

# American Fencing

## U.S. - Canada Matches

By James H. Flynn  
Captain, U. S. Team

The 1956 United States-Canada team matches added another link to the annual competitions that bid fair to become traditional in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. As usual, Canadian hospitality did everything possible to make our stay a pleasant one. Miss Marge Patterson and Jack Dalton of the Canadian Fencing Committee especially deserve our thanks.

The events again took place on a platform on the ball field. The lighting was excellent for the evening program, and the stands were at times filled with spectators. This annual event has become the vehicle for presenting international fencing to thousands of spectators in a manner that we in the United States can envy.

The matches were hard fought throughout. The United States has always presented the stronger team, as might be expected from the relative size of our respective fencing groups, but the prospect has never affected the Canadians' ability to fight for every touch and to make the competition interesting to the very last bout. Canadian fencing is on the upsurge, particularly because of the efforts of Coach Alpar and a number of ex-Hungarian enthusiasts to bring up the younger fencers to supplement the talent of established stars. Young John Andru of the University of Toronto and the present Canadian foils champion, Robbins of Montreal, are examples.

The fencing started on Friday afternoon, August 24, with an individual event for women, since the United States unfortunately did not present a women's team. The competition was won by Miss Heidi Jack of Montreal. The epee team started early in the evening and did not finish until midnight. Before the match was over, the fencing strip had become wet with dew and the temperature had dropped to about 45 degrees, but before these adverse conditions had developed the match had been decided in favor of the United States. The final score was 12-4, with Sewall Shurtz and Dick Berry each taking four bouts and Dick Pew winning his last three. For Canada, Carl Schwende won two, including a 5-2 victory over our national champion, Abram Cohen.

Schwende was the star of the foil match on Saturday afternoon, August 25, winning three bouts. His lone defeat was at the hands of Abram Cohen, who turned the tables, 5-2 also, and showed his dependable versatility in taking both his bouts. Our national champion, Sewall Shurtz, broke

even in his four bouts, as did Dick Dyer and Dick Berry. The final score was 9-7, and was a fair gauge of the closeness of the contest throughout.

Canada also provided the best individual performance in sabre, as the veteran John Erdely made a clean sweep of his four bouts. Erdely fenced with beautiful form and timing, imposing his classical game with unanswerable authority. Only one of his bouts, with Bob Blum, was close; the others were decided by 5-2 margins. For the United States, Blum, Worth and Dyer each won three bouts, to make the final score 11-5.

In addition to the men mentioned above, the United States team included Tony Orsi and myself. Tony served as manager and split one of the foil assignments with Abe Cohen, breaking even in his two bouts. I fenced two bouts each in epee and sabre and broke even in both weapons.

The presentation of awards and formal farewells took place after the sabre event at a delightful buffet held in the Boulevard Club on the lakefront. Representatives of the City of Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition were present with many nice things to say, including the wish that the United States will again send a team next year.

### SCORES

#### Epee Team (U.S.A. 12, Canada 4)

Shurtz d. Brooke 5-3, Andru 5-1, Asselin 5-2 and Schwende 5-0; Berry d. Brooke 5-1, Andru 5-4, Asselin 5-0 and Schwende 5-3; Pew d. Brooke 5-1, Andru 5-3, and Asselin 5-2; Flynn d. Asselin 5-3.

Schwende d. Pew 5-4 and Cohen 5-2; Brooke d. Cohen 5-4; Andru d. Flynn 5-3.

#### Foil Team (U.S.A. 9, Canada 7)

Dyer d. Erdely 5-3 and Asselin 5-3; Berry d. Robins 5-3 and Asselin 5-2; Shurtz d. Robins 5-1 and Erdely 5-4; Cohen d. Schwende 5-2 and Erdely 5-2; Orsi d. Andru 5-2.

Schwende d. Dyer 5-4, Berry 5-4, and Shurtz 5-3; Robins d. Dyer 5-4 and Orsi 5-1; Erdely d. Berry 5-4; Asselin d. Shurtz 5-3.

#### Sabre Team (U.S.A. 11, Canada 5)

Worth d. Krasa 5-2, Asselin 5-2, and Szabolesky-Szmolar 5-3; Dyer d. Krasa 5-2, Asselin 5-3, and Szabolesky-Szmolar 5-4; Blum d. Krasa 5-4, Asselin 5-4, and Szabolesky-Szmolar 5-4; Cohen d. Krasa 5-1; Flynn d. Szabolesky-Szmolar 5-2.

Erdely d. Worth 5-2, Dyer 5-2, Blum 5-4, and Cohen 5-2; Asselin d. Flynn 5-2.

## 1956 National Rankings

### Women

1. Janice Lee Romary Los Angeles, Calif.
2. Maxine Mitchell Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Judy Goodrich Lapeer, Michigan
4. Bessie Feig Newark, New Jersey
5. Dolly Funke New York, N. Y.
6. Harriet Brewster Boston, Mass.
7. Louise K. Dyer Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Ida Balint New York, N. Y.
9. Madeline Dalton New York, N. Y.
10. (Vivienne Sokol New York, N. Y.  
(Madeline Miyamoto Los Angeles, Cal.)

### Foil

1. Sewall Shurtz U. S. Navy
2. Albert Axelrod Manchester, N. H.
3. Daniel Bukantz New York, N. Y.
4. Nathaniel Lubell New York, N. Y.
5. Byron Krieger Detroit, Michigan
6. Harold Goldsmith New York, N. Y.
7. Leonard Turk New York, N. Y.
8. Charles Steinhardt U. S. Air Force
9. Rene Pinchuk Detroit, Michigan
10. (Arthur Schankin Champaign, Ill.  
(Allan Kwartler New York, N. Y.  
(Robert Goldman U. S. Air Force

### Epee

1. Abram D. Cohen New York, N. Y.
2. William J. Andre U. S. Navy
3. Sewall Shurtz U. S. Navy
4. Ralph Goldstein Yonkers, N. Y.
5. Kinmont Hoitsma Princeton, N. J.
6. Frank Zechlin U. S. Navy
7. Albert Wolff Lexington, Kentucky
8. Henry Kolowrat U. S. Air Force
9. Thomas Bickley New York, N. Y.
10. Richard Berry U. S. Navy

### Sabre

1. Tibor Nyilas Flushing, N. Y.
2. Allan Kwartler New York, N. Y.
3. George V. Worth Flushing, N. Y.
4. Richard Dyer Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Abram D. Cohen New York, N. Y.
6. Alex Treves New York, N. Y.
7. Robert Blum New York, N. Y.
8. Wallace Farber Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Edwin Richards Boston, Mass.
10. (Norman Armitage Pendleton, So. Car.  
(Sol Gorlin New York, N. Y.  
(John Cameron Chicago, Ill.)

### ANOTHER SANTELLI PROFILE

The September issue of ESQUIRE carries an excellent article on Giorgio Santelli by George Wiswell entitled "Living by the Sword."

## New Fencing Rules

The Board of Governors has amended the rules in accordance with the action taken by the International Fencing Congress last May.

The principal amendment eliminates the distinction in foil and sabre between "direct" fouls and "hits which arrive foul as a consequence of the parry." Hereafter, all fouls are treated alike: All such hits will stop the phrase and annul all subsequent hits. This amendment became effective internationally in May and will govern the judging at the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Another amendment is effective internationally as of January 1, 1957, but has been adopted immediately in the A.F.L.A. It applies to **sabre only**. The valid target in sabre is not considered "extended" by covering or displacing of the target (Rules 805-808 in A.F.L.A. rules book therefore apply only to foil).

