

1971 U. S. WORLD JUNIOR TEAM



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The U. S. team at Notre Dame, April 8th to 12th, 1971. From left to right: First row; Dave Orlando, Tom Losonczy, Victor Sils, Ruth White, Stan Sieja, Alan Miles Ruben, I. Farkas, Blythe Devan, Stacy Coriates. Second row: R. Perry, Grant Anderson, James Bonacorda, Ed Ballinger, Mark Farley, Peter Taylor. Third row: N. Lewis, A. Peredo, N. Toth, I. Danosi, F. Zold, M. Kadar. Fourth row: A. J. Geraci, Pickens, D. Calvert, C. Elthes.

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EDITORIAL

One of the great advantages of holding important international fencing competitions in this country is the opportunity of seeing foreign as well as domestic judges and presidents of jury in action at the same event.

With the Junior World Championships and the Martini-Rossi International held within a week of each other in April, this interested bystander submits the observation that our officials are on a par with the others. Now there is every reason why that old inferiority complex which had been subtly fostered here for so long, must be eliminated. And along

with it, the anachronistic requirement for our officials to wear dinner jackets for the finals of the Martini.

NOMINATIONS

Please note a correction in the slate nominated by the Nominating Committee for the 1971-72 season. The Vice President nominated for the South West section should be Al Snyder. Our apologies to Mr. Snyder for this inadvertent error.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lois Gertler and Laszlo Pongo on the occasion of their marriage.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT NOTRE DAME SOVIET FENCERS WIN TWO GOLD, ONE SILVER & BRC

Ruth White and Ed Ballinger Star for U.S.A.
White Takes Bronze Medal, First Ever for American

U.S.A. HOSTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Richard Gradkowski

(Ed. Note: Readers are directed to AFLA President Alan Miles Ruben's column for a comprehensive commentary on the Junior World Championships.)

One hundred and twenty-one fencers from 17 countries participated in the World Junior Fencing Championships at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana on the 9th to the 12th of April. This was the first time that a Junior World Championship was held in the Western Hemisphere.

The teams and officials were quartered in the Morris Inn on campus and at the Randall Inn, a short drive away. Both facilities were good and reasonably located. The fencing took place in Notre Dame's huge new Athletic and Convocation Center, a giant facility with space available for any number of sporting events. The 8.6 million dollar center was especially notable for, from the fencer's point of view, excellent even illumination, and a synthetic composition floor which was very kind to the feet.

The fencing, in general was of a very high standard. Many observers remarked upon the great maturity and skill displayed by this young group of competitors. As usual, when a major event is staged at a considerable distance from Europe, almost all of the best fencers were present but many of those less in contention did not feel that the long journey and expense was justified. As a consequence, competition was severe from the start of each event, and promotion from each round correspondingly difficult.

American fencers can judge the strength of this championship by noting that Miss White, who came in third, is a former U.S. National champion, and Ed Ballinger, who made the semis in foil and the final in epee, was last year a finalist in the Nationals.



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Ed Ballinger keeps an eye on the action the final of the epee. He defeated the e winner Karagian of the U.S.S.R. by a score and ended up taking sixth place.

The winning of the Bronze medal event by Ruth White must be acclaimed all U.S. fencers as an achievement recognizing our efforts. Miss White very nearly the Gold, but a "la belle" loss to eventual winner Ildiko Schwarzenberg Hungary put her out of contention in the barrage. With three girls tied for sixth place on bouts, she took her third by cator.

However, in my opinion, the outstanding performance of the entire competitor undoubtedly Edward Ballinger's reaching semi-finals in foil and the finals in epee days later. Some idea of Ballinger's excellence may be gleaned from his record. In the on his way to the semi-finals, he det

Bernkopf of Italy, who came in second, Pietruska of France, who came in fourth, and Romonkov of the U.S.S.R., who was sixth in the final.

In the epee event, after a shaky start and in his second day of fencing, he defeated Stanbury of Great Britain, who came in fourth in the four way barrage, Abuschmetov of the U.S.S.R., who took second, and Karagian of the U.S.S.R., the Gold medalist.

There is little question that Ballinger can win an event of this nature, given the proper orientation. His best actions are executed when he concentrates and explodes with a simple attack or parry riposte. His greatest problems occur when he over-elaborates his preparation or tries to make a "fancy" move. It remains to be seen whether he and his coach, Giorgio Santelli, can eradicate these faults and rectify his approach.

The response of AFLA members and NFCAA coaches to this event was disappointing to me. Many fencers right in the Mid West didn't bother to come. The competition was staged during the Easter and Pass-over holidays, so time at least was available. Thus a valuable opportunity for fencers and coaches to observe and learn current trends in world fencing was wasted.

During the championships a group of U. S. fencers applied to the F.I.E. to take the examination for Class 2 President of Jury. The examiners, Edoardo Mangiarotti of Italy, and Edgar Mercier of France, were relatively relaxed about the whole thing and did not give any written test. However, it was soon apparent that the theoretical and practical knowledge of the candidates was somewhat less than would take them to the quarter finals of a World Championships. The grades of this examination were disappointing primarily because the candidates were not properly prepared to take a test. As a minimum, a thorough knowledge of the rules and the ability to preside in basic French should be demanded of a candidate before he is exposed to the F.I.E.

An unfortunate aftermath of the championships was the direct return of the Euro-

peans by their charter flight via Chicago. One of the original motives behind running the championships here in the U.S. was to have the competitors stay for the Martini-Rossi in New York, and thus provide our fencers with added exposure. Much of the time and trouble taken by the AFLA and the crew at Notre Dame was therefore negated. If we are to make such plans in the future, better communication and planning are necessary.

FOIL

FIRST ROUND:

Pool No. 1: 1. Trochine, USSR (4/1); 2. Montano, It. (4/1); 3. Hollinek, Aus. (3/2); 4. Winstin, Isr. (2/3); 5. Wolter, Lux. (1/4); 6. Lamon, Swtz. (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Lefrancois, Fr. (4/0); 2. Ballinger, USA (3/1); 3. Romonkov, USSR (2/2); 4. Marik, Aus. (1/3); 5. Lupiz, Arg. (0/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Boscherie, Fr. (4/1); 2. Behr, Ger. (3/2); 3. Bonacorda, USA (3/2); 4. Orlanov, USSR (3/2); 5. Waldmann, GB (0/5); 6. Pope, Can. (0/5).

Pool No. 4: 1. Bernkopf, It. (5/0); 2. Pietruska, Fr. (4/1); 3. Somodi, Hung. (3/2); 4. Brown, GB (1/4); 5. Ghyselinck, (1/4); 6. Christien, Can. (1/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Pezza, It. (4/0); 2. Benko, Aus. (3/1); 3. Bach, Ger. (2/2); 4. Godat, Swtz. (1/3); 5. Buchner, Can. (0/4).

Pool No. 6: 1. Evequoz, Swtz. (5/0); 2. Pap, Hung. (3/2); 3. Gaylor, USA (3/2); 4. Vatter, Ger. (3/2); 5. Knell, GB (1/4); 6. Massialas, Gr. (0/5).

QUARTER FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Boscherie, Fr. (4/1); 2. Pezza, It. (4/1); 3. Benko, Aus. (3/2); 4. Vatter, Ger. (2/3); 5. Brown, GB (1/4); 6. Bonacorda, USA (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Somodi, Hung. (5/0); 2. Ballinger, USA (4/1); 3. Pietruska, Fr. (2/3); 4. Marik, Aus. (1/4); 5. Orlanov, USSR (1/4); 6. Evequoz, Swtz. (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Bach, Ger. (4/1); 2. Romonkov, USSR (3/2); 3. Montano, It. (3/2); 4. Lefrancois, Fr. (2/3); 5. Pap, Hung. (2/3); 6. Hollinek, Aus. (1/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Bernkopf, It. (5/0); 2. Trochine, USSR (4/1); 3. Behr, Ger. (3/3); 4. Godat, Swtz. (1/4); 5. Winstin, Isr. (1/4); 6. Gaylor, USA (1/4).

SEMI FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Pietruska, Fr. (4/1); 2. Romonkov, USSR (4/1); 3. Bach, Ger. (2/3); 4. Pezza, It. (2/3); 5. Benko, Aus. (2/3); 6. Somodi, Hung. (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Boscherie, Fr. (4/1); 2. Bernkopf, It. (4/1); 3. Behr, Ger. (2/3); 4. Montano, It. (2/3); 5. Trochine, USSR (2/3); 6. Ballinger, USA (1/4).

FINAL: 1. Boscherie, Fr. (5/0); 2. Bernkopf, It. (4/1); 3. Bach, Ger. (2/3); 4. Pietruska, Fr. (2/3); 5. Behr, Ger. (2/3); 6. Romonkov, USSR (0/5).

EPEE

FIRST ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Lukomsky, USSR (5/0); 2. Lofficial, Fr. (4/1); 3. Jana, Ger. (3/2); 4. Castillejos, Mex. (2/3); 5. Walter, Lux. (1/4); 6. Anderson, USA (0/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Karagian, USSR (4/0); 2. Pusch, Ger. (3/1); 3. Stanbury, GB (2/2); 4. Farley, USA (1/3); 5. Lamon, Swtz. (0/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Envequos, Swtz. (3/1); 2. Pezza, It. (3/1); 3. Buchner, Can. (2/2); 4. Hollinek, Aus. (2/2); 5. Winstin, Isr. (0/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Bertinetti, It. (4/0); 2. Huebner, Ger. (3/1); 3. Abuschmetov, USSR (1/3); 4. Ballinger, USA (1/3); 5. Godat, Swtz. (0/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Wolinetz, Fr. (4/1); 2. Mochi, It. (4/1); 3. Pap, Hung. (3/2); 4. Feraud, Arg. (2/3); 5. White, GB (1/4); 6. Christian, Can. (0/5).

Pool No. 6: 1. Vandervoot, Belg. (4/0); 2. Pardo, Fr. (2/2); 3. Belson, GB (2/2); 4. Marik, Aus. (2/2); 5. Wollner, Can. (0/4).

QUARTER FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Stanbury, GB (4/1); 2. Bertinetti, It. (3/2); 3. Ballinger, USA (3/2); 4. Pusch, Ger. (2/3); 5. Hollinek, Aus. (2/3); 6. Evequoz, Swtz. (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Mochi, It. (4/1); 2. Lukomsky, USSR (4/1); 3. Huebner, Ger. (3/2); 4. Pardo, Fr. (2/3); 5. Marik, Aus. (1/4); 6. Farley, USA (1/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Pezza, It. (5/0); 2. Karagian, USSR (4/1); 3. Wolinetz, Fr. (3/2); 4. Belson, GB (2/2); 5. Castillejos, Mex. (1/4); 6. Buchner, Can. (0/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Abuschmetov, USSR (4/1); 2. Lofficial, Fr. (4/1); 3. Vandervoot, Belg. (3/2); 4. Jana, Ger. (2/3); 5. Pap, Hung. (1/4); 6. Feraud, Arg. (1/4).

SEMI FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Lofficial, Fr. (4/1); 2. Karagian, USSR (3/2); 3. Stanbury, GB, (3/2); 4. Vandervoot, Belg. (3/2); 5. Mochi, It. (1/4); 6. Huebner, Ger. (0/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Bertinetti, It. (4/1); 2. Abuschmetov, USSR (3/2); 3. Ballinger, USA (3/2); 4. Pezza, It. (2/3); 5. Lukomsky, USSR (2/3); 6. Wolinetz, Fr. (1/4).

FINAL: 1. Karagian, USSR (3/2); 2. Abuschmetov, USSR (3/2); 3. Lofficial, Fr. (3/2); 4. Stanbury, GB (3/2); 5. Bertinetti, It. (3/2); 6. Ballinger, USA (1/4).

BARRAGE: 1. Karagian, USSR (3/0); 2. Abuschmetov, USSR (2/1); 3. Lofficial, Fr. (1/2); 4. Stanbury, GB (0/3).

SABER

FIRST ROUND:

Pool No. 1: 1. Deanfield, GB (4/0); 2. Komar, USSR (3/1); 3. Kasper, Ger. (2/2); 4. Orlando, USA (1/3); 5. Bowman, Can. (0/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Vitrac, Fr. (4/1); 2. Wishart, GB (3/2); 3. Grosser, Ger. (2/3); 4. Nezzo, It. (2/3); 5. Lara, Mex. (2/2); 6. Sils, USA (2/3).

