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photo by NYU
ing here at their assembly at the New York University Washington Heights campus, prior to de-
ure for the 1973 World Junior Championships in Buenos Aires, is the U.S. team. From left to
t (standing) Mike Dasaro, Michel Sebastiani, Iza Farkas, Matt Israel, Dr. Francis Zoid, John
n, Gaq Jacobsen, Rev. Lawrence Calhoun, Chaba Pallaghy, Tom Losonczy, Stacey Johnson,
hael Dale, Vincent Hurley, Tim Graham, Steve Danosi, Terry McConville, Denise O'Connor, William
ring, (kneeling) Kevin Page, Tim Glass, Chris Jennings, Ed DeVivo, John Littel.

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EDITORIAL

This interested bystander has the feeling that a tremendously important development is currently taking place in our sport. I refer to the surge of interest, nationwide, in Under-20, Under-19, and Age Group fencing competition.

Reports that I've heard from those who attended such events recently have been glowing with praise and promise. This development must be carefully nurtured. The youngsters must be encouraged, not only with rewards, but more importantly with good example, and only the best officiating. Their coaching must be top quality as well.

This is a long range project and it must be promoted most cautiously. I cannot help but feel that, if handled properly, we will have many of our own "World class" fencers in the U.S. within the next decade. I urge the administration to bring into this rich new source the thinking and experience of the best brains available, in or outside of our sport.

CORRECTION

In last issue's **Technical Talks**, one line got dropped and one other repeated. The result looked worse than it really was. For sticklers, who really follow the column, this is what it should have read like (bottom of left column-top of right):

"I've mentioned what happens, but how? (For the following, it would be helpful to have a spare point in front of you.) The current flows out . . ." and so forth.

NEW MINNESOTA FENCER

Margaret and James Hernlen of the Minnesota Division announce the arrival of James Russell, Jr., on March 15, 1973.

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THE 1973 JUNIOR WORLD FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

by William Goering
Chief of Mission

The 1973 Under-20 World Fencing Championships were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 19-22 April. The United States entered a full team in all weapons and it was undoubtedly one of the best organized team efforts the AFLA has mounted for an international competition. Credit for this achievement belongs to Chaba Pallaghy who worked for almost a year to insure that a strong well-financed team would represent the United States at this event. As a measure of his success, it must be recorded that almost the entire expense for the competitors travel, room and board was raised by donation thus allowing all of our strong candidates to compete. It was a disappointment to the team and to Chaba Pallaghy that business commitments prevented his accompanying the team to Buenos Aires as chief of mission at the last moment.

The team gathered in New York on 14 April, stayed at the NYU dormitory in the Bronx overnight and left for Buenos Aires on Sunday 15 April. After a 12 hour flight we arrived about noon local time on Monday 16 April after a stop in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We were met at the airport by Tyrone Kemp, U.S. embassy cultural officer, Mr. Arumburu of the Argentine Federation and Mr. Pederson of Baupesa (travel service) who arranged for our transportation to the City Hotel where we stayed.

In summary the U.S. team placed 5 of its 12 entries into semifinal rounds and one of those into a final. This was a good result especially if measured against the Russian result; they had no semifinalists except the two girls who placed first and second. However, I do believe the team was capable of producing more finalists, and in this respect we cannot be satisfied with our efforts. The factors that prevented a better result have been very adroitly outlined in the coaches report with which I am in full agreement. Each of the four fencers did fence tough, even brilliant, bouts, but they were unable to **sustain** their drive enough to qualify for succeeding rounds. This is where our em-

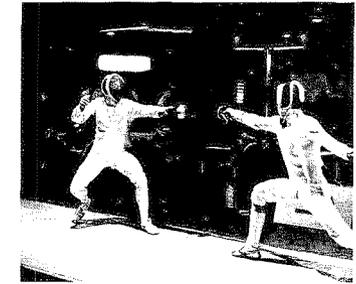


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Israel, USA, (left) versus Fischer of
many in the Epee semi finals of the 1973
Junior Championships.

phases for future teams must be
My recommendation for future teams
mostly with the organizational aspect
this is the beginning of every team
the tone for the entire trip:

1. All future U.S. Teams should operate on a businesslike basis (as this one will leave the fencers free to concentrate on competing and impress each other as a member with a sense of respect and seriousness of purpose).
2. Judges and Presidents for each team must accompany each team. This will enhance the credibility and prestige of the U.S. entries.
3. All distractions to the team purpose must be minimized. This means that the social party should be as small as possible, and remain separate from relatives, non-team coaches, etc. Spectators, until after the competition, should be kept separate from the spectators, and away from the train together.
4. Alternates should be available for each weapon only up to the time of the departure of the U.S. team and should not accompany the team on the trip. There are no team alternates for the Under-20 World Championships; the alternates do not gain real experience. They add to the administrative burden also, but more importantly, money spent to send them along is money that can be spent gaining competitive experience in strong events in Mexico, Europe or the U.S.

MANAGER'S REPORT

by Rev. Lawrence Calhoun

There were 24 countries with 109 competitors. All the major European countries were represented, but not all of the South American countries were present as one might expect. Notable absences were Mexico and Cuba. The U.S. team and a few others were quartered in the City Hotel which was only a few miles (5-7 pesos distance by cab) from the Exposition grounds. The fencing facility was used for exhibitions at various times. There were 9 strips, 8 for the competitions and a central strip for the finals.

The people of Buenos Aires were most cordial towards us. If there had to be any sour aspect to the trip it would be the reception at the American embassy. Not being an experienced junket traveller, I cannot judge the reception in its overall picture, but certainly 25 Americans arriving at their own embassy, with advance knowledge could have engendered a more hospitable reception.

In assessing the overall team effort, we have to say these USA fencers did a fine job. We had 5 semi-finalists, 1 finalist and 2 quarter-finalists. We lost some tough bouts in the preliminaries in foil and epee that could have changed the picture also. I think that each fencer realized that he or she can defeat their European counterpart on any given day. We do not have the experience in psychology of the Europeans yet and we are about 5-7 years behind in experience, but our fencers can do it and in a great measure, did it this year. The promising fact is that 9 of the 16 fencers will be eligible for next year and some for 2 years. We do have contenders for finalist medals in this present group.

A special thanks to Michael Sabastiani for his help as interpreter and unofficial coach. I think that the right balance was there, no one was extra or in the way and there was work enough for all.

My recommendations for the next manager is that all medical supplies and anything special should be obtained here in the U.S. It is best not to expect or trust that anything will be available elsewhere.

COACH'S REPORT

by Michael A. Dasaro

This team was perhaps one of the best junior teams we have put together. It was made up of fine athletes in excellent physical condition. Half of the members of the team will be eligible for next year's Junior World Championships, and they will profit from this year's experience. About half of the members of the team were still in high school which is certainly encouraging for the future of fencing in this country.

Our teams fenced well. Our over-all results were good. We showed progress in almost all of our teams and we had more fencers going into higher rounds than ever before. Our best result was in Sabre where we had a finalist and a semi-finalist. In women's foil we had two semi-finalists and a quarter-finalist. In Epee we had a semi-finalist and a quarter-finalist, and in men's foil we had our least success with one quarter-finalist and two foilists being eliminated in the first round. The competition was very strong despite the fact that not all countries sent full teams. Most of our competitors fenced even better than the results show. Losonczy, for example, was one touch away from a first place barrage. He lost a crucial bout 5-4 and placed sixth on touches received. Danosi fenced brilliantly in his first two rounds. He outclassed and out-fenced all of his opponents. He went up undefeated from both pools. Israel, in Epee, missed making the final by one touch, losing a close bout, 5-4 to the third placer while fencing on a very badly turned ankle which occurred in the quarter final round. Iza Farkas lost a close bout 4-3 in the semi-finals to the Russian girl who took first place. Gay Jacobsen missed the semi-finals by dropping two la-belle bouts to the Russian girl who took first and the French girl who took third.

Now, of course, the big question is where were we lacking? Where do we need improvement? And how do we go about improving? I would start answering the questions by defining the problem in three general areas: Technical, Tactical and Psychological. Let's start with the psychological:

I don't believe any of our fencers were mentally prepared for the competition, although two talks were given to the team prior to our departure explaining what was in store for them.

Most of our fencers would get behind in bouts or touches from the start because it took them a while to realize what was happening. By this time it was too late and we had a long uphill fight ahead of us. All of the countries, not just the top fencing countries, were hard fighters. They were determined and fought to win. Our teams, on the whole, were a bit lacking in this respect. We didn't have what the Russians call "blood in eye" or what the Hungarians call "blade anger."

I think too many of our fencers let their nervous feeling "freak them out" rather than controlling this feeling and using it as a vital source of energy.

The biggest factor relating to the lack of our greater success was lack of confidence. When it came to a crucial bout or a crucial touch, we would usually get nervous, lose our self-confidence and lose the touch and/or bout, only because we didn't believe in ourselves. Maybe the reason is that we were told so often that "they" are better than we are that we tend to believe it, particularly under a tense situation. Perhaps we lack the confidence in ourselves as individuals to be able to face up to the challenge of winning. At any rate it is a lesson well worth learning, whether it is on or off the strip. It is a lesson that will help us grow as individuals as well as fencers.

Technically we were lacking in the very basic fencing fundamentals: poor balance, bad point control, feet moving ahead of the hand, and too slow a hand. These major faults were most prevalent in our foil fencers. Although our fencers were athletic and in good physical condition, they could not apply it in a fencing situation. Their limited technique and poor point control got them good results in this country but could not hold up in a world event where the competition is much keener and on a higher level and where a premium is placed on good technique and point control. There is little room for error.



photo

Finalists in the Sabre event at the 1 Junior Championships at Buenos Aires to r.); Jablonomski, Poland, 4th., GUGary, 3rd., Romano, Italy, 1st., Loson6th., Mather, Great Britain, 5th. Certainly doesn't seem their forte.

I think our biggest faults lay in of tactics. Our fencing tactics were and low level. Our preparation, action and choice of time (when were poor. We consistently attack same line (the four line) and we to change. We would make the s takes over and over again and get time and not have the ability or change the game.

Where do we go from here? I think realistically start looking for results larly with our Juniors within the years. If the fencers and coach training diligently we can make in International competitions.

I recommend the following program I think can be carried out under of financial and organizational cond

1. Members of the U.S. Junior Championship squad should meet competition and workouts eight times a year, with the selected to there, training the fencers and recommendations to the fencers' in areas where he thinks the other should work with their students.

2. Members of the squad should every competition in their weapon one hundred mile radius and ha

awarded for their placement. Our Juniors must get used to fencing in many competitions and to fence under pressure. You cannot be a champion fencer without being able to hold up under pressure.