Finally, for **electric foil only**, the bib is no longer valid target; but the bib must not extend more than 2cms. (3/4") below the collar, and the metallic jacket must have a collar all around the neck to a minimum height of 2cms. (3/4").

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## Comments on Recent Rule Changes

By Miguel A. de Capriles

The action of the A.F.L.A. adopting the new international rules on foul touches was preceded in June by similar action of the N.C.A.A. Rules Committee and is expected to be followed by the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at its meeting in December. Both the rules committee and the coaches of the I.F.A. have recommended abandonment of the **no-foul** rule and complete agreement with the international and national rules on this point.

The new rule which stops the action after all fouls, and nullifies anything thereafter, should not present any difficulties with competent directing. On the contrary, it will avoid controversy when the foul hit arrives while the blades are still in contact. Some directors have held the foul to be "direct" (on the analogy of a good touch arriving through a faulty parry), and some have held the foul to be the result of the parry and therefore equal to a pass. Under the new rule, such a foul would annul all subsequent action on either side.

On the other hand, on fouls which land **after** the parry, the rule will not materially change current practice and is more logical than the strict interpretation of the old rules. If the attack is parried, the immediate riposte is good (no matter what happens on the remise). An attack that continues after the parry and lands foul will annul only a delayed riposte, in the same manner as any other remise foul might have annulled the delayed riposte. Under the old rule it was doubtful whether the director might have the right to regard the "continued foul" as the equivalent of a foul remise; under the new rule it seems clear that he must so decide.

The rule eliminating the extension of the target in sabre will make no difference in current practice. It is practically impossible,

except by the most exotic acrobatics, for a fencer to cover up his valid target in sabre; the only possible displacement under the old rules would refer to a change up or down in the position of the target, and this has never been literally enforced. The new rule therefore simply recognizes the fact that foil and sabre present different situations with respect to the extension of the valid target.

## Correction in By-Laws

In the last issue, on page 2, we misprinted the text of the newly adopted Chapter II, Section 1 (g). The correct text is:

"The Life Associate Membership fee shall be \$60. Where the applicant has been a member of the League in good standing for ten or more years the Life Associate Membership fee shall be \$30. If the Life Associate Member is a member of a Division, one-half shall be retained by the League and one-half shall be paid over to the Division."

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*Official AFLA Notes*

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

## A.F.L.A. MEMBERSHIP 1955-56

Division	Student	Collegiate	Associate	Active	Life	Total
Arizona	21	9	—	8	—	38
Border	7	13	—	10	—	30
Central Illinois	57	14	2	6	—	79
Columbus, Ohio	9	7	2	2	—	20
Connecticut	9	20	—	10	—	39
Delaware	—	—	—	12	—	12
Florida	—	1	—	24	—	25
Georgia	—	1	—	4	—	5
Gulf Coast, Texas	30	58	1	24	—	113
Harrisburg, Pa.	10	3	—	10	—	23
Hudson-Berkshire	1	2	—	13	—	16
Illinois	30	32	6	39	1	108
Iowa	2	17	—	3	—	22
Kentucky	1	12	—	9	—	22
Long Island, N. Y.	2	—	1	17	—	20
Maryland	46	33	2	23	—	104
Metropolitan, N. Y.	44	109	40	172	12	377
Miami Valley, Ohio	2	1	1	7	—	11
Michigan	20	49	2	54	—	125
Minnesota	6	7	1	20	1	35
New England	16	48	5	26	—	95
New Jersey	30	51	7	23	3	114
New Mexico	1	—	—	11	—	12
New Orleans, La.	—	—	—	1	—	1
North Texas	9	21	—	14	—	44
Northern California	11	31	3	39	—	84
Northern Ohio	24	18	2	36	2	82
Oregon	12	8	—	10	—	30
Philadelphia, Pa.	46	38	3	15	—	102
St. Louis, Mo.	5	2	—	18	—	25
Seattle, Wash.	—	7	2	21	—	30
Southern California	18	24	2	118	—	162
Tennessee	—	—	—	7	—	7
Washington, D. C.	1	6	2	37	1	47
Westchester, N. Y.	—	—	2	9	—	11
Western New York	27	25	3	15	1	71
Wisconsin	27	31	—	24	—	82
<b>Totals</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2223</b>

No report from Nebraska and Spokane. Inactive divisions: Alaska, Birmingham, Cincinnati, Colorado, South Florida, Hawaii, Mid New York, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island, San Diego, Sacramento, Utah and West Point.

## President's Annual Message

It is a pleasure to report that we are on a reasonably sound financial basis and that our membership is slowly but steadily increasing.

The main tasks for the season are the publication of the new Rules Book and Manual which we hope will be available by the first of the year; the further promotion of fencing by holding the 1957 Nationals at Milwaukee; the reinvigoration of our membership drive.

The Olympic Team leaves for Melbourne on November 5 and they carry with them the good wishes of all of us.

This is my last message as President and I want to thank all of you for your understanding and cooperation. The mistakes made during the past three years may have antagonized some of you and I am sorry. The steps forward have been made possible by a great many unselfish workers who have our thanks. The best legacy I can wish for my successor is that he too receive such wonderful cooperation. The job of President is harder and more time consuming than most members realize. I have enjoyed every minute of it, but will be happy to be on the sidelines again at the end of this fencing season.

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\*This Committee is to gather information regarding the existing classification of the members throughout the country.

\*\*Under Articles of Alliance with the AAU, signed in 1905, the AFLA is recognized as having full and exclusive jurisdiction over all fencers, and is given the right to have four delegates to the AAU, one of whom shall be on the Board of Governors of the AAU with "voice, vote and privilege equal to all other members of the board upon all matters coming before it."

\*\*\*This new committee is to promote an intra-service program of national scope with an annual national championship for the Services to be held just prior to our own Nationals. It is expected that each representative will obtain the cooperation of the head of Special Services in his branch in Washington so as to organize local, then area and finally national competition in each Service, with the champions of each meeting in an Armed Services National Championship. Each member of this Committee is empowered to appoint a representative to assist him in each of the major areas of his Service.

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### CLASSIFICATION RULES

(Draft Presented by Rules Committee for Board Vote)

Amendment of Rules 8-15 inclusive (Pages 14-17) and Rule 19 (Page 18), to read as follows:

#### (C) CLASSIFICATION OF FENCERS

8. For the purpose of providing reasonable equality of strength in competition, fencers are classified nationally on the basis of competitive experience and achievement into the following categories: Class A (highest), Class B, Class C, and Unclassified (lowest). The classification of a fencer in each weapon may be changed only at the end of each fencing season, and once a fencer achieves a higher category he may not compete in a lower one unless there is a revision of these rules and, by definition applicable to all members, he falls into a new or lower classification. The following rules govern the classification of fencers:

(a) A fencer becomes a **Class A** fencer (1) by winning first, second, or third place in the U.S. national individual championship; (2) by winning first place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (3) by competing as a representative of the United States in the Olympic or Pan-American Games; (4) by competing as a representative of the United States in other international events, provided his selection was based on open tryouts; (5) by being a semi-finalist in the World individual championships; (6) by attaining distinction in another country as a competitive fencer which in the judgment of the Board of Governors is equivalent to that involved in the preceding clauses of this paragraph.