Pool No. 3: 1. Zakharian, USSR (5/0); 2. Strome, Belg. (3/2); 3. Weissgerber, Ger. (3/2); 4. Mather, GB (2/3); 5. Benko, Aust. (1/4); 6. Kofler, Aus. (1/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Gedovari, Hung. (4/0 Fr. (2/2); 3. Losonczy, USA (2/2); 4. It. (2/2); 5. Alva, Mex. (0/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Quivrin, Fr. (4/0); 2. USSR (3/1); 3. Somodi, Hung. (2/2); 4. It. (1/3); 5. Lupiz, Arg. (0/4).

QUARTER FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Trochine, USSR (3/1); Belg. (2/2); 3. Grosser, Ger. (2/2); 4. (2/2); 5. Mather, GB (0/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Komar, USSR (3/1); 2. Hung. (3/1); 3. Montano, It. (2/2); 4. Ger. (2/2); 5. Orlando, USA (0/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Zakharian, USSR (4/0 Fr. (2/2); 3. Losonczy, USA (2/2); 4. (1/3); 5. Nezzo, It. (1/3).

Pool No. 4: 1. Romano, It (3/1); Vitrac 3. Kasper, Ger. (2/2); 4. Samodi, Hung. Deanfield, GB (0/4).

SEMI FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Gedovari, Hung. (4/1); Fr. (3/2); 3. Zakharian, USSR (3/2); 4. It. (2/3); 5. Strome, Belg. (2/3); 6. G (0/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Trochine, USSR (4/1); 2. (3/2); 3. Komar, USSR (3/2); 4. Losc (2/3); 5. Kasper, Ger. (2/3); 6. Montan

FINAL: 1. Komar, USSR (4/1); 2. Gedo (3/2); 3. Zakharian, USSR (3/2); 4. (2/3); 5. Trochine, USSR (2/3); 6. Bena

WOMEN'S FOIL

FIRST ROUND:

Pool No. 1: 1. Nikonova, USSR (3/1); USA (3/1); 3. Maros, Hung. (3/1); Lillinger, Aus. (1/3); 5. Bolvary, Can. (1

Pool No. 2: 1. Schwarzenberger, Hung. Burochkina, USSR (4/1); 3. Muzio, Fr. Yates, GB (2/3); 5. Gilbert, Can. (1/4) sialas, Gr. (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Popken, Ger. (5/0); 2. k USSR (4/1); 3. Guercia, It. (3/2); 4. Di (2/3); 5. Raine, GB (1/4); 6. Zenea, N

Pool No. 4: 1. Trachez, Fr. (3/1); 2. O (3/1); 3. Romeo, It. (3/1); 4. Moriates, 5. Grether, Mex. (0/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Picard, Fr. (4/1); 2. Armf (4/1); 3. Hajzer, Hung. (3/2); 4. Wrig GB (2/3); 5. Betrix, Switz. (2/3); 6. G (0/5).

QUARTER FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Hajzer, Hung. (3/1); 2. worth, GB (3/1); 3. Trachez, Fr. (2/2); 4. It. (1/3); 5. Popken, Ger. (1/3).

Pool No. 2: 1. Schwartzberger, Hung. Nikonova, USSR (3/1); 3. Yates, GB Oertel, Ger. (1/3); 5. Devan, USA (1/3).

Pool No. 3: 1. Muzio, Fr. (3/1); 2. Armf (3/1); 3. White, USA (3/1); 4. Burochki (1/3); 5. Kastl-Lillinger, Aus. (0/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Kostikova, USSR (4/0); 2 Fr. (2/2); 3. Maros, Hung. (2/2); 4. Moric (2/2); 5. Guercia, It. (0/4)

SEMI FINAL:

Pool No. 1: 1. Picard, Fr. (4/1); 2. Wrigglesworth, GB (4/1); 3. Muzio, Fr. (3/2); 4. Kostiakova, USSR (2/3); 5. Hajzer, Hung. (1/4); 6. Yates, GB (1/4).
Pool No. 2: 1. Schwartzberger, Hung. (3/2); 2. White, USA (3/2); 3. Armbrust, (3/1); 4. Trachez, Fr. (2/3); 5. Nikonova, USSR (2/3); 6. Maras, Hung. (1/3).

FINAL: 1. Schwartzberger, Hung. (5/0); 2. Picard, Fr. (3/2); 3. White, USA (3/2); 4. Muzio, Fr. (3/2); 5. Wrigglesworth, GB (1/4); 6. Armbrust, Ger. (0/5).

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Alan Miles Ruben

The President's column this issue is in the form of a report on the World Under - Twenty Fencing Championships held at the University of Notre Dame, April 9 - 12.

Viewed from every aspect this Junior World Championship was an unqualified success. The organization of the tournament, the hospitality shown to fencers and officials and the success of our own competitors all deserve first class honors.

Over two hundred fencers and staff from twenty countries descended upon the University for this traditional Easter Weekend event which, this year, fell on the Passover holidays as well. Only Poland, Romania and Cuba, of the leading fencing powers, were not represented.

The international fellowship was celebrated by a series of parties which began with a luncheon for all members of the delegations hosted by the Greater South Bend Chamber of Commerce. In attendance were Father Theodore Hesburgh, President of the University, the Mayor and other local dignitaries of South Bend, and the Hon. Frederick Irving, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. A major diplomatic incident was avoided when the California burgundy wine served was pronounced "excellent" by M. Pierre Ferri, President of the F.I.E. Officials of each country and the members of the Bureau, Comite Executif and Directoire Technique of the Federation Internationale D'Esclime were entertained at a dinner sponsored by the NFCAA and the AFLA jointly. Separate functions in honor of the President and other representatives of the F.I.E. were given by the President and officers of the AFLA, Messrs. Lewis, Latzko and Tishman. These meetings, quite aside from fulfilling the obligations of the host federation, served the purpose of moving the United States closer to the center of international fencing.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention the many warm personal relationships established as a result of the friendly interchange at these several functions.

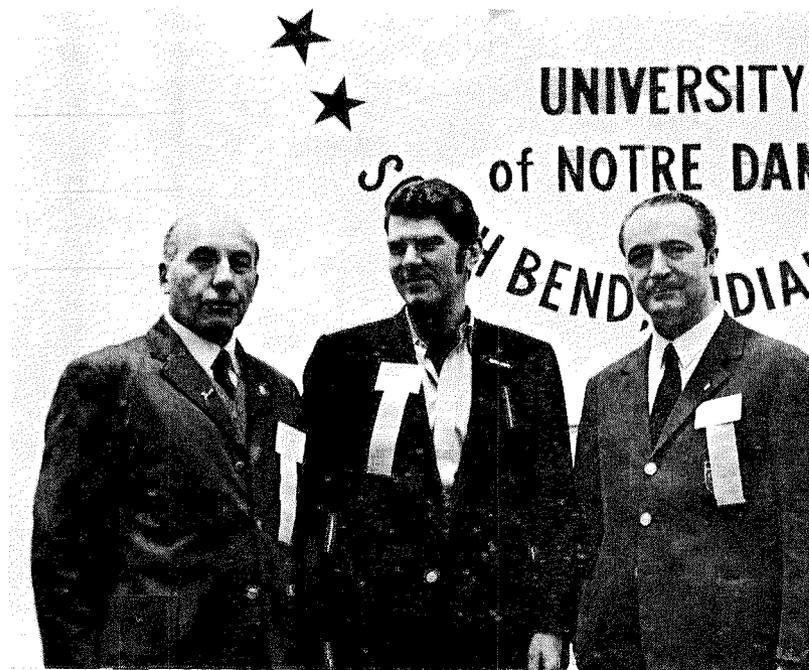


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Alan Miles Ruben, President of the AFLA with M. Giancarlo Brusati of the Directoire Technique and M. Edoardo Mangiarotti, former World and Olympic Epee champion (right), at the World Championships in Notre Dame.

It seemed as though the entire South Bend community with its many ethnic organizations participated in the hospitality. Every team was privately entertained by families who shared their common national heritage. The University commands our deepest appreciation for the superb support in terms of both manpower and facilities given to these Games.

Special arrangements were made for dormitory and hotel accommodations and for low cost cafeteria service. Regular free shuttle bus service between the gym and the team headquarters provided very effective transportation.

The Sports Center is perhaps the finest athletic facility available on any college campus. The lighting, air conditioning, locker rooms, practice areas and spectator accomo-

dations left nothing to be desired. and snacks were provided cont throughout the day and more varied was offered by a shop located just a gym floor. Thanks to the Chairman Organizing Committee, Professor Mich Cicco, who doubles as the Notre Dame ing Coach, the operation of the tourn went off without a major flaw. His w incredible performance. Bravo, Mike terpreters led by Notre Dame's fencing captain, John Lyons, provided multi-l translation service. A corps of imagi engineers and technicians saw to it th electrical equipment remained in w order and met F.I.E. standards. At group of students manned the scorin paratus serving efficiently as time kb and score keepers.

Perhaps the only disappointment o

event was the fact that affinity group flight air travel plans made by the F.I.E. precluded attendance by most of the European team members at the Martini-Rossi International Tournament the following weekend in New York.

To Father James T. Burtchaell, Provost of the University, who participated in the closing ceremonies, Father Astrik L. Gabriel, Director of the Mediaeval Institute, who graciously assisted in the award of medals, and Ed "Moose" Krause, Director of Athletics and his assistant, Col. Jack Stevens, who served in a dozen different capacities, and Sports Information Director Roger Valdiserri, our most sincere thanks.

PERFORMANCE OF THE AMERICAN TEAM

Our delegation assembled for organizational and training purposes two days before the first competition. No team was ever better supported; no team has ever produced superior results. Under the leadership of head coach Stanley S. Sieja, the coaching staff appointed by the organizing committee was deployed to maximum effect. Each coach was assigned to take personal charge of a designated fencer, to give warm-up lessons and to advise the fencer during the course of his or her event. The coaches gave unstintingly of themselves and worked harmoniously together in supervising and ministering to the members of the team. We applaud the following professionals who served not only as coaches but also as technicians and administrators: Lawrence Calhoun; Delmar Calvert; Istvan Danosi; Csaba Elthes; Maxwell Garret; A. John Geraci; Menyhert Kadar; Alfred R. Peredo; Leon Pickens; Richard Perry; Nicholas G. Toth and Francis Zold.

In addition to intra-squad preparation, practice matches were arranged with the U.S.S.R., Hungary and Great Britain.

MEN'S FOIL

The level of fencing exhibited during this event was disappointing. Of all the finalists only Bernkopf of Italy who finished second impressed with the soundness of his technique. Boscherie of France, the gold medalist

was extended in only one bout, with Romonkov of the Soviet Union. The major surprise in this event was the inability of the Russians to play a dominant role, as in the past. A 15 year old West German fencer, Behr, who showed remarkable poise, timing and almost acrobatic mobility is a Foilist to watch in the future and appears to be a natural for epee.

Ed Ballinger tied for eleventh place, easily making the semi-final round, but, faltering at this level, managed only one victory. Ed fenced well but curiously unevenly. He has to achieve the ability to sustain his power of concentration and will, despite adverse calls by the director. He must also learn to break the habit of stopping his action and looking at the machine before the "halt" is given.

Both Peter Gaylor and James Bonacorda were eliminated in the quarter final round with one victory apiece. They fenced with spirit but were overcome by the superiority of the technique and experience of the European fencers.

WOMEN'S FOIL

With her first major result in international competition assured, Ruth White went on to take the bronze medal in a final that was unrelievedly lack-lustre. In the judgment of many observers, Ruth was easily the best of the women fencers. How soon she will reach her full potential depends upon the development of an emotional maturity which will permit her to adjust her predictably aggressive game against opponents whose tactics demand different counter-strategies. Miss White's performance marks the first time that an American fencer has made the finals of this Championship. It was not to be the last.

Schwarzenberger of Hungary, undefeated in the finals, won first place as neither the Soviet Union nor Italy were represented in the finals. Stacey Moriates and Blythe Devan both gave good accounts of themselves, Stacey winning two bouts in the quarter finals and Miss Devan beating the ultimate champion Schwartenberger in her quarter

final pool. Both girls repeatedly lost touches by reflexively stop-thrusting against the attack. This flaw must be overcome if their results are to improve.

EPEE

Making the most of his good sense of timing and physical abilities, Edward Ballinger also scored his first important international result by reaching the final of the epee event at the expense of the defending champion Lukomsky of Russia in the semi-final pool. These were not enough in the evenly contested final which turned into a virtual double round robin as the U.S.S.R.'s remaining two entries Karagian and Abuschmetov placed first and second, respectively. Ironically, Ed's only victory in the final round was over Karagian. Ed's achievement resulted in the United States placing sixth in the total team standings behind the Soviet Union, France, Hungary, West Germany and Italy.

