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Pointing toward the National Championships. Discussing the forthcoming National Championships this June in Los Angeles, are, left to right: Bob Crawford, Guy Williams alias Z for Zorro, and Fred Linkmeyer. Linkmeyer is chairman and Crawford, vice-chairman of the organizing committee. Photo was taken at Disneyland, one of the feature attractions in your Fencing Vacation at the Nationals.

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National Nominations

The following slate has been submitted by the National Nominating Committee:

President, Donald S. Thompson, (N. Ohio); 1st. V. P., Dr. James H. Flynn, (N. J.); 2nd. V. P., Jack Cornell (N. Tex.); 3rd. V. P., Fred Linkmeyer, (S. Calif.); 4th. V. P., Robert Witte, (St. Louis); Secretary, Ralph Goldstein, (Westch.); Treasurer, Leo Sobel, (Metro.); Foreign Secretary, Gen. J. V. Grumbach, (Met.).

Note. The Secretary will cast a unanimous ballot for the above slate unless additional nominations have been filed pursuant to the By-Laws. Due to the delay in publishing the nominations, the time listed in the By-Laws (Ch.III, Sec. 4) shall be extended to May 15th.

Annual AFLA Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the League membership shall be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California on Saturday, July 4, at 2 p.m.

Included in the agenda (By-Laws Ch.x) will be the proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article III, Section 2. The matter was presented at the 1958 Annual Meeting and is now ready for final action. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"Section 2: An amateur fencer is one who participates in fencing solely for the love of the sport, who has not derived direct or indirect financial benefits from competition or exhibitions in fencing, and who has never been a professional teacher of fencing or a professional competitor in any other branch of athletics.

"The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to interpret this section; to enact an amateur code for the guidance of the members of the League; and to prescribe and apply disciplinary penalties for infractions of the amateur code, including warning, reprimand, and temporary or permanent suspension from amateur competition, according to the circumstances."

The amendment gets away from the "black or white" approach and the new maximum penalty is not expulsion (which is now illogical in view of our associate membership) but permanent suspension from amateur competition. The approach is disciplinary, as in the AAU and other major sports bodies, with penalties imposed according to the seriousness of the violation of the amateur code.

Another item on the agenda is a revision of the dues structure and a change in the minimum age for Active membership.

If you have any doubts about attending the Annual Meeting, we suggest you tear out the Proxy Form on the last page (or make a copy of it), sign it and mail it to Ralph Goldstein, Secretary, 397 Concord Rd., Yonkers 2, N. Y. as soon as possible.

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Connecticut Trophy

The Metropolitan and Southern California divisions will share possession of the trophy on the basis of their 1957-58 record. The trophy is awarded each year to the division with the highest rating in five categories aimed at encouraging the growth of interest in fencing. Standings are:

(a) **Membership:** (1) Metropolitan; (2) So. California; (3) No. California; (4) New England; (5) Gulf Coast.

(b) **Percentage Increase in Membership:** (1) Mid New York; (2) Florida; (3) No. California; (4) Philadelphia; (5) Washington, D.C.

(c) **Number of Competitions:** (1) So. California; (2) Gulf Coast; (3) Metropolitan; (4) New England; (5) No. California.

(d) **Number of Competitors:** (1) Metropolitan; (2) So. California; (3) No. California; (4) Gulf Coast; (5) Philadelphia.

(e) **Cooperation with National Office:** (1) Gulf Coast; (2) Florida; (3) New England; (4) Minnesota; (5) Philadelphia.

Final Standings: (1) Metropolitan and Southern California; (3) Gulf Coast; (4) Florida; (5) New England and Northern California.

PLEASE!

Our crystal ball is out of order and we can't foresee your moving. The P.O. now charges us 5 cents for every return and we can't afford it. Returns marked "Moved" or "Can't locate" are removed from our mailing list until we get a complaint or the division secretary sends us a new address. This often happens to students with campus addresses when they are away on holidays or vacation. For our sake and yours **please** keep us up to date.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Al and Barbara Kunzmann for Damin Bannon born December 8, 1958. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lazovick for Marc Stewart, born March 14, 1959.

Best wishes to Roland Wommack, USNA, and Linda Hill who will start their lifetime cruise on June 13.

Olympic and Pan American veteran Abram Cohen was married to Simone Barugel on January 18th. Our best wishes.

CORRECTIONS

The published list of Olympic Squad members (Feb. issue) omitted the name of Paul Pesthy (subject to eligibility) from the epee list.

In the last issue we referred to Dr. Gillian Sheen as "former" Olympic Champion. She is of course the present champion and we are very proud to have her in our midst.

J.R.deC.

FOIL AND EPEE MACHINES

All electrical machines must be changed to the 3-prong (banana) connectors as promptly as possible. Where conversion cannot be made promptly, adaptors must be supplied by the owners or operators of the machines.

NOTE

Charter flights for 1960 to Rome cannot be arranged as planned. Please do not refer any more inquiries to George Worth on this subject.

Have You Started a Group at Your Local High School Yet?

NATIONALS . . .

Fencing is fun — especially in Los Angeles.

You'll have the Nationals of your life, and the time of your life, in Los Angeles where the AFLA National Championships are being held, June 27 to July 4, in the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Fencing, oh happy day, will be in air conditioned comfort. The Statler is in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. In addition to being adjacent to major stores and theatres, its location on the Harbor Freeway makes it extremely convenient for sightseeing and other expeditions.

Your host division is making every effort to make the 59 Nationals the most pleasant and memorable one of your life. Write now for information on reservations, trips to Disneyland, studios and other exciting entertainment. Use the coupon in the last issue of American Fencing or write to Fred Linkmeyer, Box 564, North Hollywood, Calif.

And now for the more serious business—

SCHEDULE

All events will start at 9 A.M. and will run until completion.

Sat. June 27	— Foil Individual
Sun. June 28	— Foil Team
Mon. June 29	— Women's Individual
Tues. June 30	— Epee Individual
Wed. July 1	— Women's Team Sabre Team
Thurs. July 2	— Epee Team
Fri. July 2	— Sabre Individual
Sat. July 4	— 3-Weapon Team (9 am) Annual AFLA Meeting (2 pm) Olympic Committee Meeting (4 pm) Gala Night (8 pm)



INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

F.I.E. Congress will be held at the Automobile Club, Paris, April 16 and 17.

Military Championships will be held May 5-11 in Argentina.

World Championships will be held in Budapest from July 12 to 25.



DIVISIONS, CLUBS, COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS

We want to compile a register, by states, of all places where fencing is practiced. Please send us the full name of your organization, address and (if any) fencing master. State days and times when sessions are held.

—J.R.deC.

REGULATIONS

(1) **Entries.** All team and individual entries **must** be received on or before June 6, 1959, and should be addressed to Mr. Jack Baker, Chairman of Bout Committee, 52 Grenard Terrace, San Francisco 9.

(2) **Fees.** The appropriate entry fee **must** accompany each entry. The fees are \$10. for each team and \$5. for each individual entry.

(3) **Information.** All entries should include the following information:

(a) Full name; (b) mailing address; (c) events entered; (d) Division; (e) Club; (f) Ranking (A,B,C, Unclassified); (g) AFLA membership (Life, Active, Collegiate or Student).

(4) **Automatic Qualifiers.** In addition to those who qualify automatically (See Rule 740), the Board of Governors has granted the privilege (in the weapon fenced) to all who competed in the 1958 World Championships. The privilege will extend to the 1959 and 1960 National Championships. **NB** Rule 761 reentries by automatic qualifiers.

(5) **Foil Events.** The electrical machine has been made mandatory for all finals and the individual semi-finals. The Bout Committee will extend this ruling to the earlier team or individual rounds whenever possible. All foil fencers **must** be ready to fence both standard and electric foil. A minimum of two weapons in proper working condition is required. Amphphenol connectors at the bell are prohibited and the three-pronged 'banana' plug at the reel end of body cords is **mandatory**. The lame jackets must cover the valid target and must meet the conductivity tests (Rules Book, p. 28)

(6) **Epee Events.** Any fencer with amphphenol connector at the reel end of body cord must provide his own adaptors (2). Rule 185 will be enforced. All fencers must wear undergarment made of at least two thicknesses of hemp cloth insuring best possible protection for arm pit and side.