(b) A fencer becomes a **Class B** fencer (1) by being a finalist in the U. S. national individual championship; (2) by winning second or third place in any U. S. sectional, interdivisional or divisional competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (3) by winning first place in any U. S. sectional, interdivisional, divisional, or intercollegiate competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group II competition; (4) by competing as a member of an official U. S. team in any official international event, when his selection was not based on open tryouts; (5) by competing in the World or other official international individual championships recognized by the F. I. E., (6) by competing as a member of a team that wins a national championship; (7) by attaining Class A rating in another weapon; (8) by attaining distinction in another country as a competitive fencer which in the judgment of the Board of Governors is equivalent to that involved in the preceding clauses of this paragraph.

(c) A fencer becomes a **Class C** fencer (1) by being a finalist in any U. S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (2) by winning second or third place in any U. S. sectional, interdivisional, divisional, or intercollegiate competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group II competition; (3) by competing on a team that places second or third in the national championship; (4) by winning any individual prize in any

sectional, interdivisional or divisional competition, including three-weapon events, unless the appropriate governing body specifies that the winning of a particular prize in a particular event will not result in Class C rating for the fencer involved; (5) by becoming a Class B fencer in another weapon.

(d) A fencer remains **Unclassified** as long as he does not attain Classification into Class C, Class B, or Class A under the foregoing rules.

(e) Except as specifically provided above, the classification of a fencer in one weapon has no effect upon his classification in another weapon, and is not affected by his winning or competing in individual three-weapon events, invitation meets, intercollegiate events, or in unofficial club and inter-club competitions.

(f) For the guidance of organizers of competitions, the Board of Governors will endeavor to publish, at the beginning of each fencing season, the list of members of the A.F.L.A. who have attained Class A and Class B ranking. Whenever at competition there is reasonable doubt concerning the classification of a fencer, the Bout Committee in charge, or the Jury of Appeal, may decide according to its view of the facts of the case, and such determination shall be conclusive for that competition. However, for subsequent competitions the decision shall be subject to review by the divisional or sectional Executive Committee and by the national Board of Governors.

9. Three additional categories exist independently of the classifications established by the preceding rule: (a) Ranking Fencers; (b) Masters; (c) Veterans. A fencer may be a Veteran and a Class C fencer at the same time, or any other combination.

(c) Ranking Fencers in a particular weapon are those who have been selected by the Board of Governors as the strongest in that weapon during a given fencing season for the purpose of the seeded draw in individual competitions for the succeeding fencing season.

(b) Masters in a particular weapon are those who have competed in it as members of a U. S. Olympic or Pan American team; winners of a gold medal or of two other medals in the national open championships; and associate members who are actively teaching the sport at a recognized club or educational institution.

(c) Veterans are all fencers who (1) have attained the age of 50 years; or (2) have attained the age of 40 years and in addition have retired from all competitions except the Veterans' individual events or team events in which they participate as members of a composite team made up exclusively of Veterans.

#### (D) CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITIONS

10. An **open** competition is one in which all amateur members of the A.F.L.A. in good standing are eligible to compete without restriction as to class, rank, or divisional membership.

11. A **closed** competition is a sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition in which the eligibility of competitors is limited on the basis of divisional membership.

12. A **restricted** competition is one in which the eligibility of competitors is limited on the basis of classification, rank, age, academic status, or special invitation.

(a) A **Class A** competition is one which is open to Class A and Ranking Fencers; it may be open to other members of the A.F.L.A. only to the extent noted in the schedule of events.

(b) The classification of other competitions (e.g., Class B and Class C) indicates the highest category of fencers permitted to participate therein, but these competitions are also open to fencers of lower categories unless the contrary is specifically announced in the schedule of events.

(c) Restricted competitions limited to competitors on the basis of age or academic status shall not be further restricted on the basis of classification or rank unless organized and announced as invitation events.

#### (E) RATING OF COMPETITIONS

13. The title of "championship" shall be limited to the more important competitions or tournaments in divisional, interdivisional, sectional, or national schedules, as follows:

(a) **National Championships** include the individual open pee, foil, sabre, and three-weapon championships for men, the individual open foil championship for women, and the corresponding team events. The Board of Governors has the right to designate other competitions as national championships, open or restricted.

(b) **Sectional Championships** include the Mid-West, North Atlantic, Pacific Coast, and Southwest open interdivisional championships, individual and team. No restricted competitions shall be designated as sectional championships except upon approval of the Board of Governors when the number of highly classified fencers in a section is large

enough to warrant a separate championship limited to fencers in the lower classifications.

(c) **Divisional Championships** may be open or closed, but no restricted competition shall be designated as a divisional championship except upon approval of the Board of Governors when the number of highly classified fencers in a division is large enough to warrant a separate championship limited to fencers in the lower classifications.

14. The results of sectional, interdivisional, divisional, or intercollegiate championships, or other competitions not rated as national championships, shall not have the effect of classifying any competitor above Class C unless the particular event has been rated by the Board of Governors in Group I or Group II. The rating of championships and other competitions shall normally be made by the Board on the basis of a petition by the appropriate governing body and a showing that the probable strength of the competition warrants the classification of prize winners in the higher categories.

(a) **Group I competitions** will normally include only those sectional, interdivisional or divisional championships which draw a substantial number of Class A and Class B competitors, and shall be identified in the schedule of events by an appropriate notation for the information of contestants. In Group I competitions, the first-place winner shall become a Class A fencer; second and third place winners shall become Class B fencers; and other finalists shall become Class C fencers.

(b) **Group II competitions** will normally include the sectional and interdivisional competitions not rated in Group I, divisional championships which draw a substantial number of experienced fencers, and the strongest intercollegiate championships. In Group II competitions, the first-place winner shall become a Class B fencer, and second and third place winners shall become Class C fencers. Group II competitions shall be appropriately announced in the schedule.

(c) Ratings of competitions will normally be changed only at the beginning of the fencing season in September by action of the Board of Governors upon request of the appropriate executive committee submitted, with reasons therefor, during the summer.

15. Championships of any kind, and all competitions rated in Groups I and II, shall be competitive events, conducted strictly in accordance with the rules governing the organization of competitions and with the technical rules and conventions of fencing, as provided herein.

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19. In drafting divisional schedules, the Executive Committee of each division should take into account of the general caliber of fencers likely to participate therein, in order to determine which events should result in Class C ranking for one or more prize winners (as provided in Rule 8), and to determine whether application should be made to the Board of Governors for Group I or Group II rating for the more important competitions (as provided in Rule 14).

## COMMENT ON THE NEW CLASSIFICATION RULES

By Miguel A. de Capriles  
Chairman, Rules Committee

The long delay in formulating the new classification rules has been due to the fact that all the suggestions for improvement, until less than a month ago, followed the basic pattern of the old rules in trying to make uniform rules for the country as a whole on the basis of the assumption that all divisional and sectional events are of equal strength. The difficulties and inequities of the old rules arise largely out of the fact that the winning of an event in, let us say, New York or Los Angeles, is not the equivalent of winning a similar event in a division with a few members all of whom are of novice strength.

The new rules introduce the principle of **rating of competitions**. At the same time, the rules recognize that for most purposes it is desirable to permit wide latitude for each division to determine how fast its fencers should reach the upper categories.

The new rules reduce the number of classifications to **four**: A, B, C, and Unclassified. This is in accord with the views expressed by most of the people who suggested amendments. But it is clear that there should be **no automatic transfer** from "senior" to Class A, or "intermediate" to Class B, etc., for such a transfer would not be a remedy. The inequities would remain under a different name. Therefore, a national committee has been appointed to make the

change-over in accordance with the principles underlying the new rules.