Mark Farley never gave up, but the experience and technique of the fencers in his quarter final pool proved to be too much. Unfortunately, little can be said for our third entry, Grant Anderson. He arrived hopelessly out of condition and practice and dropped all his bouts. Had we known he had not trained for the event an alternate would have replaced him. In the future when any significant length of time elapses between the selection of a team and the date of the competition we will require periodic reports on each fencer's training.

SABRE

Without question the sabre field was the strongest of the four weapons. Again, the Soviet fencers dominated the event placing all three of their entries in the final to finish first, third and fifth. The silver medal went to Hungary and fourth and sixth places were filled by France.

Thomas Losonczy tied for seventh place missing the final by the proverbial "one touch". As it turned out the decisive bout was lost to Vitrac of France, 5-4. Had the score been reversed Thomas would have gone

up instead of Vitrac. At seventeen, he is unquestionably a talent for the future.

Victor Sils was eliminated with 11 touches in a difficult first round pool. David Orlando made the quarter final but one victory. Neither Sils nor Orlando fought poorly. Their sabre technique stage of their development simply could not match the higher level achieved by the Europeans.

PENALTY

By order of the Board of Directors of the AFLA, Randall Pringle of the Texas division, is suspended from participation in the 1971 Sectionals and the National Championships.

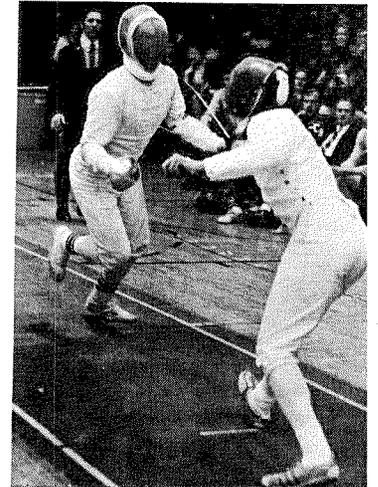


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Jeff Tishman of NYU (left) makes a fleche at Robert Figueroa, CCNY, during the final of the IFA Sabre Individual championships at West Point.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL MARTINI-ROSSI INTERNATIONAL SEES TEENAGER SWEEP SABER FINAL

Women's Foil Event Attracts Forty Three Entries; Tanya Adamovich of Fencers Club Wins in Barrage

EYE WITNESS REPORT

by Dan Lyons

The excitement of the Martini - Rossi with a record number of entries this year penetrated everyone, even in the preliminary rounds. Missing the Martini means missing the best fencing to be seen anywhere in the United States. Although the number of foreigners was a little thinner than usual because of competing major tournaments in Europe, the tension could be felt always as they progressed toward the finals. Last year several of our younger fencers scored great upsets, but this year while they were the ones surviving the early cuts, they didn't shake us out of our seats. Here's how it went.

FOIL

In the first direct elimination round of 16 we had nine Americans, an improvement of one over last year. From our young guard we had Gerry Esponda, Norm Campbell, Dan Cantillon, Wally Krause, Jeff Checkes, Marty Davis, Ed Ballinger and Carl Borack. Only durable Uriah Jones was still in there for the old guard. Out of our hopefuls, Campbell who was matched with Cantillon, and Checkes who met Rohle (Sweden) got to the round of eight. Davis made Dabrowski, a young Polish fencer sweat by beating him 3-5 in their first bout, but at 4-4 in the second he missed several opportunities to finish it off, lost that bout, and the third one by 5-3. Ballinger gave us another moment of joy when he came back with an easy 1-5 win against Losert (Austria) after going down 5-3. Losert looked absolutely spent. But our joy was soon gone when after the break between bouts Losert won quickly, 5-2.

The round of eight saw Checkes and Campbell beaten badly. Woyda (Poland)

seeking his fifth straight Martini win, left Campbell in left field. As Norm came bouncing in with bent arm and no battle plan he was hit so quickly that he never could get up any steam. Granieri (Italy) took advantage of the hesitation by Jeff Checkes as he started to attack and won in straight bouts. Losert (Austria) took Revenu (France) in only two bouts in a very classical demonstration, both having elegant styles. But Losert had more drive and determination. He reacted immediately to several half-hearted actions hitting with a lightning riposte or a simple attack either direct or by disengage. Kamuti (Hungary) had a more difficult time but managed his way through young Dabrowski in two of three bouts. The latter seemed to be using the parry of prime to excess and Kamuti wasted no time in the last bout winning by 5-2.

The round of four saw Kamuti battle Losert while Woyda took on Granieri. It took three bouts in each case to decide the winners. Woyda eked out a 4-5 win as Granieri pressed in, but with a new plan of action Granieri took his opponent in two easy bouts by fencing from long distance. He forced errors in timing and by his great athletic ability upset Woyda's rhythm. What appeared to be simple actions were actually well conceived strategic moves which caused his opponent to fight the way Granieri wished. So Woyda did not get to try for his fifth consecutive crown. Losert had a rougher time with Kamuti as they traded bouts leaving it to a final 3-5 win to set up the first place match.

The championship thus had tough, constantly moving, bouncing Granieri, fourth last year, pitted against Losert, second last year. In the first bout Granieri maintaining beautiful distance demolished Losert by 1-5. Three touches were scored on the counter of the riposte. It looked as if Losert was done as

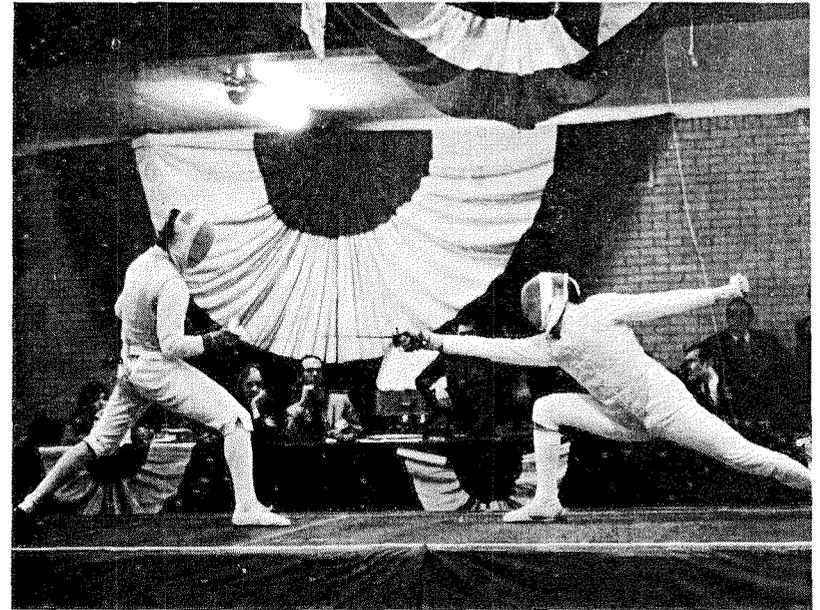


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Roland Losert of Austria stretches out in a lunge against Nicolo Granieri of Italy in the Foil at the N.Y.A.C. Losert won his series of bouts to take the Gold medal. Losert's father and grandfather were both fencing masters in Austria and his classical style is always a pleasure to watch.

he went behind 4-3 in the second bout. Just as he had done in the bout with Ballinger he appeared finished. He stopped, held his stomach and then came back to the strip. Somehow unbelievably two straight attacks by Granieri fell into the immobile Losert's parry of second and with what seemed a desperate effort he scored two ripostes to squeeze out a 4-5 win. After the break he was a new man. It was no contest. Granieri was hit twice by attacks with feint disengage. The final coup was a delayed attack after a feint with a touch to the flank. Losert - 1971 champion.

EPEE

The round of 16 was reached by those who were pretty well expected to make it. Of the 7 American qualifiers, five were ranking fencers and the nine foreigners were clearly the best. Ron McMahon easily beat Scott Bozek who rested heavily on his back foot depriving himself of backward mobility in addition to losing inches of thrust by fail-

ing to get his body over his knee when ing. Pesthy took out Weidel (Canada only minor trouble using his effective c six thrust. Steve Netburn, last year's runner up, won two straight against Feraud (Canada) who, like Weidel was not among the stronger of the foreigners. There was to cheer about as the other American quickly. Fenveysi (Hungary) over I Makler, Granieri over Bruce Lyons Bertinetti (Italy) over Dan Cantillon, Jones (France) beat Wong (Canada) and Scott (Hungary) triumphed over Rhohle (Sweden) to round out the final of eight.

Ron McMahon started us off with a bang by a quick 2-5 win over Schmidt conceding by a fine parry riposte game. In the next bout Schmidt stayed back, for some unfathomable reason Ron went to attack and got beaten on counterattack the last bout each took turns playing offense and defense and Ron stayed in couldn't pull out the one touch need

win and lost the payoff bout 5-4. Netburn, facing Granieri, lost the first bout by 5-3 as he was repeatedly hit as he moved in close with the same consistent rhythmic footwork and weak feints. Then Granieri went cold, lost his speed and Steve hit him with anything and everything. Score 5-1. We anticipated a quick merciless onslaught by Steve to put Granieri out. It didn't happen. Granieri came out for the decisive encounter like a tiger. He went after Steve, fainted him out of his socks and won 5-1. Now our prayers hung on Paul Pesthy, four time national champion, the only one left who might make it to the fight for top honors. Again, it was not to be, as Fenyvesi won the first bout 5-1 and after a mediocre effort dropped the second 4-5, but came back strongly with a 5-2 win. In a very close match Jeanne took the last spot in the round of four by beating Bertinetti in three well fought bouts.

So, as in foil, we had the four top medal spots taken by our overseas guests. Granieri ran over Schmitt and Fenyvesi simply walked over Jeanne, each in two straight bouts. The fencing was superb. Granieri ended his match with a perfectly executed toe shot which had been preceded by a feint one-two hit hit to the arm with a full lunge held back until the line cleared. Fenyvesi used second intention, determined final actions and great timing in his sweep.

The battle for first was high drama. With each move by the pressing Granieri, Fenyvesi went for the direct hit and lead 4-0. Granieri gave the last touch by walking in, chest exposed and hand down. Getting hold of himself he came back with changed tactics, played second intention and won the next bout handily 2-5. Nobody would have given a nickel for Fenyvesi's chances as Granieri picked up two quick touches in the decisive bout with a continuation of his tactics. But then a swift change developed as Fenyvesi pulled out all stops and got four touches in a row. Attack or defense, he scored off both. The final touch which made Fenyvesi champion was a double hit.

SABRE

This event was run differently. After the direct elimination rounds of 16 and 8, a repechage was fought bringing the final to a pool of 6. The results would have been different had the foil, epee pattern been followed since our winner came up through the repechage.

We had a repeat of the 1970 Martini as our senior fencers became our finalists. Starting in the round of 16, Keane over Borack, Blum over Dow, Orban over Gall. Only popular young Bruce Soriano won over a veteran, Gene Hamori. In other eliminations Montano (Italy) beat Lupiz (Argentina), Bena (France) took Jeff Tishman, Morales whipped Chapela (Mexico) and the current world champion Pezsa (Hungary) subdued hard-trying Paul Apostol.

In the round of eight Keane beat Blum twice quite easily. Montano took on Bena the 19 year old Frenchman who had just finished sixth in the World Juniors. Leading by 4-0, Montano saw the young Bena come roaring back to win. But that was the end as Montano took the next two bouts quickly. Morales beat Orban almost effortlessly as we looked on incredulously. Orban was subdued by Morales' parry riposte 5-2 and then lost the second by the same score as he seemed incapable of retreating with enough speed to avoid Morales' final cuts on second intention attacks. Pezsa went through Soriano 5-2. When Bruce took an upset. Pezsa had other ideas and went on to win 5-4.

In the repechage Blum was swamped by Bena in two 5-2 bouts and thus Bena had a new shot for the title. Orban got his second chance in what looked like it would be a runaway victory. He thrashed Soriano 5-1, then lost 4-5 as Soriano showed great discipline before launching his final actions. Orban then won a seesaw 5-4 victory for his place in the finals.