NB The national organization will not provide any electric foil or epee personal equipment for rent.

(7) **Reporting Time.** All entries **must** report to Bout Committee at 8:30 A.M. Events will start promptly at 9 A.M.



PROGRAM FOR OLYMPIC TRAINING

The Pan American and Olympic squad is following a program of conditioning and reconditioning set out by Arthur Tauber. We believe the expert suggestions of Mr. Tauber will be of interest to all fencers. See back page.

ON TEACHING ELECTRICAL FOIL

Maitre Jean B. Coulon, writing in *L'Es-cime Francaise* for October 1958, had this to say about teaching electrical foil:

"There is no point in being hypercritical of a fact that will simply not fade away . . . When innovations appear, success goes to those who face them intelligently, with hope and confidence, and who solve new problems with imagination, discipline, and due regard for the esthetic qualities demanded by art.

"Perhaps a majority of fencing masters, due to laziness or indifference, will continue to teach the game in an old-fashioned way that no longer has validity in our time. Too bad for them and for those who have to absorb their obsolete and inefficient techniques.

"But one will always find famous masters who understand perfectly the imperious necessity of keeping up with, and perhaps advancing, the evolution of modern fencing, and do so by intensive daily study and self-development. I attended the 1957 World Championships in Paris. There I met the Soviet fencing masters and watched them teach. It was edifying to see the precision with which they had adapted their teaching method to the electrical foil. It was enough to see how their pupils— such as Zabelina or Midler — handled themselves on the strip, to understand the perfect correlation of efficiency and classical beauty of the instruction they had received. The results at Philadelphia have now made the whole world conscious of an unequaled athletic achievement by the sportsmen, masters, and directors of a country which ten years ago was still in the embryonic stage of science.

"Those of us who believe we are modern masters do not teach the fencing of an earlier generation. We are not automatons who blindly follow mechanical routines. We train world champions and other fencers of the highest class without the obscure complications that seem to please certain masters and amateur fencers.

"I hope that all the federations of the world will be inspired by the example of the French Fencing Federation, which had the foresight to unite with the Academy of Arms of France (the fencing master's organization) in complete and friendly collaboration for the benefit and glory of the marvelous French school of fencing."

— M. A. de C.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL OPEN

by Virginia Barons

The Rochester F.C. sponsored an "Open International Women's Tournament" at the Rochester YWCA

Dr. Gillian Sheen, current Olympic Champion, won all her bouts; Evelyn Terhune of N.Y. City placed second while Paceta Duminioux of Toronto and Barbara Brill of N.Y. City tied for third.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT — PART III

(Concluded from February Issue)

WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM

USA v. Peru. This match served as a warm up for our girls. In Janice Romary's bout with Peggy Baldwin, the latter fledged off the side of the strip and severely injured her foot. She was unable to continue and as there was no substitute, Peru forfeited three bouts. Of the bouts actually fenced, Romary and Tommy Angell won three each, Eve Siegel won three and lost one, and Louise Dyer won two and lost one. Ketty Baldwin, with nowhere near the technique of our girls, scored three touches against Romary, two against Angell and beat both Dyer and Siegel. This was accomplished by the use of grim determination and speed.

USA v. USSR. In the second round, we drew Russia and Germany. Against Russia we entered Angell, Anne Drungis, Maxine Mitchell and Romary. Our girls were outfenced — not by technique, but by training, determination, speed and the will to win. We had some bad breaks, but even if these had gone the other way, it would not have been enough to change the result. Angell, Drungis and Mitchell won one each, and Romary won two. Drungis demonstrated true international calibre when she came from behind to beat Gitnikova 3-4 and tie the match score at one all. Unfortunately we could not get a rally going and we lost 5-11. Angell, Mitchell and Romary also showed mettle, but none of our girls was able to sustain her good fencing for a long enough period to be really effective against our obviously better trained opponents.

USA v. Germany. When I learned that Janice Romary had injured her wrist in the match with the Russians, I entered Angell, Dyer, Mitchell and Siegel to fence against the German team. The Germans were even better than the Russians. Angell and Mitchell won one bout each and we lost 9-2. Twice, Dyer had the lead with only one touch to make to win, but she was unable to manage it against these superbly trained, highly experienced women. Siegel scored twice against Schmidt, Germany's best, but was no match for her, nor for Hoehle who won all three of her bouts against us.

It is interesting at this point to note that in the Women's final, Russia finished first and Germany second. In the Men's foil final France took first and Russia second. It was our luck to draw the eventual first and second place winners on our strip both times!

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL

Inasmuch as none of the women had fenced the previous day, the first round saw all 52 entrants competing. Our individual entries were: Angell, Ida Balint, Judy Goodrich, Grace Hillyer, Mitchell and Romary. The latter's wrist had completely healed by this time.

As expected, all of our girls advanced through the first round. The competition was keen and none of them found it easy going, except Mitchell who was fencing in absolute top form and won all her six bouts.

The quarter-final consisted of four strips of eight each. Mitchell fenced better than ever and was the only woman to get through this round without losing a bout. After taking six in a row it was not necessary to fence her last bout with Olympic Champion Gillian Sheen who also had definitely qualified for the semi-finals.

With three wins, Tommy Angell did not advance from this round, but her victory over Predaroli of Italy enabled Jan Romary to get into a barrage for qualification for the semis. Tommy knew that she was eliminated when she fenced this bout which was vital to her team-mate. This is the kind of team spirit and performance that is the mark of a fencer of international calibre.

Jan Romary fenced better in this round than she had in the entire competition, but she was far from her top form. With four victories she got into a barrage with Predaroli of Italy and Zabelina of Russia. Jan beat Predaroli, Predaroli beat Zabelina, Zabelina beat Romary. The total touch scores resolved the tie and Predaroli was eliminated.

Ida Balint and Judy Goodrich were on the same strip. Ida beat Judy 3-4, then lost four bouts. Her sixth was a victory over Russia's Provdskova, thereby eliminating the latter and clinching Judy's qualification for the semi-final. Ida could not qualify at that point, but she won, assuring her team-mate's advancement. The competitive temperament is there and with more training, we can expect Ida Balint to go far in fencing.

Judy Goodrich fenced very well in this round, losing only to her teammate and Gitnikova, who eventually took second place in the final.

Grace Hillyer was not fencing well. Nevertheless, she beat France's Garilhe who finished sixth in the final, and lost two bouts by 4-3 scores. In addition, she had the luck to be on one of the two toughest strips. Three of the four girls who qualified here, went on up to the finals and finished first, fifth and sixth. If she had been fencing her best, Grace might very well have changed the story.

On her semi-final strip, Maxine Mitchell won her first two bouts, making it 14 wins in a row — but then her performance dropped and she lost the next four. She had to win her last bout in order to get into a barrage with Maillard of France and Italy's Colombetti. Unfortunately, Maxine could not pull out of her slump and with Maillard was eliminated by Colombetti in the fence-off. It was most regrettable that Maxine Mitchell was not able to sustain through the semi-final the high level of her fencing as demonstrated by her excellent performance in the first two rounds. If she had been in better training, this might very well have been accomplished.

On the other strip, only the 1957 World Champion, Zabelina, and the 1956 Olympic Champion, Sheen, clearly qualified with six

and four wins respectively. The other six contestants, including our Goodrich and Romary, were tied with three wins each. This necessitated a sixway barrage which was held that same evening, causing a postponement of the final until the following day.

Jan Romary made the first touch against Judy Goodrich and the latter lost the bout when time ran out. Thereafter, Jan did not seem to be able to get going at all. She clearly had an off-day, but battled valiantly, losing to both Rejto and Garilhe by scores of 4-3 and to Germany's Schmidt by 4-2. It was a keen disappointment to all of us and I could not help but feel that lack of training accounted for it all. Judy was also beaten by Rejto and Garilhe, but she fenced brilliantly against Gorokhova and Schmidt, both of whom she beat by scores of 1-4. It was apparent that when Judy relaxed, she fenced best — and she was in good physical condition. This experience was the best thing for her fencing and we can confidently expect Judy to go much further in the future.

