

American Fencing



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Fencers Club, New York
Defending Champion, Foil

1954 Schedule National Championships

WOMEN'S TEAM

Preliminaries

June 11—10:00 a.m. Fencers Club

Finals

June 11— 7:00 p.m. Fencers Club

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL

Preliminaries

June 15—10:00 a.m. Fencers Club

Finals

June 16— 7:00 p.m. Fencers Club

EPEE TEAM

Preliminaries

June 11—10:00 a.m. N.Y.A.C.

Finals

June 12— 7:00 p.m. N.Y.A.C.

EPEE INDIVIDUAL

Preliminaries

June 14—10:00 a.m. N.Y.A.C.

Finals

June 15— 7:00 p.m. N.Y.A.C.

FOIL TEAM

Preliminaries

June 12—10:00 a.m. G.C.Y.M.C.A.

Finals

June 13— 7:30 p.m. G.C.Y.M.C.A.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL

Preliminaries

June 16—10:00 a.m. N.Y.A.C.

Finals

June 17— 7:00 p.m. N.Y.A.C.

SABRE TEAM

Preliminaries

June 13—10:00 a.m. Saltus Club

Finals

June 13— 3:00 p.m. Saltus Club

SABRE INDIVIDUAL

Preliminaries

June 17—10:00 a.m. Fencers Club

Finals

June 18— 2:00 p.m. Fencers Club

THREE-WEAPON TEAM

Preliminaries

June 18—10:00 a.m. Fencers Club

Finals and Gala

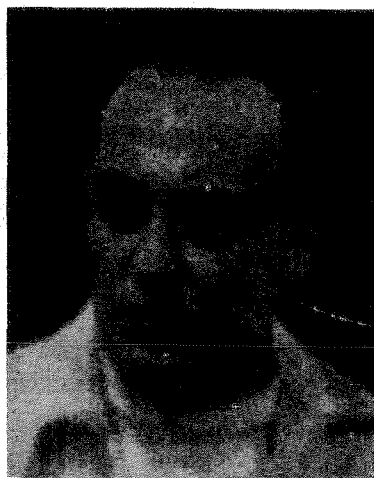
June 18— 8:30 p.m.—
Waldorf-Astoria

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Official AFLA Notes

By Ralph Goldstein, Secretary

National Championships

Through a typographical error, the national championship schedule printed in the last issue of **American Fencing** is incorrect for Tuesday, June 15. The preliminaries of the women's championship are to be held in the morning, and the individual epee finals in the evening. This is in keeping with the policy of scheduling as many finals as possible in the evening.

The rules have been clarified as follows: (1) In the event of a tie in bouts, **qualification** to the next round will be by fence-off; (2) In the event of a tie in bouts for determining the **seeding** for the individual direct-elimination finals, touches will be counted. If there is a tie in touches, the seeding position will be determined by the toss of a coin.

NATIONAL COMPETITORS' SHIELD

The Board of Governors has approved a colorful brassard which competitors at the National Championship tournament are authorized to wear. Of simple shield design, it is an attractive memento of the nationals and will be available at a cost of \$1.00.

The supply of AFLA shields, showing the league colors and the ranking of a fencer in the three weapons, has been replenished and will be available at the National Championships.

NON-AMATEUR JUDGING

The national officers and non-divisional governors have voted that, for all metropolitan competitions, non-amateurs shall be permitted to officiate at the discretion of the Bout Committee. The new rule places amateurs and non-amateurs on exactly the same basis with respect to the judging of New York competitions, and the authority of the Bout Committee on the assignment of officials is absolute. No change is made in the present rules for the National Championships, at which only amateurs are eligible to officiate.

OFFICIAL A.F.L.A. PIN

The Board of Governors has approved the design for an official A.F.L.A. pin, and has ordered the manufacture of the die in the expectation that a sufficient supply will be available for distribution at the National Championships. The pin consists of a vertical sword and long narrow shield featuring the League colors. Gold-filled it will be sold for \$3.00.

