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previous members to ensure their joining the
league.

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centralized control should be beneficial to
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We would welcome comments regarding
your thoughts on the foregoing proposals.
By evaluating replies we can best recommend
the procedure most acceptable to our mem-
bership.

Olympics: The details regarding our selec-
tion of the 1968 Olympic fencing team are
included elsewhere in the Magazine. We hope
that such information will enable our Olympic
candidates to better schedule their time for
the Olympic Trials.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely
Norman Lewis, President, AFLA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

by Shari A. Mann

Halberstadt Sabre: 1. Jack Baker; 2. Col. L. H.
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Hosp.; 3. Severo Pasol, LGH.

Fall Open Foil: 1. Gerard Esponda, LGH; 2. Heik
Hambarzumian, LGH; 3. Wayne Spencer, Unatt.

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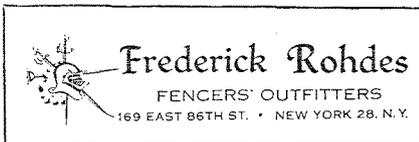
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ENGLISH LESSON

by Jeffrey L. Kestler

Mr. Kestler is currently a student on the Varsity at Columbia University. In 1966 he won the Under-20 National Championship and during the year fenced in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Holland. He was fourth in the Antwerp National Foils, 3rd at Amsterdam and 1st in the German Under-20.)

One "development" is finding its own and more articles on American fencing. A young and supposedly "developing" I have read these articles over and over with mixed emotions and have added to my own thoughts to the team — with full realization that it will lead directly to improved Olympians, but that they can be a hindrance. I know that there are a great many people in this country who have a prejudice of fencing far superior to my own. It is primarily to these people that this is addressed.

This year I had the pleasure of attending fencing in London, as well as competing extensively on the Continent. Under the aegis of Charles de Wasse, the dean of English fencing, I was able to study under Masters Bela Harmer-Brown, Vic Lagard and Stephen Boston for varying periods of time. The culmination of this came in February when Steve Nettleton, Elliot Mills and I, an all-American team, won the British Three Weapon Championship.

"Development" is a crucial word to the young British fencers to our own lies in training procedures. There are no training camps, no extensive physical training programs, and further, no more time is spent in practicing than here. There is simply a different method of fencing in the club. (Let me mention here that there are several very fine fencing masters who take a deep personal interest in their pupils, in and outside of the salle.) There is always a machine set up and fencers usually compete for a certain number of touches, after which one of them steps down. I was surprised in practice to be asked so often to fence for ten touches, following which my opponent would move on to someone else. This is in direct contrast to

rung above their counterparts in our own fencing population. What are the reasons for their superiority? In the first place England's proximity to the Continent allows them repeated exposure to international competition from an early age (not solely as members of national teams). More important, however, is the Amateur Fencing Association's policy of sending teams to the World Championships, Under Twenty World Championships, Commonwealth and Olympic Games, and that of the British Universities Sports Federation in sponsoring teams for the World University Games. In some cases the financial burden must be defrayed in part by the competitor, but these organizations supply a considerable portion. My English friends were incredulous when I told them that the reason for the absence of American fencers from the European scene was financial. (In several Continental tournaments, I was told that I was the first American ever to have competed.) I need not discuss the depressed state of the British economy with its freezing of prices and wages and now the devaluation of the pound; nevertheless, there were British teams this year at Montreal, Teheran and Tokyo. I am not well informed as to the A.F.A.'s fund-raising techniques, but I know that these extended to club dances and contribution boxes. At any rate, perhaps we could request advice from other national fencing federations, if this has not been done as yet. What about seeking N.C.A.A. funds for teams competing in the World University Games?

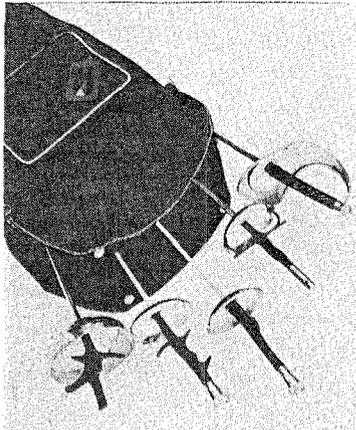
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the more or less casual "play" I engaged in here. Perhaps there is greater seriousness because the fencers are almost always training for an international meet of some sort. I am certain that the goal one trains for has a great effect on the results one achieves. If I had had a chance to go to Teheran, for example, I would have brought myself to a greater level than that required for a meet between my college and another.

The third factor that I observed to be different was the organization of competitions (I must point out that I have firsthand knowledge of only the Metropolitan, Long Island and New Jersey divisions.) All tournaments are contested on grounded strips of regulation length, and are modeled **exactly** after Continental tournaments. That our national championships (at the very least) have not been similarly modeled is a grave shortcoming. Such an arrangement requires no funds and provides some of the necessary psychological and physical preparation for high level competition, besides facilitating the progress of the tournament. I am speaking of direct elimination — of either ten touches

or two out of three five-touch bouts. How many of us have ever experienced this at a national or sectional level? In a division such as the Metropolitan where foil tournaments drag on for ten or more hours, how can we overlook direct elimination — experience with which is so necessary? The round-robin competition often takes the excitement out of fencing besides make it too time consuming. As a college student I often was unable to compete because I could not give up an entire day after fencing the day before in a dual meet. In addition, I have more than once met the same fencers four times in the course of a competition.

Finally, there is a system in England by which the top ten fencers in each weapon meet at monthly practices as a national unit. This is not yet a fully developed procedure. Do we ever send a "team" in the true sense of the world into international meets. Surely our best fencers should get together and train **as a team** to the extent that geography permits. I have been on teams that won because of sheer "spirit" and those that have been defeated solely because of a lack of it.