3. Fencers on the squad must train regularly and diligently at their own school or club with their own coach on a systematic basis. They must keep working to improve in the areas where they are weak. They must continually work on the fundamentals; advance, retreat, lunge, fleche, hand work exercises, and tactical training. **There are no secrets in fencing. In order to be a good fencer, it takes hard work as it does in any other sport or endeavor.**

4. Lastly, and probably the most important fact, is that the fencers should meet in a training camp anywhere from one week to one month prior to a top international competition. They would fence every day, they would live together and think of nothing but fencing during their stay, they would not have distractions such as school or jobs during this period. This would permit them to concentrate on their fencing. The selected team coach would be there with enough time to work on the fencers' strengths and get them in shape mentally and physically for the competition.

At any rate we have to start thinking nationally in terms of putting together a "championship" team. We have the potential, the time is now.

SOUTH JERSEY FENCING

MEN'S OPEN SABRE: 1. Frank Commercio, RVF; 2. Dave Bryer, MC; 3. Augie de la Llave, MC.

MEN'S PREP FOIL: 1. Eric Ladd, CCC; 2. Carmelo Ciro, CCC; 3. Harry Brammell, CCC.

MEN'S OPEN FOIL: 1. Augie de la Llave, MC; 2. Paul McDonald, BT; 3. Frank Commercio, RVF.

WOMEN'S UNDER-19 FOIL: 1. Wendy Paschedag, BT; 2. Claire Sheldon, CCC; 3. Pat Modica, RVF.

MEN'S UNDER-19 SABRE: 1. Kim Drugas, BT; 2. Joel Yannece, BT; 3. Paul McDonald, BT.

GARDEN STATE FOIL: 1. J. Shilkoluk, BT; 2. B. Emery, MC; 3. W. Kebea, MC.

WOMEN'S OPEN FOIL: 1. Claire Sheldon, CCC; 2. Neida Seidel, CCC; 3. Julia Miller, CCC.

UNDER-19 EPEE: 1. Rick Simone, BT; 2. Wes Gilleland, CCC; 3. Paul McDonald, BT.

BCC WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL FOIL: 1. Mary Crawford, BCC; 2. Neida Seidel, CCC; 3. Ursula Redgrave, RVF.

KANSAS DIVISION

WOMEN'S FOIL: 1. Bradley, WFC; 2. Hill, Metro; 3. Smalley, Metro.

FOIL: 1. Rathbun, KU; 2. Corson, Metro; 3. Truax, KCKCJC.

SABRE: 1. Mercer, Metro; 2. Fenton, KU; 3. Anderson, KU.

EPEE: 1. Mercer, Metro; 2. Corson, Metro; 3. Anderson, Un-att.

WOMEN'S FOIL, Unclassified: 1. Phillips, KU; 2. Vossler, UMKC; 3. Massapust, KCKCJC.

FOIL, Unclassified: 1. Abrahamson, WFC; 2. Anderson, KU; 3. Eden, WFC.

WOMEN'S FOIL, Under-19 Divisional Champions: 1. Day, KCFC; 2. Bradley, WFC; 3. James, Washburn U.

FOIL: Baum, WFC; 2. iZnk, KU; 3. Page, KCFC.

SABRE: 1. Jones, KCFC; 2. Biggins, UMKC; 3. Atkinson, UMKC.

EPEE: 1. Herndon, KCKCJC; 2. Jones, KCFC; 3. Zink, KU.

FOIL, Divisional Champions: 1. Anger, Metro; 2. Carter, Un-att; 3. Dillard, Metro.

WOMEN'S FOIL: 1. Hannon, UMKC; 2. Richert, Metro; 3. Bradley, Wichita.

EPEE: 1. Anger, Metro; 2. Karlson, UMKC; 3. Carter, Un-att.

SABRE: 1. Corson, Metro; 2. Mercer, Metro; 3. Boe, Metro.

WOMEN'S DIVISION TEAM CHAMPIONS: 1. Metro: (Richert, Hill, Smalley, Schwab). 2. K.U.: (McCloud, DeChant, Henderson). 3. UMKC: (Hannon, McDonald, Wolfe).

FOIL TEAM: 1. Metro: (Anger, Mercer, Dillard, Hill). 2. KU: (Christman, Rathbun, Mitchell, Zink). 3. UMKC: (Landahl, Little, Mettes).

SABRE TEAM: 1. Metro: (Hill, Boe, Clippinger, Mercer). 2. KU: (Rathbun, Begert, Miltenberger). 3. UMKC: (Webb, Dull, Gragg).

EPEE TEAM: 1. Metro: (Muller, Mercer, Anger Hoff). 2. KU: (Thrapp, Buecher, Begert). 3. UMKC: (Burbine, Ferder, Martin).



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From The President

by Steve Sobel



LET'S TALK MONEY

The simple word "money" has many meanings, the first of which will be "another dues raise — how much will it cost me? The answer is **nothing now**. No dues raise is being proposed by me. I am merely alerting the membership to the financial problems of the AFLA. The solutions are for you to decide. If an increase in dues is the solution, the proposal must come from you, and it will be carefully considered, with full opportunity for all to comment before it is submitted to a vote of the membership. (Dues are fixed by the AFLA By-Laws. A change would require a by-law amendment which, according to the amended by-laws, can occur **only** by vote of the membership on 90 day notice.)

The AFLA is operating on a sound fiscal basis. However, my analysis is that while it is existing, it is not prospering. The meeting of day to day expenses is satisfactory, but there is no surplus left to promote the many programs necessary for the **growth** of fencing. Let's be specific and examine the 1973 budget.

Income from dues is estimated to be \$18,000. Advertising and miscellaneous film and merchandise transactions will add \$3,000 for a total of \$21,000. After covering the fixed estimated operating expenses including the magazine (\$9,000), mailing list maintenance (\$3,000), clerical salaries (\$3,400), postage and phone bills (\$2,400), USOC and FIE dues (\$300), insurance (\$200), and cost of pins and other saleable items (\$1,000), less than \$2,000 will be left over. The National Board allocated \$1,500 to Jr. Olympic development and \$1,000 for the World Junior Championship Team. With other miscellaneous expenses totaled the final sum represented an estimated operating deficit of \$2,600, thus reducing our cash reserve from \$9,000 to \$6,370. Many requests for funds were denied, such as travel to the World Champion-

ships, contributions to the University Games and the Public Relations programs. Rules books, formerly given free to each member, will now be sold.

At this point we have many choices. We can continue to survive without prospering, starting no major new programs for development, and when cash runs out pull in our belts, eliminating the financial support to the Jr. Olympic program and the World Junior Championship Team. If we do nothing, we need not make this decision — it will just happen automatically. However, if we want the AFLA to spend more, the AFLA must earn more. The following are possible alternatives:

1. **Increase membership** — This is the easiest and least costly method, and there are many people fencing at colleges, schools, clubs and YMCA's, who are not members. (Surprisingly enough, there were fencers who had competed in AFLA events without joining too, but this is being carefully investigated now).

2. **Increase earnings on Promotions** — such as sale of souvenir items, and active fund raising.

3. **Special Contributions** — All contributions to the AFLA are tax deductible and, when specified, the AFLA will use the contribution to provide support to a program in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Thus, "earmarked funds" were collected to pay the expense of a coach to accompany various international teams, and contributions of cash and equipment such as sweat suits were used to support the U.S. Team to Argentina. We have just scratched the surface of the numerous possibilities of fund raising in this way.

4. **Increase Advertising** in American Fencing.

5. **Re-allocate the dues structure** to increase the National portion, since the only

major source of National funds is dues, whereas Divisions and Sections earn substantial revenues through entry fees. (The high cost of the Nationals rarely leaves a surplus for the National Treasury.)

6. **Raise Dues.**

Alternatives 1-4 above require hard work by AFLA members, but will cost the membership nothing out of pocket to raise money for the AFLA. Alternative 5 requires further study and consideration, and 6, perhaps the easiest method, is the one most resisted for obvious reasons.

What is more important now is to understand the facts, and to recognize the problem. The alternatives should be considered, discussed and evaluated by all. With the help and cooperation of all an equitable solution can be attained.

COMING CANADIAN EVENTS

See Montreal, the host city for the 1976 Olympics, this fall at the 5th Terre Des Hommes Labor Day weekend tournament September 1 and 2.

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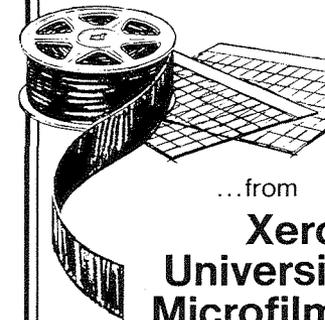
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M. PIERRE FERRI VISITS OKLAHOMA CITY

On May 20, nearly two dozen prominent in American fencing were entertained at a cocktail party at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. P. Capriles overlooking Washington Park in New York. Honored guest M. and Mme. Pierre Ferri, who were overnight in New York on their way to Oklahoma City, where M. Ferri addressed a meeting of AGFI (the General Association of International Federations). In the M. Ferri needs no introduction as a member of the Federation Internationale d'Escrime (FIE), the international governing body for fencing.

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LUXARDO SABRE TROPHY

by Chaba Pallaghy

Through financial aid obtained from the U.S. Olympic Committee we were able to send a contingent of eight fencers to the Luxardo Trophy, fenced annually in Padova, Italy. Funds from the Olympic Committee were obtained under the development program for the 1976 games. A last minute donor's earmarked contribution permitted the sending of Olympic Coach Csaba Elthes with the team.

The Luxardo Trophy is one of the 7 competitions which are used to establish the World Cup ranking of individual fencers in Sabre; therefore a strong field of entry was expected. We were not disappointed in our expectations. A very strong International field of 50 competitors in addition to 37 Italians took the field. All our fencers received byes from the first 2 rounds and began fencing at 5:30 Saturday afternoon. An indication as to the strength of the field is that only four of our fencers, Apostol, Dow, Losonczy and Kaplan advanced to the next round, with Westbrook, Gall, Tishman, and Danosi eliminated. Paul Apostol advanced (undefeated in both rounds) to the quarter finals of 24. At this point the pools were switched to the new pool system of 4 fencers fencing simultaneously on two strips with 2 qualifying. (Fence off in case of ties) Here Paul Apostol again fenced superbly and advanced to the semi-final of 12.

Paul faced the task of qualifying over either Rigoli or Irimiciu. Thanks to his excellent record Paul drew Pedrini first to fence his deciding bout against the loser of the other bout, but his fighting ability prevailed to finish the bout off in his favor with two beautiful parry-ripostes. We had a finalist to our great delight!