WECHSLER 3-WEAPON

The New York Fencers Club trio of Harold Goldsmith (foil), Edward Vebell (epee), and Abram Cohen (sabre) captured the Wechsler Invitation three-weapon team tournament, scoring 15 points. Salle Santelli was second with 14 and Cornell University third with 10. Goldsmith in foil, and George Worth of Salle Santelli in sabre, were undefeated in their six bouts. About 300 persons witnessed the event, which was held at the Passaic, N. J., Armory.

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NEW RULES

Rule 61 in the current rules books has been amended to read: "There shall be no limitation on the number of team entries from a club unless a specific limit is fixed by the local governing body. Members of two or more teams representing the same organization may not be interchanged during a competition." This amendment, unanimously adopted, adopts the principle of local home-rule on the method of organizing and conducting competitions, as distinguished from the technical rules and conventions of fencing which should be uniform throughout the country.

NEW DIVISIONS

The Board of Governors, at its meeting of April 26, approved two new A.F.L.A. divisions. A charter was granted to the Tennessee Division with headquarters in Knoxville; jurisdiction is to cover the entire state. Another charter was granted to the Harrisburg Division, with headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; jurisdiction to encompass an area within a 50-mile radius of that city.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 10, 1954

Non-Divisional	Act.	Coll.	St.	Assoc.	Tot.
Metropolitan	104	85	33	19	241
Kansas City	4	3	5	0	12
Miscellaneous	9	2	0	1	12
Total	117	90	38	20	265
Divisional					
Border	7	26	30	0	63
Columbus, O.	4	9	2	1	16
Connecticut	18	23	26	0	67
Delaware	5	0	0	0	5
Florida	8	0	0	0	8
Georgia	7	1	1	0	9
Gulf Coast, Tex.	15	65	14	1	95
Harrisburg, Pa.	12	6	8	0	26
Illinois	27	41	45	5	118
Iowa	4	0	18	0	22
Kentucky	3	9	0	0	12
Maryland	17	31	35	4	87
Miami Valley, O.	9	0	1	1	11
Michigan	53	41	21	3	119
Mid-New York	5	1	0	0	6
Minnesota	14	13	4	1	32
Nebraska	5	7	0	0	12
New England	19	21	7	3	50
New Jersey	21	26	24	6	77
New Orleans, La.	12	0	0	0	12
No. California	40	18	5	3	66
No. Ohio	10	3	4	1	18
No. Texas	14	5	54	0	73
Oregon	10	13	24	1	48
Philadelphia, Pa.	16	40	38	2	96
Seattle, Wash.	7	7	0	0	14
So. California	101	30	7	5	143
So. Florida	4	2	1	0	7
St. Louis, Mo.	15	2	3	0	20
Tennessee	8	5	2	0	15
Washington, D. C.	23	8	0	1	32
Westchester, N. Y.	16	2	2	2	22
Wisconsin	23	13	24	2	62
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Central American and Caribbean Games - - - **INTERNATIONAL**

By Dr. Eduardo Hay, President,
Mexican Federation

Cuba's well-balanced men's team won the foil and epee team events as well as the individual epee, and placed second in sabre team. Venezuela won the sabre team and women's individual, placing second in epee team and sabre individual. Mexico won the sabre individual and placed second in foil team. Colombia won the individual foil, and Panama had silver medals in the individual women's and epee events. The detailed results:

Women's Foil: (1) Ursula Scelle, Venezuela, 9-0; (2) Marlene Worthington, Panama, 8-1; (3) Ema Ruiz, Mexico; (4) E. Pinel, Panama; (5) E. Mayora, Mex.; (6) A. Ponce, Pan.; (7) A. Orozco, Mex.; (8) M. Smith, Guatemala; (9) R. Flores, Guatemala; (10) A. Rosales, Guatemala.

Foil Team: (1) CUBA (Garcia-Cebrian, Olivella, Menendez, Lee-Jordan); (2) MEXICO (Ramos, Cicero, Luna, Fajardo); (3) VENEZUELA (Cavadaugh, Nieves, G. Gutierrez, A. Gutierrez); (4) Panama; (5) Colombia.