In the Women's Individual final there were three Russians, two Hungarians, and one each from France, Great Britain, and Italy. The Eastern Europeans accounted for first, second, third, fifth and eighth places. The higher level of physical fitness was apparent.

SABRE TEAM

USA vs. Poland. Eight teams were entered in Sabre and we drew the pool with Poland and Hungary. In an effort to overcome the adverse psychological effect of this repetition of the draw in the 1956 Olympics, we held a meeting of the sabre team and coaches. We had a thorough discussion of the situation and on the following morning approached the event with wholesome and relaxed attitudes.

For a change, we had Allan Kwartler lead off, and he won the first bout. Tibor Nyilas took the second (Pawlowski, the 1957 World Champion), and Dick Dyer followed up making it three in a row. If ever we had an opportunity, this was it! We had caught the Poles cold and if we maintained the pressure we could win. We could not afford to become complacent. However, George Worth was not able to fence with his normal effectiveness and besides, the Poles suddenly realized that they had been overconfident.

They settled down and won the next four bouts. Dyer came back with a 2-5 victory over Pawlas to tie the score at four all. Nyilas promptly followed with a crushing victory of 0-5 over Piantkowski and we were in the lead again. Unfortunately, Kwartler's wrist began to bother him and Worth just could not get going. The Poles won 10-6; Dyer won three, Nyilas two and Kwartler one.

USA vs. Hungary. Against Hungary we entered Nyilas, Dyer, Barry Pariser, and Bobby Blum. The Hungarians won 9-1, Nyilas accounting for our one victory. The Hungarian fencers were much better tech-

nically. Their footwork and timing were far superior to ours. Nevertheless, we had an excellent opportunity to recognize the fact that Pariser and Blum showed considerable promise. Blum especially began to apply to his fencing some of the footwork and timing which the successful Poles and Hungarians were using.

SABRE INDIVIDUAL

Due to the fact that the FIE permitted the Stateless fencers to participate in this event, the Hungarians withdrew their entries from the individual. In the circumstances, with Nyilas' vast experience and current record, it was reasonable to expect him to get into the finals. Kwartler's wrist was still bothering him. The following were selected to fence in the individuals: Nyilas, Dyer, Blum, Abe Cohen, Wally Farber and Laszlo Pongo.

On the morning of August 29, Tibor turned up sick and we were fortunate in getting the Directoire Technique to permit us to put in a substitute. This would have been an excellent opportunity for another of our younger fencers to compete, but unfortunately Barry Pariser had already left. We, therefore, entered George Worth in Nyilas' place.

In addition to the Hungarians, the Cubans and Mexicans failed to show up. This left an entry of only 24 fencers for the first round — the 16 who fenced in the team finals the evening before, received byes into the second round. All six of our men qualified for the quarter finals where there were four strips of eight with four to go up. Every one of these strips was difficult and although our men fenced well, their footwork looked obsolete when compared with the Russians', Poles' and better Italians'.

Dyer had some bad breaks, but neither he, Cohen, Farber, Pongo nor Worth was able to move easily on the attack and freeze the opponent for a hit finally made with a fleche. Blum was more fortunate. There were times when he was able to do this, and his big break was getting into a barrage with only three wins. (Dyer's identical score was not enough on his strip). At this point, I would say that our sabremen were outfenced by a different, superior technique, and we may feel confident that our coaches will apply the necessary changes from now on. Combined with a serious program of training and conditioning, we can expect definite improvement in the years to come.

On Blum's quarter-final strip, Hamori (Stateless) and Poland's Pawlowski clearly qualified. Sichel of Australia was definitely eliminated, and there was a five-way tie for two places. Besides Blum, there were Italy's Comini and Calanchini, France's Lefevre and Russia's Mavlikhanov. Something happened to Bob Blum. He fenced in that barrage as never before in his life. He won all four bouts and only Lefevre scored more than three touches against him. He did not permit his opponents to freeze him. His stop-cuts were in time. His footwork and timing were on a par with that of the Poles and Russians.

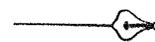
The semi-finals were held that evening and Bob Blum sustained the same level of performance which he had reached in the barrage. Actually he was better, because he was more confident. He won his first bouts and in none of them was the issue ever in doubt. In his losses to Russia's Rylskii (the eventual Champion) and Poland's Ochyra (who finished sixth), Bob scored 3 and 4 touches respectively. Rylskii also had four wins and two defeats and it is no exaggeration to say that in the semi-final round, Bob Blum fenced on a par with the best.

The finals were not held until the next

evening and unfortunately, Bob was not able to recapture the level of fencing which he had attained the day before. This was the first time that an American had reached the finals in a World Sabre Individual Championship. This great achievement deserves all the praise and encouragement we can give.

But let us not stop there. Blum's performance should serve as an example to our younger fencers. With serious training, and dedicated application he and they can look forward to repeating and in fact improving on it in the near future.

Ralph Goldstein



HOW TO EXPLAIN FENCING TO YOUR FRIENDS

By Richard Gradkowski

The A.F.L.A.'s spectator pamphlet is supposed to be available at all competitions to help those of us who would like to explain fencing to our non-fencer friends. However, the Bout Committee is always fresh out of pamphlets, and anyhow I have found the material too elementary for the truly interested observer. Therefore I have endeavored to bring out some of the finer points in this little essay, and will be glad to accept any challenges at the Saltus Fencing Club in New York.

FOIL. Foil is derived from the original practice weapon, and is the best illustration of the fact that practice does **not** make perfect. Foil is called a conventional weapon, although it is the favorite of many unconventional persons, because of the concept of the "right of way." This is a mode of fencing that insures that one will not be hit in an actual duel; but of course the "right of way" is applied only when both contestants are hit. The theory of the "right of way" is extremely simple. For example, if fencer A is in a semi-extended position and fencer B advances with a feint of thrust and fencer A bends his arm in a feint of a parry and fencer B breaks the tempo and fencer A shuts his eyes and jabs out and fencer B simultaneously makes a beat-coupe lunge and both fencers hit, then the director alone decides who wins the touch. The decision can often be simplified by a thorough knowledge of which club or team each fencer belongs to, and how well he has fenced in the past. The advent of **Electrical foil** has eliminated all uncertainty as to whether one's touches will be seen by the judges. Now there is absolute certainty that the apparatus will register but a small percentage of the touches one makes, while it will register every flick of the opponent's point. However, the "right of way" remains unimpaired — in fact, the task of the director has been greatly simplified. He no longer has to explain the action to the judges, and if the loser of the touch complains, it is only because he is naturally prejudiced.

EPEE. In the good old days the epee was called the "duelling sword," because its rules reproduced the conditions of the duel. One thrust on any part of the opponent's body was enough for victory. Now the game has been improved by the miracle of modern electronics and by fencing for five touches. The electrical apparatus differentiates between two touches if one is even 1/25 of a second ahead of the other. This feature of course encourages mutual suicides, euphemistically called double touches. But, since the weapons are not sharp any more, one can always live to fight another day. The absence of the "right of way" in epee fencing makes it difficult for the director to have much to say about who wins the bout; that is why some of the most famous directors feel it below their dignity to officiate at epee events.

SABRE. Sabre is technically the most primitive of the weapons, because it is not electrified. At one time sabre resembled the old cavalry weapon with its limited cutting edges. However, since most modern sabre fencers can't hold up the old weapons, that theoretical limitation has been abandoned in practice. Modern sabre is an intricate combination of fly-casting and track and field. There is no effort to slug it out with the opponent and various means are employed to avoid him. Great leaps to the rear, accompanied by casts to the hand; and desperate whips at the flank, head, or chest before one gets hit by a riposte — these are the characteristics of the modern game. The theory of the "right of way" comes in handy in sabre whenever one of the fencers is caught flat-footed and cannot jump back. He then "stop-cuts," and if the cut is loud enough, it gains the "right of way" over the attack. Some old-fashioned fencers argue that the rules provide otherwise, but this is an illusion. Only the director has the fine sense of timing that is required by the speed of the modern game.