The finals started at 9:00 P.M., a very unusual hour for our fencers, but seemingly quite normal in Europe. Based on Paul's excellent showing earlier, we had high hopes. Unfortunately, the long competition, the unusual hour, time difference, etc. started to show its effects. After defeating the Cuban De La Torre in his first bout 5-4, Paul was unable to muster steady concentration to gain any other victories, although he showed some brilliance at times and had a

particularly nice bout against Maffei. Incidentally Paul's victory over De La Torre cost the latter a chance to a fence off for first and possibly a victory! Results of the competition. 1. Maffei (It) 4-1; 2. M. A. Montano (It) 4-1; 3. De La Torre (Cuba) 3-2; 4. Rigoli (It) 2-3; 5. M. T. Montano (It) 1-4; 6. Apostol (U.S.) 1-4.

The following Tuesday we were the guests of the Italian Federation for the Leo Nunes Friendship Team Trophy vied for the second time. The meet was held in the historic city of Verona, immortalized by Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. A reception was given in the honor of the teams, with banners all over town advertising the meet amongst the Olympic Champion Italian Sabre Team and the U.S. The competition started promptly at 9:00 P.M. in one of the nicely decorated town buildings in front of an audience of about 1500. Once again we had hopes of doing well, particularly since the Italians lined up with their second team, due to injuries sustained by some of the Olympic team members and the forthcoming Maffei-Sidiak meet. We lined up with Losonczy, Danosi, Westbrook, Apostol and Dow with Kaplan as reserve. Losonczy gut us off to a quick start by defeating Della-Barba 5-0. However the Italians came back quickly, Pulvicenti winning against Danosi. Westbrook's victory over the Junior World Champion Tomasso Montano put us into a lead again for a short time. A see-saw battle developed until the Italians gradually pulled away from a 7-6 lead to 11-7 then assuring themselves of the trophy with two closely contested and hard fought victories.

Final Score: Italy 15: (Della-Barba 3v, Pedrini 3v, Montano 3v, Pulvicenti 3v, Ferraro 3v); U.S. 10: (Losonczy 4v, Apostol 2v, Westbrook 2v, Dow 1v, Danosi 1v).

Summarizing the two events it was a very good experience for the development of our team. As far as other observations are concerned, technically we were as good if not better than the other fencers. We were inferior however, in competitive strength and finesse. Except for Paul Apostol and Losonczy in the team all our fencers seemed to lack that "killer instinct". Our fencers had difficulty adjusting themselves to the constant mental strain which high caliber com-

petition necessitates. In order to give our fencers proper preparation for the international field, we should arrange competitions at home creating a similar atmosphere. As a conclusion, a team should always travel as a unit, with a qualified leader and coach, preferably a few days in advance of the competition, to allow for time adjustment, and never without qualified and competent directors!



QUICKIE QUIZ

May a parry be made by a fencer using the arm holding the weapon? (See Paragraph 10, page 15, of the 1970 Rules Book).

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WOMEN'S NOVICE 1. K. Riva, RPHS; 2. WPJ; 3. P. Glentz, WPC.

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OPEN FOIL: 1. J. Nonna, FC; 2. J. Hay; 3. R. Lawrence, Pr. U.

OPEN SABRE: 1. J. Tishman, NYFC; 2. Pr. U; 3. A. Kabil, FCHRC.

WOMEN'S OPEN: 1. P. Flynn, unatt. 2. FCHRC, 3. D. Cinotti, SS.

WOMEN'S UNCLASSIFIED: 1. R. Korpoi; 2. D. Gunther, MPC, 3. C. Wright, Rec.

OPEN FOIL: 1. Ed Wright, St. John; Boutsikaris, SHU, 3. T. C. Boutsikar

WOMEN'S UNDER 19: 1. D. Cinotti, S; 2. WPC, 3. J. Kovatch, SFA.

OPEN SABRE: 1. J. Tishman, FC, 2. FCHRC, 3. Myles Astor, Col.

N. J. COLLEGIATE FOIL: 1. N. Frangi, T. Boutsikaris, SHU, 3. P. Martino,

N. J. COLLEGIATE EPEE: 1. R. Fische M. Faulkenr, SFA, 3. V. Zayas, SIT.

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CIGARETTES AND ATHLETIC FITNESS

(Ed. Note: The following article is from "Tips on Athletic Training", a publication of the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports of the American Medical Association, and is reprinted with the permission of the AMA.)

Looking at cigarette ads one would never suspect that medical authorities have branded cigarette smoking as a serious health hazard. The facts associate cigarette smoking with circulatory — pulmonary inefficiency, chronic disease, absenteeism due to illness, and shortened life expectancy. Therefore smoking is not compatible with attainment of athletic fitness.

One advantage athletes have in deciding about smoking is that they can relate the hazards of the habit to their immediate interests and goals. The threats of cancer and emphysema in middle age may have little impact on the decision of a young person. The youth's concept of his "future" may stretch only into early adult life, and the tragedies of chronic diseases are remote. Probable impairment of athletic fitness can strike home, however, and studies are now available to support the coach's traditional rule against smoking:

1. Cigarette smoke aggravates changes in the pathways to and in the lungs.

- Ten inhalations of cigarette smoke have been found to increase resistance in lung air pathways by as much as 50% and for as long as an hour both in smokers and nonsmokers.
- Decreased maximum breathing capacity and increased residual volume of air in the lungs have been demonstrated from tests on heavy smokers.
- Athletes who smoke have been found to be superior in vital capacity compared to nonathletes, but were inferior compared to non smoking athletes.
- The membranes that line the air passages of heavy smokers are thickened and abnormal; their cilia are inert or ineffective in removing toxic agents introduced into the pulmonary system.
- Teenagers who smoke occasionally or regularly have nearly three times as much severe upper respiratory tract infections as their nonsmoking peers.

2. Cigarette smoking is associated with changes in cardiovascular functions.

- The diffusibility of oxygen in the lungs is significantly decreased among regular smokers.
- The heart rate of healthy young men who smoke is significantly higher than nonsmoking peers, both before and after exercise.
- Tobacco smoke produces constriction of peripheral blood vessels in the majority of subjects tested; some even show a slowing or cessation of blood flow through the capillaries during and after smoking.

The young athlete can be told that these findings may not apply to occasional puffs, hours away from a game or practice session. He should realize, however, that once he starts to smoke, the chances of limiting himself to an occasional puff are small indeed. He needs this perspective to support a decision not to smoke.

Today, most adults who smoke probably would agree to three things:

1. They envy more than they deride nonsmokers;
2. The habit is so compelling, physiologically and psychologically, that for them to become and stay nonsmokers would be extremely difficult;
3. The best way to beat the habit is never to get it.

A significant decrease in athletic fitness is not a certain outcome for every smoker; but smoking never contributed in any way to athletic fitness. Athletic fitness is related to the capacity to take in and utilize oxygen, to minimize unnecessary energy expenditure, and to avoid clinical debility from illness. There is no longer any doubt that athletes should not smoke.

It is gratifying to know that many established athletes have discontinued the practice of endorsing tobacco for commercial promotion. Reputable athletes sense the responsibility that is theirs from having attained a status evoking hero worship and emulation. It is now up to other adult leaders of youth to follow suit.

NEW AFLA RULES BOOK

by Steve Sobel

Final plans have been made for the printing of a 1974 Edition of the AFLA Rules Book. Through the cooperation of Mike De Cicco, President of the National Fencing Coaches Association of America, the Rules Book will be printed by the NCAA and will contain the authorized translation of the FIE Rules by Joe Byrnes, the AFLA By-Laws, the AFLA Operations Manual, and AFLA Championship records. In addition, the NCAA Rules and Championship Records will be included. It will be a handy pocket size booklet similar to the Rules Book published by the NCAA in other Sports.

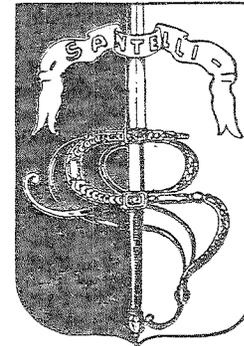
The Final Materials will be submitted for publication on October 1, and the printed books should be available for distribution in February. The price is expected to be \$3.00. A bulk rate for orders of 100 books, and a special foreign edition containing the FIE Rules will also be available.

The September-October issue of *American Fencing* will carry a special order form which can be submitted with a check to the Secretary. **DO NOT SEND MONEY!** (unusual request), but watch for the form in the next issue of *American Fencing* in order to obtain your Rules Book.



RANKINGS

Whenever at a competition a question is raised concerning the classification of a fencer, the Bout Committee in charge shall decide the case and such decision shall be conclusive for that competition. However, for subsequent competitions a decision shall be subject to review by the appropriate Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors.



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EFFECT OF PERFORMANCE BASED INSTRUCTION ON BEGINNING FOIL FENCING

by Dewayne J. Johnson and Fred E. Leider

Fencing is often thought of as a strict, rigid, self-disciplined sport. Most masters teaching classes or private lessons insist upon uniformity and compliance with a given set of rules. However, for young college age students, this requirement to conform to regimentation is often rejected and along with it, fencing. A different approach to teaching beginning fencing is Performance Based Instruction.

Under this approach, the student is held accountable for a precisely specified set of competencies. The student is permitted, however, to reach these competencies in whatever manner he selects. In the teaching of skills, this method has been shown to produce greater results than the traditional method of instruction.

To determine if this would hold true for fencing, Ten classes of beginning foil fencing were used in a study to compare traditional and performance based teaching methods. Five classes were taught by each method. One hundred thirty-three students completed the five classes taught by the traditional method while 143 students completed the five classes taught by the performance based method. Each class lasted for one semester and included 32 class periods. All students were beginners with no prior participation in fencing. Skill tests were given during the last week of classes. All classes received the same written material and list of resource materials.

The traditional method involved an introductory lecture with short lectures periodically throughout the semester. Skills were introduced individually with class drills following. Teaching films were shown to the entire class when appropriate. No introductory lecture was involved in the performance based method. During the initial class period, a course module was given to each student. The module described completely the requirements for each grade level, background material, and skill sequence that

would be covered in the class. Skills were introduced in groups of these skills. Following these demonstrations, the students were free to practice any skill they wished with a check list used to record when a particular skill had been mastered. Teaching films were available at any time for individuals or small groups of students.

The skill test was a three part test involving speed and accuracy of lunging, skill of defense, and skill of offense. Each student would perform a thirty second speed test to measure the speed and accuracy of their lunge. They were asked to place a hit on a target six inches by twelve inches during each lunge. After each lunge the students were required to assume a good "On Guard" position. The test of offensive skill involved performing a straight thrust, a beat-attack, a disengage, and a coupe. The test of defense skill involved three low parry-ripostes, and three high parry-ripostes.

