied Kapner; Di Giacinto tied Kapner.



SANTELLI CLEANS UP.

FENCING QUIZ

(Some of these questions will soon appear in connection with a motion picture which will feature considerable fencing. Let's see how well you make out.)

1. Is the foil a new fencing weapon?
2. Did fencing become a sport in the 19th Century?
3. Name a famous American president who fought duels with the sword.
4. Which city in the U. S. is famous for its sword-duels?
5. Is the term "stoccata" meaning thrust, a French, Italian or Spanish word?
6. Was the first official fencing academy established in Rome, London, Paris or Madrid?
7. What Hollywood star was formerly a ranking sabre fencer?
8. Which famous U. S. General was once a member of the U. S. Olympic Fencing Team?
9. What great American baseball player had a sister who was American Women's Foil Champion from 1921 to 1924?
10. Is fencing a sissy sport?
11. Give at least three well-known quotations which relate to sword play.
12. Is it true that in Cardinal Richelieu's time over 70,000 Frenchmen died in duels?
13. Is it true that there is an age limit to fencing?
14. Name a famous ballad in which there is a description of a duel.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. No. Shakespeare mentions the foil in "Hamlet."
2. No. The sport has been popular since the 18th century.
3. Andrew Jackson.
4. New Orleans.
5. Italian.
6. In London during the reign of Henry the Fourth.
7. Cornell Wilde.
8. General George S. Patton.
9. Lou Gehrig's sister, Adelina Gehrig.
10. The Metropolitan Champion Wrestling Team was tested at the New York A. C. and it was discovered they could not stand on guard longer than an average of four minutes, while the official time-limit on a fencing bout is ten minutes.
11. "He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword." "The pen is mightier than the sword." "Swords for two and breakfast for one." "Beating swords into ploughshares."
12. True. The country was swept by duelling hysteria which nearly exterminated the aristocracy. Cardinal Richelieu passed a law imposing capital punishment on anyone caught duelling, but the Frenchmen kept duelling just the same. Whereas before they were duelling in pairs, now they brought along all their friends so that if the Cardinal's guards came they fought regular battles—hence the source

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of the story of D'Artagnan and the Three Musketeers.

13. False. Coach Jimmy Murray retired from coaching at 84 and was still an active and effective fencer. Mr. Percy Knobs of Canada fenced at the age of 75. Mr. Pieter Mijer, of the Salle Santelli, was finalist in the National Championships at the age of 73 and still fences in top-notch competitions. Dr. G. M. Hammond, famous psychiatrist, and Col. Edwin Emerson, famous writer and rough rider, were fencing at the age of 80.

14. Abdul Abulbul Emir.

FROM FRANCE

by JOHN KINGSLEY

Jacques Lefevre retained his title as sabre champion of France by defeating Lavasseur, champion of Paris, at the Gymnase Huyghens in Paris.

At the same meet Badoux of Montpellier defeated Lefevre of Cachan for the scholastic foil championship by scores of 5-4 and 5-1.

The four-man epee team championship of France was again won by The Racing Club (Huet, Tournon, Despres, Pecheux) when it defeated the Muracioles of Nancy (Harmand, Comesse, Lhuillier, Grandgeorges) by 8-1/2-1-1/2.

1937-38 SEASON

Women

1. Miss H. Mayer
2. Miss C. E. Alessandrini
3. Mrs. D. Funke
4. Miss M. Dalton
5. Mrs. M. Lloyd Vince
6. Miss D. B. Locke
7. Miss M. Cerra
8. Mrs. M. Grasson Sarvis
9. Miss B. L. Cochrane
10. Miss M. I. Stewart

Epee

1. Lt. T. J. Sands, USA
2. T. Jaeckel
3. A. Boyd
4. J. R. de Capriles
5. Sgt. W. Cornett
6. J. L. Lewis
7. A. Skrobisch
8. N. C. Armitage
9. R. S. Driscoll
10. M. A. de Capriles

Foil

1. J. L. Lewis
2. J. R. de Capriles
3. D. Every
4. H. V. Alessandrini
5. W. A. Dow
6. H. M. Castello
7. J. R. Huffman
8. Lt. R. S. Steere, USN
9. N. L. Lewis
10. M. Grasson

Sabre

1. J. R. Huffman
2. N. C. Armitage
3. J. R. de Capriles
4. M. A. de Capriles
5. I. E. Cantor
6. S. T. Stewart
7. E. S. Acel
8. N. Muray
9. R. E. Marson
10. J. H. Flynn

1938-39 SEASON

Women

1. Miss H. Mayer
2. Miss D. B. Locke
3. Miss M. Cerra
4. Miss M. Dalton
5. Miss M. I. Stewart
6. Mrs. J. C. Vokral
7. Miss B. L. Cochrane
8. Miss C. E. Alessandrini
9. Mrs. D. Funke
10. Miss D. Hafner
(Miss D. Grimmelman)

Epee

1. J. R. de Capriles
2. W. Randall
3. F. Linkmeyer
4. M. A. de Capriles
5. F. S. Righeimer
6. Lt. F. R. Weber, USA
7. N. L. Lewis
8. A. von Munchhausen
9. R. S. Driscoll
10. G. B. Calkins

Foil

1. D. Every
2. F. S. Righeimer
3. J. L. Lewis
4. W. A. Dow
5. J. R. de Capriles
6. J. R. Huffman
7. D. Bukantz
8. H. V. Alessandrini
9. E. Carfagno
10. N. L. Lewis

Sabre

1. J. R. Huffman
2. N. C. Armitage
3. M. A. de Capriles
4. J. R. de Capriles
5. E. S. Acel
6. B. de Nagy
7. R. E. Marson
8. N. Muray
9. P. S. Lubart
10. P. Viscidi

1939-40 SEASON

Women

1. Miss H. Mayer
2. Miss M. Dalton
3. Mrs. J. C. Vokral
4. Miss M. I. Stewart
5. Miss B. L. Cochrane
6. Mrs. M. L. Vince
7. Mrs. C. Alessandrini
Hamilton
8. Miss H. Mroczkowska
9. Miss M. Cerra
10. Mrs. L. Oppenheim

Epee

1. L. Tingley
2. A. Boyd
3. Lt. G. M. Heiss, USA
4. N. L. Lewis
5. J. R. de Capriles
6. T. Jaeckel
7. C. Corbett
8. Comdr. L. Doughty, USN
9. W. Cornett
10. H. Mortimer

Foil

1. N. L. Lewis
2. E. Carfagno
3. J. R. Huffman
4. W. A. Dow
5. H. V. Alessandrini
6. D. Bukantz
7. J. L. Lewis
8. D. Every
9. N. Lubell
10. Lt. R. S. Steere, USN

Sabre

1. N. C. Armitage
2. J. R. Huffman
3. M. A. de Capriles
4. S. T. Stewart
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6. E. Carfagno
7. R. E. Marson
8. B. de Nagy
9. N. Muray
10. E. S. Acel

1940-41 SEASON

Women

1. Miss H. Mroczkowska
2. Miss M. I. Stewart
3. Mrs. M. L. Vince
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