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## I. C. F. A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 46th Annual Championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association were held on March 31st and April 1st at the 7th Regiment Armory Gymnasium in New York City. Regardless of the discussions which preceded this affair as to where, how and under whom they would be conducted this year, once more the "Intercollegiates" proved a gathering place for all fencers in the East, active or retired. For two days, 119 college fencers presented a judging problem to the fencing Alumni and their friends who assembled morning, noon and evening to Direct and Judge 596 separate fencing bouts in all three weapons.

Navy lived up to its unbeaten dual meet season record and more than confirmed its choice for probable three-weapon victor by piling up the highest total score of victories in I. C. F. A. history.

In doing so it won the foil and epee team championship and placed in sabre only three points behind the winning Columbia team. It cornered the Individual honors as well by winning the Class A, Class B and placing second on touches in the Class C Foil Championship; winning the Class A and placing second in the Class B Sabre Championship; and placing second in Class A, third in Class B and winning the Class C Epee Championship. Army won the Individual Class A Epee Championship with Princeton taking first in the Class B Division of that weapon. N. Y. U. defending 3-weapon Champion, avoided a shut out this year by winning the Individual Class C Foil Championship. Columbia won the Class B and Army the Class C Sabre Championship.

With four team trophies and championships, nine Individual Championships and approximately 40 medals under competition during the two days of constant fencing it is difficult to treat separately of the individual and team accomplishments of the 119 men and 12 complete College teams who participated in the championships. We refer you to the summaries for the Final Team and Final Individual results and standings.

### I. C. F. A. FENCING SUMMARIES FINAL THREE WEAPON STANDINGS

	Epee.	Foil	Saber.	Total.
Navy .....	23½	29	28	75½
Army .....	21½	19	24	64½
Columbia .....	18	16	26	60
N. Y. U. ....	14	21	24	59
City College ..	15	24	16	55
Harvard .....	16	18	19	53
Yale .....	14½	17	21	52½
Cornell .....	13½	14	17	44½
M. I. T. ....	12	16	13	41
Princeton .....	23	9	7	39
Pennsylvania ..	15½	9	5	29½
Hamilton .....	12½	6	3	21½

### FOIL TEAM STANDINGS

	Cl. A.	Cl. B.	Cl. C.	Tot.
Navy .....	10	11	8	29
City College ..	8	9	7	24
N. Y. U. ....	7	6	8	21
Army .....	5	6	8	19
Harvard .....	4	8	6	18
Yale .....	7	6	4	17
Columbia .....	7	6	3	16
M. I. T. ....	4	5	7	16
Cornell .....	5	3	6	14
Pennsylvania ..	0	3	6	9
Princeton .....	4	3	2	9
Hamilton .....	5	0	1	6

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## THE EAST-WEST INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A competition was held this year for the first time between the winners of the Eastern Intercollegiate Conference, decided on March 18th, at Dartmouth, and the Western Intercollegiate Conference, decided in Chicago on March 11th. This competition brought the sectional intercollegiate champions together at Ohio State on March 25th to decide the East West Conference Champions in individual and team fencing for the current year.

The strong Seton Hall College team, undefeated in 33 dual meets in two years, came off the three weapon winner with a total of 18½ bouts won against their three opponents' total of 8½.

Seton Hall College defeated the University of Chicago 7-2 in foil, the University of Illinois 7-2 in sabre and tied with Northwestern University 4½-4½ in epee.

Paul Riccardi of Seton Hall College defeated William Chaikin of Ohio State University 5-4 to take the individual foil title. Diaz Cetrulo of Seton Hall College fought a 10 touch bout with Ralph Wilmott of the University of Illinois to win the individual title 10-4. Emory Naylor of Northwestern University defeated Al Lesser of the University of Buffalo 5-4 to win the individual epee title.

## EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The well-balanced team from Seton Hall College won the second annual Eastern Intercollegiate Conference championship on March 19th at Dartmouth College, repeating its victory of the year before. It made a clean sweep in all three weapons by piling up the high team score in foil, sabre and epee for a total of 101 points toward a naturally undisputed first place in the three-weapon total. Fourteen teams participated with a total of 106 competitors.

Individually, Diaz Cetrulo, ruled Division A in both foil and sabre, repeating his double victory of 1938. He led the Division A foil with 12 wins and 1 loss. His teammates Paul Riccardi won the Division B with 13 wins and no losses and Peter Malone won the Division C foil with 11 wins and 2 losses.

Cetrulo swept the Division A sabre with 12 victories and no defeats to be followed by Al Lesser of Buffalo and James Bright of Lehigh. Bout-sikaris won the Division B sabre with William Myer of Dartmouth, H. Griffin of Lehigh, Allan Bloom of North Carolina and Edward Ware of Wm. & Mary all tied for second. They finished in that order on the basis of touches.

Pat Marzulli of Seton Hall was tied with R. Bright of Lehigh in the Division C sabre and won 5-4 on a close fence off.

Al Lesser of the University of Buffalo won the Division A epee crown, unseating Paul Riccardi of Seton Hall, the defending champion, who came second. Robert Giradot of Seton Hall won the Division B epee with James Bright of Lehigh, second, and Gratton Burke of Dartmouth, third. The Division C epee ended in a tie between John Finch of North Carolina and Jack Hillman of Hofstra with Finch winning in the fence off.

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## EDITORIAL

Fencers in and around the Metropolitan area received a letter in late March from Aldo Nadi, announcing a fencing seminar, a series of open class demonstrations in foil, sabre and epee. The Editors of this magazine were mentioned in that letter as being partially responsible for instigating the series. That is correct.

Aldo Nadi should require no introduction to readers of The Riposte. As the contributor of a critical column at one time, as the center of various controversies at other times and as a frequent advertiser, his name has appeared in these pages as he himself has stated, "perhaps too often". Nevertheless, The Riposte did feel that he required an introduction, not as a personality but as a fencer. An invaluable asset was being overlooked. For three years little advantage was being taken of the fact that the world's greatest competitive fencer was now in the United States.

Result — A double dare! We dared Aldo Nadi to undertake a series of group meetings where he would explain the whys and wherefores of actual competitive fencing and fence in rotation with all those who enrolled in the series. This he is doing and it is proving helpful, interesting and exciting to those who are availing themselves of the opportunity. Aldo Nadi has accepted our dare.

The other dare was made to the fencers themselves. We dared them to participate in the endeavor. Four boys are now traveling 130 miles each way to be on hand every Monday. Three present National Champions are enrolled in the current series. Some fencers with less than two years experience are participating. But what about the large cross-section of amateurs that most need just this type of thing to put themselves across? Until they turn out as they should and make use of the program planned for them we can only say that the fencers have refused the dare.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The International Fencing Federation commonly known as the F.I.E. held its meeting this year in Anvers under the chairmanship of its Belgian president, Mr. Paul Anspach. Twenty-one out of the thirty-eight member nations were represented with Mr. C. L. de Beaumont of the British Federation representing the United States.

Questions pertaining to professional fencers and future F.I.E. competitions were discussed. The World Championships were set for September 1st - 14th in Meran. The 1940 Congress will be held in Brussels in February at which time a new president will be elected.

## Canada

The Canadian Championships will be held in Winnipeg on May 15th, 16th and 17th. American fencers, members of the F.I.E., are invited to participate. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Ted Potter, Manitoba Fencing Association, 132 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Canada. (F.I.E. membership for 1939 may be obtained from Mr. George Breed, 400 East 58th Street, New York City).

## MISSOURI Columbia

Gail Potter, professional at Stephens College in Columbia, has undertaken the preparation of a Master Index of all the fencing organizations in this country. The Riposte fully realizes the difficulty of this task for new clubs and schools where fencing is conducted are brought to its attention daily. We ask our readers to cooperate in the preparation of this interesting directory by sending Mr. Potter the name and address of your organization, name of President or Captain of your club or team and the name of your professional.

Stephens College expects to have 500 girl fencers participate in its outdoor 1939 Ambuscade this year. Two teams of Cardinal's Guards and King's Musketeers, appropriately costumed, battle annually in the Mystery Wood for possession of the Golden Hoe. Modernism has added touches this year in the presence of Technicolor cameras and telephone communications between the Hidden Camps and No Man's Land (the Field Artillery of the University of Missouri will provide the telephones). What with the formal salute across the campus between the gaily bedecked rival factions before they set forth for the Hidden Woods and the complete organization of Sentinels, Runners, Messengers (on horseback, no less), Director's staffs, Armor Masters, and Camp staffs awaiting them at the field of fray, the ambuscade this year should be more spectacular than ever.