As the finals progressed Al Morales looked like the man to take the gold medal. It was true he suffered a 5-2 defeat at the

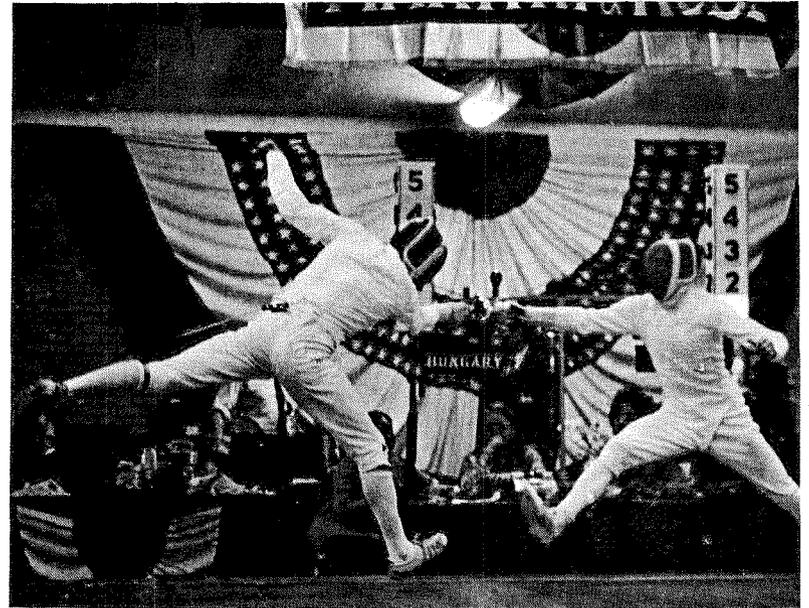


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Chaba Fenyvesi of Hungary (left) counterattacks against Paul Pesthy in the Epee final Martini Rossi. Fenyvesi won this match and went on to take the Gold medal in a fence off with Granieri of Italy.

hands of Bena who moved forward at a deceptive pace, stole the distance and hit his much taller opponent. But Morales had two unexciting, uneventful victories over Keane and Pezsa by 5-1, while Bena was run off the strip by Pezsa by that same score. Al then won his third bout of the day from Orban 5-4 by parry riposte or by second intention attacks and scoring on the counter riposte. Bena, about five foot five inches, unimpressive-looking and a long shot unlikely to be a candidate for first, determinedly stayed in and won all his other bouts with no more than three touches against him. He came toward his opponents with his arm fully extended and high over his head tempting his opponents to go for his exposed wrist and arm. They couldn't do it and he had a 4-1 record which assured him of at least a tie for first. Morales now had to beat Montano to force that tie. Whether the pressure got to him or he simply erred, he lost two touches on simple stop cuts as

he exposed his arm on preparation attack. Then when down 4-3 he made the error, gave Montano a third touch and found himself in second place. Al ended third on touches. Pezsa refought in his last bout with Keane by 5-4 and ended in fourth place. Orban appointed, as he never fought with true conviction and had to content with fifth as Keane gained sixth.

WOMENS FOIL

On fairly short notice a women's section was added to this year's event. I drew 7 of our ranking fencers including top four and none of the prominent names. So in effect we had a repeat national championship.

In what could have been called the surprise Harriet King, last year's champion lost to Denise O'Connor in the direct elimination round of 12. The final in saber was a pool of six.

The final went close to form. Ruth White, second in the nationals last year, lost to Averil Genton and then had to win all her bouts including the one with Tanya Adamovich to get into a fence off for first. Tanya had disposed of all her opponents and would have won it all but she couldn't get by Ruth who won by 4-1. In the fence off Tanya took Ruth's attacks, forced infighting and outjabbed frequently enough to get to 3-3. Then in a really well executed long one-two lunge, forward recovery one-two lunge and a third she closed out the bout. Tanya Adamovich—title winner!

Denise O'Connor was third followed by Campeau (Canada), Genton and O'Donnell. Unfortunately the level of fencing did not fill the viewer with admiration. The stop thrust was evident in everyone's fencing except Ruth White's. The parry seemed like a forgotten tactic and second intention something too new to be used.

FOIL

There were 66 entries in the men's foil event.

FIRST ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Dabrowski, Pol. (4/0); 2. Cantillon, (3/2); 3. Berger, (2/2); 4. Feraud, Arg. (1/3); 5. Valsamis, (0/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Woyda, Pol. (3/1); 2. Russell, (3/1); 3. Millazzo, (2/2); 4. Banacorda, (2/2); 5. Lyons, (0/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Kamuti, Hun. (4/0); 2. Ballinger, (3/1); 3. Campbell, (2/2); 4. Vajda, Fra. (1/3); 4. Herbrechtsmeier, (0/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Revenu, Fra. (3/1); 2. A. Davis, (2/2); 3. Jones, (2/2); 4. Hambarzumian, (2/2); 5. Canvin, (1/3).

Pool No. 5: 1. Borack, (3/1); 2. Losert, Aus. (3/1); 3. Abby, (2/2); 4. P. Gaylor, (2/2); 5. Heller, (0/4).

Pool No. 6: 1. Granieri, Ita. (4/0); 2. Mannino, (3/1); 3. G. Gall, (2/2); 4. Fajardo, Mex. (1/3); 5. Spooner, (0/4).

Pool No. 7: 1. Esponda, (5/0); 2. Nonna, (4/1); 3. Tarascio, (3/2); 4. Wright, (2/3); 5. Petrella, Arg. (1/4); 6. Bergman, (0/5).

Pool No. 8: 1. Shamash, (4/1); 2. Checkes, (3/2); 3. Lupiz, Arg. (3-2); 4. Schmatalla, (2/3); 5. Gullacci, (2/3); 6. Mullarkey, (1/4).

Pool No. 9: 1. M. Davis, (5/0); 2. Wong, Can. (4/1); 3. Gross, (2/3); 4. Cohen, (2/3); 5. Mustilli, (1/4); 6. Otero, (1/4).

Pool No. 10: 1. Kestler, (4/1); 2. Rohle, Swe. (4/1); 3. Sasek, (3/2); 4. Calderon, Mex. (3/2); 5. P. Gaylor, (1/4); 6. Jennings, (0/5).

Pool No. 11: 1. Krause, (4/1); 2. Keller, (4/1); 3. J. Mullarkey, (3/2); 4. V. Calderon, Mex. (2/3);

5. Sadowsky, (1/4); 6. Winstin, Isr. (1/4).

Pool No. 12: 1. M. Gaylor, (4/1); 2. Lang, (4/1); 3. Weidel, Can. (3/2); 4. Freeman, (2/3); 5. Freda, (1/4); 6. Miernik, (1/4).

SECOND ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Granieri, (5/0); 2. Checkes, (4/1); 3. Wong, (2/3); 4. Krause, (2/3); 5. Gross, (1/4); 6. J. Mullarkey, (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Dabrowski, (4/1); 2. Weidel, (4/1); 3. Keller, (3/2); 4. Tarascio, (3/2); 5. Berger, (1/4); 6. Lang, (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. M. Davis, (4/1); 2. Borack, (4/1); 3. Ballinger, (3/2); 4. Nonna, (2/3); 5. Lupiz, (2/3); 6. Gall, (0/5).

Pool No. 4: 1. Losert, (5/0); 2. Woyda, (4/1); 3. Esponda, (3/2); 4. Campbell, (2/3); 5. M. Gaylor, (1/4); 6. Sasek, (0/5).

Pool No. 5: 1. Kamuti, (5/0); 2. Jones, (3/2); 3. Cantillon, (3/2); 4. Rohle, (2/2); 5. Mannino, (2/3); 6. Millazzo, (0/5).

Pool No. 6: 1. Revenu, (4/1); 2. Kestler, (3/2); 3. A. Davis, (3/2); 4. Russell, (3/2); 5. Shamash, (2/3); 6. Abby, (0/5).

THIRD ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Revenu, (4/1); 2. Rohle, (4/1); 3. Nonna, (2/3); 4. Dabrowski, (2/3); 5. Jones, (2/3); 6. Kestler, (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Granieri, (5/0); 2. Campbell, (4/1); 3. Ballinger, (2/3); 4. Esponda, (2/3); 5. Tarascio, (1/4); 6. Weidel, (1/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Kamuti, (5/0); 2. Woyda, (4/1); 3. Krause, (2/3); 4. Borack, (2/3); 5. A. Davis, (1/4); 6. Keller, (1/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Cantillon, (5/0); 2. Losert, (3/2); 3. Checkes, (3/2); 4. Wong, (2/3); 5. M. Davis, (2/3); 6. Russell, (0/5).

ROUND OF SIXTEEN

Kamuti d. Krause, (5-1, 5-2)

Dabrowski d. Davis, (3-5, 5-4, 5-3)

Revenu d. Borack, (5-3, 5-4)

Losert d. Ballinger, (5-3, 1-5, 5-2)

Woyda d. Esponda, (5-1, 5-1)

Campbell d. Cantillon, (5-0, 4-5, 5-1)

Checkes d. Rohle, (5-3, 1-5, 5-1)

Granieri d. Jones, (5-3, 5-2)

ROUND OF EIGHT

Kamuti d. Dabrowski, (5-4, 1-5, 5-2)

Losert d. Revenu, (5-4, 5-2)

Woyda d. Campbell, (5-2, 5-0)

Granieri d. Checkes, (5-1, 5-4)

ROUND OF FOUR

Losert d. Kamuti, (5-3, 3-5, 5-3)

Granieri d. Woyda, (4-5, 5-2, 5-1)

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Woyda d. Kamuti, (5-3)

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Losert d. Granieri, (5-1, 4-5, 5-3)

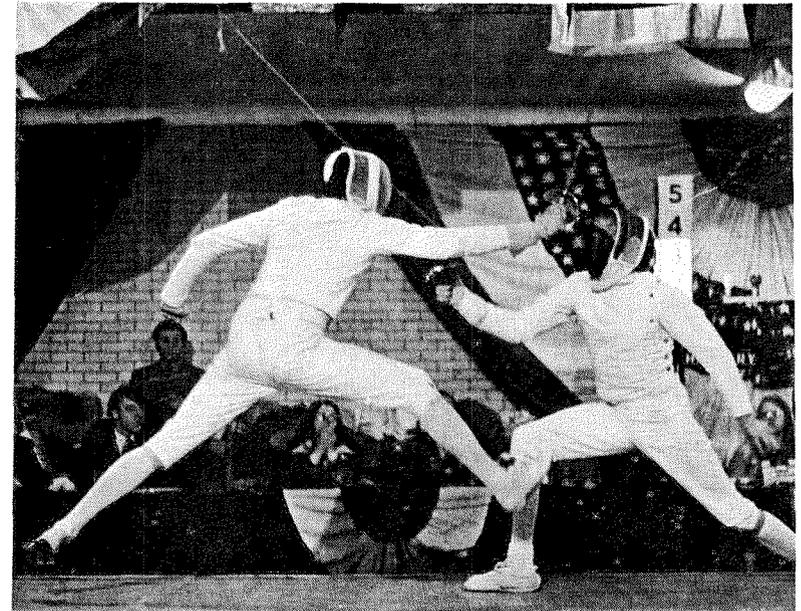
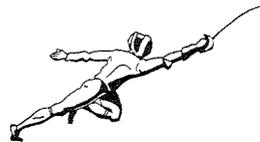


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Is it Rudolph Nureyev at Covent Garden? No, it's Tibor Pesza at the Martini Rossi! In the 1964 Olympic championship Pesza of Hungary was defeated by Alfonso Morales of the U.S.A., who won with the silver medal.

EPEE

There were 73 entries in the epee event.

FIRST ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Irvings, (4/1); 2. Elkhadim, UAR (4/1); 3. Knecht, (3/2); 4. Fernandez, Mex. (2/3); 5. Cambell, (1/4); 6. Braine, (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Feraud, Arg. (4/1); 2. B. Makler, (4/1); 3. Sunyogh, (3/2); 4. Rubin, (2/3); 5. Mullarkey, (1/4); 6. Castillejos, Mex. (1/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Cantillon, (4/0); 2. Varaljay, Can. (3/1); 3. R. MacMahon, (2/2); 4. Lupiz, Arg. (1/3); 5. Hambu, (0/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Berinetti, Ita. (5/0); 2. Bozek, (3/2); 3. DePietro, (3/2); 4. Fajardo, Mex. (2/3); 5. Hasekorn, (1/4); 6. Hanzalik, (1/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Weidel, Can. (3/1); 2. Wigodsky, (2/2); 3. Spinella, (2/2); 4. Karlson, (1/3); 5. Calderon, Mex. (1/3).

Pool No. 6: 1. Bakonyi, Can. (4/0); 2. McMahon, (3/1); 3. Corral, Arg. (2/2); 4. Goldberg, (1/3); 5. Waterman, (0/4).

Pool No. 7: 1. Peters, (3/1); 2. Netburn, (3/1); 3. Wong, Can. (2/2); 4. Wolter, Lux. (1/3); 5. Weber, 1/3).

Pool No. 8: 1. Geuter, Ger. (3/1); 2. Mannino, (3/1); 3. McNulty, (2/2); 4. Esponda, (2/2); 5. Gullacci, (0/4).