Foil Individual: (1) Gabriel Blando, Colombia, 6-2; (2) Benito Ramos, Mexico, 5-3, 34 t.r.; (3) John Cavanaugh, Venez., 5-3, 35 t.r.; (4) Worthington, Pan., 5-3, 36 t.r.; (5) Menendez, Cuba, 5-3, 38 t.r.; (6) Gutierrez, Ven.; (7) Groes, Ven.; (8) Olivella, Cuba; (9) Echevedri, Colombia.

Epee Team: (1) CUBA (Olivella, Manalich, Ruiz, Alvarez, Garcia-Cebrian); (2) Venezuela; (3) Colombia; (4) Panama; (5) Mexico; (6) Guatemala.

Epee Individual: (1) Garcia-Cebrian, Cuba, 6-2; (2) Quiroz, Panama; (3) Camous, Ven.; (5) Lopez, Guat.; (5) Olivella, Cuba; (6) Campos, Ven.; (7) Sanders, Ven.; (8) Hay, Mex.; (9) DeLeon, Panama.

International News

The prospective match with the British Empire team for the Thompson Trophy does not look very promising. It seems unlikely that the British Empire teams traveling by chartered plane to and from Vancouver, B. C., will be able to make a side trip to the United States for a meet at a Midwest city as originally planned. An inquiry is being addressed to Mr. de Beaumont in Great Britain as to the possibilities of a meeting in a mutually convenient Canadian city with those members of the British Empire team who are flying east on their way home.

Tentative entries have been filed for Diane Millstein, Ham Millard and Alex Treves in the world championships to be held in Luxembourg, June 9 to 21.

The South American Fencing Federation has been re-activated, and Mr. Simoes of Brazil has been elected president. The South American championships are scheduled for the last two weeks of November in Sao Paulo

—Tracy Jaeckel

Sabre Team: (1) VENEZUELA; (2) Cuba; (3) Mexico; (4) Panama.

Sabre Individual: (1) Benito Ramos, Mex., 5-2, won fence-off; (2) Lopez, Ven.; (3) Olivella, Cuba; (4) Fajardo, Mex.; (5) Barton, Ven.; (6) F. Worthington, Pan.; (7) H. Worthington, Pan.; (8) Prado, Pan.

NEWS FROM JAPAN

By Alfred Rubin

The Japanese Amateur Fencing Association is sponsoring a three-weapon tournament between the Japanese Olympic squad and a U. S. tri-service team authorized by the Far East command Special Service officers, to be held on May 29. The U. S. team is as follows:

Foil: 2/Lt. Robert Nielsen, NCAA champion in 1950, 1951, formerly of Columbia; 2/Lt. Stuart Paltrow, Captain 1949 Cornell team; LtJG Alfred Rubin, ICFA champion in 1952, Columbia.

Epee: Maj. William McGarvey, 1950 Wash. D.C. epee champion; SK2 Arthur Bruce, Univ. of Detroit; Sgt. John Stomfag-Stitz, formerly of Hungary.

Sabre: Cdr. William Rawie, U. S. N. A. 1938; LtJG Edward Wood, U.S.N.A. 1951; LtJG Ray Potts, U.S.N.A. 1952. Alternate: Capt. Everett Abott, Texas sabre champion, 1946.

An exhibition is to be given at halftime by Mrs. Noomee Abbott, 4 times Texas Gulf Coast and Regional champion, and 1st/Lt (MC) Christine Haycock, New Jersey. Colonel Fritz Weber was scheduled to participate but has now returned to the United States.

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ELECTRICAL FOIL - - -

F.I.E. Adopts Electrical Foil

The 35th Congress of the Federation Internationale d'Esime, held in Rome on March 19 and 20, voted that all foil events (men's and women's) at the 1956 World Championship, and at the 1956 Olympic Games, shall be held with the electrical foil. The vote reflects the judgment of the international commission on the electrical apparatus that the chief technical difficulties with the electrical foil have now been overcome.