### St. Louis

Alexander Solomon successively defended his Individual Open Foil Championship of the St. Louis Division by an undefeated record in the finals this year. Of the fifteen entrants, Tracy Barnes was second with two losses in the finals. William Chiprin, tied with Barnes, was third on touches.

Howard Baker, a new-comer in epee, won the Individual Open Epee Championship with only one loss in the finals. Tracy Barnes, Alexander Solomon and Doc Haring were tied for second with two losses apiece, to finish in that order on the basis of touches. Twelve men entered the competition.

Lou Hocker defeated Alex Solomon 5-3 in the fence off for first place in the St. Louis Open Sabre Championships. Robert Witte won third place on touches over William Chiprin. Twelve sabremen competed for the title.

Miss Ervilla Droll topped a field of 12 to win the St. Louis Women's Foil Championship on April 2nd. Tied for first place, she defeated Miss Ella Kunderman in a fence off. Miss Muriel Witte and Miss Enid Ellison were tied for third with Miss Witte winning on touches. Bouts were contested on the men's basis of five touches.

Alex Solomon won the St. Louis 3 weapon championship on March 26th by defeating William Chiprin 7-4 in a fence off for first place. Of the eight men entered, George Curtis was third and Robert Witte, fourth.

The Salle d'Armes Vical won the St. Louis Women's Foil Team Championship on April 10th. The other four teams were the Imperials, Webster Groves High School "Reds" and "Blues" and the Y.W.C.A.

Miss Ella Kunderman of the Imperials won the St. Louis Women's Prep Foil title.

Miss Doris Agricola of Salle d'Armes Vical won the St. Louis Women's Novice Foil title.

The Women's Novice Foil Team title was won by a composite team of Vera Martin, Y.W.C.A., and Edna Gustavson and Lucille Haenni of the Salle d'Armes Vical.

St. Louis is working hard to acquire Eugene Erdeyli, Hungarian swordsman, for its permanent professional.

## ILLINOIS

The Illinois fencing season has been unusually active with High Schools, Colleges and Clubs contributing to a new record number of swordsmen. Carol King, 10th ranking swordsman in 1936, has returned to the sport after more than a year's retirement and has caused a renaissance in women's fencing in Chicago.

Frank S. Righeimer, Jr., present 2nd ranking foilsmen, went through the six man Finals of the Illinois Championships undefeated. Oscar Barab, Herbert Straus and Campbell Wilson were all tied for second with 3 wins and 2 losses apiece. They finished in that order on the basis of touches.

Righeimer who also has Indoor and Outdoor National Epee Championships to his credit and at present holds the number five epee rating doubled up in the Illinois Epee Championships by winning that event undefeated as in foil. Evans of the Rantoul Air Corps took second with 4 wins and 1 loss. Tingley, Univ. of Chicago, Fry, Univ. of Illinois. Horrigan, Rantoul Air Corps and Roemer, Univ. of Illinois, finished in that order on the basis of touches after being tied for third with 2 wins and four losses apiece.

Gene Williams of the Edgewater Fencing Club won the 6 man Finals of the Illinois Sabre Championships with a clean record, followed by Richardson, Barab, Wood, Gray and Todd. We regret the lack of further details pertaining to these results.

Illinois fencers are planning strong representation in the Midwest Championships, the All Eastern Championships and the National Championships.

## FENCING CALENDAR

- Apr. 25 Women's Foil -- Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, Fencers Club, N.Y.C., 7:30 P.M.
- Apr. 26 Foil -- New England Individual Championship and Qualifying Rounds for National Championship, Salle d'Armes Peroy, Cambridge, Mass., 7:30 P.M.
- Apr. 27 Women's Foil -- Long Island Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, Hofstra College, Hempstead, L.I., 7:30 P.M.
- Apr. 28 Epee -- San Francisco Junior Team Championship, Funke Academy, S.F., 8:00 P.M.
- Apr. 29 Epee -- Northern Ohio Team Trophy, Cleveland, Ohio
- Apr. 30 Three Weapon -- New Jersey Team Championship, Salle Scafati, Newark, N.J., 2:00 P.M.
- Foil -- Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, N.Y.A.C., 7:30 P.M.
- May 2 Epee -- Long Is'nd Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, Hofstra College, Hempstead, L.I., 7:30 P.M.
- May 3 Epee -- New England Individual Championship and Qualifying Rounds for National Championship, Salle d'Armes Peroy, Cambridge, Mass., 7:30 P.M.
- May 4 Sabre -- Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, N.Y.A.C., 7:30 P.M.
- May 7 Philadelphia Outdoor Individual Championship, Phila. Country Club, Philadelphia, Pa., 2:00 P.M.
- Epee -- Philadelphia Outdoor Individual Championship, Country Club, Philadelphia, Pa., 2:00 P.M.
- All Weapons and Women's Foil -- Fifth Annual Duelling Oaks Meet. City Park, New Orleans.
- Epee -- Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, N.Y.A.C., 2:00 P.M.
- May 9 Foil -- Long Island Individual Qualifying Rounds for All Eastern and National Championships, Hofstra College, Hempstead, L.I., 7:30 P.M.
- May 10 Sabre -- New England Individual Championship and Qualifying Rounds for National Championship, Salle d'Armes Peroy, Cambridge, Mass., 7:30 P.M.
- May 11 Epee -- Long Island Individual Competition, Hofstra College, Hempstead, L.I., 7:30 P.M.
- May 13 Sabre -- Northern Ohio Team Trophy, Cleveland, Ohio
- May 19 Women's Foil -- All Eastern Individual Championship -- Semi-finals and Finals, Fencers Club, N.Y.C., 7:30 P.M.

## HOW TO COMPETE IN A FOIL COMPETITION (2)

Having dealt in the first part of this essay with the physical, nervous and mental conditioning necessary for good competitive results, we are now ready for more specific suggestions pertaining to competition technique.

We must assume now that we have entered a competition with the required "will to win" and are ready to match our skill and acumen with that of our opponents. Since skill is not all that is necessary to win a competition we must give some thought to planning our campaign. We are now a one-man army, if it is to be an Individual competition, or one of a three-man army if it is a Team competition and few battles have been won without the use of campaign strategy.

There is a certain amount of nervous tension in connection with every competition. There is also the natural physical strain which every fencer undergoes. It is therefore advisable to find a seat in a quiet corner between bouts and learn to relax to compensate for these strains. This is not always possible for many competitions require the assistance of the competitors for directing and judging. You should render these services willingly as one of the duties contingent upon you, but if you find yourself being used constantly for this purpose while others are consistently free from such additional duties, plead your cause with the Bout Committee and request that such work be evenly divided.

When off the strip, rest your eyes by avoiding the bright lights or by not facing daylight windows. Put on a dressing gown or coat after each bout to keep yourself warm. If thirsty, take drinks frequently but not too much at one time.

### Individual Competition

First, we must estimate the total number of bouts we may have to fence. Will it be a long or a short competition? How many pools would we, if we became a Finalist, have to survive? How many bouts would each Finalist have to fence? Ten competition bouts is a good day's work. If eight or less bouts are all that would be necessary, you should be able to survive these without extra planning. If ten or more bouts are necessary then you should plan to conserve your energy as much as possible.

Most individual competitions are run in a series of pools with approximately half the men from each pool advancing into the next round. Review your pool before you begin fencing. Find out what men will be in the pool with you and how many will be qualified into the second round. Let us say the pool consists of seven men with four to qualify. That means a maximum of six bouts with the necessity of winning at least three bouts to qualify. Even this may not be enough if the top men are closely bunched so you must try to win four bouts to be sure.

There are not so many fencers in the United States that all the men in your pool would be strangers to you. You should be able to say to yourself, "I can beat Doe, Smith, Wood and Brown, the others will be tougher." Those are the men upon whom you must concentrate. You cannot afford to act as if the result were an assured thing for should you lose to one of these you would have to defeat one of the stronger fencers to make up for the loss. To fool away a sure bout is often very costly. Also, in this preliminary pool you must be careful about touches made against you for a tie for qualification will be

decided on points and each point may have a golden value later on.

If one of the stronger fencers in your pool has you 4-0 or 4-1 and the cause appears hopeless do not wear yourself out trying to win against such short odds. If this is the last bout in your pool and you must win it to survive, then of course you have no alternative but to fight on with everything you've got, but if there are other bouts to come which might serve to qualify you, save yourself as much as possible and be that much fresher for the next bout which will start off 0-0 with an even break for victory.