Pool No. 9: 1. Rohle, Swe. (4/0); 2. (2/2); 3. Belok, (2/2); 4. Pearlman, Spahn, (1/3).

Pool No. 10: 1. Schmitt, Hun. (4/0); 2. (2/2); 3. Borack, (2/2); 4. Farley, (2/2); 5. (0/4).

Pool No. 11: 1. Fenvesyi, Hun. (4/0); 2. (2/2); 3. Nonna, (2/2); 4. Carfagno, Bergman, (1/3).

Pool No. 12: 1. Jeanne, Fra. (4/0); 2. (3/1); 3. Brady, (1/3); 4. Reith, (1/3); 5. V.I. (0/4).

Pool No. 13: 1. Granieri, Ita. (4/0); 2. T (2/2); 3. Lyons, (2/2); 4. Jennings, (2/2); 5. (0/4).

Pool No. 14: 1. Pesthy, (4/0); 2. Los (2/2); 3. Sasek, (2/2); 4. Wommack, Mullarkey, (0/4).

SECOND ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. T. Makler, (3/2); 2. Geute (2/3); 3. Fenvesyi, (3/2); 4. Weidel, (2/3); 5. (2/3); 6. Brady, (2/3).

Pool No. 2: 1. Corral, (4/1); 2. Cantillon, Michanik, (3/2); 4. Spinella, (3/2); 5. El (1/4); 6. Varaljay, (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Granieri, (4/1); 2. Losert, Irvings, (2/3); 4. K. McMahon, (2/3); 5. (2/3); 6. Wigodsky, (0/5).

Pool No. 4: 1. Netburn, (5/0); 2. Bertinetti, (3/2); 3. Sunyogh, (3/2); 4. B. Makler, (2/3); 5. McNulty, (1/4); 6. Sasek, (1/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Pesthy, (5/0); 2. Borack, (3/2); 3. Feraud, (2/3); 4. Bergman, (2/3); 5. Herzig, (2/3); 6. Knecht, (1/4).

Pool No. 6: 1. Jeanne, (4/1); 2. Rohle, (4/1); 3. Lyons, (3/2); 4. Wong, (2/3); 5. Peters, (1/4); 6. DiPietro, (0/5).

Pool No. 7: 1. Bozek, (5/0); 2. Schmitt, (3/2); 3. Belok, (3/2); 4. R. MacMahon, (1/4); 5. Mannino, (1/4); 6. Bakonyi, (1/4).

THIRD ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Fenevseyi, (5/1); 2. Wong, (4/2); 3. Netburn, (3/3); 4. Cantillon, (3/3); 5. Sunyogh, (2/4); 6. Bergman, (2/4); 7. Corral, (1/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Schmitt, (4/2); 2. R. MacMahon, (4/2); 3. Pesthy, (4/2); 4. T. Makler, (3/3); 5. Rohle, (3/3); 6. Geuter, (3/3); 7. Irvings, (0/6).

Pool No. 3: 1. Bertinetti, (5/1); 2. Jeanne, (5/1); 3. Bozek, (4/2); 4. Weidel, (3/3); 5. Michanik, (2/4); 6. Spinella, (2/4); 7. K. MacMahon, (0/6).

Pool No. 4: 1. B. Makler, (5/1); 2. Granieri, (4/2); 3. Feraud, (4/2); 4. Borack, (3/3); 5. Lyons, (3/3); 6. Losert, (2/4); 7. Belok, (0/6).

ROUND OF SIXTEEN

R. MacMahon d. Bozek, (5-2, 5-1)

Schmitt d. Rohle, (5-4, 2-5, 5-4)

Granieri d. Lyons, 5-2, 5-3

Netburn d. Feraud, (5-0, 5-4)

Jeanne d. Wong, (5-1, 3-5, 5-3)

Bertinetti d. Cantillon, (5-2, 5-2)

Fenevseyi d. Makler, (5-2, 5-0)

Pesthy d. Weidel, (5-4, 5-2)

ROUND OF EIGHT

Schmitt d. MacMahon, (2-5, 5-3, 5-4)

Granieri d. Netburn, (5-3, 1-5, 5-1)

Jeanne d. Bertinetti, (5-3, 4-5, 5-4)

Fenevseyi d. Pesthy, (5-1, 4-5, 5-2)

ROUND OF FOUR

Granieri d. Schmitt, (5-3, 5-1)

Fenevseyi d. Jeanne, (5-0, 5-3)

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Fenevseyi d. Granieri, (5-0, 2-5, 5-3)

SABER

There were 63 entries in the saber event.

FIRST ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Pesza, Hun. (4/0); 2. Cetrulo, (3/1); 3. Garbatini, (2/2); 4. Hambarzumian, (1/3); 5. Jakob, (0/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Montano, Ita. (4/1); 2. Tishman, (4/1); 3. Danosi, (3/2); 4. Zimmerman, (2/3); 5. Alva, Mex. (2/3); 6. Figueroa, (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Bena, Fra. (5/0); 2. Gomez, Mex. (4/1); 3. Sils, (3/2); 4. Kalan, (2/3); 5. Cohen, (1/4); 6. Bretschneider, (0/5).

Pool No. 4: 1. Makler, (4/1); 2. Raule, Ita. (3/2); 3. Borack, (3/2); 4. Fields, (2/3); 5. Bartos, (2/3); 6. Mones, (1/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Blum, (4/0); 2. Soriano, (3/1); 3. Urban, Can. (2/2); 4. Keslor, (1/3); 5. Federov, (0/4).

Pool No. 6: 1. Apostol, (4/0); 2. Morales, (3/1);

3. Battle, (2/2); 4. P. Tishman, (1/3); 5. Wu, (0/4).

Pool No. 7: 1. Lupiz, Arg. (3/1); 2. Farber, (3/1); 3. Capece, (3/2); 4. Fajardo, Mex. (0/4).

Pool No. 8: 1. Orban, (4/0); 2. Goering, (3/1); 3. Senn, Swiz. (2/2); 4. Reilly, (1/3); 5. White, (0/4).

Pool No. 9: 1. Hamori, (3-1); Foxcroft, Can. (2/2); 3. Leal, Mex. (2/2); 4. Sukinda, (2/2); 5. Kirschner, (1/3).

Pool No. 10: 1. Keane, (4/0); 2. Grzanka, (3/1); 3. Jacobson, (2/2); 4. Calderon, Mex. (1/3); 5. Andru, Can. (0/4).

Pool No. 11: 1. Losonczy, (4/0); 2. Oldcorn, GB. (3/1); 3. Gall, (2/2); 4. Corral, Arg. (1/3); 5. Hamlin, (0/4).

Pool No. 12: 1. Szabo, (4/0); 2. Dow, (3/1); 3. Chapella, Mex. (2/2); 4. Westbrook, (1/3); 5. Barber, (0/4).

SECOND ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Keane, (5/0); 2. Morales, (4/1); 3. Danosi, (2/3); 4. Makler, (2/3); 5. Leal, (2/3); 6. Sils, (0/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Pesza, (5/0); 2. Soriano, (3/2); 3. Dow, (3/2); 4. Gomez, (2/3); 5. Raule, (2/3); 6. Jacobson, (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Bena, (4/1); 2. Oldcorn, (4/1); 3. Tishman, (3/2); 4. Battle, (2/3); 5. Cetrulo, (1/4); 6. Foxcroft, (1/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Montano, (4/1); 2. Borack, (3/2); 3. Hamori, (3/2); 4. Apostol, (2/3); 5. Capece, (2/3); 6. Garbatini, (1/4).

Pool No. 5: 1. Blum, (4/1); 2. Gall, (3/2); 3. Lupiz, (3/2); 4. Goering, (2/3); 5. Losonczy, (2/3); 6. Senn, (1/4).

Pool No. 6: 1. Orban, (5/0); 2. Chapella, (4/1); 3. Farber, (3/2); 4. Szabo, (2/3); 5. Grzanka, (1/4); 6. Urban, (0/5).

THIRD ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. Pesza, (5/0); 2. Morales, (3/2); 3. Dow, (3/2); 4. Lupiz, (2/3); 5. Makler, (2/3); 6. Oldcorn, (0/5).

Pool No. 2: 1. Keane, (5/0); 2. Soriano, (4/1); 3. Apostol, (3/2); 4. Chapella, (2/3); 5. Danosi, (1/4); 6. Szabo, (0/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Orban, (4/1); 2. Hamori, (3/2); 3. Blum, (3/2); 4. Farber, (2/3); 5. Tishman, (2/3); 6. Gomez, (1/4).

Pool No. 4: 1. Bena, (4/1); 2. Montano, (3/2); 3. Gall, (3/2); 4. Borack, (2/3); 5. Goering, (2/3); 6. Battle, (1/4).

ROUND OF SIXTEEN

Keane d. Borack, (2-5, 5-3, 5-2)

Blum d. Dow, (3-5, 5-4, 5-2)

Montano d. Lupiz, (5-3, 5-3)

Bena d. Tishman, (5-3, 5-1)

Orban d. Gall, (5-2, 3-5, 5-1)

Morales d. Chapella, (5-4, 5-1)

Soriano d. Hamori, (5-2, 4-5, 5-1)

Pesza d. Apostol, (1-5, 5-2, 5-0)

ROUND OF EIGHT

Keane d. Blum, (5-3, 5-1)

Montano d. Bena, (4-5, 5-1, 5-2)

Morales d. Orban, (5-2, 5-2)

Pesza d. Soriano, (5-2, 5-4)

REPECHAGE

Bena d. Blum, (5-2, 5-2)

Orban d. Soriano, (5-1, 4-5, 5-4)

FIRST ROUND 1. Bena, (4/1); 2. Morales, (3/2);

3. Montano, (3/2); 4. Pesza, (2/3); 5. Orban,

(2/3); 6. Keane, (1/4).



WOMEN'S FOIL

There were 43 entries in the ladies' foil event.

FIRST ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. King, (5/1); 2. Benjamin, (4/2); 3. O'Donnell, (4/2); 4. Moriates, (3/3); 5. Aoyama, Can. (3/3); 6. Farkas, (2/4); 7. Svetitsky, Isr. (0/6).

Pool No. 2: 1. Reynolds, (5/1); 2. Chatel, Can. (5/1); 3. White, (4/2); 4. Posthumus, (4/2); 5. Jacobs, (1/5); 6. Latham, (1/5); 7. Brynildsen, (1/5).

Pool No. 3: 1. Adamovich, (6/0); 2. Armstrong, (4/2); 3. Grampone, (4/2); 4. Karpony, (3/3); 5. Eskersen, (2/4); 6. Jerstad, Nor. (1/5); 7. Karandosovski, (0/6).

Pool No. 4: 1. O'Connor, (6/0); 2. Smith, (5/1); 3. Pierce, (4/2); 4. Linkmeyer, (3/3); 5. Aylward, (2/4); 6. Huggard, GB. (1/5); 7. Watson, (0/6).

Pool No. 5: 1. Reid, (5/1); 2. Koch, (4/2); 3. Campeau, Can. (3/3); 4. Rogers, (3/3); 5. Davis, (3/3); 6. Clovis, (2/4); 7. Wenz, (1/5).

Pool No. 6: 1. Genton, (6/1); 2. Weidel, Can. (6/1); 3. Drungis, (5/2); 4. Santelli, (5/2); 5. Crabtree, (3/4); 6. McDonald, (2/5); 7. Delisi, (1/6); 8. Latzko, (0/7).

SECOND ROUND

Pool No. 1: 1. O'Donnell, (4/1); 2. Adamovich, (3/2); 3. Chatel, (3/2); 4. Armstrong, (2/3); 5. Smith, (2/3); 6. Karpony, (1/4).

Pool No. 2: 1. Grampone, (4/1); 2. King, (3/2); 3. O'Connor, (3/2); 4. Drungis, (3/2); 5. Rogers, (1/4); 6. Postumus, (1/4).

Pool No. 3: 1. Campeau, (4/1); 2. Reynolds, (4/1); 3. Genton, (4/1); 4. Pierce, (2/3); 5. Moriates, (1/4); 6. Santelli, (0/5).

Pool No. 4: 1. White, (4/1); 2. Benjamin, (4/1); 3. Linkmeyer, (3/2); 4. Reid, (2/3); 5. Weidel, (2/3); 6. Koch, (0/5).

ROUND OF TWELVE

Genton d. Linkmeyer, (4-3, 4-1)

Campeau d. Reynolds, (2-4, 4-2, 4-3)

Adamovich d. Chatel, (4-1, 4-1)

O'Connor d. King, (4-3, 4-2)

White d. Grampone, (4-1, 4-2)

O'Donnell d. Benjamin, (4-2, 1-4, 4-1)

FINAL ROUND: 1. Adamovich, (4/1); 2. White, (4/1); O'Connor, (3/2); 4. Campeau, (2/4); 5. Genton, (2/4); 6. O'Donnell, (0/5).