WOMEN'S FOIL. Any resemblance to the "Foil" game described above is purely coincidental. If anyone asks you about women's foil, try to change the subject. If this is impossible, try not to be nasty.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

I.F.A. Championships

by Jose R. de Capriles

N.Y.U. and Navy dominated the 62nd annual I.F.A. Championship held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. N.Y.U. won 3 of the 4 team events (Navy taking the other) and Navy won 2 of the 3 individual titles (N.Y.U. taking the other). N.Y.U. qualified 7 men for the individual and Navy 5.

The struggle for 3-weapon supremacy between these two powerhouses provided a two-day spectacle. Coaches Hugo Castello and Andre Deladrier deserve much credit for the performance of their men. Navy took a commanding lead in the 3-weapon race when it outscored N.Y.U. by 11 bouts in the epee team event which opened the tournament. It seemed impossible that Violet could overcome such a deficit but when the last team event was over N.Y.U. had taken the 3-weapon title by a margin of four bouts.

In the individuals Navy won the epee and sabre with perfect performances and was deprived of a clean-sweep by the margin of one touch in the foil fence-off.

For the first time in the history of the tournament all foil events were held with the electric apparatus.

Epee Team

Navy's three seniors took the title by a margin of 5 bouts over second place Columbia. Princeton placed third. Midshipmen Roland Wommack and Larry Riley, fencing in pools 1 and 3 respectively, turned in perfect records (10/0) while their team mate Hubert Strackwitz held up his end with 6/4.

Foil Team

With the pressure on them to reduce Navy's lead, N.Y.U.'s foilsmen scored a smashing victory (28/2) to recoup 7 of the 11 bout epee deficit. Gene Glazer and Martin Davis were undefeated in pools 1 and 2 while Herman Goldstein led pool 3 with an 8/2 record. This is the third straight year the Violet has taken the Little Iron Man Trophy (oldest trophy in intercollegiate competition) but never had they scored so impressively. Navy took second and Princeton was again third.

Sabre Team

N.Y.U.'s momentum could not be stopped as they rolled to another victory with a comfortable margin of 7 bouts over their nearest rivals (CCNY). Navy, Cornell and Columbia tied for third and placed as listed. The only undefeated performer was N.Y.U.'s promising Michael Jackowitz, on pool 3. His team mate Steve Green, led pool 2 with 8/2 and Michael Dasaro, also 8/2, finished third on pool 1.

Epee Individual

Roland Wommack, Navy's 1958 NCAA champion was undefeated and thus finished the two-day tournament with the only perfect record (15/0). Second went to U. of P.'s David Micaknik and third to Steve Buchman of Columbia.

Foil Individual

Sophomore Gene Glazer, N.Y.U., won a fence-off 5-4 against Navy's Joseph Paletta who had defeated him 5-3 in the regular round. Glazer's opportunity for revenge was due to the fact that Paletta was beaten by his team mate Frank Larson in the first bout. Larson placed third.

Sabre Individual

Al Morales, Navy, was undefeated. He turned back N.Y.U.'s defending champion Michael Dasaro 5-4 in a bout that could have forced a fence-off. Dasaro also lost 5-4 to Harold Mayer of C.C.N.Y. and placed second on touches. Mayer was third.

Team Events

School	Epee	Foil	Sabre	3-Wp
N.Y.U.	15	28	26	29
Navy	26	21	18	65
Columbia	21	16	18	55
Princeton	18	19	17	54
Cornell	13	16	18	47
Yale	15	17	15	47
Penn	17	11	17	45
C.C.N.Y.	10	11	19	40
Harvard	13	12	8	33
Rutgers	8	10	3	21
Brooklyn	9	4	6	19

INDIVIDUALS

Epee

(1) Roland Wommack, Navy, 5/0; (2) David Micahnik, Penn, 4/1; (3) Steve Buchman, Columbia, 3/2; (4) Gregory Bradshaw, Penn, 2/3; (5) Christian Pascal, N.Y.U., 1/4; (6) Larry Riley, Navy, 0/5.

Foil

(1) Gene Glazer, N.Y.U., 4/1; (2) Joseph Paletta, Navy, 4/1; (3) Frank Larson, Navy, 3/2; (4) Martin Davis, N.Y.U., 2/3, 20 t.r.; (5) Herman Goldstein, N.Y.U., 2/3, 21 t.r.; (6) Alonzo Johnson, C.C.N.Y., 0/5.
Fence-off: Glazer d. Paletta 5-4.

Sabre

(1) Al Morales, Navy, 5/0; (2) Michael Dasaro, N.Y.U., 3/2, 14 t.r.; (3) Harold Mayer, C.C.N.Y., 3/2, 20 t.r.; (4) Steve Green, N.Y.U., 2/3, 10 t.r.; (5) Michael Jackowitz, N.Y.U., 2/3, 21 t.r.; (6) Stewart Reuter, Columbia, 0/5.

"Debutante" Event

by Mary Morano

Carol Kuzen, Marcia Mosley, and Jay Reid led the Fairleigh Dickinson Women's Fencing Team, Teaneck, to a 50-32 victory over their nearest rivals, Jersey City State Teachers in the first annual "Debutante" competition at Paterson State Teachers. Drew University also participated in the event.

Evelyn Terhune, former F.D.U. fencing captain is coaching the Teaneck girls.

Miss Mosley and Miss Kuzen finished in a tie for first place in the individual standings and Miss Mosley won by defeating her teammate 4-2 in a fence-off. Frankie Menzel of Drew placed third.

Western Intercollegiates

by Lt. Col. J. L. Jackson

The eighth meeting of the Western Intercollegiate Fencing Conference was held on 27-28 February at Pomona College, California and was dominated by the Air Force Academy team, which took the meet title and the team and individual trophies in foil and sabre.

The final standings were:

	Victories
Air Force	34
Arizona University	27
U. of California	26
San Francisco State	21
Pomona	17
U. of Southern California	10

The Air Force cadets won the foil and sabre team trophies and Arizona the epee team. Individual titles were:

Foil - Halbower, Air Force
(for third straight year)
Saber - Jefferson, Air Force.
Epee - Schwartz, California.

The outstanding fencer award went to Schwartz of California. In the women's competition, only two teams entered, and San Francisco State defeated Pomona. The next meeting of the WIFC will be at California in February of 1960.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATES

by Peter Lewis

Stevens Institute of Technology captured the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Championship for the second consecutive year. This was the Eighth Annual Tournament, with Stevens playing host for the first time. Stevens copped the three-weapon trophy, the team sabre trophy, and tied Hopkins and Haverford for the epee team laurels. The foil team trophy was shared by Haverford and Temple.

Stevens, coached by Cliff Kirmss, took 2 of the 3 individual crowns. Angelo De Vito, a sophomore, was foil champion with a 10-1 record. Runner-up was Allen Kelly of Temple; third place was gained by Elliott Heiman of Haverford.

Sabre individual ended in a three-way tie. The fence-off placed Bob Blackburn of Stevens first, and his team mate Mickey Jungman second; Appel of Haverford third.

Stevens did not dominate epee this year. The new epee champ is Phil Mitenbach of Hopkins, Dave Wismer of Lehigh second, and Emmet Wallach of Stevens took the bronze medal.

Next year's host will be Haverford College.

	TEAM POINT SCORES			Total
	Foil	Sabre	Epee	
Stevens Tech	14	14	11	39
Haverford	15	5	11	31
Lehigh	11	6	10	27
Johns Hopkins	1	13	11	25
Muhlenberg	10	7	6	23
Temple	15	0	6	21

NORTH ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATES

by Sidney Schwartz

The University of Buffalo dethroned the host team, Rochester Tech as 3-weapon champions in the Ninth Annual North Atlantic Intercollegiate Conference Championships held March 14. Buffalo also won the Epee Team crown and tied with R.I.T. for the sabre trophy. R.I.T. retained its Foil Championship. The team events consisted of two men from each school each assigned to one of two round-robin pools. In foil, John Capurso's perfect record on pool 2 won for R.I.T.; in epee Robert Fishman of Buffalo (pool 2) was undefeated; in sabre Buffalo's Sandy Scher (pool 2) and Drew's Andrew Dykas (pool 1) won all their bouts. All three individual titles were decided on fence-offs.

In the foil, Don Levine of Drew won on a fence-off against Syracuse's Paul Lipton. Howard Tate of Toronto was third.