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by Reto Engler

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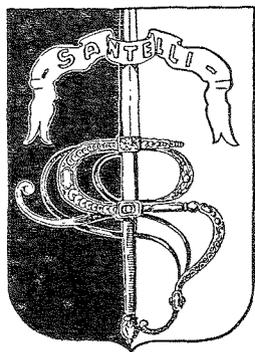
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1967 UNIVERSITY GAMES

by Charles Luis de Beaumont

Eighty-four competitors represented sixteen countries in the fencing events at Tokyo. Unfortunately various countries mixed politics with sport, and a disagreement involving the name under which North Koreans were permitted to participate resulted in the withdrawal of all Eastern European countries. This affected the general standard of the Games and especially so in fencing where the absence of Russia, Hungary, Poland and Romania weakened the field.

The Japanese had a remarkably efficient and costly organization in every sport and it is unfortunate that their efforts were so severely affected by the political squabbles. Nevertheless, the Games proved to be the most friendly and everyone who participated enjoyed them.

Foil: 1. Arcangelo Pinelli, Italy; 2. Daniel Revenu, France; 3. Nicola Granieri, Italy; 4. Emmanuel Rodocanachi, France.

Foil Team: 1. Japan; 2. Italy; 3. France; 4. Great Britain.

Women: 1. Kirstin Palm, Sweden; 2. Annik Level, France; 3. Colette Eustache, France; 4. Caludie Josland, France.

No Women's Team event.

Epee: 1. Denys Chamay, Switzerland; 2. Nicola Granieri, Italy; 3. Roland Losert, Austria; 4. Jan Skogh, Sweden.

Epee Team: 1. Switzerland; 2. Sweden; 3. Japan; 4. Italy.

Sabre: 1. Bernard Vallee, France; 2. Cesare Salvadori, Italy; 3. Mario Montano, Italy; 4. Andre Gamot, France.

Sabre Team: 1. Italy; 2. Japan; 3. France; 4. Great Britain.

OKLAHOMA

by Bob Saxon

Foil: 1. Elmer Hoyle; 2. Roger Vondenhende; 3. Lee Lawyer

Women: 1. Joan Hagers; 2. Orpha Harnish; 3. Kathy Shanks

Epee: 1. Art Wade; 2. Roger Vondenhende; 3. Dick Jones

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OBSERVATIONS FROM MONTREAL

by Csaba Elthes

This year's World Championships were interesting and instructive for the fencing experts. They clearly showed where the progress was, and also where there is a need for improvement. One can hardly overlook the Soviet Union's overwhelming success: they surpassed all previous Olympic and World Championship results. Of the possible eight gold medals, they won six and lost only two — by a hair — to the young Roumanian foil team and Hungarian ladies' team. Last year's games in Moscow showed that the Soviets are dominating the fencing world. They didn't "just win" in Montreal, they have progressed in every weapon. Their source of alternates is inexhaustible. They surpassed their strongest opponents in technique, tactics, durability and fighting spirit. Their conduct and discipline should be an example for everyone. (This goes for their coaches and officials as well.)

What can explain this success? To one who has observed them year after year, this does not come as a surprise; it just had to happen. Their coaches are well paid and schooled, and they are always learning whenever possible by observing other nations' best. After years of research, they discovered that fencing is a technical sport and that speed and strength must be secondary. Unlike in the past, when the Soviets dominated the competition with their speed and conditioning, today they take charge with brilliant technical fencing.

I am not trying to over-praise the Soviet success, but what they showed in Montreal must give every expert a lot to think about. If the Hungarians, Poles, French, and Italians don't learn from this lesson, they will only be statistics in the next Olympic Games. This warning goes especially for the Hungarians who are losing their half-century-old Saber Hegemony slowly — but surely, to the classically progressively Soviets.

The Hungarians, for reasons unknown to me got away from the right trend. In spite of their excellent background, the Hungarian Saber fencing faces a crisis which affects the rest of the nations as well. Not too long ago, the saber event was the most interesting and exciting for the public. In Montreal, however, all other weapons surpassed Saber in public

appeal. Some Saberists complained against the jury's decision. It's not the jury that's bad — it's the fencing! In Montreal, as in Moscow, it was proved once again that the Saber final was the weakest. This responsibility goes mainly to the Hungarians (whose background makes it a duty for them) if they don't want to take the blame for all that is happening. The Hungarians are trying to get this position back, but unfortunately the road they are presently traveling will not bring about the desired results. In Saber, technique is the vital importance. It seems that the Hungarians forgot about this, or perhaps some over-conditioned, fast-reflexed fencers' temporary successes deceived their coaches. In Montreal, not only the experts, but also the spectators without any real knowledge of the sport recognized the sad blundering of the Hungarian Saberists. On the other hand, the Soviet and French masters deserve all praise for trying to keep Saber fencing traditionally excellent. The French, without any deep Saber tradition came up with some excellent, well styled fencers.

Pawlowsky is the one that represents Polish Saber fencing today. He is the living symbol of how one can fence in classical style and still bring home excellent results. If the Poles do not strive for sufficient replacements soon, it is inevitable that they will drop down to the second line of international fencing.

The vital importance of technique was really best proven by the Italian team's unusually poor performance. Their fencing, which is based mainly on speed and aggressiveness will not enable them to retain their present standing. This type of fencing relies mainly on having a "lucky-day". Since luck wasn't with them this time, they had to be satisfied with the seventh place.