The results of this investigation showed that students achieve a higher level of skill when taught by the performance based method as compared to those students taught by the traditional method. Students taught by the traditional method had a mean performance score of 51.67 while performance based teaching produced a mean score of 63.46. This produced a t score of 7.99, which was significant at the .01 level. These results indicate that fencing may be taught with greater freedom when students are supplied with a precise set of competencies. Students are capable of selecting which skills they wish to practice and to what extent in order to meet class objectives. Fuhrmann, OCFC; 3. Katie Brocksmitth, TYFC.

(Ed. Note: These very interesting results should be pursued further, as better teaching methods in fencing are highly desirable. One wonders, if beginners are able to select and practice their skills effectively, why aren't our more advanced fencers able to do so. Season after season, we have seen our top competitors make the same mistakes over and over again. Why?)

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THE FUTURE OF THE OLYMPICS by A. John Geraci

(Ed. Note: A. John Geraci is Fencing Coach at West Point and is active in the U.S. C.I.S.M. team organization.)

What will be the preliminary and long range changes in the Olympic Games for 1976, 1980, 1984?

The Olympic Games have grown and grown and are now too big, too professional, too theatrical, too commercial, too filled with hypocrisy, too nationalistic, too political, too expensive, too financially rewarding, too unmanageable, too unethical in its sportsmanship and too conniving in its judging. It is also very apparent that some of the sports are not broad enough in participation and general interest to be included in the Olympic Games. Another impact which has made itself felt is worldwide television coverage. All the peoples of the world have a visual box seat to the games.

It is all too apparent that the Olympics as we have known them and experienced them will change. But how will it change?

The Olympic Games have two distinct reasons for existing every four years:

1. For its fierce personal competitive spirit, matching man's physical prowess alone against another man.
2. For its profound, fantastic, soul-en-graving brotherhood experience. For these two reasons alone they are worth it!

One of the most important questions is: Who shall participate in the Olympics as an athlete? It is time now in the evolution of the Olympics to evaluate the real status of the "athlete" of the world. The international athlete of today is not made in the image of the "amateur" athlete of a generation ago. He is a calculated product of the intense national effort to win modern competitions as an essential part of struggling ideologies. The "old-fashioned" amateur did not win the gold at the Munich Olympics. The finalists and medalists were in peak physical and mental condition, and were superbly coached and trained by full-time professional coaches, and were 100% full-time athletes! There was no mercy for

the "part-time" athlete. THE AMI FENCER, IN PARTICULAR, IS AN "FASHIONED" AMATEUR, "PART-TIME" LETE.

Now we must look the athlete "ai status straight and clearly in the e reject the obvious hypocrisy of (athletes status. And when we do, clearly that very few of the world's are of "amateur" standing. By main its present posture, the USA is s at the brink of international spo aster. The primary step the IOC and must take is to broaden the status athlete and to accept the reality facts. The Olympian should be any of any land, large or small, of any r race, creed or color or financial s The sole measurement of the O should be that of athletic prove performance. The designation of "a and "professional" in present day national sports competitions is p play on words.

There should be changes in the format of the games to lessen the overwhelming concentration of people in the games: athletes, coaches, t officials, reporters, photographers, sion crews, spectators, and politica eroding factors and corruption i with the ever-growing bigness of the Montreal's Mayor Drapeau has prop decentralized housing set-up instead traditional Olympic Village. He has s ed a variety of smaller housing p throughout the Montreal area and s that would aid the city's natural ex after the games are over. The athl related sports would be housed separate areas. The concentrati people problems would be minimize tion efforts could be improved, a over-all expense would be lessened.

The OLYMPIC GAMES must be r to an individual-to-individual comp a people-to-people cultural relation: simple brotherhood experience eve years, strengthening our common devoid of national and political pr and commercial influences.

ON SABRE FENCING

by Stephen M. Cook

In the April issue of "American Fencing", Mr. Orley and Mr. Elthes presented two apologies for the modern style of sabre fencing. In his article, Mr. Orley accurately characterized the state of modern sabreplay; and as Mr. Elthes implies, modern foil and epee play as well. Mr. Orley writes "... (the bout) looks like two fencers, but to their lack of technical ability, constantly attacking each other simultaneously; and even that simple attack poorly executed." Further, he writes, "so what in actual fact happens is 10, 20, or more simultaneous attacks are carried out one after another until one of the fencers cracks up." Cracks up! I must ask, is this fencing? Is it the purpose of fencing to belabor your opponent with 10, 20, or more crashing attacks until he cracks up? I must say that I believe it is not.

Let me state now that I am not one of the "old guard" nor am I a cantankerous curmudgeon bemoaning the changing times. I am 23, and have been fencing for four years, both in college and in a private club. I am neither urathletic nor aggressive, so my opposition to the modern doctrine is not based on an inability to "play the game" on the terms of other fencers. It is based on my conviction that fencing is an art form as well as a competitive sport. I believe that fencing need not be, in Mr. Orley's words, "monotonous" and "outright boring". On the contrary, I believe that fencing can and should be both an exciting, physical and competitive sport, and an esthetic expression.

I cannot believe that an intelligent, disciplined, and thinking individual, as all fencers, to some extent, must be, can find no other way to meet a headlong attack than to rush headlong into it. Second intention movements, stop and time cutting, parrying, and retreating can all be used to meet the impetuous attack. Despite what Mr. Orley states, I believe that the odds against the thinking fencer are much less one-sided than he believes. True, it is difficult to meet the violent attack. It requires a level of effort and ability not often seen in today's competitors. But because they are difficult,

and sometimes costly in points, must we abandon the tactics of sophistication for the tactics of crudeness?

It would seem that fencing could not become much simpler than it now is. Technique has been reduced to a bare minimum, and the modern doctrine seems to be to ignore altogether even this bare minimum. How then, can the sport develop? Only through an increasing emphasis on athletic ability, and the addition of even greater speed and violence to the bout. Perhaps 40 or 50 simultaneous attacks will then be required before one's opponent finally "cracks up". Who will want to witness such a bout, besides the blade manufacturers? Who will care to watch a competition which is a mere melee of crashing bell guards, breaking blades, and arguing competitors?

Given this state of affairs, I can only believe that the interest level of future competitions for fencing and, more importantly, non-fencing spectators will be abysmally low. Not only is this prospect merely distasteful, but pragmatically considered, I think that it will impair the future vitality and viability of the sport. One of the attractions of fencing is that it affords room for all types of personalities, goals, and levels of ability. But if we reduce the entire sport to the province of speed and strength alone, we would lose all those unable or unwilling to fence on that level only. We would cease to attract those interested in other facets of the fencing world. We would have nothing left but speedy athletes, practicing the crude and uninteresting vestige of a once great sport and art form.

(Ed Note: The F.I.E. Congress of May 1973, held in Paris, has recognized the problems involved in competitive sabre fencing and has adopted some changes in the sabre rules to help ameliorate these problems. These new rules will be in effect at the 1973 World Championships held in Goteborg. American Fencing will print these in full, as soon as they have been accepted by the AFLA.)



AMERICAN FENCING

A POSSIBLE SOLUTION

by Bruce Cohen

After the dismal performance of our Olympic team it would seem apparent that there is something lacking in our method of preparing fencers for international competition, for surely Russians are not born superior to Americans, and Hungarians don't enter the world wielding sabres.

Our first and perhaps largest mistake is poor utilization of the natural talent available in the United States. The real quality coaching and opportunities for valuable experience lie almost exclusively in the Northeast and California. A good fencer from the South, unless he is very wealthy, has little chance to develop his full potential. As an example I offer the case of a girl who fences at my school in Florida. Four months after her first lesson she became the S.E. Sectional under 19 Champion. This was done without any professional coaching whatever, just a fencing class taught by one of the teams' fencers; an inexperienced one at that. Obviously this girl has some degree of natural ability, but because fencing hasn't caught on in Florida, the college offers little in the way of financial support. With little exposure to top competition and no coaching, she will be at a great disadvantage at national championships. Who knows what she might attain with a coach of the calibre of Raoul Sudre or Georgio Santelli. Multiply this case by a thousand and you can begin to see the gravity of the situation.

Under the present system the same group of fencers stay above the rest and gain all the international experience while the rest sit home and read the reports of our defeats abroad.

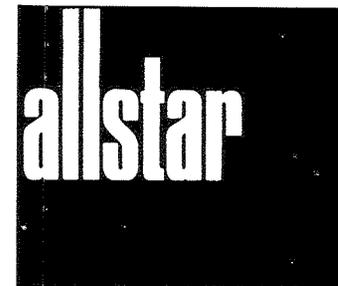
The only possible solution to this situation is full state support of our fencing activities at home and abroad. This is far from a new concept but after reading American Fencing for some time I have come to the conclusion that all you get is talk and double talk. Nothing is ever really done to change. The trouble with reading articles in American Fencing is that only fencers read them and since the fencing population of America far from controls our government, this is ludicrously inadequate. American

Fencing should be a starting place for private fencers and begin things moving in the right direction and not confine their rattling of swords.

What is needed is strong leaders like the A.F.L.A. to get petitions signed for fencing scholarships given on a merit spread basis, free clinics, and more opportunities for more people to face international competition. Without government support in the U.S. is doomed to self-perpetuating mediocrity.

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AMATEUR FENCERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC. — ANNUAL MEETING

The 1973 Annual Meeting of the AFLA was held on June 26, 1973 at the Community Center in Tucson, Arizona. Stephen Sobel, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Present in addition to the President were Irwin Bernstein, Secretary; Peter Tishman, Treasurer, and approximately 50 members in person and 38 members by proxy.

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 1972 meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

B. Officers Reports

1. President — The President reported on the steps that have been taken to improve communication between the national office, and the Board of Directors and membership. He also reported on the change in magazine printing and mailing facilities and procedures. Mention was also made of the pending bills in congress concerning the US Olympic Program and the administration and funding of amateur sports in the USA.

2. Secretary — The Secretary reported that the league membership has passed 7,000 for the first time. There have been problems in address and division changes not being reported properly, thereby causing difficulty in magazine mailing and national qualification. The national office will mail letters to all members, whether they are due for renewal of dues or already paid for the 1973-1974 season. The letters will outline certain league procedures so that members will better understand their responsibilities in insuring effective communication.

3. Treasurer — The Treasurer reported that the three quarter financial results were in line with the annual budget adopted by the Board of Directors last September. It was noted that the Rules Books, a major item, will be deferred to next session.

C. By-Laws

The proposed amendments to the AFLA By-Laws previously published in AMERICAN FENCING were briefly reviewed and then unanimously adopted.

D. Elections

1. National Officers — There being no nominations by petition, the following national officers, nominated by the National Nominating Committee, were re-elected: President Stephen Sobel; Executive Vice-President William Goering; Secretary Irwin Bernstein; Treasurer Peter Tishman. It was also noted that the Nominating Committee had also nominated Sectional Vice-Presidents. Under the newly revised By-Laws however, the Section Chairmen will be members of the Board of Directors but not national officers. League Counsel has ruled that the incumbent Section Chairmen will remain in office until elections are held by the Sections. The newly created offices of Two Additional Vice-Presidents will be filled by the Board of Directors.