These same tactics apply in the Semifinal pool. It is only the Finals in which every bout counts. Save yourself for these as much as possible, by using your head in the earlier rounds. In the Finals, every bout and even every touch is very important. It is here that you must fence "all out" all the time. You will need all your strength and stamina and be glad of any hoarding of these items that you may have been able to accomplish in riding through the earlier pools.

### Bout Planning

The art of fence or fencing, as it is called, is a combination of the art of offense and defense. Every fencer must have ability in each of these. However, you can generally note that any particular fencer is better at one than the other. His game is built around his stronger point. Therefore, it is important that you watch the other fencers during their bouts and determine in advance which are the defensive and which are the offensive fencers. You must plan your play accordingly, inviting the attack from the defensive fencers and assuming the attack yourself against the strong attacking type of opponent.

A defensive fencer often takes a stance well set and then proceeds to await your attack. To do so may be suicidal. You must nurse him into an offensive action. For instance, retreat so far from him that he has to advance. This forward motion of his sometimes suggests an attack to him and your ruse will have worked. If not, appear relaxed and invite him through apparent defenselessness on your part. If that doesn't work, press him back to the end of the strip. Make him conscious of that back line. Man or mouse will attack when backed up to a wall.

Beware of analyzing an opponent too quickly. A man may make many attacks and still be primarily a defensive fencer. Always note the "will" of an attack. Was it intended as a real attack or a false attack? Many defensive fencers use false attacks to make an opponent parry and riposte or stop thrust upon which their defensive intentions come quickly into play and they counter riposte or, in the case of a stop thrust, parry and riposte. These attacks with secondary intent should be interpreted really as defensive actions since they depend for their success upon baiting the opponent into coming to him.

If you must attack a strong defensive fencer make sure of your time and attack hard so that he must parry securely before his intended riposte. Either this or a very light false attack which leaves you ready to parry a riposte or free to jump back to the "on guard" position with parries covering your retreat.

A defensive fencer usually has his parry planned ahead of time. By watching a fencer you may spot this parry in advance. In this case do not enter the line which he wants you to or do so with as strong

an intent to deceive that parry as he has to make it. If you can do so, it pays to defy a man by going through his pet parry. He is psychologically at a loss through the failure of his best defense and begins to doubt his invulnerability.

The fact that most fencers have a pet parry is something that can be used against them. It is twice as easy to plan an attack when you know which parry the opponent will use. Once you know that parry you can depend upon its use almost certainly under two conditions; at the start of a bout and in a "pinch". Let us say that an opponent favors a counter of quarte. You go on the strip together and the bout begins. He will use a counter of quarte against your first attack because he feels safest with that parry and needs that feeling of safety until he gets well started. If you make an immediate attack, doubling through his counter of quarte with speed, confidence and authority, you should have a 1-0 advantage within the first few seconds of the bout. Later on, let us say you are successful in reaching a score of 4 against him. He is on the spot to defend himself successfully against another touch from you. What is more natural than that he should depend upon his best parry for this defense? Pick the proper time and then end the bout with a double through his old favorite counter of quarte.

A good fencer mixes his parries unconsciously. However, good fencers are much rarer than the layman thinks. The majority of fencers work in fairly determinable grooves and have standard sets of reactions. Here is one *modus operandi*, based upon this fact, that often results in touches. Make a fast feint with every appearance of attacking. Note the reaction of your opponent. Go back on guard and immediately make an attack deceiving the reaction the opponent has just indicated. Nine out of ten times his reaction will be the same the second time.

Here is another use of the same principle. Strange to say, it takes a great deal of experience before this simple ruse ever dawns upon the average fencer. Let us say that you have been fortunate to gain a 4-0 or 4-1 lead over your opponent and yet that 5th touch is proving very difficult. The competition may be a long one and you cannot afford to tire yourself out against this one stubbornly aroused opponent. Why not give a touch to make a touch? You disengage and lunge out with the casualness of a Sunday afternoon stroll and naturally get hit with a riposte. Your opponent thinks, "Boy, that was easy! This fellow isn't untouchable. A few more like that and I'll be out of this tough spot." Now give him another that looks just the same. You'll see him rise to the bait like a hungry trout. Furthermore, he'll rise the same as before. He'll hardly believe that it's true. It isn't. You are set for that riposte and he won't be set for your counter riposte which should have everything behind it including thanks. The bout will be over.

### College Competition

Certain tricks will work against some and not against others. You can't fool all of the people all of the time. A Senior A.F.L.A. fencer will not react the same as a College fencer and vice versa. In the first place their reaction speeds or tempos are different. An entire article should some day be written on this subject of differences between a good Collegian and a good National competitor. Here, however, I shall endeavor to point out only a few

tricks useful in College competition or against College fencers.

When I was in college, our college team watched very carefully for the pet parries of our opponents. The use of favorite parries is more pronounced in college fencing than in A.F.L.A. competition. None of our foilsmen went upon the strip without knowing what his first attack would be. He was also supposed to repeat it as long as possible, until he saw that his opponent had finally decided to use another parry.

College fencers are for the most part poor at timing. They plan to attack and do so regardless of whether the opponent is set for it or not. Those were the days of Sabatini's novel "Scaramouche" in which the hero told of counting to five and attacking "all out" at the "five". It worked many times as a good substitute for the sense of timing which we had not yet developed. It at least relieved us of tension during the count, enabled us to put everything into our attack when it came due and carried the surprise element of suddenness. I suggest that boys who are not sure of their timing try the Scaramouche method of counting to three or five.

We also found that if an opponent made a beat attack against one of us and he turned right around and made a beat attack in reply, he could quite often make a point. We tried to use the same attack against an opponent that he had just made against us. Why it succeeded I do not know unless it is that the opponent used attacks which he thought he would dislike having used against him. Perhaps success lay in the fact that any firm idea quickly executed had a better chance of success than no idea at all. College fencers are generally fairly new to the sport. They lack the experience to know what to do next. This plan at least gave us something definite to work upon and I pass it along as a hint which may help.

### Don't's

**Never change a winning game.** How many times have you seen a fencer lead at 4-0 or 4-1 and then lose the bout. Very probably he changed his game. He had made four touches with attacks and then went back on the defensive to make his 5th touch with a riposte, not daring to attack any longer. Or he may have made his touches on the defensive and then at 4-0 taken up the attack to finish off the bout. If you find that a certain thing works well against an opponent, stick to it until it fails to work. When it fails to work, it is no longer a winning game and you can change, but until this happens never change.

**Never expect an opponent to step off the end of the strip.** In fifteen years of fencing I can remember making only one touch from an opponent's stepping off the back of the strip. Remember that your opponent is hard pressed when his foot is on the back line, but also remember that he will not step off. He'll bite back every chance he gets and is extremely dangerous. Back him up to the limit, if you can, but actually be more on the defensive than on the offensive when you get him there. He almost has to attack so be set for him and not go feinting in with only offensive tactics in mind.

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## How To Compete In Competition

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**Never underestimate an opponent.** No man ever entered a competition on the basis of his good looks or his money. He entered for the same reason you did, because he can fence and because he would like to win. He has something to warrant his confidence in himself and that something may be just enough to upset you if you face him feeling superior. You may have beaten him in every previous encounter which is all the more reason to watch your step for he values a victory over you more highly than you value another victory over him.

**Never overestimate an opponent.** Just because your opponent may have a big name, wear an Olympic shield on his arm, or have beaten you badly in your last encounter, don't let that phase you. You must be careful, yes, but you must also do your best without apologies. You will never go far if you just look forward to your easy bouts. It is the tough bouts which you should anticipate with pleasure for there you measure yourself against men whose speed, co-ordination, skill and experience you aspire to yourself. Try your best to beat them, to forget their records and concentrate upon them in the present. Every fencer has his off days and your great moment may have arrived. There is no thrill sweeter than being on the right side of an upset.

(The next and concluding article in this foil series will deal with team competition and general conclusions.)

## I.C.F.A. Championships

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## FOIL TEAM RESULTS

Navy defeated Army, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Princeton, Hamilton, C.C.N.Y. and M.I.T. 3-0 and N.Y.U., Cornell, Harvard and Yale 2-1.

C.C.N.Y. defeated Princeton, N.Y.U., Hamilton and M.I.T. 3-0 and Army, Columbia, Yale, Pennsylvania, Harvard and Cornell 2-1.