The technical know-how is the only tool that can help a fencer overcome both his mental and physical difficulties. The unprepared, partly ill (Morales) American team, tired from traveling the night before, beat the famous-named Italians (Calarese-Salvatore-Rigoli-Montano). They were faster and more prepared and had much more competitive background than the Americans Team, yet we took charge with technical knowledge.

s World Championship, the Foil howed the most. The young Rouman with fantastic enthusiasm and hting spirit, broke the Soviet Foil n since 1959. Attacks followed ot giving their famous opponents ven catch their breaths. The Soviets r and Svesnikov are beginning to is of age.

lish Foil team is starting to come ain, while the French felt Magnan's Another big surprise was the ex-owing of the Japanese team and the of the Hungarian team. We are hear a lot more from two new rance's Talbert and Soviet's Rom- a Hungarian Jenő Kamuti deserves ce he just about has a permanent ill World championship finals. Abs-ple, but well prepared actions and outwork labeled this years' Foil ships.

omen's events were also of a high The strength distribution here was r Nationally than in the Men's Foil. ngarian women equalled the

Roumanian men's performance. It was good to see six nations represented by women in the Foil finals.

The Epee was an exciting event. In the past, the spectators as well as the experts agreed that Epee was the most boring to watch. This theory has changed; in Montreal the spectators witnessed exciting and interesting Epee fencing. There are at least twenty-five or thirty fencers that can make the finals any time, without any big surprise. This happy sign shows the increasing popularity of Epee.

The U.S. participated with a full team although our officials had to overcome many hardships to find a team to represent us. The closeness of the U.S. Nationals and Pam American Games made it just about impossible to select the best team, since many fencers couldn't afford to take that much time off from their jobs. Naturally, any kind of previous training was out of the question. Against our well prepared opponents, we couldn't hope for any results; there are no miracles in fencing. We must realize that in the future we should participate in world

tournaments only when we are well prepared for them. Despite all hardships, our Sabre team produced a very pleasant surprise, besting the British, Italian and West German teams and walking away with a valuable fifth place. Getting into the finals was denied us, since we would have had to best the gold medal winning Russian team. This seeding was the result of some of our best fencers not being able to participate in the individual events prior to the team events. Especially valuable was our victory over the strong Italian team. This victory, and the one over the French team 11-5 in Poland, two months earlier, makes us optimistic about next year's Olympics. The **only way** we can ever hope to make the finals is to begin planning and training immediately. Individually, every-one on the team deserves praise, but I especially want to single out our "rookie" Tom Balla. His Maestro, Csizsar, can be rightfully proud of him. His excellent fencing and fighting spirit contributed a great deal to this result.

For this first time in several years we had a real team captain. Norman Lewis fulfilled his post superbly. He can be credited with our team's good spirit and "togetherness." His collaboration with the coaches was exemplary. This is an important sign from the standpoint of next year's Olympics, since without good leadership, no team can expect success.

I must mention another success. The American officials, spearheaded by Daniel Bukantz and Tibor Nyilas, were in popular demand. The official Hungarian sportpaper "NEPSPORT", writing about the Womens' Foil Final, singled out Daniel Bukantz along with the Polish Pawlas as the best directors of the finals. There is no doubt that the American officials earned everyone's highest respect.

REPORT BY DELMAR CALVERT

The United States cannot pretend to assume an important role in the extremely difficult and powerful game of international fencing. The obvious physiological and psychological weaknesses that characterized our performance during our participation in the last World Championship in Montreal clearly stands above any possible argument.

The historic lesson learned from the fight between David and Goliath was again strongly impressed upon our minds. Needless to say, no nation, regardless of its size, should aspire to win any top international competition with only hope as a weapon. The dynamic team spirit which sustained most nations in the effort to reach the finals of the World Championship, and thus make them hope to win international fame and medal, was practically non-existent in our camp. This is deplorable and embarrassing, especially because of our position as one of the great nations. Time for a revision of our fighting attitudes must immediately be arranged if we do not wish to be humiliated in Mexico.

Spiritual dynamism usually generates from a feeling of complete confidence in one's own ability to perform to a maximum any given or chosen task. Our fencers did not possess that quality. One of the many factors was that our National team was never given enough time to weld itself into a strong and powerful tactical unit. The fencers were selected hours after the National Championship in Los Angeles; such a short time obviously prevented our team from assuming or acquiring any particular form or power. As a result, our fencers never attained the necessary dynamic motion and balance required for an international victory. (Editor's Note: Several top ranking U. S. fencers could not participate in the events; this may have also affected the team spirit and performance.)

The World Championship taught us again, and with reason, that we are badly in need of new training programs on the local, sectional and national levels. The coaches and officials who had the opportunity to observe both the fencing in Montreal and in Winnipeg should not be ignored and forgotten. They should immediately be organized into advisory and teaching committees for the obvious purpose of increasing the fencing knowledge of our fencers on the international scale and thus try to help us obtain better results next year in Mexico.

The purpose of this requested report is not to blame the U. S. coaches or officials for what happened to us in Montreal; on the contrary, it is being written to help focus everyone's attention to what is a small national tragedy and stimulate, it is hoped, poss-

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cond part of this report is an effort to bring out from personal as some of the elements that led good fencing performance by fencers of other nations and, of course, of our own. These observations are a few words to keep this report

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* Absolute consciousness of one's respons- ibility to place interest of national honor above personal one.

REPORT BY RICHARD J. PERRY

Imagine what the spectators would see if we were to design a new and special foot race for the world's greatest sprinters. Only those with times below 9.3 for 100 yards would be eligible. They will race five meters — toward one another! Then we will ask five men to decide who got there first. Got where? Does this sound far fetched? Ask a non-fencer spectator what he sees at a World Championship sabre meet; ask a fencing master.

My point is that championship sabre fencing today is a very poor spectator sport. Whether or not it **should** be a good one is for others to say. As it is, it's "**Engarde, pret, allez!**" - cha-boom! If the spectator blinks on "cha", he misses the action.