2. National Nominating Committee — The following committee was nominated and unanimously elected: Chairman Manny Forrest (Gold Coast Florida); Warren Bohl (West. Penna); Jack Keane (Metro); Harriet King (No. Calif); Marty Lang (Long Island); Bill Seiller (Kentucky); and Mike Snell (Arizona).

E. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

F. New Business

1. A report was received of irregularities in the annual election of officers of the Gateway (Florida) Division. Questions had been raised about the eligibility of members under 21 years of age to hold office and about the validity of nominations from the floor. It was noted that prior to the By-Laws revisions just adopted, officers had to be 21 or older. Now they may be 18 or older. It was also noted that the question of election procedure was subject to divisional By-Laws. A procedure has been suggested by League Counsel for conducting a new election in the Gateway Division — the current Chairman will remain in office until his successor is properly elected.

2. A discussion took place on the budgets for recent National Championships and the related entry fees. The financial

report for the 1973 tournament will be filed promptly so that it can be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the September 1973 meeting with a view towards curtailing the recent trend of higher fees.

2. A resolution to thank the Arizona Division and its Chairman Mike Snell and the City of Tucson for the splendid facilities and hospitality provided in hosting the 1973 Nationals was unanimously adopted.

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin F. Bernstein
Secretary

NATIONALS CAPSULE

As we go to press, we are printing here a capsule of the results of the 1973 National, held in Tucson. We hope to have a full story for our next issue.

FOIL: 1. Ed Ballinger; 2. Bruce Lyons; 3. Bert Freeman.

EPEE: 1. Scott Bozek; 2. Dan Cantillion; 3. Steven Netburn.

SABER: 1. Paul Apostol; 2. Tom Losonczy; 3. Stan Lekach.

WOMEN: 1. Tanya Adamovich; 2. Harriet King; 3. Ruth White.

FOIL TEAM: Salle Santelli.

EPEE TEAM: New York Athletic Club.

SABER TEAM: New York Athletic Club.

WOMEN'S TEAM: Fencer's Club of N.Y.

U-19 FOIL: 1. M. McCahey; 2. W. Gelnow; 3. G. Messialas.

U-19 EPEE: 1. T. Glass; 2. C. Jennings; 3. G. Nonomura.

U-19 SABER: 1. M. Benedek; 2. T. Graham; 3. C. Hulswit.

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I subscribe to your magazine only; however, my son, at the age of 5½ (he is now 6) studies fencing under Mr. Okawa of Hollywood, and is a member of AFLA. My son thinks Mr. Okawa is great!! First of all, my correct address is:

P.O. Box A-W, Bldg. 322-30
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I still have not received my March-April copy.

Secondly, I find your magazine quite informative—except regarding fencing activities on the west coast. Could we have some, especially regarding events where one could go to watch the activity?

Is your president, Steve Sobel, the same person quite popular in Bridge Circles?

Last, but I feel most important—how about some articles written so laymen can understand them? In order to increase membership, and interest in fencing, you must try to reach persons who know nothing about fencing—and one can not do that unless terms are used that are easily understandable by all.

Sincerely yours,
Stanley H. Hurd
San Luis Obispo, Cal.

The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Ralph,

Regarding the article in the latest American Fencing covering the 1973 U.S. Junior Olympic Fencing Championships. The information regarding the tournament was forwarded to you at the request of Mr. Peter Tishman with the understanding that we were to provide the raw statistics along with a summary of the events taking place at the tournament. It was our understanding that this would be only the framework for the article and that the general information regarding the event would be added. This obviously is not what occurred. The article makes no mention of where, when nor why the tournament, nor who was the host divi-

sion. Considerable effort, expense and time was involved for individuals and the Southern California Division. This should be recognized in American Fencing. It is requested that these deficiencies be corrected in the next American Fencing.

Yours truly,
Donald C. Thomas
Los Angeles, Cal.

The Editor
American Fencing
Dear Mr. Goldstein,

You are trying the hardest to keep the magazine fresh and alive. Thank you for all of the fencers that do not take the time to write to let you know that they appreciate your efforts and hope for more open actualities in all levels of the sport.

Enclosed is a short article, short because I am so busy, but I hope that it drives to the point and will make some of the "afraid to write in" think and start doing so.

I receive numerous letters and telephone calls from all over the country from dissatisfied fencers that announce they quit rather than fight "Fencing Hall".

Have a good Summer vacation, get ready for the coming season.

Sincerely Yours,
Emil Stanley St. Pellicer
Maitre D'Armes
St. Louis, Missouri



CORNELL FALL OPEN

The annual Cornell Fall Open will be held this year on the weekend of November 3 and 4.

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Sat. Nov. 3: Women's Foil, 1:00 pm.
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Sunday Nov. 4: Epee, 12:00 am.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Electric Foil Fencing by Istvan Lukovich is excellent! Simply that — excellent. When I picked up my first electric foil in 1954, I recall asking lots of questions about possible techniques with this (then) new development. In those days the answers were not available. They are here now — and how!

Aside from the most comprehensive technical aspects of handling this weapon, and foil fencing in general, Mr. Lukovich stresses "the individual features, the characteristics distinguishing one fencer from another that are the decisive factors". The numerous illustrations are superb and clearly demonstrate the brilliant text.

While this book will help the beginner, it is really written for the accomplished fencer and fencing master. I heartily recommend it as a necessary adjunct to the fencer's library.

Modern Foil Fencing, Fun and Fundamentals is by Dorothy L. Moody and Barbara J. Hoepner, both Ph.D's in Physical Education who have taught fencing at the high school and university level. Their book is written specifically for the teacher or coach of foil

fencing. Their approach is a novel important one, stressing the "fun" of sport. The stick figure illustrations are early done and lend a light touch.

Aside from some unimportant oversights in proofreading (we are all plagued with problem) this book should prove of value to the new teacher of foil fencing.

The Art and History of Personal Combat by Arthur Wise is a scholarly treatise on individual combat. Beginning when the story of violence from the Bible, Mr. Wise follows with David and Goliath, then the fight between Achilles and Hector the Illiad. Continuing through contests all sorts of weapons; broadsword, quarter staff, dagger, knife, saber, rapier, halberd, flail, pistol, rifle, bayonet, and machine gun. He includes boxing and aerial combat as well.

The illustrations of combat position actions and the photographs of innumerable fascinating weapons are superb. This book is published by Arma Press, New York Graphic Society, Ltd. of Greenwich, Conn., should be in the library of anyone interested in the history of combat.

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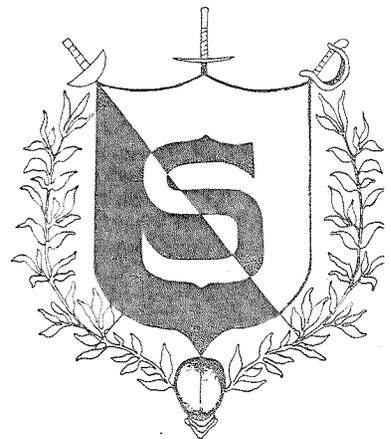
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Technical Talks

by Joe Byrnes



The foil fencer who wants to work on the points of his or her foil needs to know a little about what to expect when the tinkering starts. Some of what is said here will apply to epees as well, but I promise to give epees, with their own special problems, equal time at the earliest opportunity. To begin with, you will need a little jeweler's screwdriver—of the proper size. The canny operator rubs it on a bar magnet or otherwise gives it a magnetic treatment so that those pesky little point screws won't keep falling on the floor and getting lost at so much apiece. Uhlmann and Leon Paul screws need not be completely removed to free the point; Prieur screws, however are not threaded into the button and have to come out.

Weak springs can be stretched for a little more life, but that's an emergency measure; it's better to have fresh replacements. Incidentally, if you're at all fussy, since the points themselves, and their springs, and the screws are not interchangeable. When ordering spares, be sure that you get the right ones. Incidentally, it seems to me that many of the foil springs that I've been seeing lately are weaker than they used to be. Perhaps this is an effect of the generally smaller size. Anyway, many of them don't last very long—another argument for having a spare parts kit.

For cleaning the point and the interior of the button, what is sold as "electronic contact cleaner" or TV Tuner Cleaner" works well; it may come in plain liquid form or in spray cans and under a bewildering number of brand names. To use it, moisten a Q-tip or a short length of pipe cleaner doubled over and gently swab the point and the inside of the button. It can be enlightening, how dirty the swab can get in this simple process.

Before putting the point back in, it pays to check the condition of the flange at the rear of the point. Try turning it on its threads on the core of the point. It shouldn't move. If it does, fixing it can be a bit tricky, and also a bit hit or miss, in terms of results, I'm afraid. Use a small pair of pliers with precisely machined jaws and pinch the little sub-flange at its back—not the whole thing, since that could deform it and create a sticky point, one that is liable to jam. The flat surface of the front of the point must also be clean: if it's rusted or covered with stickum or something, you get off-target touches on your opponent's vest.

Don't forget to re-do the tape on the front 6" of the blade. I recommend running a 6" length of waterproof-type surgical adhesive tape straight down the blade, starting just behind the screws, then finishing off the electrical tip with a small piece of 1" black electrician's tape. Use what colors you like, but you'll find this way of taping helpful when you want to do repairs. It's easier to remove for retaping, too. The tape used at the very top, behind the point, should be put on laterally, and should have a clean machined edge; don't let it lap over onto the little gap, but don't leave any bare metal on the button, either. The one thing you should **never** do to clean a point is just dunk the whole thing, still taped, into a bottle of cleaning fluid, as I have seen some soon-to-be-unhappy fencers do. (The cleaner tends to loosen the adhesive, which flows into the point. Goopy).

By the way, this discussion assumes that you have kept a finger tip over the point when loosening the screws, otherwise even the weakest foil spring can pop the point out onto the floor where it will promptly roll into the nearest crack, or something equally perverse.

If you have done all these things with reasonable care, your foils should rate as Class A, whatever your fencing is like. On an ohmmeter electrical resistance test, they should read one or two ohms or so. (That's good.)

THE LA REFORMA TOURNAMENT

by William Goering

The second annual La Reforma International Fencing Tournament was held at the Mexican Olympic Training Center in Mexico City on 26-27 May. About 20 U.S. fencers travelled to Mexico to compete in open individual events in all four weapons. The competition was sponsored by the Mexican Fencing Federation (FME), which went to great lengths to make it attractive to foreign fencers. For example, fencers were met at the airport and transported to the Training Center, where rooms and meal tickets were provided without charge for four days. The Training Center is a complete sports facility and the fencing events were held in a large, well lighted hall about 100 yards from the dorms. The tournament committee also supplied an experienced armorer, who checked and controlled all equipment, new Uhlman electrical scoring apparatus, and raised wood strips covered with metallic mesh. The trophies were calendar watches for first place, medals for all six finalists and participant medals for all entrants. In addition each foreign finalist received a special gift or trophy from the FME.