The chief objections to electrical judging at foil are: (1) that it may encourage competitors to an excessive use of the remise, which is difficult for the Director to analyze; and (2) that the lack of practice by judges may eventually lead to the detriment of the formation of good Directors. However, a trial competition between the leading French and Italian fencers held recently at Milan gave the following remarkable results: 75% of the hits were decided at once by the registration of the apparatus alone; 22% of the hits (where hits were registered on both sides) were decided clearly by the Director according to the phrase without difficulty or question; only 3% of the hits (where registered on both sides) could have given rise to different interpretations of the phrase by the Director.

The writer had an opportunity to act as Director of a trial pool of five leading Italian fencers. The apparatus functioned very well, and no particular difficulty was experienced in presiding, provided that the Director follows the phrase diligently and only looks at

By Ch.-L. de Beaumont, Great Britain

the apparatus to complete each part of his analysis as he would normally consult the judges. It is, however, extremely tiring for the Director and competitors, as there are much shorter pauses than normally used for the deliberation of the jury. Further, the Director has obviously greater responsibility—he must see everything! The Director should be rested every two or three bouts.

The electrical foil is very point-heavy, and although this will certainly be improved, it seems likely that the weapon will always be clumsier than the normal foil, and in my view it will favor the more robust play of the Italian school to the detriment of the finger play of the French school.

The registration apparatus shows two lights, white and red, when a foul has preceded a valid hit. If there is a hit on both sides, the apparatus shows no priority. The drums, or reels, the metallic strip and the body wire (with one end adapted) are the same as used for electrical epee. The fencer, however, must wear a metallic or lame over-jacket which must cover the entire valid target. The rules are similar to those for the electrical epee, with necessary variations due to the conventional character of the foil.

The present cost of the Carmina electrical foil in Italy is fairly high: The central apparatus, drums and accessories, costs 200,000 lire (about \$325); the metallic overjacket, 6,000 lire (about \$10); the complete foil, 6,600 lire (about \$11); the blade and point only, 4,350 lire (about \$7); the point only, 2,000 lire (about \$3.25).

SHOULD WE ABOLISH THE "FOUL"?

By Stanley Sieja, President,
National Fencing Coaches Association

I feel that the new electrical foil apparatus is a step in the proper direction. But I believe the elimination of the "foul" would greatly assist in the development of a practical and economical electrical scoring system. Such a change in the rules would simplify the present expensive foil machine and thus reduce the cost. This is a very important point in the progress of our sport.

The second reason for the use of the "no foul" rule is that, with the element of human error on materiality removed from the game, there is no reason to penalize a fencer for his opponent's bad aim. A touch outside the target would be the same as no touch at all. Then there would be no difficulty about deciding whether the touch outside the target arrived directly or "parried foul" (which the present machine does not decide, despite the marked difference in result). Also, the action would not be interrupted so frequently without a score, and the result would be an improvement in the ability of the fencers to carry a phrase through several ripostes and counter-ripostes. The experience of the "Big Ten" with the "no foul" rule deserves study.

Of course, there should be an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of this change in the rules, which some of the older fencers

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from the

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may consider revolutionary. Let me suggest that we experiment with the idea by setting aside one or two practice sessions a month for the purpose of fencing with the "no foul" rule. Perhaps each club could conduct a club championship in foil and sabre eliminating the "foul." Then, planning the schedule for next year, we should have two or more foil and sabre competitions in each division, using the "no foul" rule. At the end of next season we should be able to have a thorough and intelligent discussion about this rule and determine whether it possesses merit, and if so, what further action we should take.

CHARLES DEBEUR'S VIEWS

Ed. note: Mr. Debeur, Belgian member of the International Commission on the Electrical Apparatus and an excellent president of jury, has written a detailed report on the electrical foil for *L'Esgrime Francaise*, official organ of both the French Fencing Federation and the F.I.E. A condensed summary of this report has been prepared to supplement the material presented by Mr. de Beaumont.

The experimental competition held in Milan on February 1 under the auspices of the Italian Fencing Federation brought together five of the eight finalists in the 1953 World Championship: D'Oriola of France; E. Mangiarotti, Di Rosa, Spallino and Bergamini of Italy. Netter and Mancilohn of France replaced two other French finalists (Latoste and Rommel). Therefore, there were seven top-flight contestants.