N.Y.U. defeated M.I.T., Yale, Hamilton and Princeton 3-0 and Pennsylvania, Cornell, Harvard and Columbia 2-1.

Army defeated Pennsylvania, Princeton and N.Y.U. 3-0 and Hamilton, Harvard and M.I.T. 2-1.

Harvard defeated Princeton 3-0 and Hamilton, Yale, M.I.T., Cornell and Columbia 2-1.

Yale defeated Hamilton 3-0 and Cornell, Princeton, Army, Pennsylvania and Columbia 2-1.

Columbia defeated Pennsylvania 3-0 and Hamilton, Princeton, M.I.T. and Army 2-1.

M.I.T. defeated Hamilton, Cornell and Pennsylvania 3-0 and Princeton and Yale 2-1.

Cornell defeated Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia, Army and Hamilton 2-1.

Pennsylvania defeated Harvard and Hamilton 2-1.

Princeton defeated Pennsylvania and Hamilton 2-1.

## INDIVIDUAL FOIL RESULTS (Place Winners Only)

Class A: Vincent de Poix, Navy won 10 lost 1; Max Goldstein, C.C.N.Y. won 8 lost 3; Leon Seltzer, Columbia won 7 lost 4 (touched 23 times); Silvio Giolito, N.Y.U., won 7 lost 4 (touched 25 times) and Paul Perlowin, Yale, won 7 lost 4 (touched 34 times).

Class B: Daniel Appleton, Navy, won 11 lost 0; David Altman, C.C.N.Y. won 9 lost 2; Harry Kinnard, Army, won 7 lost 4 and Cranston Jones, Harvard won 7 lost 4.

Class C: Felix Feldman, N.Y.U., won 8, lost 3 (touched 36 times); John Henry, Navy, won 8, lost 3 (touched 39 times) and Alfred Moody, Army, won 8, lost 3 (touched 40 times).

## SABRE TEAM STANDINGS

	Cl. A.	Cl. B.	Cl. C.	Tot.
Columbia	8	10	8	26
N. Y. U.	8	8	8	24
Army	9	6	9	24
Navy	9	9	5	23
Yale	8	5	8	21
Harvard	4	6	9	19
Cornell	5	6	5	17
City College	5	6	5	16
M. I. T.	4	4	5	13
Princeton	2	3	2	7
Pennsylvania	1	3	1	5
Hamilton	2	0	1	3

## SABRE TEAM RESULTS

Columbia defeated Pennsylvania, Princeton, Hamilton and C.C.N.Y. 3-0 and Cornell, Navy, Army, N.Y.U., M.I.T., Yale and Harvard 2-1.

N.Y.U. defeated Pennsylvania, Princeton, Hamilton and Cornell 3-0 and Harvard, C.C.N.Y., M.I.T., Navy and Army 2-1.

Army defeated Hamilton, Navy, Pennsylvania and Yale 3-0 and Harvard, M.I.T., C.C.N.Y., Cornell and Princeton 2-1.

Navy defeated Princeton, Hamilton, M.I.T., C.C.N.Y. and Pennsylvania 3-0 and Harvard, Cornell and Yale 2-1.

Yale defeated M.I.T., Pennsylvania, Princeton and Hamilton 3-0 and Cornell, Harvard and N.Y.U. 2-1.

Harvard defeated Pennsylvania and Hamilton 3-0 and M.I.T., Princeton, C.C.N.Y. and Cornell 2-1.

Cornell defeated Princeton, Pennsylvania and Hamilton 3-0 and M.I.T. 2-1.

C.C.N.Y. defeated Princeton and Pennsylvania 3-0 and Yale, Cornell and Hamilton 2-1.

M.I.T. defeated Pennsylvania, C.C.N.Y., Hamilton and Princeton 2-1.

Pennsylvania defeated Hamilton and Princeton 2-1.

Princeton defeated Hamilton 3-0.

## INDIVIDUAL SABRE RESULTS (Place Winners Only)

Class A: Abraham Campo, Navy, won 9 lost 2; Alan Rorick, Army, won 9 lost 2 (Campo defeated Rorick 5-2 in fence-off); James Welles, Columbia won 8 lost 3 (touched 27 times); Robert Johnson, Yale, won 8 lost 3 (touched 31 times) and James Castello, N.Y.U., won 8 lost 3 (touched 36 times).

Class B: Gordon Wallis, Columbia, won 10 lost 1; Lee Snillsberg, Navy, won 9 lost 2; Frank Scharfstein, N.Y.U., won 8 lost 3.

Class C: Davison Dalziel, Army, won 9 lost 2 (touched 36 times); Joseph Doyle, Harvard, won 9 lost 2 (touched 40 times) and Vincent Scully, Yale, won 7 lost 4.

## EPEE TEAM STANDINGS

	Cl. A.	Cl. B.	Cl. C.	Tot.
Navy	7½	6½	9½	23½
Princeton	7½	10	5½	23
Army	8	7	6½	21½
Columbia	6½	5	6½	18
Harvard	6	6	4	16
Pennsylvania	4	5½	6	15½
City College	5	3	7	15
Yale	7½	5	2	14½
N. Y. U.	2	5	7	14
Cornell	6	4	3½	13½
Hamilton	4½	3	5	12½
M. I. T.	1½	6	4½	12

## EPEE TEAM RESULTS

Navy defeated Hamilton and Harvard 3-0; M.I.T., Cornell, Pennsylvania, Princeton, N.Y.U., C.C.N.Y. and Army 2-1; and tied with Columbia 1½-1½.

Princeton defeated Harvard, N.Y.U. and Cornell 3-0; Army 2½-½.

Pennsylvania and Yale 2-1; and tied with C.C.N.Y., M.I.T. and Hamilton 1½-1½.

Army defeated Harvard and M.I.T. 3-0; N.Y.U. and Columbia 2½-½; C.C.N.Y., Yale, Hamilton and Pennsylvania 2-1; and tied with Cornell 1½-1½.

Columbia defeated C.C.N.Y. 3-0; Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton and N.Y.U. 2-1; and tied with M.I.T. and Navy 1½-1½.

Harvard defeated Cornell and Hamilton 3-0; and N.Y.U., M.I.T., Columbia and C.C.N.Y. 2-1.

Pennsylvania defeated Yale, M.I.T., N.Y.U., Hamilton and Harvard 2-1.

C.C.N.Y. defeated Cornell, Hamilton, Pennsylvania and M.I.T. 2-1; and tied with N.Y.U. and Princeton 1½-1½.

Yale defeated Cornell, Harvard, Navy and C.C.N.Y. 2-1.

N.Y.U. defeated Hamilton 3-0; Cornell and Yale 2-1 and tied with C.C.N.Y. 1½-1½.

Cornell defeated M.I.T. 3-0; Columbia and Pennsylvania 2-1; and tied Army 1½-1½.

Hamilton defeated Columbia, M.I.T., Cornell and Yale 2-1 and tied Princeton 1½-1½.

M.I.T. defeated Yale and N.Y.U. 2-1 and tied with Princeton and Columbia 1½-1½.

## INDIVIDUAL EPEE RESULTS (Place Winners Only)

Class A: Salvatore Manzo, Army won 8 lost 3; John Howland, Navy, won 7½ lost 3½ (18 touches against); Rex Auchinclose, Yale, won 7½ lost 3½ (20 touches against) and George Calkins, Princeton won 7½ lost 3½ (20 touches against, defeated 3-2 in fence off).

Class B: Amory Parmentier, Princeton won 10 lost 1; Page Smith, Army, won 7 lost 4 and James McPherson, Navy, won 6½ lost 4½.

Class C: Philip Glennon, Navy, won 9½ lost 1½; Jerry Konucky, N.Y.U., won 7 lost 4 and Arthur Meyer, Army, won 6½ lost 4½.

## FLORIDA

The Gulf Coast Open Fencing Tournament will be held at Panama City, Florida on July 4th under the sponsorship of the New Orleans Division and the Fencers Club of Panama City. Competition will be held in foil, sabre, epee and women's foil and will be open to any amateur fencer irrespective of affiliation. A.F.L.A. rules will apply. Entry fee 50c per weapon. Prizes of engraved silver plated weapons will be awarded by the Womens Club and Chamber of Commerce of Panama City. Mr. Orest Meykar of 528 Royal St., New Orleans is chairman and manager of the Tournament.

## GEORGIA

The fencing team of the Boys High School of Atlanta has recently marked up its 21st consecutive dual meet victory in defeating the Tennessee Military Institute. This record has been built up over three years and includes competitions against college as well as secondary school teams.