The U.S. delegation was indebted to Arnold Mercado who acted as team captain and interpreter. Delmar Calvert was head coach and he was ably assisted by pentathlon coaches Gerald Poujardieu and Kaj Czarnecki. Manny Forrest was armorer and occasionally served as jury president as did Marietta Towry and Bill Goering.

The results were as follows:

Epee: The first event had the largest entry (48) and the finals were dominated by pentathletes who finished 1-4. Hans Wieselgren of Sweden was first with a 4-1 record. John Fitzgerald won second place on indicator over U. S. pentathlon teammate Gerald Johnson. Both had a 3-2 record. Paul Pesty was fourth on indicator over Castellozos of Mexico. As might be expected the fencing followed the pentathlon style, which is essentially defensive with offensive actions held until the time limit neared.

Ladies Foil: Two U. S. entries made the final and both were members of the U.S. Under-

20 Team recently returned from Argentina. After a four way tie in the regula with 3-2 records, Liesel Fajardo of defeated all opponents in the barr a clean victory. Vincent Hurley of Te second on indicator over L. Leal of Stacey Johnson of Texas was fifth 2-3 record.

Sabre: Again two U. S. entries reac final from the 3 pools of 4 semifin well-officiated final Roberta Alba of defeated all opponents to win the pionship. Only eight touches were against him as he fenced at the top game. Vincent Calderon was second only to Alba. Bill Goering of Michi third. Tim Graham of Florida was he fenced well in every bout. Tim's was exceptional since he compete area where there are few sabre fenc; congratulations are due his coach Mar rest.

Foil: Only one U. S. fencer reached final and that was John Cherry of th Pentathlon team. He fenced well to second place losing only to Carlos the champion. Roberto Campero of was third. Carlos Calderon was certa outstanding fencer in this final as inated all his opponents scoring of almost at will with stop thrusts an escapes.

This competition is the first to an need for tournaments among Ar (North, Central and South) to impro ing in the western hemisphere. We need has been recognized by AFLA also, they have not yet responded a positive manner as the FME. Howe AFLA has encouraged entry to thi and we may hope for a larger U. for the 1974 La Reforma event. It tainly worth the trip.



MAFFEI-SIDIAK ENCOUNTER

by Chaba Pallaghy

On May 16, the Italian Fencing Federation arranged for a duel meet between reigning World Champion Michele Maffei of Italy and Olympic Champion Victor Sidiak of Russia. The meeting received large advance publicity and was carried live by the Italian National TV Network. The U.S. was honored in being invited to provide the officials. The jury was composed of Chaba M. Pallaghy as President, Robert Dow, Steven Danosi, Csaba Gall and Joseph Nowara of Poland. The meet was held with considerable fanfare and ceremonies at the Palazzetto Del Sport in front of an audience of several thousand. The hall was decorated with the flags of Italy, U.S., Russia and Poland. The program started with a dual meet between Milan and Rome (Lady's foil, epee, sabre and men's foil) which Rome won 38 touches to 34. Thereafter, M. A. Montano fenced Joseph Nowara of Poland winning in two bouts 5-3 and 5-1. The main event was preceded by ceremonious introduction of the contestants and the director of the meet. Each person followed his country's flag carried by a young boy in fencing uniform. The large crowd greeted Sidiak with applause but broke into thunderous cheerings when Maffei was announced. The match plan was two bouts out of three for 8 touches each. The fencers presented themselves for the first bout in absolute silence filled with tension and expectation. Sidiak seemed to be the more nervous of the two. Maffei was reserved, but full of attention and ready. The first few touches reflected the contestants conditions, Maffei took a relatively fast 4-0 lead, by executing a time head cut against Sidiak's hesitant attack, then hitting with a nice parry ripost before scoring with two beautiful stop-cuts against his opponent's feint attacks, each one accompanied by the crowd's thunderous applause. However, Sidiak, the great champion he is, showed his mettle by scoring on Maffei with a clean parry-riposte, a nicely executed second intention then a beautiful direct head cut, to close the score to 4-3. This seemed to be the psychological moment, whoever would score the next touch might take the

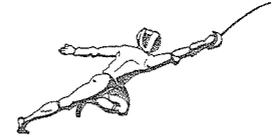
bout. Sidiak started an attack which was short, Maffei recovered first and scored. Thence he could not be resisted, Sidiak scoring only once more against Maffei's direct and feint attacks, finishing the bout with a nicely executed parry-riposte. Score of the first bout: Maffei 8, Sidiak 4. After the customary minutes of rest the contestants lined up for the second bout. We could see the difference in the fencers attitude. Sidiak looked determined already in the way he took the stand, while Maffei looked disconcerted. Once again the action followed the impression the fencers presented. Sidiak immediately took the initiative, by scoring with a direct attack, feint attack, second intention, parry-riposte, and time cut to go into the lead 5-0. Here Maffei showed some of his qualities by scoring nicely with a counter-riposte, then with a direct attack, but he could not prevent Sidiak's runaway victory, who was irresistible with a parry-riposte and two second intention attacks, to finish the bout in his favor. Score of second bout: Sidiak 8, Maffei 2.

The third and deciding bout naturally reflected the electricity which permeated the hall, fencers and spectators. The fencers lined up to the excited murmurs of the crowd which turned into a dead silence when the announcer requested it. Both fencers seemed to be ready to fight this time. Sidiak scored first with a second intention attack. Maffei countered with one of his own. The next few touches were probably the nicest in the encounter. Both fencers scored touches alternately after a series of exchanges with counter-ripostes, to bring the score to 4 all. The crowd was appreciative and showed its pleasure and knowledge of fencing by applauding each nice action in turn. At this point both fencers showed signs of tension, a series of double actions followed. Maffei seemed to have recovered his composure first, he scored with a nice feint attack, then he parried Sidiak's attack, before scoring a stop-cut to take a 7-4 lead. At this point the crowd became hilariously excited sensing Maffei's victory. The announcer had to request "Silencio" several times to assure the quiet needed for fencing. However, Sidiak didn't become Olympic

Champion for nothing. He wasn't going to let Maffei gain an easy victory. One could see the marked determination on his face. He attacked and scored, then he parried Maffei's feint attack to bring the score to 7-6. The tension mounted. A series of double attacks followed, one could not predict which fencer would turn the balance in his favor, they were both so alert and aggressive. At this point, however, Lady Luck smiled on Maffei, or was it the tumultuous rooting of the crowd which may have unnerved Sidiak? One may only guess. Sidiak started an attack against Maffei which fell short, Maffei took over with Sidiak trying to stop-cut while off balance. The crowd could not be controlled, people jumped up, cheering wildly. It took a little while to restore order, then action analyzed by the jury and the final decision rendered. Score third bout: Maffei 8, Sidiak 6. Final score of the match: Maffei 2, Sidiak 1.

The encounter between the two outstanding sabre fencers, who incidentally are one and two in the World Cup point standings this year brought very exciting, spectacular fencing. It was a pleasure to see that sabre fencing is on its way from its doldrums of recent years. Undoubtedly both fencers demonstrated style, technique and finesse. Double actions the dreadful characteristic of recent sabre fencing, were limited to a minimum. The actions were well executed and thought out, thereby offering a very pleasant spectacle to the fans present and the TV (live) audience of ten million. The revival of the format of bringing together in direct combat two outstanding World Class fencers is an excellent one. Credit for the idea and arrangement of the encounter should go to Mr. Renzo Nostini, the very resourceful president of the Italian Federation himself a great foil and sabre fencer in the past. Due to the novelty of the event, fencers participating in it will have to get themselves accustomed to the different conditions it creates both mentally and physically. This of course is a matter of experience which will be worked out in time. I would like to make a personal comment. I

thoroughly enjoyed the meet as fenced and was pleased to see the quality of fencing. I am of the opinion if these very same fencers will continue somewhat more on preparation of blade, they will further improve themselves and will reach the vaunted level of the sabre fencers of yore, for which they have full capability and talent.



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1973 NORTH ATLANTIC SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Carla-Mae Richards

The new North Atlantic Section held its first Sectional Championships in May at Grossingers in the Catskills hosted by the Long Island Division. The Playhouse at Grossinger's was a lovely place to hold all the fencing events and the fencers were treated to an unusually fun-filled week-end at this renowned resort hotel. When not fencing we were all treated to wonderful meals and to evenings filled with nightclub entertainment. It was a most impressive start for the new Section.

To Laszlo Pongo we give our special thanks for an unusual and unique Sectional week-end. And to all the fencers who worked when not fencing the Section expresses its deepest appreciation, and especially to Ruth Sylvester, for months of patience, Sylvia Giallombardo and her hard-working staff, and Joe Brodeth and Jimmy Castello who made the week-end a total technical success with hardly a hitch due to equipment failure. Last but not least our thanks go to Ralph Zimmerman and Denise O'Connor who gave full time willingly and most capably as Directors and examiners. For our first championships it was a memorable beginning.

RESULTS

FOIL (22 Competitors):

CHAMPION: Martin Lang, Long Island, Salle Santelli; Undeclared in Finals with only 3 touches scored against.

2. Vito Mannino, L.I., NYAC, 4-1; 3. Uriah Jones, Conn., S. Santelli, 3-2; 4. Jack Mullarkey, N.E., Tanner City FC, 2-3; 5. Jim Bonacorda, L.I., NYU, 1-4; 6. Gus Nicholson, L.I., NYU, 0-5.

WOMEN'S FOIL (32 Competitors):

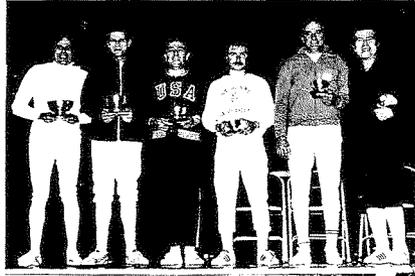
CHAMPION: Barbara Keel, New England, Salle Richards; defeating Ildiko de Jong in a fence-off, 4-3.

2. Ildiko de Jong, F.I.E. (N.E.), 4-1; 3. Carol Benjamin, L.I., NYFC, 2-3, 1.071; 4. Sheri Marcy, Conn., Yale, 2-3, .933; 5. Pat Baron, Conn., Roger-Ludlow H.S., 2-3, .722; 6. Barbi Lare, Western NY, NYFC, 1-4.