BARRAGE: Adamovich d. White, 4-2

MATCH OF NATION

FIRST ROUND

U.S.A. d. Argentina, 9-3

Italy d. Canada, 9-4

France d. Mexico, 9-5

SECOND ROUND

Hungary d. U.S.A., 9-5

France d. Italy, 9-7

FINAL

Hungary d. France, 9-8

EQUIPMENT TESTING

The Castello Fencing Equipment East 10 Street, New York, 10 generously offered to test out free the equipment of any U.S. fencer goes to participate in an FIE event. The equipment will be checked sure that it conforms in all respect regulations.

NEW FENCING CENTER

The new Burlington County South Jersey will incorporate a physical Education Center which will year round space for fencing. Prof. fencing coach at the college will be

AFLA COLORS

The Fifteenth Article of the AFL states that: "The colors of the club shall be Dark Blue and Gold."

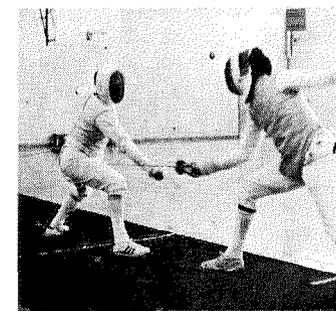


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Dick Oles (left) and Vernon Burnett, during the Maryland State Foil Championship.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

by Bea Couchman

- C. Saber:** 1. D. Beaman, LAAC; 2. Orlando, WEFC; 3. J. Sitzer; Couturier.
Open Saber: 1. C. Fuentes, FSF; 2. S. Crowe, WEFC; 3. J. Sitzer, Couturier.
Women's Open: 1. S. Armstrong, WEFC; 2. H. King; HH; 3. M. Mitchell, WEFC.
Novice Foil: 1. Cono, SDE; 2. J. Michelangelo, LAVC; 3. D. Sinkola, FSF.
Women's Novice: 1. Morton, SDE; 2. Berny, SFSC; 3. Bleitz, LAVC.
Team Epee (Qual): 1. SdN #1. (Borack, Bengé, Martinez); 2. Mori (Daniels, Christie, Elliott); 3. LAAC #1. (Clovis, St. Clair, Godlberg).
Women's Team (Qual): 1. WEFC #1. (Armstrong, Brown, Mitchell, Crowe); 2. LAAC, (Clovis, Linkmeyer, Drago, Hoshi); 3. SdN, (Filerman, Crabtree, Mohn, Currie).

NORTHERN OHIO DIVISION

by Ilona Kadar

The fifteenth annual Cleveland Open Tournament with a total of eighty-four entries was held Saturday and Sunday, January 30th and 31st at Cuyahoga Community College.

- Foil:** 1. D. Cantillon, Mich, F.A.; 2. B. Reith, Akron T.C.; 3. Wong, Woodsman, Toronto; 4. J. Gilchrist, Cincinnati.
Epee: 1. D. Cantillon, Mitch. F. A.; 2. Wong, Woodsman, Tor.; 3. H. James, Salle Kadar; 4. T. Lough, Columbus.
Sabre: 1. F. Bitonte, Mich. F. A.; 2. Boucher, Mich. F.A.; 3. F. Nagorney, Case-WRU; 4. J. Gilchrist, Cincinnati.
Women's Foil: 1. C. Remenyk, Chicago; 2. M. Julier, Woodsman, Tor.; 3. Takasaki, Woodsman, Torr.; 4. R. Rogers, Akron T.C.
YOUTH MEETS:
Foil: 1. K. Bohl, M. W. Musketeers; 2. D. Murray, M.W.M.; 3. M. Kassen, M.W.M.
Girls: 1. K. Bohl, M.W.M.; 2. C. Gereby, CMAC; 3. L. Pilisy, CMAC.
Foil: 1. S. Anderson, Western Res. Academy; 2. T. Zeffero, W.R.A.; 3. W. Beckman, W.R.A.

SEMINOLE OPEN

by Ron Brown

The first annual Seminole Open Tournament was held March 27-28 at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

- Epee:** 1. Ron Brown, FSU; 2. Rick Strawbridge, FSU; 3. Jan DeLaney, FSU.
Sabre: 1. Jack Steinman, FSU; 2. Ron Brown, FSU; 3. Nichola Buano, Jax FC.
Foil: 1. Jack Steinman, FSU; 2. Rick Strawbridge, FSU; 3. Ron Brown, FSU.
Women's Foil: 1. Ellen Rabe, FSU; 2. Cathy Bersok, Stetson; 3. Karen Sellers, FSU.

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION

by Nancy Daschbach

West Virginia U. hosted the second annual Mountaineer Open at the university fieldhouse, Saturday, February 13, 1971. A floating team trophy, awarded for the best team record, was won back by W.V.U. from the Westmoreland Fencing Club, Western Pennsylvania.

RESULTS:

- Women's Foil:** 1. Stella Sauer, W. Pa.; 2. Nancy Daschbach, W.V.U.; 3. Sharon Watson, W. Pa.
Men's Foil: 1. Wes Morrow, W.V.U.; 2. C. Keeler, W. Pa.; 3. Charles Reese, W. Pa.
Epee: 1. Wes Morrow, W.V.U.; 2. Charles Reese, W. Pa.; 3. Dirk Cook, W.V.U.

The Huntington Open, an annual meet sponsored by the Huntington YMCA, was held Saturday and Sunday February 27 and 28, 1971.

- Women's Foil:** 1. Ruth Rogers, ATC; 2. Jean Staudt, OSU; 3. Pat Perry, CFC
Epee: 1. Jim Gilchrist, CFC; 2. Tom Lough, Columbus; 3. Bob Hensley, Lexington
Sabre: 1. Danosi, Detroit; 2. Griffin, ATC; 3. Sukonda, Wayne State
Foil: 1. Eddie Watring, CFC; 2. Gerry Lott, Toledo; 3. Tom Lough, Columbus.



photo by Heintz

Brother and sister Roddy and Valerie Grey of the Sarasota YMCA fencing club in Florida have been taking lessons from Coach Lucille Heintz and are looking forward to fencing in AFLA competition this Spring.

COLORADO INVITATIONAL

by Cathy Jackson & Gerrie Baumgart

They came and they CAME and THEY CAME . . . by car, bus, plane, train and foot to the second Colorado Open Invitational which was held January 23 and 24, 1971 at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Fencers from eight divisions made the trek out to the hinterlands and found, lo and behold, "There is fencing in Colorado!" The events were preceded by a champagne party where the cross-country Trekkers were able to catch a breath before the fencing caught up with them. Many bleary eyes were to be found at 7:30 A.M. the following morning when the men foilists checked in but, fortunately (in most cases) the eyes were sufficiently clear to see one's opponent when the command "Fence!!" was given.

Many bruises and broken blades later we followed a "road" (the term here being used very lightly) into the mountains to a restaurant set about as far away from the mad-dening crowd as it is possible to be and still receive the mail. After dinner the Great-American-Laughing-Stack-Company did their utmost to present a gen-u-wine Western melodrama complete with villain, heroine and hasseling audience participants. Our fencers, being true to form, joined in the dialogue to the point of being considered black-sheep members of the cast. In fact - three of them tar-ra-ra-boom-de-ayed right along with the chorus (we promised not to disclose their names).

The eyes were even blearier by Sunday morning but miraculously all the battered bodies were still mobile. This day's events were highlighted by the tactful manner in which Maestro Nicholas G. Toth of the Air Force Academy directed the sabre finals. With the number of divisions represented it took an individual possessing not only diplomacy but also a sense of humor to keep the potentially volatile sabre finalists from erupting. Having had no permanent casualties the consensus of opinion was "Let's try it one more time!" . . . and they reluctantly rode off into the sunset . . .

- Foil:** 1. Carl Borack, Salle de Nord, S. Jack Beyer, Air Force, Colorado; 3. N. Colorado Fencers Club, Colorado; Lewanowski, Air Force Academy, Ct Stuart Downes, Air Force Academy, Ct Carey Jones, Salle de Nord, S. Cali Fults, Colo. Univ., Colo.; 8. Art Ols. Colo.

- Womens Foil:** 1. Ileana Salazar, Lette Hosp. N. Calif.; 2. Kay Hill, Metro F. 3. Margaret Howe, Univ. of Ariz. 4. Jo Madrigal, Colo. F.C., Colo.; Houston, Univ. of Mo. F. C., Kansas; Cunningham, Unatt., Kansas; 7. Bec Iowa St. Univ. Cyclone Sabres, Iowa Mock, Unatt., Colo.

- Sabre:** 1. Carl Borack, Salle de Nord, S. Michael Marion, Salle de Nord, S. Carey Jones, Salle de Nord, S. Calif Beyer, Air Force, Colo.; 5. Geoffrey Murray, Salle de Nord, S. Calif.; 6. Unatt., Colo.; 7. Neil Greene, Colo. F. 8. Larry Shaffer, Unatt. Colo.; 9. B son, Iowa St. Univ. Cyclone Sabres, I

- Epee:** 1. Norm Karlson, Univ. of Mo. F. t 2. Neil Greene, Colo. F. C., Colo.; Bengé, Salle de Nord, S. Calif.; 4. J Air Force, Colo.; 5. Dario Zaffarano Univ. Cyclone Sabres, Iowa; 6. Frai Colo. F. C., Colo.

- Mixed Doubles:** Margaret Howe and S stein, Univ. of Ariz. F. C.

RENSELAER TOURNAM

by Eugene Packer

The Rensselaer Fencing Club hosted a series of tournaments at R Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New Polytechnic Institute in Troy, Ne Twelve clubs and teams sent repre to these tournaments, with a tot fencers competing in all events.

The tournaments were organized Packer of R.P.I., and the greater running the activity was done by N Collins of Albany. All people conner the tournament were pleasantly sur the enthusiasm displayed by par who came from as far away as Sen (Eisenhower College) in the west, Wc Massachusetts (WPI) in the east, c Island in the south to compete.

The epee competition was sm Eaton of RPI fenced undefeated and gold medal; Bernard Desautels c

Caplan of Berkshire Community College took second and third, respectively. Fencers from S.U.N.Y. at Albany and Worcester Polytechnic Institute also competed.

The foil tournament the following week required nine hours to complete. Fifty-five fencers fought on six strips, with separate competitions for beginners and more experienced fencers.

Mr. Collins did a tremendous job in directing and coordinating, running over fifty bouts himself. The bouts were all fenced conventionally, since hardly any of the groups competing own any electrical equipment. Michael Conlon of Eisenhower College won the gold medal, and Bruce Milligan of Colgate finished second. In the tie for third, George Galligher of the Kingston Fencing Club won the medal with 20 touches against, Fred Saton of R.P.I. was fourth with 21 and Bernard Desautels was fifth with 23, making for an exciting conclusion. In the beginner group Colin Lanzl (R.P.I.) was first, Brad Fogarty (Eisenhower) was second and Ron Coleman (Eisenhower) was third. For women's foil, Pat Kirchner (Dutchess) was gold medalist, Mary Mulvehill (W.P.I.) silver and Karla Speier (New Paltz) bronze in the advanced competition; Merle Koblenz took first in the beginner group with Laura Mulligan and Lynn Hall (Berkshire Community College) second and third, respectively. For many of the beginners, including Miss Koblenz, it was the first taste of competition fencing, and one they won't soon forget. If there are any doubts about the degree of fencing activity in the Hudson-Berkshire Division, this tournament should have shown just how enthusiastic the clubs are.

In the sabre competition, twelve men competed. Michael Walker of the Dutchess Fencing Club took the gold medal, undefeated in ten bouts, and Gene Packer and Jim Bernit of R.P.I. took silver and Bronze, respectively.



JERSEY AWARDS

by Denise O'Connor

One hundred trophies and five plaques were presented to New Jersey's outstanding high school and college fencers and their coaches at the Second Annual ITALIAN TRIBUNE NEWS Awards Banquet held April 22. Four hundred fencers, coaches, parents, and friends of fencing attended the affair sponsored by a great friend of fencing, Ace Alagna, publisher of the ITALIAN TRIBUNE NEWS, the first newspaper in the nation to recognize All-State teams in all weapons.