In substance, Class A and Class B are "national" classifications which can be attained only in competitions **rated nationally** (National Champions and Groups I and II) by the Board of Governors. The divisions retain a large measure of authority to determine which fencers remain "Unclassified" and which fencers move to "Class C." Except in rated competitions, each division can determine whether the winning of a prize in a particular event will be sufficient to move the fencer into Class C. Therefore it is quite possible for the divisions to hold their annual championships on an "open" basis without worrying whether a young and inexperienced winner will be over-classified too soon. This should encourage a larger number of important events in which the younger fencers can compete against more seasoned fencers. It should be remembered that the original purpose of the classification rules was **to keep out** the better competitors from certain events, because the number of such competitors was large enough to create a problem for the younger ones. There is no point in restricting competitions in a division with only one or two fencers who are overwhelmingly superior.

Since circumstances differ in various divisions, each division (and each section) will determine for itself whether it will apply for national rating for one or more of its competitions. This is the only way in which finalists or winners can move into Class B or Class A. Then the Board of Governors will

pass upon the application in light of the demonstrated fencing strength of specific competitions, and with an eye to some general pattern of uniformity on a nation-wide basis.

To facilitate the transition, it has been recommended that the classification rules be suspended until January 1, 1957. Meantime the national committee will proceed to prepare the list of Class A and Class B fencers for publication in the December issue of **American Fencing**. At the same time, it is hoped that applications for rating of competitions will be made promptly so that rated competitions may be appropriately identified in the **National Calendar** in subsequent issue of this magazine.

Unofficial reports of the annual Labor Day international fencing tournament at Montreal show the following results:

**Foil:** (1) Sewall Shurtz, U.S.A.; (2) Albert Axelrod, U.S.A.; (3) Joseph Levis, U.S.A.

**Epee:** (1) Sewall Shurtz, U.S.A.; (2) Carl Schwende, Canada; (3) Richard Berry, U.S.A.

**Sabre:** (1) Allan Kwartler, U.S.A.; (2) Arthur Spingarn, U.S.A.; (3) Carl Schwende, Canada.

**Women:** (1) Judy Goodrich, U.S.A.; (2) Ida Balint, U.S.A.; (3) Bonnie Merwin, U.S.A.

# Metropolitan Schedule 1956-57

## Entries Close 10 Days Before Date of Event

- Sat. Oct. 13 1 p.m. SABRE Novice. Norman C. Armitage medals. **Saltus. \$1.00.** (Bukantz, Solomon, Wertlieb, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sat. Oct. 20 12 noon EPEE Novice. Robert Driscoll medals. **Fencers Club. \$2.00.** (Bavuso, Lutz, Mijer in charge.)
- Sun. Oct. 21 12 noon WOMEN Novice. Madeline Dalton medals. **Santelli. \$1.00.** (Brandeis, Balint, Feigelman in charge.)
- Sat. Oct. 27 1 p.m. FOIL High School Individual. Edward Lucia medals. **Saltus. 50c.** (Rubin, Genton, Whittingham in charge.)
- Thur. Nov. 1 7 p.m. WOMEN Handicap (2 touches for Seniors, 1 touch for Intermediates). Saltus Club medals. **Santelli. \$1.75.** (Spingarn, Brodeth, Parker in charge.)
- Sat. Nov. 3 12 noon EPEE Handicap. Abram Cohen medals. **Fencers Club. \$2.75.** (Bavuso, Lutz, Mijer in charge.)
- Sun. Nov. 4 12 noon SABRE Handicap. Pieter Mijer medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.75.** (M. de Capriles, Reyes, Paredo in charge.)
- Thur. Nov. 8 7 p.m. Women Handicap Finals, if necessary, at **Santelli.**
- Sat. Nov. 10 1 p.m. FOIL Novice. John R. Huffman medals. **Saltus. \$1.00.** (Strauch, Whittingham, Jette in charge.)
- Sun. Nov. 11 12 noon EPEE TEAM Novice. Jose R. de Capriles trophy and medals. **Fencers Club. \$6.00.** (A. Goldstein, Latzko, Skrobisch in charge.)
- Sat. Nov. 17 12 noon FOIL Handicap. Richard Vederber trophy and medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.75.** (Friedman, Wortman in charge.)
- Sun. Nov. 18 1 p.m. WOMEN Open. Maria C. Tishman medals. **Santelli. \$1.75.** (Marmor, Brandeis, Morofsky in charge.)
- Thur. Nov. 29 7 p.m. WOMEN Prep. Evelyn Van Bsukirk medals. **Santelli. \$1.00.** (Balint, Feigelman, Morofsky in charge.)
- Sat. Dec. 1 1 p.m. FOIL TEAM Novice. Dernel Every trophy and medals. **Saltus. \$3.00.** (Drungis, Genton, McCune, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sun. Dec. 2 1 p.m. SABRE TEAM Novice. J. M. Castello trophy and medals. **Fencers Club. \$3.00.** (Marcell, Wertlieb in charge.)
- Thur. Dec. 6 7 p.m. Women Prep finals, if necessary, at **Santelli.**
- Thur. Dec. 13 7 p.m. FOIL Prep. Leo G. Nunes medals. **Fencers Club. \$1.00.** (Strauch, Genton, McCune in charge.)
- Sun. Dec. 16 1 p.m. MIXED DOUBLES TEAM (Sabre and Women's Foil) Open. One bout in each weapon; winner is team with highest total of bout victories; ties resolved first on basis of matches won, then of touches. Ervin S. Acel medals. **Fencers Club. \$3.50.** (Bukantz, Wolchuck, Solomon in charge.)
- Thur. Dec. 20 7 p.m. Foil prep finals, if necessary, at **Fencers Club.**
- Sat. Dec. 22 1 p.m. FOIL TEAM Intermediate Championship. Silvio medals. **Saltus. \$5.25.** (Oldstein, Wolff, Whittingham in charge.)
- Thur. Dec. 27 12 noon FOIL Intercollegiate Individual. Limit of four per college. James Murray trophy and Albert Axelrod medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.25.** (Olvin, Drungis, Friedman in charge.)
- Sat. Jan. 5 10 a.m. EPEE TEAM Intermediate Championship. Alfred Skrobisch prizes. **Fencers Club. \$8.25.** (A. Goldstein, Latzko, Skrobisch in charge.)
- Sun. Jan. 6 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TEAM Intermediate Championship. Dolly Funke medals. **Santelli. \$5.25.** (Spingarn, Brodeth, Parker in charge.)
- Sat. Jan. 12 1 p.m. WOMEN'S TEAM Novice. George Santelli trophy and medals. **Saltus. \$3.00.** (Brandeis, Balint, Feigelman in charge.)
- Sun. Jan. 13 11 a.m. THREE WEAPON TEAM Open. Winner is team with lowest count of touches; one additional touch for each bout lost. Honeycutt trophy and Henry Breckinridge medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$6.25.** (Dollinger, Milletaire in charge.)
- Thur. Jan. 17 7 p.m. WOMEN Senior and Intermediates only. Helena M. Dow medals. **Santelli. \$1.75.** (Lubell, Parker, Morofsky in charge.)
- Sat. Jan. 19 12 noon FOIL Seniors and Intermediates only. Warren A. Dow medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.75.** (Friedman, Wortman in charge.)
- Sun. Jan. 20 1 p.m. SABRE TEAM Intermediate Championship. George Worth medals. **Fencers Club. \$5.25.** (A. Kwartler, C. Kwartler, Reyes in charge.)
- Thur. Jan. 24 7 p.m. Women Senior-Intermediate finals, if necessary. **Santelli.**
- Sat. Jan. 26 1 p.m. SABRE Seniors and Intermediates only. Nickolas Muray medals. **Saltus. \$1.75.** (Shurtz, Paredo, Wolchuck, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sat. Feb. 2 12 noon EPEE Seniors and Intermediates only. Tracy Jaeckel medals. **Fencers Club. \$2.75.** (Dollinger, Milletaire in charge.)
- Sun. Feb. 3 12 noon WOMEN'S TEAM Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Marion Lloyd Vince medals. **Santelli. \$5.25.** (Spingarn, Marmor, Brodeth in charge.)
- Sun. Feb. 10 11 a.m. EPEE TEAM Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Norman Lewis medals. **Fencers Club. \$8.25.** (Moss, Piperno, Schaeffer in charge.)
- Sun. Feb. 17 10 a.m. FOIL TEAM Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Tibor Nyilas medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$5.25.** (Friedman, Wortman in charge.)
- Fri. Feb. 22 12 noon EPEE TEAM Open. Teams to designate A, B, and C members; complete round robin in three pools, A, B, and C; three touch bouts; winner is team with highest total of bout victories. Washington Square Cup and metropolitan medals. **Fencers Club. \$8.25.** (Lutz, Piperon, Schaeffer in charge.)
- Sun. Feb. 24 11 a.m. SABRE TEAM Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Lajos Csiszar medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$5.25.** (Shurtz, Paredo, Reyes in charge.)
- Sun. Mar. 3 12 noon WOMEN Novice. Eve Cohen Siegel medals. **Santelli. \$1.00.** (Brandeis, Balint, Feigelman in charge.)
- Sat. Mar. 9 1 p.m. SABRE Novice. James Montague trophy and Daniel Bukantz medals. **Saltus. \$1.00.** (A. Kwartler, C. Kwartler, Wertlieb, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sun. Mar. 10 10 a.m. EPEE Novice. Ralph Goldstein prizes. **Fencers Club. \$2.00.** (Wallner, Kapner, Sonnenreich in charge.)
- Sun. Mar. 17 10 a.m. FOIL-EPEE-SABRE Masters. Entries accepted in one or more weapons. In each event, entries limited to qualified masters. Epee event: two complete round robins of one-touch bouts. Foil, Rene Pinchart trophy and Fencers Club medals; epee, Sanford Saltus trophy and Miguel de Capriles medals; sabre, George Santelli trophy and Salle Santelli medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.75 foil and sabre; \$2.75 epee.** (Wallner, Kapner, Sonnenreich in charge.)
- Sat. Mar. 23 1 p.m. FOIL Novice. Joseph Levis award. **Saltus. \$1.00.** (Oldstein, Wolff, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sun. Mar. 24 1 p.m. WOMEN Intermediate Championship. Nathaniel Lubell medals. **Santelli. \$1.75.** (Marmor, Balint, Brodeth in charge.)