SABRE (23 Competitors):

CHAMPION: Calvert Schlick, Long Island Swordsmen, defeating Ed Richards in a fence-off, 5-3.

2. Ed Richards, N.E., Salle Richards, 4-1; 3. Laszlo Pongo, L.I., Bankuti, 3-2; 4. Robert Samet, L.I., St. John's 2-3, .955; 5. Romulo Garbatini, Conn., NYAC, 2-3, .762; 6. Fred Halmos, L.I., L.I. Swordsmen, 0-5.



North Atlantic Sectional Sabre finalists, (from l. to r.): 1. Calvert Schlick, 2. Ed Richards, 2. Laszlo Pongo, 3. R. Samet, 4. R. Garbatini, 6. F. Halmos.

EPEE (14 Competitors):

CHAMPION: Ed Carfagno, New England, Salle Richards, undefeated in the finals.

2. Larry Kramer, L.I., Columbia, 4-3, 1.579; 3. Scot Bozek, N.E., Tanner City FC, 4-3, 1.208; 4. Jack Mullarkey, N.E., Tanner City FC, 4-3, .96; 5. Vito Mannino, L.I., NYAC, 3-4, .964; 6. Al Peters, L.I., NYU, 3-4, .935; 7. Charles Donges, L.I., NYU, 2-5; 8. Burton Moore, Conn., Fairfield County FC; 0-7.

NORTH ATLANTIC UNDER-19 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Carla-Mae Richards

In this first year of the newly aligned North Atlantic Section the Under-19 Championships were successfully held by the Hudson-Berkshire Division at the Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Mass, April 28th and 29.

FINAL RESULTS

Foil: 20 Entries

Fence-Off — Nonomura d. Bennett, 5-3

1. Nonomura, R., WNY, 4-1; 2. Bennet, P., LI, 4-1; 3. Sullivan, M., NE, 3-2; 4. Battifarano, L., LI, 2-3; 5. Page, K., LI, 1-4, .739; 6. Barone, S., LI, 1-4, .542.

Women's Foil: 26 Entries

Fence-Off — Dunnington d. Konecny, 4-0

1. Dunnington, R., H-B, 4-1; 2. Konecny, H., Conn., 4-1; 3. Baron, P., Conn., 2-3, 1.071; 4. Mango, M., Conn., 2-3, .875; 5. Sudikoff, J., NE, 2-3, .556; 6. Michelman, S., NE, 1-4.

Sabre: 5 Entries

1. Hulswit, C., NE, 4-0; 2. Sullivan, M., NE, 2-2, 1.133; 3. Page, K., LI, 2-2, 1.063; 4. Jennings, C., NE, 2-2, .941; 5. McDermott, J., NE, 0-4.

Epee: 12 Entries

1. Jennings, C., NE, 5-0; 2. Butterick, J., LI, 4-1; 3. Rosenthal, M., LI, 2-3, .952; 4. Weinman, D., LI, 2-3, .75; 5. Pickle, D., NE, 1-4, .773; 6. McDermott, J., 1-4, .5.

SOUTHEAST SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Ron Brown

The eighth Southeast Section Championship Tournament was held May 19-20 at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. New champions were crowned in all four senior events and in three of the under-19 events. Tim Graham won the under-19 sabre title for the third consecutive year. Results of all events were:

FOIL

1. Jack Steinman (7-1); 2. Larry Minor (5-3); Mark Forrest (5-3); 4. Ron Brown (4-4); 5. Jerry Schneider (4-4); 6. Tim Graham (5-3); 7. Joe Dabbs (3-5); 8. Dennis Dunbar (3-5); 9. Bob Kaltenback (2-6).

WOMEN'S FOIL

1. Pam Culshaw (5-0); 2. Sophie Trett (4-1); 3. Nonnie Hudnal (3-2); 4. Karen Sellers (1-4); 5. Jessica Roberts (1-4); 6. Lisa Dobloug (1-4).

EPEE

1. Ron Brown (8-0); 2. Jan DeLaney (6-2); 3. Dick Whitehead (5-3); 4. Joe Dabbs (5-3); 5. Jim Flint (4-4); 6. John Moscicki (3-5); 7. Tom Stewart (2-6); 8. Jack Steinman (2-6); 9. Vic Symonette (1-7).

SABRE

1. John McFarland (4-1); 2. Jan DeLaney (4-1); 3. Dean Alexander (3-2); 4. Tim Graham (2-3); 5. Jask Steinman (2-3); 6. Ron Brown (0-5).

UNDER-19 FOIL

1. Mark Forrest (4-1); 2. Tim Graham (4-1); 3. Jim Walker (3-2); 4. Rick Sirois (2-3); 5. Robert Roney (2-3); 6. Bill Tindall (0-5).

UNDER-19 WOMEN'S FOIL

1. Janet Bradley, Unat-CFD (7-0); 2. Cheri Hodge, UF-Gateway (5-2); 3. Susan Weeks, USF-CFD (5-2); 4. Jennifer James, UF-Gateway (4-3); 5. Kim Basinger, Piedmont-Piedmont (4-3); 6. Barbara McMillian, Clemson-Piedmont (2-5); 7. Lisa Powers, Ocala-Gateway (1-6); 8. Vicki Hudson, Unat-GCD (0-7).

UNDER-19 EPEE

1. Rick Sirois, Eckerd-CFD (6-1); 2. Bob Santillana, MDJC-GCD (5-2); 3. Mark Forrest, EAL-GCD (4-3); 4. Jim Walker, Unat-GCD (4-3); 5. Jay Trebbe, PAL-CFD (3-4);

6. Steve Powers, III, Ocala-Gateway Jim Meiklejohn, FSU-CFD (2-5); 8. pern, MDJC-GCD (1-6).

UNDER-19 SABRE

1. Tim Graham, EAL-GCD (5-0); 2. ker, Unat-GCD (3-2); 3. Phil Halpern GCD (3-2); 4. Carl Hurst, Sarasota-C 5. Jim Meiklejohn, FSU-CFD (2-3); Santillana, MDJC-GCD (0-5).

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BOTTERELL MEMORIAL

by L. W. Dickerson

The annual Botterell Memorial meet, held April 14th and 15th at the downtown YMCA in Cincinnati, was the largest yet with eight divisions represented and an even hundred entries in Epee, Women's Foil, Sabre and Foil.

The Botterell Trophy, held each year by the division with the best showing, was successfully defended by the SWO Division, Northern Ohio being a close second. Columbus division tied with Indiana for third, and West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois finished in that order.

In addition, the ladies this year fenced a pool of Epee and one of Sabre on Sunday, and said they liked both. It was reported the quality of the sabre play may be improved by a few more lessons each for the competitors, and some experience at judging. Epee play continues to flourish; a number of the ladies are using this weapon with pleasure and understanding.

Epee: 1. John Rice, Columbus; 2. Joe Scott, Michigan; 3. Jake Duhart, Col. (who earned his C Classification thereby); 4. Tom Clark, Indiana; 5. Greg Mueller, Indiana; 6. Herb James, Northern Ohio; 7. Allen George, West Virginia; 8. Gary Knutsen, Columbus.

WOMEN'S FOIL: 1. Genie Thayer, Kentucky; 2. Anne Klinger, Illinois; 3. Pat McMahon, Columbus; 4. Ruth Bunner, SWO; 5. Lou Felty, Ky.; 6. Pat Perry, SWO; 7. Gail Ferich, NO; 8. Terri Wheeler, Indiana.

SABRE: 1. John Stomfay-Stitz, NO; 2. Jim Gilchrist, SWO; 3. Wes Morrow, WVa.; 4. Joe Klein, EWO; 5. Pete Homorody, Columbus; 6. Les Ibanez, SWO.

FOIL: 1. Jim Gilchrist, SWO; 2. Ed Wotring, WVa.; 3. Jim Baer, WVa.; 4. Greg Mueller, Ind.; 5. Eric Sosman, NO; 6. Fred Hunt, SWO; 7. Leo Schley, WVa.; 8. Dave Kreipke, Indiana.

W. EPEE: 1. Debbie Lapeyre, NO; 2. Ruth Bunner, SWO; 3. Peggy Bunner, SWO.

W. SABRE: 1. Sue Cox, SWO; 2. Pat Perry, SWO; 3. Dottie Jones, SWO.

(Ed. Note: For safety's sake, we trust that the ladies who fenced at epee and sabre are uniformed and equipped in conformance with AFLA rules for those weapons.)



1973 MID-ATLANTIC SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dan Lyons

The first Mid-Atlantic Sectional Championships which drew 150 entries were held at William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey. The results in most weapons went according to form as the consistent top flight veteran fencers gained the laurels. Winner in epee was Brooke Makler, Philadelphia, who has garnered about every title this year including the Martini-Rossi. In the foil, Bruce Lyons, Wash., D.C., took the first place cup. Veronica Smith, Wash., D.C., was easily the class of the womens' foil competitors as she went undefeated. The only real newcomer in victory row was the saber champion, Philip Riley of New Jersey, a senior at St. John's University. His previous major efforts included a third in the NCAA and reaching the quarter finals in Madrid.

The split-up of the old North Atlantic Section which took place this year obviously had an effect on the general caliber of the competition. The notable change was the substantial decline in participation of Class A and B fencers many of whom are in other sections. The competition was held under excellent conditions, was well organized by the New Jersey Division, and the consensus of opinion was that the Section was off to a promising start. The results were as follows:

EPEE

1. Brooke Makler, Phil.; 2. David Micahnik, Phil.; 3. Ron McMahan, Phil.; 4. Lewis Siegel, WDC; 5. Ern. Fernandez, Phil.; 6. Tom Tishman, NJ.

FOIL

1. Bruce Lyons, WDC; 2. Norman Campbell, Phil.; 3. Paul Martino, NJ; 4. Carl Signorelli, NJ; 5. Richard Freda, NJ; 6. Richard Petretti, NJ.

WOMEN'S FOIL

1. Veronica Smith, WDC; 2. Cynthia Carter, WDC; Ilona Maskal, NJ; 4. Emily Grompone, NJ; 5. Mary J. Ferrell, VA; 6. Carolyn Chesney, NJ.

SABRE

1. Philip Reilly, NJ; 2. Steve Sobel, NJ; 3. Edward De Vivo, NJ; 4. Peter Westbrook, NJ; 5. Myles Astor, NJ; 6. Thomas Fekete, Phil.

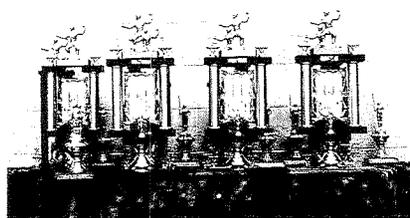


Photo by Nauman
Some of the beautiful trophies awarded for the Mid Atlantic U-19 Sectional Championships by the Western Pennsylvania Division.