## LONG ISLAND

There were 18 entries in the Long Island Junior Foil Championship on March 9th. In a six man Finals, Ralph Leiderman of Long Island University took first, undefeated, with Fred Gillen of the New Jersey Division, second, losing only to the winner. James Schlobin of Hofstra College was third with three victories, losing only to Leiderman and Gillen.

There were six entries in the Long Island Open Women's Foil Competition held at Hofstra College on April 5th.

### Summaries:

Miss Mildred Stewart (Salle Santeli) defeated Miss Bayer 4-1. Miss Maxwell 4-1, Miss Wahl 4-1, Miss Mroczkowska 4-3 and Miss Grimmelmann 4-3.  
 Miss Helena Mroczkowska (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Grimmelmann 4-0, Miss Bayer 4-3, Miss Maxwell 4-3 and Miss Wahl 4-2.  
 Miss Dorothy Grimmelmann (Salle Santeli) defeated Miss Wahl 4-1, Miss Maxwell 4-3 and Miss Bayer 4-2.  
 Miss Ruth Maxwell (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Bayer 4-0 and Miss Wahl 4-1.  
 Miss Grace Bayer (Hofstra College) defeated Miss Wahl 4-3.  
 Miss Dorothy Wahl (Hofstra College) lost all bouts.

## MICHIGAN

The Michigan Open State Championships were held at the Hotel Statler in Detroit on April 1st.

Saul Karsch won the Michigan Foil Championship by finishing first in the four man Finals over Karl Hanisch, Ralph Bristol and Bryon Krieger who finished in that order.

Ralph Bristol won the Michigan Epee Championship with Jean Jacowbowski, second, Jack Briner, third and Saul Karsch, the defending champion, fourth.

Karl Hanisch and Howard Hayden were tied for first in the Michigan Sabre Championship with Hanisch winning the fence off 5-2. Saul Karsch was third and William Osis was fourth.

Mrs. Gerda Michaels won the Michigan Women's Foil Championship with Miss Cornelia Sanger, second, Miss Paula Sweeney, third and Mrs. Rofe Theiss, fourth.

The Osis Cup, Michigan Intercollegiate Fencing Trophy, was won this year by the Lawrence Institute of Technology for their unbeaten record this season against other Michigan college teams. The Tech. team was captained by William Osis, brother of the cup's donor.

## NEW ORLEANS

The winners of the New Orleans A.F.L.A. Divisional Prep-Novice Competitions were Allen Lill of the New Orleans Academy in foil and sabre and Louis A. Blanc Jr., of the Fencers Club of New Orleans in epee.

Fencing units captained and coached by amateurs have been formed in the Fortier, White, Peters and Warren Easton High Schools.

Fencers of the French Naval Training Cruiser "Jeanne D'Arc" defeated a New Orleans fencing team on March 22nd by a score of 3-1 in epee and 2-2 in foil. Mr. Orest Meykar, New Orleans professional, presented the captain of the Cruiser with an engraved silver epee on behalf of the Hon. Richard W. Leche, Governor of Louisiana.

The 5th Annual Duelling Oaks Meet will be held in City Park on Sunday May 7th. This outdoor competition in foil, sabre, epee and women's foil will be open to all amateur club fencers within the New Orleans Division.

## PHILADELPHIA

The North East High School fencing team won the Philadelphia Public High School League Championship with five successive victories. Matches were conducted in foil and epee.

### Competition Results:

**Junior Sabre** — Mar. 1st — 15 Entries — 1. Anthony Hyde, Sword Club, 2. Edwin C. Bertsche, Sword Club. (Hyde, an Intermediate, won all bouts but was ineligible to receive a medal. He qualified into the National Junior Sabre Championship).

**Intermediate Foil** — Mar. 8th — 1. Philip C. Shakespeare, Jr., Sword Club.

**Intermediate Epee** — Mar. 15th — 1. Richard F. Warren, Sword Club, 2. John Hawley, Haverford College and 3. Eugene Botelho, Haverford College.

**Women's Junior Foil** — Mar. 20th — 1. Claire McRoberts, Jersey City Fencers Club, Cornelia Newlin, Shipley School and 3. Frances Holsey, Jersey City Fencers Club.

**Intermediate Sabre** — Mar. 22nd — 1. Anthony Hyde, Sword Club, 2. Roger U. Owings, Wilmington Y.M.C.A. and 3. George K. Vapaa, Wilmington Y.M.C.A.

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## A. F. L. A. COMPETITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY

John Allaire Three Weapon Team Competition —  
12 Teams — February 26th

For the second year in a row the Fencers Club won this competition which is decided upon the fewest touches scored against, despite the fact that in both years the N.Y.A.C. won all its team matches. The New York University team, however, supplied the surprise of the competition by finishing ahead of the veteran Salle Santelli team, last year's runner-up. The winning team consisted of Hugh Alessandrone (foil), Norman C. Armitage (sabre) and Tracy Jaekel and Robert Driscoll (epee).

## Final Standing:

Club	Foil	Epee	Sabre	Total
Fencers Club	29	40	25	94
N. Y. A. C.	40	30	26	96
N. Y. U.	29	45	49	123
Salle Santelli	44	32	49	126
Phila. Sword Club	45	53	31	129
Seton Hall	56	36	39	131
West Pt. Officers	64	36	48	148
Columbia Univ.	56	47	45	148
Salle Vince	33	54	66	153
St. Johns Coll.	49	62	50	161
Saltus Club	57	56	56	169
Greco Fencing Acad.	61	66	44	171

Nondivisional Qualifying Round — Individual Junior  
Epee — 28 Entries — 6 Preliminary Strips — 3 Final  
Qualifying Strips — 8 Qualifiers — February 28th.

Silvio Giolito, N.Y.U., and Nathaniel Lubell, Salle d'Armes Vince led the eight qualifiers from New York in the qualifying rounds for the National Junior Championship. Both men went through the two rounds of competition undefeated. Daniel Bukantz, Salle d'Armes Vince, 7th in National foil ranking, dropped one bout to qualify along with Max Goldstein, C.C.N.Y., Daniel Alagna, St. Johns, Irving E. Cantor, Fencers Club, Nino Maniaci, Saltus Club and Ralph E. Marson, N.Y.A.C.

## Qualifying Rounds:

## Strip #1

Silvio Giolito (N.Y.U.) defeated Di Giacinto 5-0, Goldstein 5-3, Tauber 5-3 and Maniaci 5-1.  
Max Goldstein (C.C.N.Y.) defeated Di Giacinto 5-4, White 5-3, Tauber 5-3 and Maniaci 5-4.  
Nino Maniaci (Saltus Club) defeated Di Giacinto 5-4, White 5-4 and Tauber 5-3.  
Albert Di Giacinto (N.Y.A.C.) defeated White 5-0 and Tauber 5-0.  
Arthur Tauber (Salle Santelli) defeated White 5-3.  
Walter B. White (Saltus Club) lost all bouts.  
Giolito and Goldstein qualified and Maniaci entered fence-off.

## Strip #2

Daniel Bukantz (Salle Vince) defeated Wesselman 5-4, Axelrod 5-3, Marson 5-4 and Cassel 5-1.  
Daniel Alagna (St. Johns College) defeated Bukantz 5-3, Axelrod 5-4, Marson 5-1 and Cassel 5-2.  
Ralph E. Marson (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Wesselman 5-4, Axelrod 5-4 and Cassel 5-1.  
Henry B. Wesselman (Fencers Club) defeated Alagna 5-3 and Cassel 5-2.  
Ezra Cassel (N.Y.U.) defeated Axelrod 5-4.  
Bukantz and Alagna qualified and Marson entered fence-off.

## Strip #3

Nathaniel Lubell (Salle Vince) defeated Cantor 5-2, Ignatow 5-4, Fania 5-3, and Feldman 5-3.  
Irving E. Cantor (Fencers Club) defeated Prokop 5-4, Ignatow 5-2, Fania 5-3 and Feldman 5-2.  
Felix Feldman (N.Y.U.) defeated Prokop 5-4, Ignatow 5-2 and Fania 5-3.  
Stephen Fania (Saltus Club) defeated Prokop 5-3 and Ignatow 5-3.  
Archie Ignatow (N.Y.U.) defeated Prokop 5-1.  
Austin Prokop (Salle Santelli) lost all bouts fenced.  
Lubell and Cantor qualified and Feldman entered fence-off.  
**Fence-off for seventh and eighth places.**  
Maniaci defeated Feldman 5-3, 8 touches against.  
Marson defeated Maniaci 5-4, 9 touches against, scored 9 touches.  
Feldman defeated Marson 5-4, 9 touches against, scored 8 touches.  
Maniaci and Marson qualified.