The apparatus, built by an Italian engineer, Mr. Carmina, is somewhat like the one used for epee, except that two lights are shown for each fencer: a white light indicating a foul, and either a red or a green light indicating a good touch. Both lights on one side will go on if an action hits foul, e.g. on the arm, **before** reaching fair target. A foul **after** a good hit will not register. A bell warns the director to stop the bout when a hit has scored fair or foul.

Every fencer is required to wear, over the regular jacket, a vest of metallic cloth covering the fair target, including the back. The weapons can be mounted with the preferred handle, but the balance leaves something to be desired. Some of the Italian foils-men had had competitive experience with the electrical weapon; the French had not.

Of the 21 bouts in the round-robin, 17 were judged by the electrical apparatus. In these 17 bouts, there were 216 combat periods. A total of 130 valid hits were awarded. The breakdown of the 216 actions resulting in registered hits follows:

Single light (fair hit)	92
Single light (foul hit)	55
Double light on one side (foul hit preceding fair hit)	11

Total clear-cut decisions by machine 158

Two hits, one on each side	55
Three lights (double on one side)	3
Four lights (double on both sides)	0

Total actions requiring analysis (26%).. 58

Number of questionable decisions..... 6

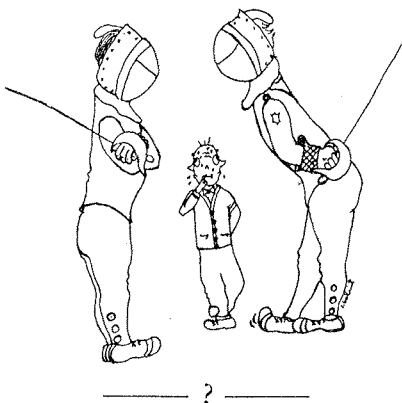
Percentage of questionable decisions to total 2.7%

Technical Appraisal

No valid criticism can be made as to the accuracy of the machine in determining the materiality of a touch. The movable part of the point must recede only 0.5 mm., and the required pressure is only 500 grams; yet the flat touches (and there were many) did not register.

Effective fencing replaced the familiar shouts, tearing off the mask, gestures suggesting fouls—all of which failed to influence the judgment of the machine. Many of the phrases involved five or six exchanges without registration, and often a fencer was surprised that he had not touched his opponent.

A number of F.I.E. delegates expressed the view that officiating would be very difficult without the help of judges, because of the difficulty of determining on which action the touch was scored. But this was not so. The two French officials who had never used the machine performed their duties creditably without difficulty. It is true that the director must watch the action very carefully, but this is also true with a jury of four judges.



The competitors are likely to accept the decision of the machine on materiality without argument. They take a more belligerent attitude when the director must decide between an attack with remise and a parry-riposte. Yet, in many instances, the parry of the attack giving the right of way to the riposte was clearly visible. With a jury, the director may be able to side-step responsibility for a decision by the way in which he interprets the answers of the judges; so that it takes numerous and repeated errors on his part to cast doubt on the director's competence. But with the electrical apparatus, there can be no quibble. The materiality of the touches is established, and the director must take full responsibility for making a decision on validity. If he is in doubt, he may annul the action. But if he abuses this privilege, he should be replaced by someone else who can follow more clearly the development of the attack and defense.

The Milan experiment shows that, with top-notch foils-men and officials, the margin of error in using the electrical weapon is reduced to about 10 per cent of the complicated actions, which comes down to about 3 per cent of **all** the actions. This in itself seems to me to be a remarkable improvement. Furthermore, the jury system tends to favor the final round of a major international competition at the expenses of the earlier rounds which are no less hard-fought. In other matches, both individual and team, it sometimes happens that they are judged by officials of less than top competence. I think that it will be much easier to find ten good directors than to assemble, at the beginning of each major event, the thirty neutral and able officials required to serve on juries for six strips.