In epee, Robert Peterson (Buffalo) defeated Derry Mounce (R.I.T.) in the fence-off and Robert Fishman (Buffalo) was third.

In Sabre, R.I.T.'s Bill Streeter won 5-4 from Sandy Scher of Buffalo while Henry Sava of Toronto was third.

TEAM SCORES

School	Foil	Epee	Sabre	3-Wp.
Buffalo	4	9	7	20
R.I.T.	6	5	7	18
Drew	5	6	6	17
Toronto	5	6	5	16
Hobart	5	3	2	10
Syracuse	5	1	3	9

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Foil: (1) Levine, Drew, 4/1; (2) Lipton, Syracuse, 4/1; (3) Tate, Toronto, 3/2; (4) Blair, Drew, 2/3; (5) Capurso, R.I.T., 1/4; (6) Lefkowitz, Buffalo, 1/4. Fence-off: Levine d. Lipton 5-4.

Epee: (1) Peterson, Buffalo, 4/1; (2) Mounce, R.I.T., 4/1; (3) Fishman, Buffalo, 3/2; (4) Nightingale, Toronto, 2/3; (5) Rifkin, Drew, 1/4; (6) Salesi, Hobart, 1/4. Fence-off: Peterson d. Mounce 5-3.

Sabre: (1) Streeter, R.I.T., 4/1; (2) Scher, Buffalo, 4/1; (3) Sava, Toronto, 3/2; (4) Dykas, Drew, 2/3; (5) Cannon, R.I.T., 1/4; (6) Bell, Toronto, 1/4. Fence-off: Streeter d. Scher 5-4.



Canadian Intercollegiate

by Dalt White

The University of Toronto won the annual tournament, held at McGill University in Montreal. The Champions were represented by Malcolm Bell, James Bell, Martin Nash, Paul Nightingale, Henry Sava and Howard Tate. They are coached by Julius Alpar.

Howard Tate won the foil and epee championships while his team mate Henry Sava won the sabre crown. Tate also received the George Tully Trophy for best style, performance and sportsmanship.

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METROPOLITAN OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Foil

The Fencers Club 'A' (Bukantz, Goldsmith, Lubell, Strauch) made a clean sweep in retaining this championship. As usual, the deciding match was against the Salle Santelli 'A' (Axelrod, Essman, Kwartler, Lazar) but the champions were too strong and turned back the challengers 5/2. Other finalists were New York A.C. and N.Y.U.

Women

The Fencers Club 'A' (Dalton, Schoeck, Sokol) defeated the Salle Santelli "Yellow" team (Brill, Drungis, Santelli, Terhune) by 8/1 and thus won the title by 3 bouts when both teams finished the final tied in match victories. Fencers Club had won 17 bouts to Santelli's 14. The Salle Lucia and Santelli 'Red' teams were the other finalists.

Epee

The U.S. Modern Pentathlon's skill and excellent physical condition earned them the title against a strong field of 14 teams. Anastasi, Pesthy and Stoll turned back N.Y.U. 'A' (Dasaro, Eisner, Pascal) 6/2 in the deciding match with Anastasi and Pesthy winning all their bouts. The Fencers Club and Salle Santelli were the other finalists.

Sabre

The Salle Csiszar (Bartone, Dyer, Hamori, Makler) and the Salle Santelli (Blum, Kwartler, Pallaghy, Spector) fought it out in a close match which the Philadelphians won 5/4. Hamori starred with 3 victories, while Blum scored 2 for the losers. The Fencers Club and New York A.C. were the other finalists.

THE BIG ONES COMING UP

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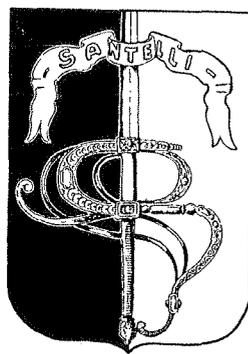
This year's open featured the first electrical foil finals in the division's history. The finals were a great success due in large part to the presence and efforts of our division armorer Wm. Durrett.

The women's foil event was won by Olympic champion Dr. Gillian Sheen. Miss Sheen was undefeated during the day. Defending Champion Merle Papurt was second and Alice Stevenson third.

Dr. Sheen directed the men's foil finals very efficiently and with crisp British dispatch. Highlight of the Finals was a four-way tie for first place between Al Styler, Howard Fried, Joe Kitson and defending champ John Shelly. Al Styler of Woodland who had been getting stronger as the finals progressed disposed of his three opponents 5-0, 5-1, 5-1. Fried placed second with Kitson third.

The epee event was won by Guy Pinter of Fenn. In the number two spot came Al Musichuk. Pinter's only loss in the Finals came at the hands of Al Styler who came in third.

Defending epee champ Robert Foxcroft of London, Canada who found the going a little rough in the epee turned in a fine performance and won the sabre event. His only defeat came at the hands of that man again, Al Styler, who already had clinched the Coco-Cola high point trophy. Styler finished second with teammate Herb James third.



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METROPOLITAN

Open Sabre 12/21/58

Eugene Hamori, Phila., was the winner with no losses in the final and only two defeats (both at the hand of NYU's Dasaro) in the earlier rounds. Csaba Pallaghy, Santelli, placed second on touches over his club mate Robert Blum. Other finalists, in order, were Dasaro, Cohen, Nyilas, Pongo and Worth.

Women's "C" Team 1/10/59

Santelli "Blue" (Brill, Comerio, O'Connor) won a final round of four which included two other Santelli contingents. The deciding match was against Santelli "Green," which the Blues won 7/2. Saltus was the other club in the final. Seven teams competed.

3-Weapon Team 1/11/59

Santelli (Axelrod, Russell, Pallaghy) defeated Fencers Club (Goldsmith, Vebell, Cohen) 11-14 in the deciding match. The scoring system in this event determines the match winner on the count of touches, with one additional touch entered against the loser of each bout. NYAC and NYU "C" were the other.

Open Foil 1/17/59

Albert Axelrod, Santelli, was undefeated throughout the long day of fencing. Second went to Goldsmith, F.C., whose only defeat was to Axelrod. Joel Prostic, SS, took third. Other finalists were: Keane, Steinhardt and Haaf. Twenty-nine competed.

4-Man Sabre Team 1/18/59

The Salle Csizsar (Bartone, Dyer, Hamori, Makler) won the deciding match against Santelli (Blum, Kwartler, Pallaghy, Worth) which went to 7/7 before Bartone and Hamori clinched it at 9/7. Pallaghy faltered and lost four in the crucial match. N.Y.A.C. and Fencers Club were other finalists.

Open Epee 1/24/59

Edward Vebell, F.C., topped the final of nine. CCNY's Bob Melworm placed second and a triple tie for third was won by Roger Jones, Csizsar, on touches over Bob Russell, SS, and Hugh Salzberg, FC. Other finalists were Goldsmith, Lehrer, Duncan and Vitikainer.

Women's Open 1/25/59

Fencer's Club's Julia Schoeck won a close one over Harrier King (Lucia), Averil Genton (Lucia) and Barbi Brill (SS) who tied for second and placed as listed. Other finalists, in order, were Sokol, Balint, Terhune and Dalton. Balint and Terhune were a dead-heat on bouts and touches.

Open Sabre 1/31/59

Csaba Pallaghy, Santelli, took the gold medal from a field of twenty. George Worth, SS, and Tibar Nyilas, NYAC, tied for second and placed as listed by the margin of one touch. Blum, Farber, Dasaro, Milletari, Pongo and Keane completed the final.

Washington Sq. Cup 2/22/59

NYU "A" (Dasaro, Eisner, Pascal) topped a field of 18 teams to win this annual epee event. The NYAC "A" and Philadelphia tied for second. Each team assigns one man to each of three pools. On Pool A, five men tied with 10 victories (Anastasi, Levy, Poudjardieu, Vebell and Vitikainer). On Pool B, Dasaro led with 13; on Pool C, Mooney scored 15 for the best individual record.

Women's "C" 2/28/59

Denise O'Connor, Santelli, defeated her team mate Dolores Comerio 4-2 in a fence-off. Cathy Kopp, also Santelli, placed third on touches over Louise Neill of Saltus. Pierce, Moskowitz, Brill, Kwartler and Krell were other finalists. Twenty-six fenced.