- Sat. Mar. 30 10 a.m. EPEE Intermediate Championship. James Strauch medals. **Fencers Club. \$2.75.** (Bavuso, Leon, Goldsmith in charge.)
- Sun. Mar. 31 1 p.m. FOIL College Freshmen Individual. Limit of four per college. Hugo Castello trophy and medals. **Santelli. \$1.00.** (Rubin, McCune in charge.)
- Sat. Apr. 6 1 p.m. FOIL Intermediate Championship. Austin Prokop medals. **Saltus. \$1.75.** (Drungis, Jette, Whittingham in charge.)
- Sun. Apr. 7 10 a.m. SABRE Intermediate Championship. Allan Kwartler medals. **Fencers Club. \$1.75.** (Cohen, Paredo, Solomon in charge.)
- Sun. Apr. 28 10 a.m. SABRE Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Metropolitan medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$1.75.** (Bukantz, Paredo, Reyes in charge.)
- Sat. May 4 10 a.m. EPEE Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Metropolitan medals. **Fencers Club. \$2.75.** (Latzko, Leon, Goldsmith in charge.)
- Sun. May 5 1 p.m. WOMEN Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Electric weapons for final round. Metropolitan medals. **Santelli. \$2.00.** (Lubell, Spingarn, Parker in charge.)
- Sat. May 11 1 p.m. FOIL Metropolitan Open Championship and Qualifying Round for Nationals. Electric weapons for final round. Metropolitan medals. **N.Y.A.C. \$2.00.** (J. de Capriles, Wolff, Jette in charge.)

Entries should be mailed to George Leon, Secretary, Metropolitan

Entries should be mailed to Miss Averil Genton, AFLA, Room 1201, 40 West 40 Street New York 18, N. Y., and must be post-marked not later than the closing date, 10 days before the date of the event. No phone entries accepted.

All competitors must report to the Bout Committee one-half hour before starting time.

All competitors will be required to remain at least one round beyond the one in which they are eliminated, unless excused by the Bout Committee.

**Competitions Held at:**

- Fencers Club, 320 East 53 Street (Cork-Linoleum strips)**
- New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South (Cork-Linoleum and rubber strips)**
- Saltus-McBurney Club, Y.M.C.A., 215 West 23 Street (Rubber strips)**
- Salle Santelli, 412 Sixth Avenue (between 8th and 9th Sts.) (Rubber strips)**

**PROGRAM FOR DIRECTORS**

The Metropolitan Division plans a program for directors under the supervision of Mr. Allan Kwartler designed to help develop new directors and improve the skills of the present group. The program consists of lecture forums and actual directing experience at competitions. Pins and certificates will be awarded to successful participants.

**Metropolitan News**

By Dorothy Friedman

The Metropolitan Division's schedule has been rearranged this year so as to conform in general with the announced changes in the classification of fencers, pending the publication of the exact definition of the new classes. Events have been scheduled in only four categories: Senior, Intermediate, Novice, and Prep. After January 1, 1957, it will be relatively simple to re-name the events in accordance with the new rules. As usual, the Metropolitan events will continue to be open to all A.F.L.A. members regardless of divisional membership.

New events include handicap competitions in each weapon and a mixed doubles team event for women and sabremen. The three Masters' events have been scheduled for the same day, March 17. The date has been chosen in view of the fact that the Eastern Intercollegiate Tournament will be held in New York on the previous day, so that it will be possible for any out-of-town coaches to enter. There has been a slight interest in a Masters competition for women, but not enough to determine whether the number of contestants would warrant scheduling the event. The event can be scheduled if those interested will communicate with Dorothy Friedman, chairman of the Bout Committee, 10 Downing Street, New York 14, N. Y., before January 1.

The Lyon Epee-Sabre Team Event is no longer on the schedule because it has proved too expensive to run. There has also been a decline in interest in the Metropolitan Three-Weapon Team Championship, and this event has also been dropped. However, the latter competition can be rescheduled if enough teams are interested and will let the chairman of the Bout Committee know of their interest before January 1.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING ASSOCIATION**

1956-57 Schedule

(\*Varsity and Freshmen)

**December**

- 1 Fordham at Yale
- 8 Yale at NYU
- 15 Fordham at Rutgers; CCNY at New Haven
- 22 Columbia at CCNY

**January**

- 5 Queens at Brooklyn; Fordham at CCNY
- 12 Cornell at Navy; VMI at Navy (plebes); \*Princeton at Rutgers; Penn at Yale; Lehigh at Brooklyn
- 19 \*NYU at Columbia; \*Johns Hopkins at Navy; \*Princeton at Penn
- 26 CCNY at Navy
- 30 NYU at Brooklyn