The World Coaches Seminar, arranged by the NFCAA and organized and chaired by Emanuel Feinberg of New York, should be considered a great success. We owe thanks to the Canadian Olympic organization and its director Hank Hoppener for their hospitality at the Canadian Olympic Building on the Expo '67 grounds. I did not expect the meeting to last an hour; it lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. without a break. Summaries of what was said by the four speaking fencing masters, and in the question period, are available elsewhere. What is really important to me is that masters from the Eastern and Western worlds gathered together and found one another to be so very interesting. Fencing masters are a talkative lot!

We found commonality in our problems. Maestro Arkadief (USSR) stated that there had been a three day conference of coaches in the USSR in which the participants were unable to agree on a definition of an attack in fencing. His audience look at one another and laugh sagaciously. That is not the only way that we all are in the same boat. It's in seminars like this that we can find these things out. Both we and our fencers will gain from it.

American swimmers and Russian fencers win world championships for the same basic reasons, numbers and organization. At the

World Coaches Seminar in Montreal, Maestro Arkadief gave a personal estimate that there are 50,000 active competing classified fencers in the Soviet Union. In the USA, I would guess that we have 1,000 active competing fencers above the novice class. (**Editor's Note:** There are over, 4,000 classified fencers registered with the League. Conservative estimates place the total number over 30,000.) Other things being equal, we should expect the apex of the soviet fencing pyramid to be much higher than the apex of ours. It is, and other things are not equal.

Our Olympic swimmers reach greatness as teenagers. In American society, this is the only age at which they can dedicate themselves to an amateur athletic objective without sacrificing economic benefits. Because fencing is a more complex game than swimming, it takes longer to learn. The average age of the Russian Olympic fencer is somewhat higher than the average age of the American Olympic swimmer.

Our kids can begin swimming around age seven and make steady progress. At the World Coaches Seminar the consensus was that the best beginning ages are 12-13 for girls and 13-14 for boys in fencing.

We can enlarge the American pyramid of fencers by getting wider acceptance in high school athletic programs, especially in metropolitan areas. We may see this develop in California in a few years.

How should I coach my fencers to attack? I thought, prior to watching the World Championships at Montreal, that I **knew** what constitutes an attack. Now I am not so sure. Clearly, the rules covering attacks and stop actions are not interpreted the same way within the USA and in international competition. It was interesting to see that wide difference of opinions regarding the nature of an attack as expressed by Al Kwartler of the USA and Maestro Czajkowski of Poland.

REPORT BY CLIFFORD KIRMSS

I attended the World Championships and observed the following events:

Foil Individual: The finalists for the most part employed a game of short quick lunges with very few deep attacks. The attacks were simple with little or no apparent deceives

but directly into lines from blade taking and ripostes. The most successful stop hits were by taller men (Poutiatin, USSR) who used a long looping stop thrust followed by quick retreating without attempting defensive blade action. Running attacks (not fleches) with coupes drew few stop thrusts even though the stops were successful when attempted. The modern athletic game of simple attacks has little room for the classical stop or time hits, where compounded attacks, breaks in time, 2nd and 3rd intentions, are almost non-existent.

Foil Team: Again the simple, direct game was in evidence. The qualifying rounds proved the value of "fight" as the English team gave the Russians a bad scare. The Japanese team was able to attack in depth with success, and defeated the Hungarian team twice in one afternoon. Ability of the Japanese to continually carry off this strenuous type of game was made possible by their obvious fine condition due to intense physical training.

The Foil team presented the best display of an athletic foil game as the Rumanians, with plenty of hustle, got off to a quick lead over a strong Russian team and were able to fight off a big rally by sustaining their very demanding athletic game. A team spirit, matched by no one, at any time, gave their "no technique" game the fight which won them the championship.

Sabre Team: The dominant classical Hungarian sabre game, used by almost all now seems to be more simplified and deliberate. The Russians were the prime exponents of this attitude; appearing to lack the technique of the Hungarians and Poles, they were better conditioned. Except for an occasional well planned and steady Pawlowsky bout, or a colorful Calarese fight, the sabre was pretty much uniform. The American win over Italy proved better things can be done by the U.S.

The Individual Sabre Final give the best display of the simple game with little or no preparations. Rakita (USSR) the champion, kept within his limited game and further made the point by making any and all ripostes only to the head.

I was able to observe the Russian sabre coach giving lessons and warming up his team. Unlike most coaches who stand erect to give lessons, he assumed a guard position

lessons using full attacks with 1 fleches, exaggerating changes of attacking. This was one of very ones who was observed including "conditions" in his lessons.

the Russians about the time they training and was told they train 10 days before a World Championship training included 3 days weekly 5 daily devoted to fencing, and 2 ly with 1-2 hours devoted to gen- cs. Except for the World Champion- do not train at a central place. ges of the top Russian fencers was 9-24.

clusion, I experienced a valuable rocess, wherein I noted that the iletic game of today is not the ex- operty of any one nation. The Hungarians, Poles or Rumanians do "magic weapons" as the Americans y can match any one in technique. ference in levels of achievement is of training and athletic develop- s unfortunate that we are handi- the limits placed on our training in our sysem of democracy, there e no way to overcome this problem. ist, in this regard, some help can y developing team spirit.

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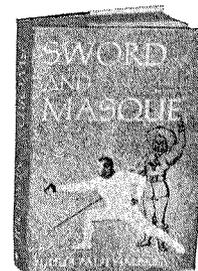
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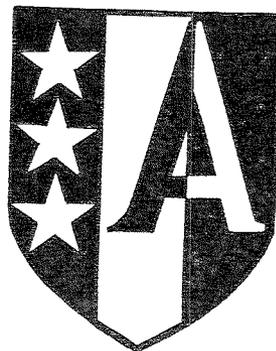
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FENCING SURVEY

by William J. Latzko

A "Fencing Questionnaire" was sent to the 4114 members of the League. 92 responded, almost half of the total (48.42%). This is considered a good response by most research standards. One wonders why the others did not respond with any survey it is a big jump to expect that the responses are representative of all members, nevertheless, for better data the results are presented as representative of the membership of the League.