3-Weapon Individual 3/1/59

Jack Keane, NYAC, won the event with an impressive 8-0 score in the final match against James Canvin, F.C. On his way to the final Keane turned back Farnsbach

8-2, Ettinger 8-2, Dasaro 8-5 and Duncan 8-4. Third went to Fred Duncan, F.C., 8-6 over his club mate Wolfe. Twenty-one competed.

Open Sabre 3/8/59

Allan Kwartler, SS, won this tough final, losing only to Tibar Nyilas, NYAC, who placed second. Csaba Pallaghy, SS, and Abram Cohen, F.C., tied for third and placed as listed. Other finalists, in order, were Pongo, Dyer, Worth, Milletari and White.

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DIVISIONAL

Wisconsin

by Pat Horvath

On November 22, 1958, the Wisconsin Division held its annual "Turkey Meet," so called because of the awarding of a turkey to the lucky man and woman whose names are drawn at the end of the meet. Each time a fencer wins a bout his or her name is put into a "hat" in addition to the original slip for each entry. The more bouts a fencer wins, the more chance he or she has of going home with the turkey. This year Pat Horvath and Jerry Grossman each "got the bird." Results of the meet are as follows:

- Foil:** (1) E. Zeisig 8-0; (2) C. Dickerson 6-2; (3) J. Kretchmar 6-2.
Epee (after a three-way tie): (1) E. Zeisig 2-0; (2) C. Schrade 1-1; (3) C. Dickerson 0-2.
Sabre (after a three-way tie): (1) W. Moore 2-0; (2) E. Zeisig 1-1; (3) C. Schrade 0-2.
Women's: (1) C. Bond 6-0; (2) P. Horvath 5-1; (3) V. Sage 4-2.

On January 31, 1959, the Women's Unclassified Foil (formerly the Novice) was held at the Shorewood Gymnasium in Milwaukee. First place went to a new, young fencer, Diane Neustedter, who will definitely make her presence known from now on in the Midwest area. The results are as follows.

- (1) D. Neustedter; (2) R. Ziering; (3) V. Sage.

Washington, D. C.

by William Sadler

The Washington Division initiated its competition for the 1958-59 season with a series of Novice events in all weapons. The events were held at the YMCA in Washington with the D. C. Fencing Club as host. The results of the competition were as follows:

- Foil:** (1) Jack Dillon, D.C.F.C.; (2) Walt Henderson, D.C.F.C.; (3) Bruce Lyons, D.C.F.C.
Women: (1) Una Flynn, Wash. F.C.; (2) Josephine Boyd, International "Y"; (3) Yvonne Bartolo, D.C.F.C.
Epee: (1) Bruce Lyons, D.C.F.C.; (2) William Sadler, D.C.F.C.; (3) Jack Dillon, D.C.F.C.
Sabre: (1) John Logis, International "Y"; (2) Saul Johnson, Wash. F.C.; (3) Joe Wolf, D.C.F.C.

Western New York

by Nancy Zielinski

- Prep Foil:** (1) Alan Freedman; (2) Stanley Gilbert; (3) David Bankard.
Women's Prep: (1) Josephine Bartolotta; (2) Elaine Pampalona; (3) Ann Baxtresser.
Women's Sr.: (1) Nancy Zielinski; (2) Marcia Richmond; (3) Ann Herbert.
Novice Foil: (1) Ronald Schwartz; (2) Michael Sanders; (3) Lyle Hysert.
Sabre Sr.: (1) Walter Farber; (2) Anthony Buzzelli; (3) Davis Bohacket.
Foil Sr.: (1) Charles Steinhardt; (2) Paul Scipioni; (3) Anthony Buzzelli.

Maryland

by Didi Bottemanne

The following are results of recent Unclassified events.

- Foil:** (1) Roland Brown; (2) H. S. Rodriguez; (3) Joe Wolf.
Epee: (1) Robert Williams; (2) Dick Oles; (3) Bruce Lyons.
Sabre: (1) Nelson Fishman; (2) Tyler Hunt; (3) Fred Gillen.
Women: (1) Didi Boettelmanne; (2) Anneliese Haller; (3) Arlene Sylvester.
 Other events:
Mixed Foil Team ended in a tie between International Y (Jane Burger-Lee Stanley) and Washington F.C. (Cynthia Stoertz-Dan Lyons).
Open Epee: (1) Roland Wommack; (2) Bill Williams; (3) Paul Levy.
Women's Handicap: (1) Jane Burger; (2) Una Flynn; (3) Gayle Byerly.
Open Foil: (1) John Gonzalez; (2) Fred Gillen; (3) Eaton Bayor.

Michigan

by Monica Bill

- Results to date:
Foil "C": (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) Conrad Gniewek; (3) Norman Barnett.
Women's "C": (1) Margaret Danosi; (2) Louise Schneider; (3) Monica Bill.
Sabre "C": (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) George Thomas; (3) Al Kunzman.
Epee "C": (1) Charles Schmitter, Jr.; (2) Elsworth Miller; (3) Arthur Bruce.
3-Weapon: (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) George Thomas; (3) William Goering.
3-Weapon Team: (1) Salle Schmitter (Thomas, Freiheit, Berry).
Sabre: (1) William Goering; (2) Fred Freiheit; (3) James Campoli.
Foil: (1) Greg Flynn; (2) Bela Szentivanyi; (3) Conrad Gniewek.
4-Weapon Team "C": (1) Composite 1 (Gniewek, Szentivanyi, Gniewek, Miller).
Epee: (1) Richard Berry; (2) Bela Szentivanyi; (3) James Campoli.

Oklahoma

by Dorothy Hardcastle

- The first competition of the newly formed Division resulted as follows:
Foil: (1) Bill Meyers; (2) R. Lieurance; (3) Arthur Wade.
Women: (1) Frances Duke; (2) Alice Wade; (3) Duke Hull.

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Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer

Results from last report to date are:

One-touch Ink Epee (hits on glove and shoe only): (1) Fred Linkmeyer; (2) H. L. Rombeau; (3) Frank Andrina.

Masters 3-touch Epee: (1) John Simpson; (2) Steve Barden; (3) Bon Crawford.

Senior Epee: (1) Halton Arp; (2) Albert Davis; (3) Donald Bengé.

Unclassified Foil Team was won by the Burbank F.C. (Rombeau, Nevarez, Rothbard, Reich).

Unclassified Sabre: (1) Michael Meszaros; (2) Ray Woloshin; (3) Halton Arp.

Unclassified Sabre Team was won by the Cavaliers I (Adams, Dellinger, Pelton).

Foil "C": (1) Halton Arp; (2) Martin Taylor; (3) Ray Woloshin.

Epee "C": (1) Paul Etter; (2) Phil McLennen; (3) S. De Bellis.

Women's "C" Team was won by Faulkner (Drago, DeRosier, Vickery).

Epee "C" Team was won by Faulkner (Arp, Andrina, Bengé).

Sabre "C": (1) Albert Davis; (2) Paul Etter; (3) Frank Andrina.

Sabre "C" Team was won by Faulkner (Crawford, Andrina, Davis, Meszaros).

Women's "B" (electric): (1) Alice Gerakin; (2) Bonnie DeRosier; (3) Stella Saurer.

Foil "B" Team (electric) was won by Faulkner (Crawford, Davis, Andrina, Simpson).

Epee "B": (1) Halton Arp; (2) Frank Andrina; (3) Albert Davis.

Women's "B" Team (electric) was won by Faulkner (Drago, DeRosier, Gerakin).

Sabre "B": (1) Josef Lampl; (2) S. De Bellis; (3) Albert Davis.

Sabre "B" Team was won by Faulkner (Crawford, Andrina, Davis).

Gulf Coast

by Mabel Morse

Junior Foil: (1) C. F. Lively; (2) Tommy Dowlearn; (3) James Cline (after 3-way tie).

Junior Epee: (1) Leslie Bleamaster; (2) Paul Pesthy; (3) R. L. Beck (after 3-way tie).

Prep Foil: (1) James Monkres; (2) Larry Weaver; (3) Lowell Miller.

Prep Epee: (1) Larry Weaver; (2) Lowell Miller; (3) James Monkres.