Nondivisional Qualifying Round — Individual Junior  
Epee — 31 Entries — 6 Preliminary Strips — 3 Final  
Qualifying Strips — 8 Qualifiers — March 7th.

Alfred Skrobisch, Fencers Club, led the Nondivisional qualifiers for the National Epee Championship by losing only one bout in the preliminary round and being undefeated in the qualifying round. Other qualifiers were Abraham Martinez and Marvin Metzger of Columbia, Winslow Cornett, Ernest May and Hugh Alessandrone of the Fencers Club, Albert Di Giacinto, N.Y.A.C. and Archie Ignatow, N.Y.U. The surprise of the competition was the failure of Robert Driscoll, Fencers Club, 9th in National epee ranking, to qualify.

## Qualifying Rounds:

## Strip #1

Alfred Skrobisch (Fencers Club) defeated Driscoll 3-1, Ignatow 3-0, Ozol 3-2, White 3-0 and Martinez 3-2.  
Abraham Martinez (Columbia) defeated Driscoll 3-2, Ozol 3-2 and White 3-2.  
Archie Ignatow (N.Y.U.) defeated Ozol 3-1 and Martinez 3-0, 10 touches against.  
Rudolph Ozol (Salle Santelli) defeated Driscoll 3-2 and White 3-0, 11 touches against.  
Robert Driscoll (Fencers Club) defeated Ignatow 3-2 and White 3-0, 11 touches against.  
Walter B. White (Saltus Club) defeated Ignatow 3-1.  
Skrobisch and Martinez qualified and Ignatow entered fence-off.  
**Strip #2**  
Winslow Cornett (Fencers Club) defeated Stark 3-2, Calkins 3-1, Metzger 3-0 and Nichtern 3-0.  
Marvin Metzger (Columbia) defeated Calkins 3-0, Weber 3-1 and Nichtern 3-0, 7 touches against.  
Reginald Weber (Fencers Club) defeated Cornett 3-2, Calkins 3-0, Nichtern 3-1 and tied Stark 3-3, 9 touches against.  
Hans Stark (Salle Santelli) defeated Calkins 3-2, Metzger 3-2, Nichtern 3-1 and tied Weber 3-3, 11 touches against.  
Roy Calkins (Princeton) and Sol Nichtern (N.Y.U.) lost all bouts.  
Cornett and Metzger qualified and Weber entered fence-off.  
**Strip #3**  
Ernest May (Fencers Club) defeated Alessandrone 3-2, Ritayik 3-2, Rogers 3-1 and Moss 3-2.  
Albert Di Giacinto (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Alessandrone 3-1, May 3-0, Rogers 3-1 and tied Moss 3-3.  
Hugh Alessandrone (Fencers Club) defeated Ritayik 3-0 and Roger 3-1, 10 touches against.  
Paul Moss (Salle Santelli) defeated Alessandrone 3-2, Rogers 3-0 and tied Di Giacinto 3-3, 11 touches against.  
William Ritayik (Saltus Club) defeated Di Giacinto 3-2 and Moss 3-2, 13 touches against.  
Sanford Rogers (Columbia) defeated Ritayik 3-1.  
May and Di Giacinto qualified and Alessandrone entered fence-off.  
**Fence-off for seventh and eighth places.**  
Alessandrone defeated Weber 3-2.  
Ignatow defeated Weber 3-2.  
Alessandrone and Ignatow qualified.

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## A.F.L.A. COMPETITION IN N.Y.C.

### Metropolitan Epee Team Championship — 9 Teams— 4 Team Finals — March 6th.

After eleven hours of fencing with the electrical epee, the Salle Santelli "A" and "B" teams and the Fencers Club "B" team were tied for first place with two wins and one loss apiece. The fence off will take place at 2:00 P.M. on April 23rd at the Fencers Club.

This competition was unnecessarily prolonged through the failure of the individual equipment of the contestants and the epee machines themselves.

#### Summary of the Finals to date:

Salle Santelli "A" defeated the Fencers Club "B" 5-2 and the West Point Officers 5-2.

Salle Santelli "B" defeated the Salle Santelli "A" 5-2 and the West Point Officers 5-3.

Fencers Club "B" defeated Salle Santelli "B" 5-1 and the West Point Officers 5-4.

#### Sabre

### Nondivisional Qualifying Round — Individual Junior Sabre — 30 Entries — 6 Preliminary Strips — 3 Final Qualifying Strips — 8 Qualifiers — March 7th.

With only one loss apiece throughout the competition, Edward Egan of the Saltus Club and Kevis Kapner of Salle Santelli led the eight qualifiers in this unusually large sabre competition. The other qualifiers were James Welles and Gordon Wallis of Columbia, William Ritayik of the Saltus Club, Harold Newton of the Greco Fencing Academy, Bradner Littlehale of the N.Y.A.C. and James Castello of N.Y.U.

#### Qualifying Rounds:

##### Strip #1

Kevis Kapner (Salle Santelli) defeated Egan 5-4, Wallis 5-4, Davidoff 5-2, Santos 5-3 and Kornfeld 5-4.

Edward Egan (Saltus Club) defeated Wallis 5-2, Santos 5-1 and Kornfeld 5-2. 15 touches against.

Gordon Wallis (Columbia) defeated Davidoff 5-3, Santos 5-0 and Kornfeld 5-3, 16 touches against.

Murray Kornfeld (St. Johns College) defeated Davidoff 5-3.

Murray Davidoff (N.Y.U.) defeated Egan 5-4.

Henrique Santos (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Davidoff 5-4.

Kapner and Egan qualified and Wallis entered fence-off:

##### Strip #2

Harold Newton (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Siffert 5-0, Girard 5-4, Thompson 5-4 and Ritayik 5-3.

William Ritayik (Saltus Club) defeated Siffert 5-3, Girard 5-3, Thompson 5-3 and Zimet 5-4.

Melvin Zimet (Salle Santelli) defeated Siffert 5-3, Girard 5-3 and Newton 5-2.

George Thompson (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Siffert 5-3 and Zimet 5-4.

Douglas Girard (Salle Santelli) defeated Thompson 5-1.

Robert Siffert (N.Y.U.) defeated Girard 5-3.

Newton and Ritayik qualified and Zimet entered fence-off.

##### Strip #3

James Welles (Columbia) defeated Mocariski 5-4, Mijer 5-3, Sharfstein 5-1 and Littlehale 5-2.

Bradner Littlehale (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Castello 5-4, Mijer 5-1 and Sharfstein 5-1, 16 touches against.

James Castello (N.Y.U.) defeated Mocariski 5-2, Welles 5-3 and Sharfstein 5-3. 18 touches against.

V. Lada-Mocariski (Salle Santelli) defeated Sharfstein 5-4 and Littlehale 5-2.

Pieter Mijer (Salle Santelli) defeated Mocariski 5-4 and Castello 5-4. Sharfstein (N.Y.U.) defeated Mijer 5-2.

Welles and Littlehale qualified and Castello entered fence-off.

#### Fence-off for seventh and eighth places.

Wallis defeated Castello 5-0 and Zimet 5-1.

Castello defeated Zimet 5-2.

Wallis and Castello qualified.

### Three Weapon Individual Championship — 20 Entries — March 12th

This National Championship is fought on a basis of a total of five touches in each weapon in the order of foil, epee and sabre, each match stopping when either contestant has accumulated eight touches. Each match is for direct elimination.

Jose R. de Capriles, Salle Santelli, runner-up to Dr. John R. Huffman, N.Y.A.C., for four successive years, finally succeeded in reversing positions with Huffman to make that 7-time champion in this event content with second position.

The most exciting match of the competition was the lengthy, hard fought, exhausting encounter in the semi-finals between Jose de Capriles and the veteran Leo G. Nunes of the N.Y.A.C. when the new champion barely defeated his more experienced 6-time former title holding opponent by the score of 8 touches to 7.

#### Summaries:

##### Elimination Round:

Pieter Mijer (Salle Santelli) defeated Irving E. Cantor (Fencers Club) 8-2.

Murray Kornfeld (St. John's College) defeated Thomas Rudawski (Jersey City Fencers Club) 8-5.

Peter O'Connor (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Harry Morganstern (St. John's College) 8-3.