Here are some of the results of the survey on some matters of interest about the League member. Ages from 9 (4 members (2 members) were reported for an age of 28.

TABLE 1. AGE

Under 10	*
10 - 19	31%
20 - 29	32%
30 - 39	17%
40 - 49	12%
50 & Over	8%

Number responding 1957
Less than 1/2%
members of the League are either married or occupied in a profession.

TABLE 2. OCCUPATION

Professionals	47%
Professional, semi-professional	34%
Retail sales	6%
Housewives	3%
Office workers	3%
Secretary	2%
Managers, officials, store	
Owners	2%
Truckers, construction workers	2%
Teachers (including farmers)	1%
Retired	*
Unemployed	*
Number responding	1947
Less than 1/2%	

Of the 1972 who responded to the questionnaire, 69% were female. This coincides with the number of ladies in League administration. Of the 189 secretaries and directors (31%) are female. It might be anticipated with the large

number of students reported, 62% of the 1959 respondents reported that they were single.

The last item about the League's members is that they are preponderant right handed. Some 87% of the 1921 who answered the question, reported that they were right handed. Almost 1% reported being ambidextrous, the 12% are left handed.

Fencing is the sport of a lifetime. Although the bulk of the fencers have enjoyed the sport from one to five years, the average fencer has been active over eight years. Some have fenced over 40 years!

TABLE 3. LENGTH OF TIME ENGAGED IN SPORT

Less than one year	3%
1 to 5 years	57%
6 to 10 years	18%
11 to 15 years	7%
16 to 20 years	6%
21 to 30 years	5%
31 to 40 years	3%
Over 40 years	1%
Number responding	1932

Although a large number of fencers (33%) entered no competitions this year, the rest averaged almost 4 events.

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS ENTERED

None	33%
1	9%
2	9%
3	11%
4	7%
5	7%
6	5%
7	3%
8	3%
9	2%
10	4%
Over 10	7%
Number responding	1841

How often a month does the average fencer practice? A little over 8 times or roughly twice a week. The most popular amounts were 4 times (once a week, 22%), 8 times (twice a week, 13%), 12 times (three times a week, 7%) and 20 times (five times a week, 7%).

The breakdown is:

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PRACTICES PER MONTH

None	15%
1 - 4	29%
5 - 8	21%
9 - 12	15%
13 - 16	5%
17 - 20	9%
Over 20	6%
Number responding	1871

Most of the members of the League belong to a club (42%) many belong to teams (24%) and some to both (6%).

TABLE 6. MEMBERSHIP

Club	42%
Team	24%
Unattached	20%
Combination	6%
Other	8%
Number responding	1829

Most clubs seem to have a combination machine. While the response is presented, the reader should be aware that large groups would account for larger response so that many respondents may be talking about the same equipment and due to their frequency of reference overstate the numbers. The readings are indicative only; they are merely presented for background.

TABLE 7. EQUIPMENT OWNED

None	35%
Epee only	2%
Foil only	8%
Combination	55%
Number reporting	1549

Most fencers own one or two of the items required for fencing. In the case of electric weapons there is a tendency to have three. While some 60% report owning one or more regular foil only 20% of the members own regular epees, and not quite 30% own sabers. Over 19% of the members reported buying one or more uniforms, 16% bought mask(s) and 26% bought gloves. Regular foils outsold electric foils; 16% purchased an average 2.1 regular foils while 12% bought an average 1.8 electric foils. Epee and saber purchases were far below these figures.

It was disconcerting to learn that over 1/3 of the members have not read the fencing rules while 3% read them partly! Here, perhaps, lies an explanation of why trouble is

experienced by directors at fencing meets. The technical convention for the three weapons run from page 13 to page 64. These should be basic knowledge for all fencers and officials.

TABLE 8. HAVE YOU READ THE RULES

Yes	62%
No	35%
Partly	3%
Number responding	1949

Less surprising is that 41% have not read the manual (such information as how to enter competitions, rules for appeals, how to take care of electric equipment, information on judging, etc.).

2% read the manual partly while 57% of the 1920 respondents read it completely.

Part of the problem in reading the rules is that 39% of the members do not have a rules book. A majority of those who do have a rules book report that it is not updated (55%).

Of the 76% who expressed an opinion on how the rules book should be republished, a majority (59%) suggest the present format, 35% want to split it into books (rules and manual) while 4% wish to have only the rules published.

On the subject of who should receive free copies, the largest single group suggests that all League members receive a free copy (37% if rules and manual are combined, 44% if rules only are published and 36% if manual is published separately).

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	TABLE 9.		
	As Published	Separate Rules Manual	
No one (pay for copies)	6%	5%	7%
All Members	37%	44%	36%
Active members only	10%	9%	8%
Student members only	3%	3%	3%
Combination and Miscellaneous	44%	39%	46%
Number responding	1148	1010	969

All but a little over 2% reported receiving American Fencing. Since the questionnaires were mailed from masters used to address the magazine it is assumed that these respondents were new members who have yet to receive this first issue. Most articles are read by a majority of members.

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nt's Corner	69%
sements	71%
articles	81%
News	75%
1 results	78%
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DALLAS INVITATIONAL

by Helen Livingston

The DALLAS OPEN drew a large number of entries from the three Texas Divisions, two California girls and a Swedish Pentathlete.

The first day Women's Foil and Men's Epee were fenced. The hotly contested women's foil crown went to Neomia Abbott of Austin, Texas, who lost no bouts during the final of six. Second place was won by Dr. Waneen Wyrick, DYFC, and in third place was Andrea West of San Antonio, Texas.