**February**

- 2 \*Rutgers at Yale; Navy at Brooklyn; Valley Forge at Navy (plebes).
- 6 Brooklyn at Columbia; Princeton at NYU
- 9 Navy at Penn; \*Columbia at Princeton; \*NYU at Rutgers; MIT at CCNY; Riverdale at Yale (fr.); Augusta M.A. at Navy (plebes).
- 12 CCNY at Princeton
- 13 \*Rutgers at Columbia
- 15 \*Yale at Columbia; Fordham at NYU
- 16 \*Princeton at Navy; \*Rutgers at Penn; CCNY at Brooklyn
- 20 Valley Forge at Princeton (fr.)
- 21 Haverford at Rutgers
- 23 Columbia at Navy; Penn fr. at Navy (plebes); Valley Forge at Columbia (fr.); Harvard at Princeton; Riverdale at Princeton (fr.); Rutgers at Brooklyn; NYU at CCNY
- 27 Temple at Rutgers

**March**

- 1 Harvard at NYU
- 2 Harvard at Columbia; Rutgers at Navy; \*Princeton at Yale; Fordham at Brooklyn

- 8 Cornell at Columbia
- 9 NYU at Navy; Cornell at Princeton
- 15-16 IFA Championships, Concourse Plaza Hotel, N. Y.
- 22-23 NCAA Championships, Univ. of Detroit

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### Financial Report

Balance Sheet, August 31, 1956

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash in Banks	\$11,558.46
Accounts Receivable	925.31
Deferred Charges	313.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,796.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued Expenses	\$ 816.25
Prepaid Dues	68.00
Nat. Championship Fund	2,580.43
International Fund	3,108.16
Electrical Epee Fund	214.35
Unappropriated Reserve	6,009.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,796.86</b>
<b>Income and Expenses, 9/1/55 to 8/31/56</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	
National Dues	\$ 2,650.50
Metropolitan Operations	1,441.20
Interest	179.76
American Fencing	56.40
Sundries	92.42
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,420.28</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Nat. Championship (net)	\$ 495.34
Recording Secretary salary	600.00
Office Expenses	439.73
Olympic and F.I.E. dues	297.43
Miscellaneous	34.31
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,866.81</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,553.47</b>

### New England

#### ADVANCE SCHEDULE, 1956

**November:** 11, Sabre Prep, 2 p.m., M.I. T.; 15, Women's Prep, 6 p.m., Salle Elde; 18, Epee Prep, 2 p.m., M.I.T.; 24, Foil Prep, 2 p.m., Latvian FC.

**December:** 2, Sabre Novice, 2 p.m., M.I. T.; 8, Women's Novice, 2 p.m., Latvian FC; 15, Epee Novice 2 p.m., Latvian FC; 16, Women's Handicap, 2 p.m., Dana Hall.

### Arizona

#### Competition Results, 1956

**Women Prep, 2/25/56:** (1) Esperanza Ferra, Phoenix YMCA; (2) Jan Blaine, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Virginia Allen, Tucson YMCA.

**Women Novice, 2/25/56:** (1) Virginia Allen, Tucson YMCA; (2) Helen Vosskuhler, U. of A.; (3) Barbara Winkler, Phoenix YMCA.

**Women Junior, 3/10/56:** (1) Helen Vosskuhler, U. of A.; (2) Esperanza Ferra, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Betty Broderson, Phoenix YMCA.

**Women Intermediate, 3/10/56:** (1) Esperanza Ferra, Phoenix YMCA; (2) Marion Winters, Sall Point HS; (3) Virginia Allen, Tucson YMCA.

**Women Open, 2/26/56:** (1) Helen Vosskuhler, U. of A.; (2) Breddy Adams, U. of A.; (3) Jan Blaine, Phoenix YMCA.

**Women's Team, 4/28/56:** (1) University of Arizona; (2) Sallpoint HS; (3) Phoenix YMCA "A".

**Foil Prep, 2/26/56:** (1) Harris Greenburg, U. of A.; (2) Richard Procter, U. of A.; (3) Edman Jacques, Phoenix YMCA.

**Prep Epee, 2/26/56:** (1) Richard Procter, U. of A.; (2) Derwood Bible, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Gideon Weisz, Tucson H.S.

**Sabre Prep, 2/25/56:** (1) Richard Procter, U. of A.; (2) Derwood Bible, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Harris Greenburg, U. of A.

**Foil Novice, 2/26/56:** (1) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.; (2) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.; (3) Pat Lipscomb, U. of A.

**Epee Novice, 4/14/56:** (1) Richard Beaman, Tucson H.S.; (2) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.; (3) Michael Hurley, unatt.

**Sabre Novice, 3/3/56:** (1) Dave Broadway, U. of A.; (2) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Tom Craig, Phoenix YMCA.

**Foil Junior, 3/3/56:** (1) Bill Haugh, U. of A.; (2) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.; (3) Pat Lipscomb, U. of A.

**Epee Junior, 4/14/56:** (1) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.; (2) Michael Hurley, unatt.; (3) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA.

**Sabre Junior, 3/10/56:** (1) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA; (2) Tom Craig, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.

**Foil Intermediate, 3/10/56:** (1) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.; (2) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA; (3) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.

**Epee Intermediate, 4/14/56:** (1) Michael Hurley, unatt.; (2) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Bruce Burch, U. of A.

**Sabre Intermediate, 3/10/56:** (1) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.; (2) Lathrop Gay, Phoenix YMCA; (3) Tom Craig, Phoenix YMCA.

**Foil Open, 3/3/56:** (1) Bruce Burch, U. of A.; (2) Gideon Weisz, Tucson H.S.; (3) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.

**Epee Open, 4/22/56:** (1) Michael Hurley, unatt.; (2) Bruce Burch, U. of A.; (3) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.

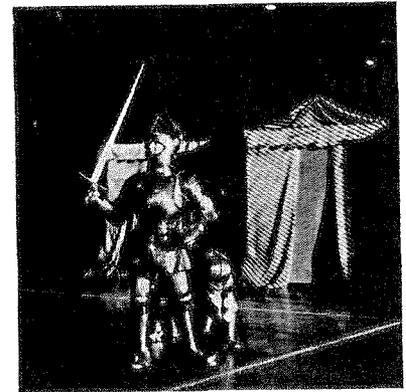
**Sabre Open, 2/26/56:** (1) Bruce Burch, U. of A.; (2) Bill Haugh, U. of A.; (3) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.

**Foil Team Open, 4/28/56:** (1) U. of Arizona; (2) Phoenix YMCA; (3) Sallpoint H.S.

**Epee Team Open, 4/22/56:** (1) Phoenix YMCA; (2) Unattached composite; (3) Tucson H.S.

**Sabre Team Open, 4/28/56:** (1) U. of Arizona; (2) Phoenix YMCA.

**Three-Weapon, 4/28/56:** (1) Bruce Burch, U. of A.; (2) George Clovis, Tucson H.S.; (3) Joseph Gervasio, U. of A.



#### THE "COUP DE JARNAC"

Edward L.F. Lucia, Fencing Coach at C. C. N. Y. and Salle Santelli, demonstrated the famous Coup de Jarnac with Allan January at the "Medieval Whyng-Dyng" given by LIFE Magazine in celebration of Winston Churchill's "A History of the English Speaking Peoples," installment IV of "The Birth of Britain."

Authentic armor and weapon were lent for the occasion by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

### MIDWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Louis, May 5-6, 1956

**Foil:** (1) Arthur Schankin, C. Ill., 7-1; (2) Herman Velcsco, C. Ill., 6-2, 23 t.; (3) Jerry Mau, Ill., 6-2, 26 t.; (4) Mack Gilman, Wisc., 5-3, 30/34; (5) Marvin Metzger, C. Ill., 5-3, 30/31; (6) Edmund Zeisig, Wisc., 3-5; (7) Richard Yasenck, Mich., 2-6, 33 t.; (8) Rene Pinchuk, Mich., 2-6, 34 t.; (9) Howard Fried, N.O., 8-0.