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Stanley Levenson (Metropolitan Club) 8-1.

##### Second Round:

Pieter Mijer defeated Nicholas Muray (N.Y.A.C.) 8-7.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Thomas Gillen (Jersey City Fencers Club) 8-3.

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## A.F.L.A COMPETITION IN N. Y. C.

(Continued)

Dr. John R. Huffman (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Kornfeld 8-4.

Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Leon Anspacher (Fencers Club) 8-1.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated O'Connor 8-2.

Kevis Kapner (Salle Santelli) defeated Daniel Bukantz (Salle d'Armes Vince) 8-6.

Leo Nunes (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Lewis 8-6.

Hugh Alessandroni (Fencers Club) defeated Rudolph Ozol (Salle Santelli) 8-2.

**Quarter Finals:**

Miguel de Capriles defeated Mijer 8-5.

Huffman defeated Flynn 8½-6½.

Jose de Capriles defeated Kapner 8-3.

Nunes defeated Alessandroni 8-6.

**Semi-Finals:**

Huffman defeated Miguel de Capriles 8-3.

Jose de Capriles defeated Nunes 8-7.

**Final:**

Jose de Capriles defeated Huffman 8-4.

**Metropolitan Foil Team Championship — 6 Teams—  
4 Team Finals — March 14th and 16th.**

After two evenings of fencing, the N.Y.A.C. team and the Salle Santelli A team remained tied for first place with the Fencers Club team in a position to make it a triple tie if it should defeat the Salle d'Armes Vince team on a resumption of the Final round.

On the Final nights, the N.Y.A.C. won two matches defeating Salle d'Armes Vince 5-3 and Salle Santelli 5-3; the Salle Santelli won two matches defeating the Fencers Club 5-3 and Salle d'Armes Vince 5-3; the Fencers Club won one match defeating the N.Y.A.C. 5-4 and the Salle d'Armes Vince won one match defeating the Fencers Club 5-3.

In the fence-off the N.Y.A.C. defeated the Salle Santelli 5-4.

**Final Fence-Off:**

N.Y.A.C. 5 — Salle Santelli 4  
Dernell Every (N.Y.A.C.) defeated de Capriles 5-4 and Norman Lewis 5-2.

John R. Huffman (N.Y.A.C.) defeated de Capriles 5-4 and Lewis 5-3.

Ralph E. Marson (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Lewis 5-4.

Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated Every 5-3, Huffman 5-1 and Marson 5-1.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Marson 5-4.

**Metropolitan Sabre Team Championship —  
7 Teams— 4 Team Finals — March 21st and 23rd.**

With the N.Y.A.C. strong A and B teams expected to defend their club's title successfully in this weapon, the spectators were treated to a surprise upset when Salle Santelli A team survived the competition undefeated. Through the clever shifting of its third and fourth men between matches, depending upon the team to be faced, the Salle Santelli team was able to gain a one point victory over both N.Y.A.C. teams and then by defeating the Fencers Club take the championship.

**Finals:**

N.Y.A.C. "A" 5 — N.Y.A.C. "B" 4  
Samuel T. Stewart (A team) defeated de Nagy 5-4 and Muray 5-3.

John R. Huffman (A team) defeated Acel 5-4 and Muray 5-4.

Ralph E. Marson (A team) defeated Acel 5-4.

Bela de Nagy (B team) defeated Marson 5-4 and Huffman 5-3.

Dr. Erwin Acel (B team) defeated Stewart 5-4.

Nickolas Muray (B team) defeated Marson 5-1.

Salle Santelli "A" 5 — Fencers Club 2  
Philip Lubart (Salle Santelli) defeated Cantor 5-4 and Wallis 5-3.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Wallis 5-4.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Cantor 5-2 and Wallis 5-3.

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Lubart 5-2 and J. de Capriles 5-3.

New York Athletic Club "A" 5—Fencers Club 3

Samuel T. Stewart (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Wallis 5-4.

Ralph Marson (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Cantor 5-4 and Wallis 5-2.

John R. Huffman (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Cantor 5-1 and Armitage 5-2.

Irving Cantor (Fencers Club) defeated Stewart 5-1.

Norman Armitage (Fencers Club) defeated Stewart 5-3 and Marson 5-1.

Salle Santelli "A" 5 — New York Athletic Club "B" 4

Dr. James H. Flynn (Salle Santelli) defeated Nagy 5-2 and Acel 5-4.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Muray 5-2.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Nagy 5-1 and Acel 5-2.

Be'a de Nagy (N.Y.A.C.) defeated J. de Capriles 5-4.

Dr. Erwin Acel (N.Y.A.C.) defeated J. de Capriles 5-2.

Nicholas Muray (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Flynn 5-0 and M. de Capriles 5-2.

Salle Santelli "A" 5 — New York Athletic Club "A" 4

Philip Lubart (Salle Santelli) defeated Marson 5-4.

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Marson 5-1.

Miguel de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Stewart 5-0, Huffman 5-4 and Marson 5-2.

Samuel T. Stewart (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Lubart 5-1 and J. de Capriles 5-1.

John R. Huffman (N.Y.A.C.) defeated Lubart 5-1 and J. de Capriles 5-3.

Salle Santelli won 3; New York Athletic Club "A" won 2; New York Athletic Club "B" won 0 and Fencers Club won 0.

**Greco Individual Foil Competition —  
27 Entries — 6 Man Finals — April 4th.**

Warren Dow of the Salle Santelli won this competition again for the fourth successive year. His third victory last year retired the original Trophy and he has now established first leg on a second Trophy, a fencing statuette mounted on an oval chestnut base.

Norman Lewis and Jose de Capriles also of the Salle Santelli took second and third respectively on the basis of touches after tying with three victories apiece.

**Finals:**

Warren Dow (Salle Santelli) defeated de Capriles 5-3, Lewis 5-3, Huffman 5-4, Lubell 5-3 and Weber 5-1.

Norman Lewis (Salle Santelli) defeated Huffman 5-1, Lubell 5-2, and Weber 5-2. (15 touches against).

Jose de Capriles (Salle Santelli) defeated Lewis 5-4, Lubell 5-3, and Weber 5-0. (17 touches against).

John R. Huffman (N.Y.A.C.) defeated de Capriles 5-2 and Weber 5-1.

Nathaniel Lubell (Salle Vince) defeated Huffman 5-3 and Weber 5-4.

Edward Weber (Greco Fencing Academy) lost all bouts.

**Fish Individual Women's Foil Competition —  
8 Entries — March 29th.**

This competition, limited to Senior fencers, attracted eight girls to compete for the prize awarded by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. After three second places, Miss Madeline Dalton, Salle d'Armes Vince, won this, her fourth competition of the season, by defeating Miss Carol Alessandroni, Fencers Club, and Miss Mildred I. Stewart, Salle Santelli in a fence-off after a triple tie for first place. In the same fence-off, Miss Alessandroni placed second and Miss Stewart, third.

**Summaries:**

Miss Madeline Dalton (Salle D'Armes Vince) defeated Miss Cerra 4-3, Miss Stewart 4-0, Mrs. Funke 4-3, Miss Cochran 4-2 and Mrs. Vokral 4-3 (five wins, two losses).

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Miss Carol Alessandrini (Fencers Club) defeated Miss Cerra 4-3, Mrs. Funke 4-2, Miss Dalton 4-1, Miss Cochrane 4-1 and Miss Grimmelman 4-3 (five wins, two losses).

Miss Mildred I. Stewart (Salle Santelli) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-2, Miss Alessandrini 4-3, Miss Cochrane 4-1, Miss Grimmelman 4-3 and Mrs. Vokral 4-3 (five wins, two losses).

Mrs. Jarmila Vokral (Salle Herrmann, Phila.) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-0, Miss Alessandrini 4-3, Miss Cochrane 4-2 and Miss Grimmelman 4-3.

Miss Dorothy Grimmelman (Salle Santelli) defeated Mrs. Funke 4-3, Miss Dalton 4-0 and Miss Cochrane 4-2.

Miss Maria Cerra (Salle D'Armes Vince) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3, Miss Grimmelman 4-3 and Mrs. Vokral 4-0.

Miss Barbara Cochrane (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Cerra 4-2 and Mrs. Funke 4-1.

Mrs. Dolly Funke (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Cerra 4-3.

### Fence Off:

Miss Dalton defeated Miss Alessandrini 4-3, Miss Stewart 4-2. Miss Alessandrini defeated Miss Stewart 4-2.