The Epee was easily won by Hans Jacobson, the young Swedish Pentathlete, with only one bout lost out of 18 fenced. Mr. Jacobson is currently training with the US Pentathlon Team in San Antonio under Maitre Poujardieu. Second place went to Ed Sims of the Dallas Y Fencers Club, third place was won by Lt. Ed Carfagno, San Antonio, Texas.

Men's Foil and Saber were held on the second day. The foil was handily won by Mr. Jacobson who won all 18 bouts he fenced in this event. Second place to Ed Sims, DYFS, and third to Tom Bickley, also DYFC. The results of the saber final were: Lt. Carfagno - first, Ed Sims - second, and Bill Towry, DYFC - third. Hans Jacobson came in fifth in the saber event and lost therefore in the point count for the Three-Weapon Trophy which was awarded to Mr. Sims of the Host Club.

The Dallas YMCA Invitational Fencing Tournament or, in short, the Dallas Open, is a long-standing tradition with Southwest fencers, and its entry records, year after year, prove that an Invitational with all the trimmings certainly is a sure-fire way to draw out those fencers who don't always show up at the Divisional tournaments. In a Division and Section that, for geographical reasons, cannot participate in Olympic-level fencing such as is done on the East and West Coasts, the Open Invitational can be a strategic weapon to be used wisely by the different cities and clubs in the constant struggle for recognition of the sport.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

by Leo Sobel

This is your Treasurer's report for the Amateur Fencers League of America, for the period August 31, 1967. The report does not include "Trustee Funds" which amounted

United States Development	\$1,159
International Development	1,321
	\$2,480

over the years, due to postal regulations, \$1.00 of each member's dues was allocated to AMERICAN FENCING. Due to the elimination of such regulations, this allocation has been discontinued and the dues for the year ended August 31, 1966 have been allocated in accordance with the elimination of such an allocation.

Income & Expenses

	YEAR ENDED	
	Aug. 31 1967	Aug. 31 1966
	\$13,180	\$11,821
Net	879	525
Fencing Magazine - Advertising	2,823	1,749
Fencing Magazine - Subscriptions	106	100
National Rotating	306	719
Rossi Corp.	(A)	2,794
Olympic Committee	(B)	5,000
Revenues	56	87
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,114	\$23,735
& Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,755	\$ 1,990
of Records	280	180
S. Olympic Association	200	200
Modern Pentathlon Assn.	25	25
AU	50	50
IE	519	370
r & Foreign Secretary Expenses	32	38
e American Fencing Magazine	4,471	3,430
ry & Printing & Postage	1,975	883
- Directors' Meetings	689	493
'Publicity Brochures & Pamphlets	1,000	—
Olympic Development Program	3,500	—
e	151	—
Revenues	136	308
l Championships:		557
Anges - June, 1965		

Metropolitan - June, 1966	949	
Martini-Rossi International Tournament	(B) 5,000	5,000
Allowances - Travel & Subsistence:		
1967 World Championships, Montreal	2,700	
1967 Nationals - Los Angeles (Sect. & Medal.)	3,106	
1967 Warsaw Sabre Tournament	500	(270)
1966 Nationals - Metropolitan (Sect. & Medal.)	(A)	2,794
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,238	\$16,048
NET INCOME	\$(5,124)	\$ 7,687
	Aug. 31	Aug. 31
	1967	1966

Balance Sheet

ASSETS		
Cash in Banks	\$13,673	\$19,286
Accounts Receivable	595	706
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,268	\$19,992
LIABILITIES		
Printing - American Fencing Magazine		600
RESERVES		
National Rotating	3,188	6,937
International		125
Rules	1,100	
Development	2,500	
Unappropriated	7,480	12,330
TOTAL TOTAL RESERVES	\$14,268	\$19,392
TOTAL LIABILITIES & RESERVES	\$14,268	\$19,992

Reserves

UNAPPROPRIATED		
Sept. 1, 1966 Balance		\$12,330
Transfer - from International		125
Transfer - to Rules		(1,100)
Transfer to Development		(2,500)
Loss for year	5,124	
Loss charged to national Rotating	3,749	(1,375)
August 31, 1967 Balance		\$ 7,480
NATIONAL ROTATING		
Sept. 1, 1966 Balance		\$ 6,937
Receipts from Divisions		306
Payment - Metropolitan 1966		(949)
Travel allowances - Los Angeles '67		(3,106)
August 31, 1967 Balance		\$ 3,188
INTERNATIONAL		
Sept. 1, 1966 Balance - transferred to Unappropriated		\$ 125
RULES		
August 31, 1967 Balance - by transfer from Unappropriated		\$ 1,100
DEVELOPMENT		
August 31, 1967 Balance - by transfer from Unappropriated		\$ 2,500

WESTERN WASHINGTON

by Marianne Ray

Foil Unclass: 1. Mike Jarose, Portland; 2. Bud James, Seattle; 3. Lin Wells, Tacoma
Women's Unclass: 1. Diane Rulien, Pac. Luth. U; 2. Virginia Ramm, Seattle; 3. Sally Rockett, U. of Wash.
Foil Open: 1. Magdy Conyd, Vancouver; 2. Mike

Jaross, Portland; 3. Don Naylor, Portland
Women's Open: 1. Denise Wild, Vancouver; 2. Lillian Zahn, Vancouver; 3. Marianne Ray, Tacoma.
Women's Team won by Marianne Ray and Kathy Eckland.
Sabre Open: 1. Rich Wayland, USAF; 2. Hassan Khtaab, Seattle; 3. John Brekelmans, Vancouver
Epee Open: 1. Peter Bakonyi, Vancouver; 2. Rich Wayland, USAF; 3. George Beleiricks, Seattle.

OLYMPIC TRYOUTS and PRE-GAMES TRAINING

viously advised, the 1968 Olympic Team will be determined by points for the following competitions; National and National Championships; International and National Championships; and Special Olympic Tryout.