**Epee:** (1) Albert Wolff, Ky., 7-1; (2) Raul Martinez, Mich., 5-3, 28 t.; (3) Paul Martenson, Wisc., 5-3, 29 t.; (4) Marvin Metzger, C. Ill., 4-4, 28 t.; (5) Walter Henry, N.O., 4-4, 31 t.; (6) Lars Collne, Mich., 4-4, 32/34; (7) C. Weigert, Mich., 4-4, 32/30; (8) Charles Thomas, Ky., 3-5, 31 t.; (9) Paul Lambeck, Wisc., 0-8.

**Sabre:** (1) John Cameron, Ill., 7-0; (2) Arthur Schankin, C. Ill., 6-1; (3) Richard Yasenck, Mich., 3-4, 27 t.; (4) George Thomas, Mich., 3-4, 29/25; (5) Harry Alberts, Wisc., 3-4, 29/22; (6) Fred Freiheit, Mich., 2-5, 28 t.; (7) Frank Tyrrell, Wisc., 2-5, 29 t.; (8) Albert Kunzmann, Mich., 2-5, 30 t.

**Women:** (1) Judy Goodrich, Mich., 8-0; (2) Suz Thompson, Ill., 7-1; (3) Joan Messmer, Minn., 6-2; (4) Gertrude Hille, Wisc., 4-4; (5) Joan Steigerwald, N.O., 3-5, 25 t.; (6) Muriel Witte, St. L., 3-5, 29 t.; (7) Mary Curl, Ill., 2-6, 28 t.; (8) Shirley Stein, Mich., 2-6, 30 t.; (9) Carol Bond, Wisc., 1-7.

**Team Scores:** (F-E-S-W in order): (1) Michigan, 18, 25, 24, 24, total 91; (2) Wisconsin, 21, 18, 20, 18, total 77; (3) Illinois, 17, 11, 18, 23, total 69; (4) Central Illinois, 30, 17, 17, 4, total 68; (5) Minnesota 39; (6) Kentucky 34; (7) Northern Ohio 33; (8) St. Louis 12; (9) Nebraska 10; (10) Iowa 1.

## GULF COAST RETAINS CONNECTICUT TROPHY

The Connecticut Trophy will remain at the Gulf Coast Division for a new record of consecutive "residence." The Gulf Coast Division was co-winner with Southern California for 1953-54, and received the trophy at the midpoint of the following season. The division won a clear-cut victory last year and now wins again. The competition was slightly below par in view of the fact that several divisional reports had not been received as of September 7, 1956, and could not be included in the computations. The detailed results were as follows:

**Total active and collegiate membership:** (1) Southern California; (2) Michigan; (3) New Jersey; (4) Gulf Coast; (5) New England.

**Percentage increase in membership:** (1) Florida; (2) Washington, D. C.; (3) Iowa; (4) Michigan; (5) New Jersey.

**Number of competitions:** (1) Gulf Coast; (2) New England; (3) Philadelphia; (4) Arizona; (5) Northern Ohio.

**Standing at headquarters:** (1) Gulf Coast; (2) New England; (3) Florida; (4) Western New York; (5) Philadelphia.

**FINAL STANDINGS:** (1) Gulf Coast, 17 points; (2) New England, 9; (3) Florida, 8; Philadelphia 8; (5) Michigan, 6.

## Northern California

### SCHEDULE, 1956-57

Competitions are held at HSF (Halberstadt School of Fencing, 3145 Fillmore St., San Francisco); FFA (Funke Fencing Academy, 1725 Washington St., San Francisco); BF (Berkeley Fencers, 2571 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley); LAH (Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco); Stn. (Men's Gym, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.); SFSt. (S.F. State College, Men's Gym, 19th Ave. & Hollywood Ave., San Francisco). Entries close 15 minutes before event. Entry fees \$1.00 per person, except for senior-master event (\$2.00) and prep events (no fee). All epee competitions are for 5 touches with electrical weapon.

Sat., Sept. 15, 8 p.m.—Senior Masters' Foil, HSF.  
 Sat., Sept. 22, 8 p.m.—Women, Romaine Trophy Team of 5, HSF.  
 Fri., Sept. 28, 8 p.m.—Epee Novice, HSF.  
 Sat., Oct. 6, 8 p.m.—Senior-Masters' Epee, HSF.  
 Sat., Oct. 13, 8 p.m.—Foil and Women Prep, SFSt.  
 Sat., Oct. 20, 9 a.m.—FESW Army Invitational, LAH.  
 Sun., Oct. 21, 9 a.m.—FESW Army Invitational Finals, LAH.  
 Fri., Oct. 26, 8 p.m.—Foil Novice, LAH.  
 Sat., Oct. 27, 8 p.m.—Women Handicap, SFSt.  
 Fri., Nov. 2, 8 p.m.—Women Novice, FFA.  
 Sat., Nov. 3, 8 p.m.—Sabre Novice, BF.  
 Fri., Nov. 9, 8 p.m.—Foil Junior, LAH.  
 Sun., Nov. 11, 2 p.m.—Senior-Masters' Sabre, HSF.  
 Sat., Nov. 17, 2 p.m.—Foil Handicap, SFSt.  
 Fri., Nov. 23, 8 p.m.—Women's Junior, FFA.  
 Sat., Nov. 24, 8 p.m.—Foil Team, Junior, Stn.

## Border Division

### SCHEDULE, 1956-57

All competitions will start at 1 p.m. and will be held by round robin.

**Ft. Bliss Tournament**, Nov. 3 and 4. Foil, Epee, Sabre, and Women's events for novices and juniors.

**St. Joseph Tournament**, Feb. 2 and 3. Foil, Epee, Sabre, and Women's events: Intermediate, Senior, and Open. Three Weapon Open.

**Holloman Air Force Base Tournament**, March 9 and 10. Foil, Epee, Sabre, and Women: prep events.

**El Paso Y.M.C.A. Tournament**, April 13 and 14. Team competitions, Foil Epee, Sabre, Three-Weapon, and Women.

## Gulf Coast

### Notice of Invitational Meets

Sat., Sept. 29, 2 p.m. W. A. Franks Memorial, Texas City Recreational Center, 21st St. & Fifth Ave. N., Texas City, Texas: Open Sabre, Open Electric Epee, Women's Open.

Sat., Oct. 13, 2 p.m. Armed Services YMCA, 422 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, Texas: One-touch electrical epee, Women's Open, Foil Open.

Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m. SW Trophy & Award Invitational, Root Square Park, 1416 Clay, Houston, Texas: Foil Open, Women's Team.

Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m.—Sabre Junior, LAH.  
 Sun., Dec. 2, 2 p.m.—Women, Gerda d'Egnuff comp., FFA.

Fri., Dec. 7, 8 p.m.—Epee Junior, HSF.  
 Fri., Dec. 14, 8 p.m.—Women's Team Junior, FFA.

Sat., Dec. 15, 8 p.m.—Epee, Intermediate, HSF.

Fri., Jan. 11, 8 p.m.—Women, Intermediate, SFSt.

Sun., Jan. 13, 2 p.m.—Three Weapon, BF.  
 Sat., Jan. 19, 8 p.m.—Foil, Intermediate, Stn.

Fri., Jan. 25, 8 p.m.—Sabre Intermediate, LAH.