FIRST MID-ATLANTIC UNDER-19 HELD IN PITTSBURGH

by Eileen Nauman

The first Under-19 Mid-Atlantic Sectionals was christened in grand style at the Franklin Regional High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 19th and 20th. Careful planning of Mr. Warren Bohl and the meet management of Dave Nauman, plus a large voluntary force from the Western Pennsylvania Division kept the meet on schedule. The Franklin Regional J.C.'s provided coffee, sandwiches and cold drinks in the adjacent cafeteria, making it within easy walking distance for any fencer who wanted to snatch a bite to eat between pools. Thanks to Mr. Barry Shabel, past president of the WPD, this was all possible.

RESULTS

FOIL:

1. Tom Boutstikaris, NJ; 2. Doug Pollack, DC; 3. Ken Bohl, WPD; 4. Dave Hedges, NJ; 5. Dave Valcarcel, NJ; 6. Harry Brammell, SJ.

EPEE:

1. Lee Shelley, NJ; 2. Rick Simone, SJ; 3. Jim Neale, NJ; 4. James Sager, DC; 5. Robert White, NJ; 6. Thomas Pell, NJ.

WOMEN'S FOIL:

1. Iza Farkas, NJ; 2. Kathy Riva, NJ; 3. Linda Kovatch, NJ; 4. Lauri Sobel, NJ; 5. Barbara Lynn, MD; 6. Nancy Sell, Harrisburg.

SABRE:

1. Miklos Benedek, NJ; 2. Brian Smith, NJ; 3. Myles Astor, NJ; 4. Doug Pollack, DC; 5. William Squire, NJ; 6. David Brusowankin, MD.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL N.J. INTERSCHOL

by Roger Cummings

The past schoolboy Christmas tournament held at Essex Catholic High School in Newark had a record attendance of 224 fencers, a record new highs in all 3 events. Ramapo won its ninth title in the tournament's lead in that category while Morris Wayne Hills each won their first.

Once again we extend our gratitude to the Megaro - Cundari Welfare Association who through their interest in youth sports has provided handsome trophies to the top six fencers in each weapon. The tournament also designated our Junior Olympic fencers with patches awarded to all semi-finalists. — In foil we saw a close race with first place going to Richard Suckey of Morris Hills and two record. There was a foul for second place with a record of two fouls and three losses. Second place awarded to Alex Mustelli of Essex on touches. Third place went to Eric of Stuyvesant, fourth to Richard Suckey of Morris Hills, fifth to Mike Mol Ramapo. The field of 85 set a record for foil event since it became electric. — In a field of sixty-four fencers, a young man from Wayne Hills, went undefeated to earn deserved first place. Second and third place to teammates from Essex Catholic being awarded to Miklos Benedek to Jim Camparo.

EPEE: — A tough battle between gory of Ramapo and Lee Shelley ensued throughout the day. Paul ended the victor with an eight record. Shelley ended in second place his only loss of the day coming from an undisputed third place went Hunterton's Bill Peterman.



PACIFIC COAST SECTIONALS

by Brenda Ellis

FOIL:

1. Shamash, J., NC; 2. Fallsen, T., SC; 3. Ashley, P., CC; 4. Dale, M., NC; 5. St. Clair, A., SC; 6. Taylor, T., Or.

FOIL TEAM — Halberstadt (Shamash, Dale, Peterson, Fumante)

WOMEN'S FOIL:

1. Mitchell, M., SC; 2. King, H., NC; 3. Magay, E., NC; 4. Jacobson, G., NC; 4. Armstrong, S., N. Bleamaster, V., OC.

WOMEN'S TEAM — Halberstadt (King, Jacobson, Lucero, Huddleson)

EPEE:

1. Guzanski, B., CC; 2. Goldberg, L., SC; 3. St. Clair, A., SC; 4. Christie, K., SC; 5. Taylor, T., Or.; 6. McKee, M., CC.

EPEE TEAM — Mori (Christie, Goldberg, Varadi)

SABRE:

1. Lekach, S., SC; 2. Wolf-Priessnitz, J., NC; 3. Resch, H., Or.; 4. Kirchner, W., SC; 5. Nordlich, R., SC; 6. Fuertes, C., SC.

SABRE TEAM — Faulkner (Fuertes, Hurst, Nordlich, Crawford)

OKLAHOMA DIVISION

by Frances Duke

Univ of Okla. Collegiate Invitational

Foil: 1. Stapp, OCU; 2. Morrow, OSU; 3. Brown, OSU.

Foil: 1. Larry White, OU; 2. Rick Poptlinger, OSU; 3. Bill Price, NASU.

Epee: 1. M. Johnson, NTSU; 2. Rock Peters, OSU; 3. Tom Morrow, OSU.

Women's Foil: 1. Rosemary Blunt, OU; 2. Jean Templeton, OSU; 3. R. Chelle, NTSU.

Women's Foil: 1. Cynthia Crabbs, OSU; 2. Rhonda Gable, OSU; 3. Mary Quigg, OU.

Women's Foil: 1. Linda Hagen, OCFC; 2. Holly Eastman, Phillips 66; 2. Nancy Parker, Phillips 66.

Foil: 1. David Crosslin, OCU; 2. Dale Wittich, SCU; 3. Rick Poptlinger, OSU.

Unclassified Epee: 1. John Vadasz, OSU; 2. Jesse Brown, OSU; 3. Scott Baxter, OCFC.

Sabre: 1. Mike McKee; 2. John Vadasz, OSU; 3. Dave Vore, OCFC;

Foil: 1. M. Ward, Dallas; 2. Don Satchell, OSU; 3. Jesse Brown, OSU.

Women's Foil: 1. Frances Duke, OCFC; 2. Teresa Piguet, OCFC; 3. Phyllis Philip, OU.

Epee: 1. Steve Kernyansky, TYFC; 2. Don Satchell, OSU; 3. Jesse Brown, OSU.

Foil: 1. Don Satchell, OSU; 2. John Vadasz, OSU; 3. John Shanks, TYFC.

Women's Foil: 1. Frances Duke, OCFC; 2. Wanda

HELENE MAYER MEMORIAL

by Mary Huddleson

The twentieth annual Helene Mayer women's meet was held in Oakland, California this year and attracted 39 competitors from up and down the west coast, including eight A's, eleven B's and eight C's.

As in the past, everyone could count on fencing at least two rounds. Our system seems to appeal to the fair-to-middling type fencers, as well as to the beginners (not to mention the more advanced fencers who goof): No byes are given; the two winners of two repechage strips, comprised of those eliminated in the preliminaries, are added one to each of the two semi-final pools. Colleen Olney, from Oregon, managed to scramble her way into the finals of eight through this system, while many of the higher-ranked fencers fell by the wayside.

Maxine Mitchell once more dominated the competition, just as she did twenty years ago, which put everyone in a mellow mood for the anniversary party afterward. As one committee member remarked, "It was almost as though no one wanted to beat Maxine."

Results of the finals:

1. Maxine Mitchell (West End) 6-1; 2. Tommy Angell (Marki) 5-2, 1.692; 3. Sheila Armstrong (West End) 5-2, 1.643; 4. Pat Bedrosian (Faulkner) 4-3; 5. Elvira Orly (Pannonia) 3-4; 6. Dot Moody (Marki) 2-5, 0.654; 7. Coleen Olney (Auriol) 2-5, 0.538; 8. Iris Lucero (Halberstadt) 1-6.

GULF COAST DIVISION

HANDICAP FOIL: 1. R. Hurley; 2. E. Abbott; 3. V. Hurley.

FRANK'S MEMORIAL SABRE: 1. R. Shelby, HFC; 2. E. Abbott; 3. C. Wheeler, Rice U.

OPEN FOIL: 1. A. Snyder, HFC; 2. R. Hurley; 3. M. Ytterberg, Rice U.

OPEN FOIL (women): 1. V. Hurley; 2. N. Abbott; 3. B. Akin, Rice U.

BEGINNERS' FOIL (men): 1. G. Friedman, Rice U; 2. D. Hearne, Texas A & M; 3. R. Jacobs, HFC.

BEGINNERS' FOIL (women): 1. K. Schwindt, Texas A & M; 2. C. Baker, HFC; 3. E. O'Connor, Rice U.

NOVICE EPEE: 1. C. Wheeler, Rice U; 2. E. Richmond, Bridge City; 3. R. Reed, HFC.

MAJOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION UNITE TO OPPOSE THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ACT OF 1973

by Steve Sobel, AFLA President

The Amateur Athletic Act of 1973 (no Senate number; companion House Bill is HR 8989) was reported to the floor of the Senate for final vote by the Senate Commerce Committee at the beginning of the summer. The major provision of the bill would be the creation of the United States Amateur Sports Board, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board would issue, and have the power to revoke, charters to the qualified governing sports bodies to be known as United States Sports Associations. This charter would be the exclusive power to sanction international competition and certify athletes for such competition in the respective sport. The Board would also appoint a commission to review the activities of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and would mediate disputes, have full power to conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses, and to compel the submission of evidence. The Board would also create a Division of safety and health to investigate sports accidents, study injuries, drugs, health programs and protective sports equipment. The bill calls for the appropriation of \$1,100,000 for three years to pay the salaries and expenses of the U.S. Sports Board.

At a meeting called by the President of the U.S. Olympic Committee 22 U.S. sports governing bodies concerned with 31 different sports **unanimously** adopted a resolution in **opposition** to the bill. In addition to the Olympic sports, other sports associations representing softball, roller skating, golf and lawn tennis joined to oppose. The ground for the opposition are as follows:

1. The complexities of amateur sports organizations in the United States call for a sound understanding and documentation of all facts before the enactment of any legislation.

2. The proposed omnibus bill would pro-

duce an undesirable government amateur sports in the United States

3. Without inviting representative various sports governing bodies and without offering the opportunity heard, Congress found that "the amateur athletic organizations in the States do not provide for the coordination and cooperation necessary" for the development of amateur athletics and this conclusion of incompetence adequate factual foundation for a motivating cause for an omnibus government control.

4. The proposed legislation violates the National Olympic Committee which states "National Olympic Committee must be completely independent, autonomous and must resist all political or commercial pressure" and therefore authorize the disqualification of U.S. athletes in future Olympic Games.

The AFLA has joined in support of the following resolutions of the United States Olympic Committee:

"RESOLVED, that the proposed Amateur Athletic Act of 1973 in its present form, with government support, is not acceptable and should be rejected, and that the sports governing bodies; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sports governing bodies conduct an extensive effort to lobby the proposed legislation and to mediate contact with all members of the legislative branch of the government.

All members of the AFLA are urged to individually write to their congressmen and Senators expressing opposition to the bill.

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