Finally, the electrical apparatus has given to the epee an accuracy of result and a generally serene atmosphere that is not found in either foil or sabre. I think that upon adoption of the electrical foil we shall see more victories by youngsters over the older established stars.

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PACIFIC COAST - - -

PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Fred Linkmeyer

The Pacific Coast Championships, held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club this year, were confined to intermediate and open classifications, with the best fencers on the coast participating. The fencing was notably even, and the fencers from Northern California as always brought a keen spirit of competition and a graciousness of spirit that makes this Pacific Coast event so enjoyable.

In the men's individual events, a great deal of interest was shown in the return of Sewall Shurtz, representing the U. S. Navy, who met the three top qualifiers from Northern California and from Southern California in the three weapons. Shurtz proved to be as good as ever in foil and epee, sweeping both events without a loss; then, in the sabre, after dropping a 5-4 decision to Josef Lampl midway in the round-robin, he defeated Lampl in the fence-off for first place, and thus became the first person to win all three Pacific Coast open championships in the same year.

The women's open proved to be a surprise. With the withdrawal of Janice-Lee York Romary and Bernadine Meislahn, this event was expected to be a walkaway for Maxine Mitchell, but she lost her first bout in the final to Barbara Baxter, and it took a fence-off with Miss Baxter and Tommy Angell to settle the matter in Mrs. Mitchell's favor.

The Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Section presented each contestant, official, and coach with a "Certificate of Recognition", an excellent memento of the occasion. The resume of the events is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's (12 contestants): Maxine Mitchell, Hollywood AC, 4-1, defeated Baxter 4-3 and Angell 4-0 on fence-off; (2) Barbara Baxter, unatt., 4-1, defeated Angell 4-1 on fence-off; (3) Tommy Angell, Halberstadt S. F., 4-1; (4) Patricia Barkdull, H.S.F., 2-3; (5) Peggy Lundeberg, Cavaliers, 1-4; (6) Shirley Canter, Funke F. A., 0-5.

Foil: (1) Sewall Shurtz, U.S.N., 6-0; (2) Wallace Goldsmith, HAC, 5-1; (3) Gerard Biagini, Olympic Club, 4-2; (4) Clayton Williams, unatt., 3-3; (5) Bob Crawford, Faulkner S. F., 2-4; (6) James Sagen, Berkeley F.C., 1-5; (7) Gordon Scheile, HSF, 0-6.

Epee: (1) Sewall Shurtz, U.S.N., 6-0; (2) Duris DeJong, HAC, 4-2; (3) Steve Barden, Los Angeles A.C., 3-3, 13 t.r.; (4) Leal Kanstein, BFC, 3-3, 15 t.r.; (5) Albert Lambert, BFC, 2-4, 13 t.r.; (6) Lucius Foster, FSF, 2-4, 15 t.r.; (7) Wallace Goldsmith, 1-5.

Sabre: (1) Sewall Shurtz, U.S.N., 5-1, won fence-off, 5-2; (2) Josef Lampl, LAAC, 5-1; (3) Fred Martin, unatt., 4-2; (4) Jack Baker, O.C., 3-3; (5) Gordon Scheile, HSF, 2-4; Albert Lambert, BFC, 1-5, 27 t.r.; (7) Werner Kirchner, Cav., 1-5, 29 t.r.

For results of Helene Mayer Memorial Trophy see page 9.

OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's: Halberstadt S.F. (P. Barkdull, T. Angell, F. Carter) defeated Unattached team (J-L York Romary, B. Baxter, A. Williams), 5-4.

Foil: Unattached (C. Williams, C. Milletaire, H. Sauke) defeated Olympic Club (F. Leicester, J. Baker, Gerard Biagini), 5-1.

Epee: Berkeley F.C. (A. Lambert, D. Swift, L. Kanstein) defeated Faulkner S.F. (B. McBirney, B. Crawford, L. Foster), 5-2.

Sabre: Los Angeles A.C. (F. Rayser, E. Carfagno, J. Lampl) defeated Olympic Club (F. Leicester, J. Baker, G. Biagini), 5-3.