Status of each fencer, after completion of the 1967 events, was published in the previous issue of this magazine. If there are any errors in such tabulation, please bring them to our attention.

A meeting on September 29, 1967, in Miami, Florida for the 1968 National Championships from June 21st to June 29th,

Olympic Fencing Games Committee, vote, confirmed the site of Los Angeles for the 1968 Special Tryout from approximately August 1 to September 3, 1968. Exact dates and schedule of events will be included in a future issue of the magazine.

Selecting Los Angeles, the Olympic Games Committee gave primary attention to the fact that the Southern California Organizing Committee for the 1968 Olympic Games for 1976 offered to provide financing, publicity and necessary facilities to those sports agreeing to stage events in Los Angeles. Low cost housing and meals will be available to all athletes attending the fencing trials. Unfortunately, the cost of transportation, as well as the cost of transportation, will be the responsibility of the participant.

It has been advised that national TV coverage will be available with reasonable assurance that fencing will receive its share. Publicity should be of significant value in connection with our Junior Olympic Fencing Development Program.

Olympic Games training, as affirmed by the International Olympic Committee, will extend to four weeks of altitude training in the three months preceding the opening of the 1968 Olympic Games. With respect to the U.S. Olympic Committee has decided either (1) training at the Air Force Academy in Denver, Colorado or (2) early departure for Mexico City where training

sessions can be held with the teams of other Nations.

Olympic team candidates are requested to write the undersigned expressing their preference for pre-games training in Denver or in Mexico City.

Whatever plan is ultimately selected, the U.S. Olympic Committee will be financially responsible for the transportation, meals and lodging of all team members from the time they leave home for pre-Games training until they return from Mexico City.

The Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee also voted to continue the traditional policy that **all competitors** must attend the Opening Olympic Ceremonies on October 12th, 1968 and may be excused only in case of extremely extenuating circumstances such as a death or serious illness in the family. Participants may leave the Games after finishing their event only if approved by their team captain. One charter flight may return several days before the Games are over, but the majority of team members will be scheduled to fly out a day or two after the Closing Ceremonies (October 27th). Regular and extra section commercial flights are already largely sold out with the airlines not having any more planes to put on, so these charters may be the only means of getting out until the crowds have gone.

With respect to Olympic Squad Training, the Fencers Club has donated their facilities every Saturday for training sessions in New York City under the supervision of our Olympic coaches, Messrs. Alaux and Elthes. It is urged that Olympic Fencing Games Committee members and/or AFLA Division Chairmen institute training sessions or programs in their respective areas throughout the country.

Norman Lewis, Chairman
Olympic Fencing Games Committee

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This year's international super-final in all weapons will again bring to our shores the best talent in the world. Don't be sorry you missed it — plan now to be at the New York AC on April 19, 20, 21.

GEORGIA

"The South shall rise again": so say the members of the Georgia division. Encouraged by a newly elected executive committee, old members are wiping the rust from their blades, new members are finding pleasure in fencing and everyone is coming alive with that old, familiar, competitive spirit.

Especially encouraging is the support and interest in our new program shown by the various recreation centers, YMCA's, YWCA's, colleges and high schools in not only the Atlanta area but in Savannah, Jesup and Columbus as well. It is gratifying to find that with a few personal interviews, a little hard work and promotion, the "art and sport of fencing" is once again a reality in the State of Georgia.

A new salle, Salle de Honor, has been formed giving the fencers of Atlanta a much needed place to fence and an opportunity to fence several times per week. Salle de Honor, as well as the YMCA group and St.

Phillips Fencing Club invites anyone planning a visit to Atlanta to join us for an evening of fencing. Please direct any inquiries to the new divisional secretary listed below.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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SOUTH TEXAS

by Maria Nowell

Women: 1. Andrea West, Trinity; 2. Neomia Abbott, Austin Fencers; 3. Mary Baker, Austin Fencers.
Foil: 1. Ed Carfagno, Fort Houston; 2. Jerry Bennett, San Antonio; 3. Steve Baranoff, Austin Fencers.

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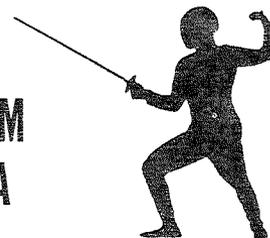
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N.J.'s 7th ANNUAL AFLA INTERSCHOLASTIC FENCING TOURNAMENT

by Irwin Bernstein

ending performances by two pairs of highlighted this year's tournament as champions were crowned in all three

A total of 129 competitors battled days at Essex Catholic High School with the Megaro-Cundari Welcoming Association presenting trophies to the winners in each event and the N. J. Jr. Committee awarding squad patches to finishers.

competitors)

Gaylor, Indian Hills Junior, posted a record and 19-2 overall to win the event with twin brother Peter finishing third. Brother Mike, now NYU's NCAA champion, was the winner of this event each of the first three years it was held. Second went to another junior, **Richard Freda** of Essex Catholic. All 14 N. J. semi-finalists received Junior Olympic patches.

Soriano, Essex Catholic Co-Captain of his 16 bouts including 7 of 8 in

the final to take the sabre event, with brother **Greg Soriano** finishing third. Both men also placed in the Foil final to complete a very arduous "double". Second place went to Indian Hills senior **Wayne Baker** who carried two losses into the final round from the semi-finals and then won 6 in a row to win out over two other competitors on touches. All 8 N. J. finalists received Junior Olympic designation.

Epee (22 competitors)

Richard Fastigi of Essex Catholic defeated teammate **Clarke Keller** in a fence off to win the epee title, after both posted 52 final marks. It was the second fence off in the three years in which epee has been in the tournament. Third went to **Don Block** of Tenafly who won four in a row after carrying up 3 semi-final losses. The first six were recognized as Junior Olympians.