Prep Sabre: (1) Larry Weaver; (2) Jim White; (3) Lowell Miller.

Novice Epee: (1) Tommy Dowlearn; (2) John Flynn; (3) George Taylor.

Women's Interm.: (1) Hattie Taylor; (2) Mabel Morse; (3) Mary Ferrer.

Novice Foil: (1) Larry Weaver; (2) George Taylor; (3) Ed Gause.

Novice Sabre: (1) Mike Simmons; (2) Tommy Dowlearn; (3) Larry Weaver.

Junior Sabre: (1) Tommy Dowlearn; (2) Mike Simmons; (3) Larry Weaver.

Women's Junior: (1) Beverly Baird; (2) Mary Ferrer; (3) Hattie Taylor.

Junior Foil: (1) Tommy Dowlearn; (2) C. F. Lively; (3) Charles Robertson.

Women's Novice: (1) Beverly Baird; (2) Hattie Taylor; (3) Mary Ferrer.

Long Island

Sabre "B": (1) A. Bachner; (2) N. Teracuso; (3) H. Stein.

Epee "B": (1) A. Bachner; (2) M. Bloomberg; (3) R. Coll.

Sabre "A": (1) L. Pongo; (2) H. Stein; (3) M. Earls.

New England

by Ricky Brightman

Novice Foil: (1) Uldis Kaktins; (2) Sherman Karp; (3) Larry Noble.

Women's Novice: (1) Celia VonderMuhll; (2) Margaret Sullivan; (3) Jean MacIntosh.

Novice Epee: (1) Janis Kenigs; (2) Uldis Kaktins; (3) Arnis Silarajs.

Unclassified Foil: (1) Eglis Kaktins; (2) Larry Johnson; (3) Harold Turin.

Women's Unclassified: (1) Joan Scott; (2) Barbara Townsend; (3) Celia VonderMuhll.

Sabre Unclassified: (1) Janis Kenigs; (2) Larry Noble; (3) Uldis Kaktins.

Foil Handicap: (1) Ed Richards; (2) Ed Weinstein; (3) Uldis Kaktins.

Women's Handicap: (1) Joan Scott; (2) Helen Kenney; (3) Margaret Sullivan.

Foil Team won by the Boston F.C. (Levis, Weinstein, Dion).

Women's Team won by the Y.W.C.A. (Kenney, Smetane, Sullivan).

Women's "C": (1) Lillian Aylward; (2) Ricky Brightman; (3) Carla Festa.

Women's Championship: (1) Toni Schoolman; (2) Helen Kenney; (3) Lillian Aylward.



Border

The YMCA Invitation tournament resulted as follows:

Foil: (1) Paul Barbour, Ft. Bliss; (2) Rolf Kerker, Germany; (3) Zosimo Jimenez, Mexico.

Epee: (1) Rolf Kerker, Germany; (2) Paul Barbour, Ft. Bliss; (3) Jack McDaniels, El Paso.

Sabre: (1) Rolf Kerker, Germany; (2) Jack McDaniels, El Paso; (3) Zosimo Jimenez, Mexico.

Heidelberg Sabre: (1) Jack McDaniels, El Paso; (2) Capt. Busicchia, Ft. Bliss; (3) Edward Koons, El Paso.

Women's Foil: (1) Jean Bombach, El Paso; (2) Bea Alvarette, El Paso.

An Invitation Tournament at Biggs A.F. Base produced the following results:

Foil: (1) Rolf Kerker; (2) S. E. Manzo, Biggs; (3) C. L. Willis, Tucson.

Epee: (1) Jack McDaniels; (2) C. L. Willis; (3) Rolf Kerker.

Sabre: (1) Rolf Kerker; (2) C. L. Willis; (3) Zosimo Jimenez, Mexico.

3-Weapon: (1) Rolf Kerker; (2) C. L. Willis; (3) S. E. Manzo, Biggs.

Women's Foil: (1) Olga Barraeta, El Paso; (2) Betty Jo Fleager, El Paso; (3) Gail Beggs, Fort Worth.



St. Louis

by Dan Edwards

Largely through the efforts of Arvilla Droll who has for many years been the driving force behind the affairs of this division, we have organized the St. Louis Fencers Club with a membership of about thirty and have scheduled twelve AFLA competitions. We hope to double our membership this year. Results of events to date:

Women's Open: (1) Sandra Trembly; (2) Muriel Witte; (3) Mary Schniedermeyer.

Prep Foil: (1) Jack Sorkin; (2) Malcolm Mendleson; (3) Leon De Raps.

Open Sabre: (1) Dan Edwards; (2) Bob Witte; (3) Leon De Raps.

Northern California

by Carol Reid

This year's events have resulted as follows:

Prep Foil: (1) Bill Stenwick; (2) Ernest Perkins; (3) Terry Zaccane.

Women's Prep: (1) Kristina Templeman; (2) Nancy Scheelin; (3) Loretta Boettcher.

Unclassified Sabre: (1) Charles Salberg; (2) Jack Anderson; (3) Frank Dollard.

Unclassified Foil: (1) Charles Salberg; (2) Peter Karpaty; (3) James Green.

Women's Unclassified: (1) Mimi Smith; (2) Betty Brodersen; (3) Walita Koenig.

Unclassified Epee: (1) Edwin Purdy; (2) John Daniels; (3) Charles Salberg.

Women's III: (1) Mary Huddleson; (2) Frances Carter; (3) Carol Reid.

Foil III: (1) Severo Pasol; (2) Peter Schwartz; (3) Col. L. Brownlee.

Epee III: (1) Peter Schwartz; (2) Col. Brownlee; (3) Charles Salberg.

Sabre III: (1) Severo Pasol; (2) Charles Salberg; (3) Carl Dorman.

Foil II: (1) Severo Pasol; (2) Peter Schwartz; (3) Col. Brownlee.

Sabre II: (1) Gerard Biagini; (2) Col. Brownlee; (3) Gordon Scheile.

Women's II: (1) Shirley Canter; (2) Pat Barkdull; (3) Mary Huddleson.

Epee II: (1) Edwin Purdy; (2) Charles Salberg; (3) Jack Baker.

Foil Team won by Letterman Army Hospital (Brownlee, Pasol, O'Brien, Schwartz).



Kentucky

by Mary Gehant

Medalists in current events were:

Open Epee: (1) Albert Wolff; (2) Charles Thomas; (3) Robert Hensley.

Open Sabre: (1) Bill Seidler; (2) E. J. Schickli; (3) Carl Burge.

Women's Open: (1) Mary Gehant; (2) Barbara Grant; (3) Jay Hensley.



Philadelphia

by Louise Dyer

Women's Prep: (1) Bobbie Hood; (2) Betty Wheeler; (3) Janet Bombaro.

Prep Epee: (1) Jonathan Heilbrunn; (2) Julius Bretschneider; (3) Arthur Hacker.

Prep Sabre: (1) William Klepczynski; (2) John Scott; (3) Regionis Maddox.

Schoolboy Foil: (1) Lewis Levin; (2) Hopkins; (3) Bernard Garnett.

Open Sabre: (1) Paul Makler; (2) Theodore Freilich; (3) Leonard Gerwitz.

Women's Unclassified: (1) Sarah Parsons; (2) Carol Hesperheide; (3) Lucy Goodenday.

Unclassified Sabre: (1) Ed Parmacek; (2) Steven Nagy; (3) Donald Kahn.

Foil "B": (1) Tomas Balla; (2) Richard Selvig; (3) John Austin.

Open Epee: (1) David Micahnik; (2) Paul Levy; (3) Daniel Steinman.

Women's Open: (1) Betty Wheeler; (2) Carol Hesperheide; (3) Marie Erickson.

Unclassified Foil: (1) Tomas Balla; (2) Paul Jenkins; (3) Bernard Garnett.

Sabre "B": (1) Roger Jones; (2) David Fluharty; (3) Frink Bartone.

Open Foil: (1) David Micahnik; (2) Tomas Balla; (3) Gregory Bradshaw.

Epee "B": (1) Robert Ceck; (2) Daniel Steinman; (3) David Micahnik.