Sun., Feb. 3, 2 p.m.—Women, Halberstadt comp., HSF.

Sat., Feb. 9, 8 p.m.—Sabre Team, Intermediate, BF.

Sat., Feb. 16, 8 p.m.—Foil Team, Intermediate, Stn.

Fri., March 1, 8 p.m.—Sabre Open, LAH.

Sat., March 2, 8 p.m.—Women's Team Intermediate, BF.

Sat., March 9, 8 p.m.—Sabre Team Open, LAH.

Sat., March 16, 8 p.m.—Women's Open, SFSt.

Sun., March 24, 8 p.m.—Women, Helene Mayer trophy (place to be announced).

Sat., March 30, 8 p.m.—Epee Open, BF.

Fri., Apr. 5, 8 p.m.—Foil Open, LAH.

Fri., Apr. 12, 8 p.m.—Foil Team Open, LAH.

Sat., Apr. 13, 8 p.m.—Women's Team Open, BF.

Sat., Apr. 20, 8 p.m.—Epee Team Open, BF.

Tues., May 7, 8 p.m.—Annual Meeting, 105 Montgomery St., SF.

May 18-19 — PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS (place to be announced).

## INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Western Intercollegiate

**Fencing Conference**  
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 Rochester Institute of Technology

## Seattle

### By Katherine Pettit

The Seattle Division A.F.L.A. was host at a unique team competition the 11th and 12th of August. Three clubs entered teams in the tri-event tournament: Men's Foil, Sabre, and Women's Foil. A very impressive trophy was presented to the winning team by Greater Seattle Inc., the sponsor of Seattle's two week Seafair Carnival of sports and amusements.

The Cascade Club of Seattle (William Modrell, Alfred Faisters and Bruce Wilson) won the Seafair Trophy by their outstanding work in sabre (scoring 42 touches and receiving 28 in the Finals). The Portland Team (Don Naylor, Pat Minturn, and John McDougall) won the Men's Foil event; and the University of Washington's Women's Team (Bobby Scott, Fern Vraney, and Marybell Pourmelle) placed first in the Women's Foil.



Bobby Scott, captain of the University of Washington's Women's Team, relaxes after her team's victory.

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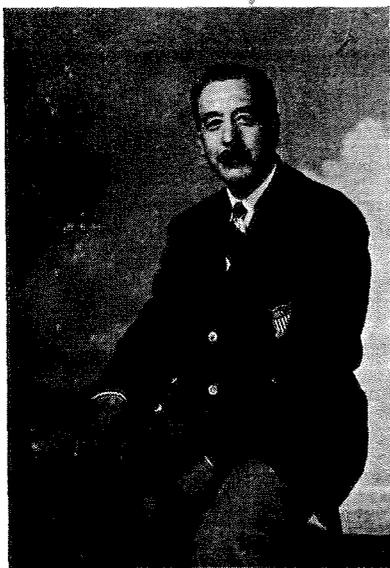
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## NORMAN C. ARMITAGE

by Jose de Capriles

**Author's Note:** In looking over back issues of American Fencing I was amazed to note that Norman Armitage had not been included among the thumbnail sketches which have been published from time to time. Even before his current achievement which prompts this article Norman had earned a prominent niche among our all-time greats.

Norman C. Armitage, long recognized as the greatest sabre champion produced in this country, has now with his selection as a member of the 1956 team established an Olympic record which will probably never be surpassed: in 1928 he competed in his first Olympic Games at Amsterdam and he has been a competitor in every single Olympiad during the succeeding twenty-eight years. The magnitude of this athletic achievement can best be realized when we note that many of his 1956 team-mates and a very large number (if not the majority) of all athletes competing in Melbourne were not yet born in 1928.

Norman was born in Albany, New York, half a century ago and took up fencing at Columbia in 1924 under the tutelage of James Murray. The lanky youngster was far from being a natural athlete and no one considered him good material. But from the

beginning he demonstrated the qualities which were to make him a great champion: tremendous self-discipline, dogged determination and one of the keenest analytical brains I have known. In 1926 he began taking sabre lessons from George Santelli, who was to continue as his teacher and coach for many years, and by 1928 he had won the Intercollegiate Sabre Championship and a place on the Olympic Team. In 1929 he won his first National Individual Sabre medal (silver) and for 18 consecutive years he was Champion ten times, Runner-up six times and Third twice; he missed in 1947 and then was Runner-up again in 1948, 1950 and 1951 and Third in 1953; a total of 22 National Individual Sabre medals in 25 years. Of course Norman has been National Outdoor and Metropolitan Champion a great many times. This year he again won the Metropolitan title and in doing so outfenced a field which included every recognized contender for a place on the 1956 Olympic Sabre Team. His record in sabre has made people overlook the fact that Norman has also been a very dangerously effective epee fencer whose triumphs include the then National Outdoor Epee Championship and an undefeated performance in the 1939 National Epee Championship Team of the Fencers Club (which he has represented since graduation from Columbia).

Aside from his amazing record in National competition Norman has been an outstanding performer in International events. His record in the Olympics to date was climaxed in 1948 when he won 19 out of 23 as our sabre team placed third and he became the first recipient of the Friendship Trophy which is awarded every Olympiad to "the outstanding fencer of the U. S. Olympic Team." In 1930 he won 16 out of 16 as a member of the U. S. team which competed in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh; in 1934 he was on the victorious U. S. team for the Thompson Trophy and in 1939 he competed against Cuba. At the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki he carried the flag for the U. S. delegation as the U. S. competitor with the greatest Olympic seniority.

While working as a Chemical Engineer in January of 1936 Norman was the victim of third degree burns of the right hand and arm. The accident interrupted and was expected to terminate his fencing career. Once again his self-discipline and determination

came to the fore and through sheer will-power he was able to strengthen the arm in time for the Olympic tryouts; despite the injury he won each tryout and then in June won the National Championship.

But Norman's contribution to fencing has not been limited to his many accomplishments in competition. It is shocking to realize how few of our fencers know of the many years of tireless and unselfish effort he devoted to the development of Columbia's fencing program. From 1929 to 1940 he trained every Columbia sabre team and all her top sabremen carried the stamp of his technique and style. Because the immortal Jimmy Murray was also coaching at the New York A.C. (and made no pretense of coaching sabre), Norman throughout these years attended every dual meet and master-minded his school through the annual Intercollegiate Championships. During this period Columbia's sabre team won the IFA title in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1935, 1936 and 1939; individual titles were won by Gulbransen in 1931 and Lombaer in 1935. Columbia dominated the sabre field although it failed to win team or individual titles in the other weapons. Norman is irrefutably identified with Columbia's greatest fencing years and, along with Mike de Capriles' efforts at N.Y.U., it is the best example of alumni participation in building a successful fencing program at a major university. Unfortunately time passes and the new generation is apt to be indifferent to the role he has played simply because his business now keeps him 800 miles from the Metropolitan area. It reminds me of the old joke: "Yes, but what have you done for me lately?"

From Columbia he holds an A.B. and two Engineering degrees; from N.Y.U. two law degrees, including J.S.D. which is the highest degree in that profession. He served as a Navy Lieutenant in World War II, assigned to the atom bomb project. After the War he rose from Chief Patent Counsel to President of the Deering Milliken Research Trust. He is now Vice-President of the Deering Milliken Research Corporation which is engaged in all phases of textile research for the 29 mills of the parent group.

Norman married Constance Dean (a good fencer from California) in September of 1941 and they have two children: Leslie Leonora aged 13 and Robert Dean aged 8.

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