Dr. Sam D'Ambola, author of a weekly column "A Left-Handed View of Fencing," and his committee, selected All-State teams, out-standing school teams, and outstanding individuals. Named as New Jersey's outstanding teams were: Montclair State, men; William Paterson, women; Essex Catholic High School, men; Ridgefield Park High School, women. New Jersey's outstanding fencer of 1971 is Tom Losonczy, a senior at Passaic High School (where there is no fencing). Tom, who learned his fencing from Coach Bartha at the Passaic Hungarian Reformed Church, dominated high school sabre fencing this year and has been a finalist in open sabre events.

Dean Cetrulo, former Foil and Sabre National Champion and Olympian, was master of ceremonies. Leading the list of personalities presenting the awards was Maestro Giorgio Santelli.

The New Jersey Division is grateful to Mr. Alagna and his staff for their recognition of fencing and their very gracious presentation of awards. Recognition by a newspaper of the hard work by fencers and their coaches adds to the motivation and morale of a young fencer. A special thanks to Sam D'Ambola who spreads fencing news throughout New Jersey and the surrounding area by means of his weekly column.

INFIGHTING

Fencing at close quarters is allowed so long as the competitors can wield their weapons correctly and the Director can, at foil and saber, follow the right of way in a phrase.

Letters to the Editor

Editor
American Fencing
Dear Ralph,

What a wonderful idea to sprinkle a few errors in each issue! I suppose I have the normal teacher's reluctance to point out fluffs, but when they have been placed there deliberately as a challenge—well, that makes it interesting.

First of all you have misspelled "miss-takes." But that's such an easy one that everyone will get it, and I am sure there won't be a prize for that.

LeeAnn Weidner of our Paterson team helped me with the next one. She said she fenced so hard to win the barrage for fifth place in the I.W.F.A. Christmas Competition she was real disappointed to have her name misspelled so badly it came out "Susann Violand, Montclair." Since Sue is captain of the Fairleigh Dickinson team, does that count as two?

Alex Solomon is always accurate, so it must be a deliberate one when you have him say "In the whole history of American Fencing only one man has won the National Championship in all 3 weapons - Leo Nunes." Of course Mr. Nunes is the most recent, and quite possibly the last fencer to do this. It has been some time since you ranked in all three weapons that same year the previous editor placed first in foil, second in epee, and third in sabre. Serious competitors in all three weapons are pretty much in the past.

The first man to win all three championships was Graemme Hammond, founder and long time president of the A.F.L.A. He won the foil championship in 1891, the last year of the A.A.U. sponsored championships. He completed the sweep in 1893 with both the epee and sabre titles.

Charles G. Bothner who developed as a fencer at the Central Turnverein and won ten national championships for the N.Y.A.C. did it three times between 1894 and 1903 with

a fourth title in foil. In 1897 he won three in the same tournament. Truly to be fencing's forgotten. There really ought to be a trophy name.

The other one was A. Van Zo won the foil in 1895, epee in 1902 and 1903.

This pretty well stops me. The "Point in Line" item is a spoof of Darnell Every used to pull in *The* sounds like it belongs with the "A touch made on the attack is one point. When made on the right both feet on the ground, it shall point."

The rules for many years have that the fencer attacking a point the responsibility of removing the ring point in order to gain the right. The burden is his, and even if he to take the blade and fails because derobement, deceiving action by the line, the right of way is still threatening point.

It just doesn't make sense if the fencer can gain the right of way by threatening stationary point is advancing his attack. It is not consistent with concepts of mobility, nor with established idea of right-of-way.

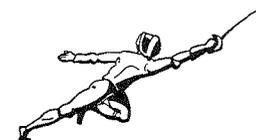
Golly, Ralph, this is fun. I there was enough time between it of the magazine and the deadline careful reading and research.

Sincerely,

Ray W. Miller
William Paterson C
New Jersey

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What noise is this?
Give me my long sword, Ho!
—Romeo and Juliet, Act I, Scene
CULLED BY LOU



The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Ralph,

No, I would not rather see action photos in American Fencing. I would rather see group shots such as the one I sent you of the Ridgfield Park girls. Imagine their surprise and pride as they thumb through the magazine and see their picture displayed in the columns.

As the AFLA does so little for so many, I feel that it is the responsibility of the magazine to keep up its excellent coverage of what is happening in American fencing. I would like to read more articles similar to the one written by Maestro Santelli who tells it as it should be; letters that say something as the one written by Maria Tishman who tells it as it is; and articles on development as written by E. Murray and W. Bohl who tell it as it can be. Fencers throughout the country need guidance, and to most of them AMERICAN FENCING is their only communication with the AFLA.

I think it is very gracious of the editors to include a column about New Jersey in almost every issue. However, I wish you would dedicate the column to how things happen in our division and not publish a long column about the results of a competition. I read these results in the NEW JERSEY FENCER and every week in the Italian Tribune. People want to know what we are doing to develop our successful fencing program and reading results is not going to help them. Fewer results of local competitions and more informative articles!

I believe the magazine has come a long way in the short time you have been editor. I congratulate you and your staff. I hope that you continue to give American fencing what it needs; news about American fencing.

I have a complaint! In the last issue were two photos. An action shot with only two fencers and six spectators was set in two columns, while a group picture with eleven was set in only one column. Now Ralph, was this fair? I had to put on my glasses to see myself!

Sincerely,
Denise O'Connor
Bayonne, New Jersey

USING THE ELECTRICAL FENCING TRAINER

by Darrell Williams

After three months of club use (at The University of Texas at Austin) I can say without reservation that the Electrical Epee Trainer is certainly "worth its weight." The hip-worn device is so light and sturdy that no one has complained about carrying it, and training with inexpensive electrical feedback has significantly elevated interest and performance.

The Trainer is a hip-worn cigarette-pack-age-sized signal box with a low voltage light on a spring-coiled electrical cord. The fencer plugs his body cord into the box and brings the wire over his shoulder and clips the light on the chin piece of his bib inside the mask. Power consumption is so little that tiny replaceable penlight batteries will last about a year. The circuitry is encapsulated in solid plastic and, except for the trigger of the weapon switch, cannot be disturbed even by hammer blows.

Four pilot models of the Trainer were given to our club of twelve men. For three months these machines were used in a two-hour workout on Thursday nights for epee fencing and short individual lessons. The fencers also fenced foil non-electrically at co-ed recreational periods twice a week. At the end of the semester an informal tournament was held using the machines.

The Trainer almost immediately enabled me to get across the concept of extended-arm point fencing at the advanced target to beginning epeeists. I had much less trouble than formerly in getting foilists to be more mobile and to keep the greater epee distance. With the student wearing the Trainer at the lesson I was better able to correct the faults of heavy hitting and stabbing which novice epeeists quickly develop when they do not fence regularly with an electrical machine. We devised a system (at the lesson only) of externally clipping the body cord to the material of the jacket arm with alligator clips to make quicker changes with the scant equipment we had available.

At first the bell hits were disconcerting and tended to inhibit change attacks to the hand. Curiously, however, the registering of the bell hit appeared to cause our beginning and intermediate fencers from the very beginning to try for control of the opposing blade when attacking—a concept usually very difficult to get across permanently to epeeists who train visually. The electrical feedback in loose play appeared to me to automatically result in a much quicker realization of the importance of the epee measure and of working principally at the advanced target.

For the students who were exploring the sport and not yet committed to intensive involvement the Trainer appeared to make loose play epee fencing safer and much more fun. For the first time, "electrical" epee has equalled foil in popularity in the club. Interestingly, the fencers adapted quickly to the light in the mask and preferred this type of feedback to that of a buzzer worn in the ear.

The Trainer was barely acceptable for bouting. Judges were used who held up their hands when a fencer's mask light went on. A superb director perhaps could have cor-

rectly called all the actions, but timing of all double hits and bell quite a few of the touches to analyze. Again, however, it may be that the style of the bouting was and that the contestants enjoyed with a weapon at which, nowad bouting is not possible.

After two months of using the club members who travelled to the lon Open acquitted themselves well required that the eventual winners on merit rather than on lack of with electrical epee fencing.

CONCLUSION: A club would acquire four to eight of the Trainer each fencer should acquire two and at least two electrical epees. To begin AFLA tournament fencing official machines are available. working team can fully expect to bring home its share of trophies. I club fencers who use the Trainer start to gather money to buy a machine because they will have been to the enjoyment of realistic electrical training and fencing.

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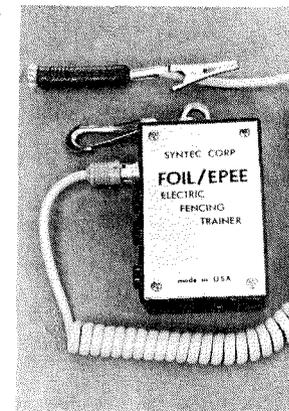
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MARTINI SABER FINALS

by Leo Nunes

(Ed. Note: Leo Nunes' great record is well known. Between 1917 and 1935 he was National champion ten times—in Foil once, in Saber three times, and in Epee six times.)

The hard fought Saber event in the recent Martini Rossi had a disappointing final.

Our three best Saber representatives were in it, all great Sabermen of international caliber and they are second to none as shown by the great victory of Keane over the world champion Pesza.

I thought that there was little varsity in the game of the finalists; very fast and mobile in the attack they counted on passive defense for avoiding touches: on the slightest move by the opponents they ran back to the end of the strip and beyond, often falling from the platform fortunately without important injuries except some twisted ankles. In contrast to this unnecessary and excessive loss of ground the "inquietata" was never used.

Most of the times the fencers seemed to forget that the Saber is both a thrust and a cut weapon, the point was hardly used and it might have been very effective against the winner BENA who in his guard position leaves the inner target much exposed: Bena had the disadvantage of a great disparity in stature; 5 foot six versus opponents towering over him: this disparity makes his victory even more praiseworthy but against the point the difference in the length of the arms could have been devastating.

Contributing to the disappointing results were many decisions seemingly wrong, by the directors who based their opinion mostly on the foot work of the fencers and called many perfect attacks "action simultanee" or double touch just because the feet of the two fencers had moved at the same time: calling doubles all the time is easy from the viewpoint of avoiding responsibilities but is very discouraging to the fencer in the right.



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After his brilliant victory at the New York Athletic Club, nineteen year old Phillipa Bena of France receives the Martini & Rossi Saber Challenge Trophy from Sr. Bruno Torti of the Martini & Rossi enterprises. The Previous week Bena had placed sixth in the World Junior Championships held at Notre Dame. In the Martini he defeated several top ranking fencers in the world to achieve his well earned Gold medal.

Many excellent stop thrusts clearly ahead by a good fencing time also were not recognized.

A fencer who breaks the action of the opponent should receive consideration and this perfectly proper action should not always be viewed as an attack on the blade: the difference is subtle but it exists nevertheless.

A lost thought, the fencer attacked should often concentrate exclusively on either parrying or stop thrusting in preference to improvising: to do this takes a great deal of self control but it can be acquired in practice.

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WHAT'S MY LINE?

by Roland G. Asselin

(Ed. Note: Roland Asselin has been a member of the Canadian Olympic team in three Olympics, has been a Gold medalist in the British Empire Games, and is an FIE official of long standing.)

I have read and reread with considerable interest the "Majority Opinion of the U.S. Commission of Fencing Rules and Officials," submitted by Chairman Chaba Pallaghy. Although I may be a minority, I can no longer remain a silent minority.

I am in complete agreement with their first paragraph. "The fencing rules clearly state that a "line" exists when a fencer has his arm fully extended and the point of his weapon threatens the opponent's valid target (Para. 233, page 44, Rules Book). Therefore the line is considered a threatening offensive action. Anyone attacking against it must first remove the threat (by beat, bind, or some action which removes the point from threatening the target) lest he impale himself on it." However, their contention that the fencer who is "in line" may not make any other action lest he lose his right of way is in my opinion in error for the following reasons:

A. If a fencer retreats during a counter-attack but keeps his point in line, the counterattacker is doubly at fault for persisting in his action; if he hits, it would be by remise or by continuation, and not on the first move.

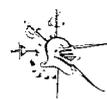
B. Since it is recognized that the first fencer to extend his arm has the priority in an attack, I see no reason why the fencer "in line," who has all rights until his blade is found, may not even advance during the counterattack of his opponent. This is what it boils down to.

In my opinion, the fencer "in line" may move his point about, so long as he does not leave the target area. There are two prerequisites for establishing the right of way: (1) Is the arm straight, with the arm and weapon forming a continuous straight line? This constitutes a "line." (2) The point must threaten the target. Since the target is quite large, the fencer certainly may move

the point so long as it is aimed at the "target."

Generally speaking, a rule should not be interpreted as it is not written. And since the rule does not forbid additional movements on the part of the party with the point in line, I believe that the interpretation should be as I have outlined until such time as the F.I.E. has altered it officially.