### Greco Individual Women's Foil Competition — 25 Entries — 6 Woman Finals — March 19th.

The shuffling and reshuffling of place winners that has been evident in the women's competitions this year was continued in this competition, held to decide the 1939 possessor of the Greco Trophy. Mrs. Dolly Funke of the Greco Fencing Academy surged ahead with Miss Maria Cerra of the Salle d'Armes Vince to go into a fence-off for first place and finish first and second respectively. The Misses Barbara Cochrane, Mildred Stewart and Madeline Dalton, subjects of much of the earlier season place-shuffling had to be content with a triple tie for third place.

### Finals:

Mrs. Dolly Funke (Greco Fencing Academy) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3, Miss Cochrane 4-3, Miss Grimmelman 4-2 and Miss Dalton 4-3. (4 wins).

Miss Maria Cerra (Salle d'Armes Vince) defeated Miss Stewart 4-1, Miss Cochrane 4-3, Miss Grimmelman 4-2 and Mrs. Funke 4-3. (4 wins).

Miss Barbara E. Cochrane (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Grimmelman 4-3 and Miss Dalton 4-0. (15 touches against, scored 16 touches).

Miss Mildred I. Stewart (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Cochrane 4-2 and Miss Dalton 4-1. (15 touches against; scored 15 touches)

Miss Madeline Dalton (Salle d'Armes Vince) defeated Miss Grimmelman 4-0 and Miss Cerra 4-3. (15 touches against; scored 12 touches).

Miss Dorothy Grimmelman (Salle Santelli) defeated Miss Stewart 4-3.

### Fence-off:

Mrs. Dolly Funke defeated Miss Maria Cerra 4-0.

## EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Continued from page 1)

Team Results By Weapons  
(Foil, Sabre, Epee and Total Three Weapon):

	F	S	E	T.
Seton	37	33	31	101
Wm. & Mary	28	22	21½	71½
Dartmouth	24	20	27½	71½
Hofstra	26	14	26½	66½
Lehigh	16	30	18½	64½
Panzer	20	22	19	61
No. Carolina	21	19	20	60
Buffalo	20	16	20½	56½
L. I. U.	24	13	18½	55½
Fordham	11	11	19	41
Norwich	17	13	9	39
Wagner	9	14	14	37
Bowdoin*	19	—	16½	35½
Boston U.	7	7	11½	25½

\*Bowdoin entered no sabre team.

Reports from several sources all verify the excellent conditions available at Festival Hall on Treasure Island at the Golden Gate International Exposition for the holding of the National Championships this year.

The large entry list of 42 in the Open Individual Foil Championships of the San Francisco Bay Division late in February, reported upon in our March issue, gave ample trial to the facilities there for large competitions. In that championship there were eight preliminary pools, four quarter final pools, two semifinal pools and a six man finals. There were four 45 foot cork linoleum strips six feet wide with centers 32 feet apart. This gave room for officials and spectators. Competitions to date are proving popular with visitors to the Exposition many of whom have never witnessed fencing before.

The San Francisco Women's Intermediate Individual Foil Championship held at Stanford University on February 25th attracted 12 entries. The four highest girls were Elisabeth Hankey, first; Norma Di Vita, second; Roberta Fritz, third, and Helen Sander, fourth.

A most unusual score was made by our American Champion, Miss Helene Mayer, in the Women's Open San Francisco Foil Championship held at Treasure Island on March 17th. In her 13 bouts she made 52 touches and was touched once, despite the fact that the girls on the Pacific Coast are improving consistently. Such a record would be unusual even against the most inexperienced neophytes and in an Open Divisional Championship it indicates that the quality of her swordmanship has lost none of the excellence of former years.

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## MINNESOTA

Five well attended fencing contests were held on March 4th at the University of Minnesota.

The High School Foil Contest was won by Russell Ferguson of Central High School, St. Paul, with Robert Jamme, West High School, Minneapolis, second. There were 14 contestants.

The College Foil Contest attracted 15 entries. Willard Ronayne of St. Thomas College took first with Kent Spaulding of the University of Minnesota, second.

The Foil Contest in the Society Division was won by George Gunther of the St. Paul Turners with Marshall Sigford of the Minneapolis Cyrano Club, second. There were 12 contestants in this Division.

James Delehanty of St. Thomas College won the Sabre Contest with Norton Mandelbaum of University Farm School, second, in a field of 11.

Bryce Clark was first and Richard Jarvis, second, both of the University of Minnesota, in the Epee Contest. There were 8 contestant in this weapon.

The Minnesota League of Fencing Clubs elected Ferdinand Uebel, President. Robert E. Withy, Jr., Vice President, Howard Aamodt, Secy-Treas., and Willard Ronayne, Fencing Director, for the current year.

The 6th Annual Minnesota State Fencing Tournament will be held throughout the last week in April and the first two weeks in May.

## OHIO

The Ohio Intercollegiate Tournament was won this year by the fencing team of the Case School of Applied Science. No further details are available.

## The National (?) Intercollegiates

Editor of Riposte:

A generation ago college fencing was confined to a few institutions along the eastern seaboard and this group quite naturally preempted the term "National Championships". But today there are well-trained teams from Miami to Wisconsin and California. None of these by the rules of the game have a chance to be considered as National Champions.

Away from the eastern seaboard, only one school — Ohio State — has ever entered that select group. From about 1926 to 1931, when the depression squeezed us out, we did send a team east and made a fair showing. Thus, in our last year of competition, we were defeated for the epee championships by a single touch, although we were of about average strength in the Western Conference.

I believe that we are all inclined to feel that eastern fencing still has a definite jump on the rest of the country; but I, for one, feel that occasionally a team is developed, as at the University of Chicago, which might knock off the eastern champion.

Easterners may make the stock reply that other schools may join if they wish; but that is an unfair statement of the case as membership must be taken out and dues paid annually for the privilege of traveling a great distance. And I imagine that even the ample facilities of the New York Clubs would be overwhelmed if 200 college teams would appear.

I therefore say that it is time for the eastern intercollegiate group to prove their superiority by sending representatives teams into the hinterland; or to meet by challenge the leading teams in the Midwest or South each year; or to acknowledge that the "National Intercollegiate Championships" is a misnomer.

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## Anonymously We Present

Dear Editor:

During the summer the Sports Columnist of The New York Herald Tribune took a vacation. We cannot blame him for that. While away, all the sports writers took a crack at writing the daily column. Fencing was mentioned just once and that day by a woman writer who had a sense of humor. She commented on the appearance of women in sports. She felt as many of us do that a woman loses much of her feminine grace and charm when she sidles up to a golf ball or starts heaving hammers. Her remark about fencing was brief and to the point and followed a comment on field hockey as brief and as pointed: "Field hockey players in their little pleated dresses are cases of arrested development having fun. A fencer is a girl in a sitting position looking for a chair."

This subject of women fencing is a delicate one. I believe that women should fence, that it is a good sport for them and one that will continue to grow in popularity. I am still in doubt about women in competition, but my former ideas of complete opposition have changed. Only a few years ago a women's foil competition was a pathetic exhibition of giggles and horrible sights. Today these competitions have taken a change toward scientific swordplay. The day of the velvet skirt and black silk stockings is, thank heavens, nearly a thing of the past. The adoption of ankle length trousers, similar to ski trousers, and the great improvement in fencing technique makes our girl fencers look human once more. Today, the ideal fencing outfit for girls is the tightly tailored short white jacket with white or black trousers fastened at the ankle. White trousers will be obligatory after September, according to the ruling of the A.F.L.A. Since the black trousers look so much better than the white, I do hope that this rule may be modified before September. It should make no difference in the fencing and there is a recognizable difference in appearance.

The increased activity in sports by our girls has already had one bad result. Sports have definitely increased the calf measurement of the American girl. If skirts are to continue short, this is a very unfortunate development. A woman is interested in sports for only a short time but she has to be interested in the trimness of her calves all her life. Therefore, any sport which enlarges these muscles is not one for any girl to undertake without serious consideration. I am no expert but I have as quick an eye for these matters as most men and am pleased to say that **fencing does not increase the size of the calf muscles.** Fencing is a trim sport. Despite the intensity of physical exertion it does not seem to enlarge any particular set of muscles. Miraculously, it acts more as a muscle-toner than a muscle builder. It is therefore the ideal sport for any girl or boy who wants to exercise, develop coordination and keep the red blood flowing without becoming bulgey or musclebound anywhere.

When you seek sympathy for losing a bout, you are really only asking kindness from friends.

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