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- 17—Phila. EPEE Championship Penn 7:30 PM \$1.50
S. Cal. FOIL TEAM Electric LAAC 7:45 PM \$4.50
- 18—**WOMEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP** Brooklyn College
Border FOIL, EPEE, SABRE, WOMEN "Unclass."
Sd'A St. Joseph 1:30 PM
Gulf Coast SABRE TEAM and IND. Field House, College Sta. 2 PM
N. Cal. SABRE TEAM of 4 Pannonia AC 8 PM
Okla. EPEE and WOMEN'S Championship Tulsa \$1.00
- 19—Met. SABRE Open CD 4/10 NYAC 10 AM \$1.75
N.E. FOIL "C" Brandeis \$2.00
St. L. FOIL Championship St. Louis F.C.
Wash. D.C. SABRE Open YMCA 1:30 PM \$1.50
West N.Y. ALL WEAPONS Div. Champ. UB Buffalo 10 AM
- 24—Phila. SABRE Championship Penn 7:30 PM \$1.50
S. Cal. WOMEN (Electric) LAAC 7:45 PM \$1.50
S. Cal. SABRE LAAC 7:45 PM \$1.50
- 25—Gulf Coast FOIL TEAM and IND. Men and Women
St. Johns, Houston 2 PM
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- 26—Met. SABRE Champ. & Qual. for Nat'l CD 4/16
NYAC 10 AM \$1.75
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N. Cal. EPEE TEAM of 4 S.F. School of Fencing 1 PM
Wash. D.C. 3-WEAPON YMCA 1:30 PM \$1.50

MAY

- 1—Phila. 3-WEAPON Champ. Penn 7:30 PM \$1.50
- 2—Met. EPEE Champ. & Qual. for Nat'l CD 4/22
FC 12:30 PM \$2.75
N. Cal. 3-WEAPON LAH 1 PM
- 2-3—**NORTH ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS** Brandeis Waltham, Mass.
3—Met. WOMEN Champ. & Qual. for Nat'l CD 4/23 Santelli
11 AM \$2.75
- 7—N.J. FOIL TEAM "C" Belleville 7 PM \$3.00
- 8—S. Cal. WOMEN'S TEAM (Electric) LAAC 7:45 PM \$4.50
S. Cal. SABRE TEAM LAAC 7:45 PM \$4.50
- 9—**SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS** Dallas, Texas
Met. FOIL Champ. & Qual. for Nat'l CD 4/29
NYAC 10 AM \$2.75
N.J. WOMEN'S TEAM of 4 (Outdoor) Pat. S.T.C.
10:30 AM \$5.00
West N.Y. 4-WEAPON TEAM UB Buffalo 10 AM
- 10—N.E. FOIL Championship Brandeis \$2.00
N. Cal. EPEE Pro-Amateur Berkeley FC 1 PM
S. Cal. 3-WEAPON TEAM Vince 1:30 PM \$3.75
- 15—S. Cal. 3-WEAPON (electric f & e) Faulkner 8 PM \$1.50
- 16—Met. WOMEN Open (electric) CD 5/6 Santelli 1 PM \$2.75
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- 17—Ky 3-WEAPON Championship \$1.50
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N.E. SABRE Championship Brandeis \$2.00
- 23—Met. SABRE Open CD 5/13 Saltus 2 PM \$1.75
N.J. WOMEN Handicap (electric, outdoor)
Pat. S.T.C. 10:30 A.M. \$1.25
- 23-24—**MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS** Detroit, Michigan
- 24—Met. EPEE Open CD 5/14 NYAC 11 AM \$2.75
N.E. FOIL Open Brandeis \$2.00
- 30-31—**PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS** San Francisco

JUNE

- 6—Met. WOMEN Open (electric) CD 5/24 FC 12 Noon \$2.75
N.J. EPEE Outdoor Lamberts Castle 10:30 AM \$1.50

PROXY FORM

I hereby appoint Donald S. Thompson, Ralph M. Goldstein and Fred Linkmeyer, individually or collectively, my proxy to vote in my name and stead on all matters properly coming before the 1959 Annual Meeting of the League, to be held on or about July 4, 1959 at Los Angeles, California

I vote () on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article III, Section 2.

(Signature)

(Address)

Date.....

(Division)

Olympic Conditioning Program

by Arthur Tauber

Ed. Note: Mr. Tauber, former intercollegiate foil and epee champion, is a Physiotherapist and conditioning expert. He is also a fencing coach and is uniquely qualified for the task of conditioning and reconditioning our fencers.

The rationale for this effort is to attain greater over-all physical and mental fitness which will reflect in greater strength, endurance and speed.

The training should be preceded by an appropriate medical examination to establish the soundness of body and the absence of strains or pathological drains.

Adequate nutrition, rest and relaxation, and the avoidance of excessive indulgence in alcohol and tobacco are also important in maintaining the state of fitness.

PROGRAM

1. The exercise program should begin with light exercises which are increased gradually in relation to the individual's state of fitness and rate of recovery.

2. Individual differences such as age, general physical condition, state of fitness will alter the exercise program for each individual.

EXERCISES (ten each)

A. Standing

1. Hopping on the right foot, alternate to the left.
2. Hopping on both feet simultaneously.
3. Leg swing—forward and back (keep knee straight), left leg alternate to right leg.
4. Leg swing—side, left leg to the left, alternate to the right.
5. Running in place—Arms in running position, trunk erect, raise knees chest high.
6. Trunk Bend—Trunk to the right, return and trunk to the left, return.
7. Toe Touch—Knees straight, bend trunk forward, touch toes in three counts and return.
8. Deep Knee Bend—Toes and knees outward, heels off the floor.
9. Deep Knee Bend—Legs parallel, heels on the floor.
10. One Leg Deep Knee Bend—Right leg extended, alternate to left leg extended.
11. Jumping—Jump quarter turn to the right, quarter turn to the left. Jump half turn to the right, half turn to the left. Jump three-quarter turn to the right, three-quarter turn to the left. Jump full turn to the right, full turn to the left.

B. Sitting Position (on the floor, legs extended).

1. Straight Leg Raise—Right, alternate to the left. (Knees straight.)
2. Leg Sideward—Right to the right, al-

ternate to the left. (Heel keeps contact with the floor.)

3. Knee to the Chest—Right, alternate to the left.

4. Knees to Chest—Both knees to the chest simultaneously and return to extended position.

5. Trunk Bend—Hands clasped behind head, elbows forward, bend trunk and touch knees with elbows. Return to erect position.

6. Hip Raiser—Both hands on the floor to the rear of the trunk, raise hips with knees straight and return.

7. Toe Touch—Spread legs apart, touch the right toe with the left and right hand, alternate to the left toe.

C. Supine Position (Lying on back)

1. Straight Leg Raise—right, alternate to the left.
2. Straight Leg Raise—right and left simultaneously; knees straight, legs perpendicular to the floor. Bend both knees, return legs to the extended position on the floor.
3. Sit Up—Bring arms over head, throw arms forward, sit up and touch toes, and return.
4. Sit Up—Hands clasped behind head, sit up and return.
5. Sit Up—Both knees bent, feet flat on floor, arms overhead, throw arms forward and sit up.

3. Sit Up—Bring arms over head, throw arms forward, sit up and touch toes, and return.

4. Sit Up—Hands clasped behind head, sit up and return.

5. Sit Up—Both knees bent, feet flat on floor, arms overhead, throw arms forward and sit up.

D. Prone Position (Lying on abdomen)

1. Straight Leg Raise—right, alternate to left, keep knee straight.
2. Thigh Raise—Bend both knees ninety degrees, raise thigh off the floor. Right alternate to left.
3. Trunk Raise—Hands behind back, shoulders, head and chest off floor and return.
4. Trunk Raise—Hands behind head, raise head and trunk off the floor.
5. Thigh Stretch—Bend both knees, grasp toes with both hands, keep knees together.

E. Special Exercises

1. Squat Jump—Stand with hands clasped behind head, feet from four to six inches apart, heel of left foot on line with toes of right foot, squat on right heel. Spring into the air with body and legs straight and interchange feet position. Drop to squat on left, spring into the air, body and legs straight, and interchange feet position and repeat.

2. Squat Thrust—Stand at attention, squat and place hands on floor eight inches in front of feet, thrust feet backward, arms straight, legs and back straight, return to squat position and return to position of attention.

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