It is hoped that the F.I.E. will rule speedily on this debatable point. My counsel to all fencers is not to split hairs, or tempt the director. If your opponent is "in line" and threatening target, make damned sure that you take the blade before you move. Confuse your opponent, but never confuse the director.



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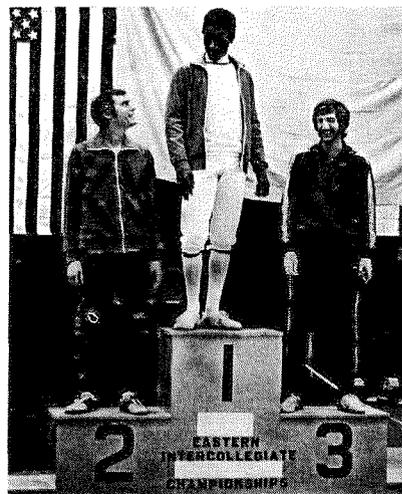


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Receiving the individual awards for foil at the IFA Championships, held March 13 at West Point, are (l. to r.): Marty Lang, NYU, Ed Ballinger, NYU, and Robert Berger, Columbia.



MASIN AND MELCHER SCORE IN HEIDENHEIM E MASIN TAKES BRONZE MEDAL IN FIELD OF 30

U.S. EPEE MEN STAR

by Richard Gradkowski

George G. Masin and James Melcher, scored another coup for American fencing in the difficult Heidenheim Epee Challenge, held over April 17th and 18th in Heidenheim, West Germany. With an entry of 301 of the world's best epeeists, this competition ranks as at least as strong as a world championship or an Olympics. Masin starred with a third place performance behind Rudi Meier of Germany, the winner, and G. Erdos of Hungary, the silver medalist. Melcher advanced through three rounds of the world's best before succumbing in the round of 32 to Meier the eventual champion, by a score of 8-10. This was Masin's fourth international start, having represented the U. S. in Cuba and Ankara, and also in the Challenge Mondial.



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Everyone gets into the act when it comes the copper strips for the 1971 Nation left to right: Charles Miller, Tom At Peterson, and Charles Spencer, wield t grease.



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SCIENTIFIC METHODS IN IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF FENCING

by Dr. Zbigniew Czajkowski

(Ed. Note: Dr. Czajkowski is the former Polish Olympic team coach, and is the trainer of Egon Franke, Tokyo Olympic Foil champion. He is well known in fencing circles for his scientific approach to the teaching of fencing. The following is a resume of a paper prepared for the Academy of Physical Education and the Research Institute of Physical Culture in Warsaw.)

In the first half of the twentieth century there occurred a great metamorphosis in fencing which, from a centuries old art of sword play, became the modern sport of fencing, a versatile, athletic sport demanding a completely different training than hitherto.

The starting point for the new methods in teaching and training fencing was the assessment of developmental trends in modern competition fencing on the basis of objective observations, analysis of bouts, tournaments, and careful analysis of filmed materials.

As a result of objective observation, constructive consideration and the scientific methods involving pedagogy, psychology, physiology, biomechanics, and other, leading coaches rejected the "dogmas" of old fencing schools. They accepted and began using in practice the principles of modern versatile training, i.e. the principle of unity of special and multilateral training, the continuity of the training process, gradual increase of the training load, use of maximum effort, periodisation of the fencing year, and the principle of the uniformity of various aspects of training. Particularly valuable was the working out of a conception of improving fencing technique in association with indications of specialized-reaction, simple and compound, of the fencer, working out the methodology of shaping the reactions as special "combat" abilities of the fencer, and compiling sets of exercises developing their attributes, motor habit patterns, and tactical abilities.

A careful biomechanical analysis was

made of fundamental fencing movements, stances, the lunge, the fleche, parries, etc., and the best and most natural methods of executing and teaching were evaluated.

All kinds of exercises, both general and specific for fencing were introduced in order to develop the following qualities - speed, endurance, suppleness, all these being related to the specific demands of fencing.

It is worth emphasizing the great influence of the sciences on the rationalization of fencing training and the development of fencing in Poland. The influence of psychology on training and effective competition is considered particularly important.

The knowledge and use of psychological principles and the cooperation between the fencing master and the psychologist has had a decisive influence on the fencer's results in tournaments and on the achievement of best form for the most important competitions of the year. The most important attribute of modern fencing training is synthesis; the joining of technical and tactical training and psychological preparation. This psychological preparation of the fencer consists of among other things, the shaping and development of psychological attributes which give, in a wide sense of the word, moral resistance and the ability to combat stress and competitive barriers.

The methods and means of psychological preparation are non-specific. The valuable psychological traits are shaped by training itself, by its proper organization, the influence of the fencing master, team spirit, fencing exercises and verbal explanations. All this aids in combating the difficulties arising from:

- A. Competitive sport in general, the great effort during training sessions, intense effort during competitions, training at the cost of private life, difficulties in combining competitive sport with studies or profession.
- B. Artificial and complicated movements used in fencing, nervous strain, severe demands on concentration and the variation and transfer of attention, sudden

responses to unforeseen changes in the tactical situation, necessity for showing concentration and will power in spite of unfavorable conditions such as fatigue, poor judging, etc.

- C. Personal deficiencies of a given fencer; tendency to overnervousness, lack of determination, anxiety, exaggerated fear of defeat.

In the sphere of psychological preparation the most important points are:

- A. Psychological resistance should be cultivated from the very first contact between the coach and the pupil,
- B. All forms of psychological preparation lead to this power of resistance, because by cultivating the powers of observation, imagination, concentration, feeling of orientation in space and time, we necessarily develop psychological preparedness,
- C. This power of resistance is to a certain degree inherited genetically (tempera-

ment the environment exerts a influence, and can and should his powers. Thus the necessity Fencing Master to thoroughly pupils, and to vary his approach ingly.

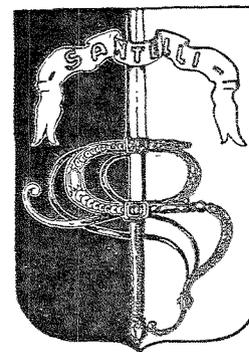
- D. Resistance is manifested also upon the degree of technical and fencing knowledge and ability of physical fitness.

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43RD I.W.F.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Jeff Tishman

New York University captured its ninth Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championship when the 43rd IWFA Meet was held at Buffalo State College on April 2-3. N.Y.U. won by finishing two points ahead of William Paterson College and three ahead of Montclair State, the leader after the first day. The Violettes' narrow victory was aided by Ruth White, who won all nineteen of her bouts in the most difficult "A" pool. Ruth went on to take the individual title by beating out her teammate Sally Pechinsky, the champion for the past two years. Third place went to Lee Ann Weidner of William Paterson College, who lost only to the first two.

This year's event was conducted further from the metropolitan area than any previous IWFA Championship, and attracted the largest entry ever: twenty schools. These included Brandeis and Elmira; both competing actively again after an absence of several years.

Beth Alphin, coach of Penn State, was named Coach of the Year, for her work in developing fencing outside of the metropolitan area; while Natalie Goodhart, the coach of Ohio State, was cited as an honorable mention for the same award. The Founder's Award for Meritorious Service to the IWFA was presented to Denise O'Connor, coach of Brooklyn College.

Ten fencing strips and a well-manned staff of directors, timers, and scorekeepers were always available due to the excellent preparations of Miss Roxanne Busch, the Buffalo State coach. At the annual IWFA meeting it was decided that the site of next year's championship will be Penn State.

| TEAM | |
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| N. Y. U. | 61 |
| William Paterson Col. | 59 |
| Montclair State | 58 |
| Penn State | 49 |
| Brandeis | 49 |
| Farleigh-Dickenson | 49 |
| (Teaneck) | |
| Ohio State | 48 |
| Jersey City State | 43 |

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| Brooklyn College | 43 |
| Trenton State | 42 |
| Rutgers (Newark) | 39 |
| Caldwell College | 36 |
| St. John's | 33 |
| Hunter | 29 |
| City College | 26 |
| Barnard | 24 |
| Elmira (N.Y.) | 24 |
| Herbert Lehman | 18 |
| Buffalo State | 16 |
| Pace | 14 |

INDIVIDUAL

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|---|-----|
| 1. Ruth White — N.Y.U. | 8-0 |
| 2. Sally Pechinsky — N.Y.U. | 7-1 |
| 3. Lee Ann Weidner — Wm. Paterson | 6-2 |
| 4. Karen Van Bavel — Montclair St. | 4-4 |
| 5. Marisa Biegel — N.Y.U. | 4-4 |
| 6. Anna Nowell — Wm. Paterson | 3-5 |
| 7. Nikki Tomlinson — Brooklyn | 2-5 |
| (withdrew due to injury) | |
| 8. Arell Schurgin — Brandeis | 1-7 |
| 9. Nancy Murray — Montclair St. | 0-7 |

FLORIDA INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING ASSOCIATION

by Ron Brown

The 1970-71 season of the Florida Intercollegiate Fencing Association is now complete and Florida Presbyterian College has again won the FIFA's annual trophy. FPC won for the third consecutive year by placing first in six team events, second four times and third once. Four of the five individual championships were also won by FPC fencers.

Points are awarded for the annual trophy on the basis of two points for each team match won and one point for each tie if a match is drawn with the teams being equal in bouts and touches.

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| 1. Florida Presbyterian | 76 |
| 2. Miami-Dade Junior College | 67 |
| 3. Florida State University | 35 |
| 4. Stetson University | 30 |
| 5. University of Florida | 02 |

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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| 3-Weapon: 1. Bill Tench, FPC; 2. Rudy Valladares, MDJC; 3. John Neal, FPC. |
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| Sabre: 1. Bill Tench, FPC; 2. Jack Steinman, FSU; 3. Rudy Valladares, MDJC. |
| Women's Foil: Pam Culshaw, MDJC; 2. Cathy Bersock, Stetson; 3. Ellen Rabe, FSU. |



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The New Jersey Women's High School Champs for the third year in a row, the Ridgefield Park High team. From left to right Coach Sheila Rovinsky, Bronn Epperly, Co-Capt. Regina Mantineo, Joann Toli, Mary Ann Mullane, Co-Capt. Debbie Cinatti, Debbie Gunther, and Coach Fran Caldwell. The Co-Captains are holding the Excalibur Trophies.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

by Anthony Santore

Temple University won the three-weapon championship in the 1971 Middle Atlantic States College Athletic Conference (M.A.C.) for the seventh straight year.

Individually, Eddie Battle of Muhlenberg College pulled off an undefeated record of 12 wins. An exciting fence-off bout between team-mates Andy Shaw and Dan Sims of Temple, both of whom had 11-1 records, was required to determine the gold medal in foil. Sims won it, 5-3. Chris Bretschneider of Drew easily out-distanced his competition to take the gold in sabre.

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| FOIL: 1. Dan Sims, Temple, 11-1; 2. Andy Shaw, Temple, 11-1; 3. Jeff Rosenbaum, Johns Hopkins, 8-4; Team Champions: Temple. |
| EPEE: 1. Ed Battle, Muhlenberg, 12-0; 2. Keith Fulling, John Hopkins, 9-3; 3. Bob Brady, Stevens, 9-3; Team Champions: Stevens. |
| SABRE: 1. Chris Bretschneider, Drew, 11-1; 2. Mike Eichert, Temple, 8-4; 3. Bob Eng, Stevens, 8-4; Team Champions: Drew. |
| All-Conference Coach: Tony Santore, Muhlenberg. Franklin Jones Sportsmanship Trophy: Johns Hopkins (a repeat). |

TEAM RESULTS

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| Temple | 51 |
| Stevens | 47 |
| John Hopkins | 47 |
| Drew | 41 |
| Muhlenberg | 26 |
| Haverford | 24 |
| Lafayette | 16 |

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| Foil: 1. Tim Green, CSC; 2. Rick Mau 3. Tom Morrow, OSU |
| Epee: 1. Tim Green CSC; 2. Phillip Jo 3. Kent Billingsly, OSU |

OKLAHOMA CITY INVITATIONAL:

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| Foil: 1. Satchell OSU; 2. Mouché, OSU; OU |
| Women's Foil: 1. Davenport, CSC; 2. Ku 3. Tilley, OSU. |
| Sabre: 1. YU, OU; 2. Orr, Tulsa; 3. Ph |

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by Major Gen. Peter C. Haines

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FLAT FOIL POINT

Fencers are reminded that, as of January 1, 1972, the official foil point will be flat, just as the epee point. Please note this correction of the date, which was incorrectly printed on page 8 of our last issue.