Final Summaries

Foil: 1. Paul Gaylor, Indian Hills, 7-1; 2. Richard Freda, Essex Cath., 5-3 (21 H.R.); 3. Pete Gaylor, Indian Hills, 5-3 (25 H.R.); 4. Bob Berger, Stuyvesant (N.Y.), 5-3 (28 H.R.); 5. Paul Caprio, Essex Cath., 4-4 (33 H.R.); 6. Bruce Soriano, 4-4 (36 H.R.); 7. Pete Wilson, Essex Cath., 3-5; 8. Greg Soriano, Essex Cath., 2-6; 9. Steve Sisa, Essex Cath., 1-7.

Sabre: 1. Bruce Soriano, Essex Cath., 7-1; 2. Wayne Baker, Indian Hills, 6-2 (20 H.R.); 3. Greg Soriano, Essex Cath., 6-2 (23 H.R.); 4. Anthony Soriano (not related to others) Essex Cath., 6-2 (26 H.R.); 5. Ralph Angelo, Essex Cath., 5-3; 6. Laurent de Montmollin, Trinity School (N.Y.) 3-5; 7. Gus de La Llave, Essex Cath., 2-6; 8. Jeff Tishman, Glen Rock, 1-7; 9. Phil Reilly, Essex Cath., 0-8.

Epee: 1. Richard Fastigi, Essex Cath., 5-2 (won fence off); 2. Clarke Keller, Essex Cath., 5-2; 3. Don Block, Tenafly, 4-3 (26 H.R.); 4. Joe Pydeski, Essex Cath., 4-3 (30 H.R.); 5. Harold Brown, Barringer, 3-4 (26 H.R.); 6. Thomas White, Essex Cath., 3-4 (29 H.R.); 7. Bill Benz, Essex Cath., 2-5 (29 H.R.); 8. Russ Nixon, Essex Cath., 2-5 (31 H.R.).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY

DAY	DIVISION	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
18	Western Pa.	Unclassified Sabre	7:00 p.m.	Franklin Area HS
18	Illinois	Open Epee	7:00 p.m.	
18	Illinois	Open Sabre	7:00 p.m.	
20	No. California	Piller Mem. Epee	10:00 a.m.	P.A.C.
20	No. California	Piller Mem. W. Foil	3:00 p.m.	P.A.C.
21	Gold Coast	Women's Foil	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
21	Gold Coast	Epee	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
21	Gold Coast	Novice Sabre	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
21	Kansas	Sabre Open		Emporia
21	So. California	Foil-Class B. Women		SBH
21	Kansas	Sabre Team Open		Emporia
21	So. California	Sabre-Open Team		SBH
26	No. California	Class B S. T.	8:00 p.m.	P.A.C.
27	Georgia	Novice Foil, Sabre	1:00 p.m.	Towers High
27	Western Wash.	Women's Foil	9:00 a.m.	
27	No. California	Class B W.F.T.	10:00 a.m.	P.A.C.
27	Western Wash.	Men Foil	9:00 a.m.	
27	Metropolitan	Epee I O	1:00 p.m.	AC
28	Western Wash.	Epee	10:00 a.m.	
28	So. California	Foil-Winter Novice W.		SFC
28	Western Wash.	Sabre	10:00 a.m.	
28	So. California	Foil-Open Team Men		SFC
28	Western Wash.	Women 3 Team	10:00 a.m.	AC
28	Metropolitan	Sabre I O	11:00 a.m.	FC
28	Metropolitan	Womens I O	11:00 a.m.	

FEBRUARY

2	No. California	Class B Epee Team	8:00 p.m.	P.A.C.
3	No. California	Uncl. W. Foil Team	12:00 p.m.	B.H.S.
3	Kansas	Men Uncl. Foil		Emporia
3	Kansas	Women Uncl. Foil		Emporia
3	Kansas	Epee Unclassified		Emporia
3	Metropolitan	Boys Jr. Olympic	1:00 p.m.	AC
3/4	Kansas	Kansas Open All Weapons		Kansas City
4	No. California	Class B. M. Foil Team	1:00 p.m.	L.G.H.
4	So. California	Epee-Spring Open		HJC
4	Metropolitan	Girls Jr. Olympic	11:00 a.m.	FC
10	No. California	Spr. O. S.	1:00 p.m.	P.A.C.
10	So. California	Foil-Open Team W.		MHS
10	Metropolitan	Epee I B	1:00 p.m.	AC
10	So. California	Foil Spr. Novice Men		MHS
10/11		Green Gator Four		Gainsville
11	No. California	Weapon Individual		L.G.H.
11	Metropolitan	Spr. O.W. F.	10:00 a.m.	AC
15	Illinois	Epee T O Met. Ch	11:00 a.m.	
15	Illinois	O. Foil-Women	7:00 p.m.	
16	So. California	Saber-Spring Open		HHS
17	No. California	Spr. O. M. F.	1:00 p.m.	L.G.H.
16	So. California	Foil-Spr. Open W.		HHS
17	Western Wash.	Boeing Solo Flight: M. F.	9:00 a.m.	
17	Western Wash.	Boeing Solo Flight W. F.	9:00 a.m.	
17	Western Wash.	Boeing Solo Flight: F. Novices	9:00 a.m.	
17	Georgia	Foil-Men & Women	1:00 p.m.	Jesup
17	Metropolitan	Sabre I B	1:00 p.m.	AC
18	Gold Coast	Class. D.	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
18	Gold Coast	Castello Santelli	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
18	Gold Coast	Team Event	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
18	Gold Coast	Women's Foil	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
18	Gold Coast	Mens 3 Weapon	9:30 a.m.	Grapeland Heights
18	No. California	Spr O. Epee	1:00 p.m.	L.G.H.

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