GRECO THREE-WEAPON TEAM

Southern California (S. Shurtz, J. Lampl, B. Smits) defeated Northern California (A. Lambert, J. Baker, G. Scheile), 68-59.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

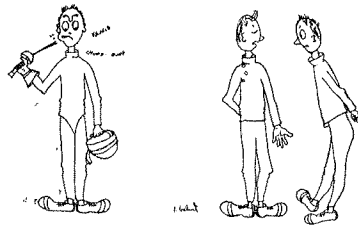
Women's Indiv.: (1) Trudi Wodgenske, Cav.; (2) Patricia Barkdull, H.S.F.; (3) Barbara Baxter, Unatt.

Women's Team: Faulkner S.F. (Bettie Merwin, Bonnie Merwin, A. Gerakin).

Foil Indiv.: (1) Bob Crawford, F.S.F.; (2) L. Foster, L.A.A.C.; (3) Mr. Krishner, F.S.F.

Epee Indiv.: (1) Bill Lundeberg, Cav.; (2) J. J. Lampl, L.A.A.C.; (3) L. Kanstein, B.F.C.

Sabre Indiv.: (1) Fred Rayser, L.A.A.C.; (2) P. Romano, F.S.F.; (3) B. Lundeberg, Cav.



"I seem to get the impression that Foilsey's upset over losing that last bout."

Southern California

By Fred Linkmeyer

The following are the results of the open events in the Southern California Division since the last report:

Women's Team, Pasadena Y, 4/23/54; (1) Unattached team, Janice-Lee Romary, Barbara Baxter, Anna Williams; (2) Composite team, Maxine Mitchell, Iris Hoblit, Helen Boehme; (3) Cavaliers No. 1, Trudi Wodgenske, Peggy Lundeberg, Genny Harbst.

Sabre Team, Pasadena Y, 4/23/54: (1) Los Angeles A.C., Edward Carfagno, Joseph Lampl, Fred Rayser; (2) Cavaliers No. 1 and Faulkner S.F. tied.

Epee Team, L.A.A.C., 3/26/54: (1) Faulkner S.F., Lucius Foster, Bob Crawford, Bruce McBirney; (2) Los Angeles A.C.; (3) Cavaliers No. 1.

Foil Team, L.A.A.C., 3/5/54: (1) Unattached team, Herb Souke, Carl Milletaire, Clayton Williams; (2) Hollywood A.C.; (3) L.A.A.C.

Epee Indiv., L.A.A.C., 3/12/54: (1) Steve Barden, LAAC; (2) Wally Goldsmith, HAC; (3) Lucius Foster, FSF.

Sabre Indiv., L.A.A.C., 4/2/54: (1) Josef Lampl, LAAC; (2) Werner Kirchner, Cav.; (3) Fred Martin, unatt.

Pacific Northwest Tournament

By Sherry Wissler, Sec. Seattle Div.

This year's Pacific Northwest Fencing Tournament, held in Seattle, attracted the largest number of competitors in history. The calibre of fencing and the entire spirit of sportsmanship was at new heights. Portland sent a large entry, and as usual our friends from Canada took part. We also had the great pleasure of Duris DeJong's participation. He not only was a medalist in every open event but also lent a willing hand at judging and generally helped things run along smoothly. The results:

Women's Junior: (1) Roberta Paul, Seattle FC; (2) Janice Gay, Nottingham's, Portland; (3) Gloria Sacker, Portland St. Coll.

Women's Open: (1) Katherine Modrell, YMCA, Seattle; (2) Janice Gay, Nottingham's; (3) Sherry Wissler, Seattle FC.

Junior Foil: (1) Pat Buie, Nottingham's; (2) Tex Ploeger, Spokane; (3) Donal Firth, Seattle F.C.

Open Foil: (1) Daniel Drumheller, Spokane; (2) Duris DeJong, Hollywood A.C.; (3) John Loewen, Univ. of British Columbia.

Open Epee: (1) Duris DeJong, Hollywood A.C.; (2) Dr. Sidney Evans, Vancouver, B.C.; (3) Tex Ploeger, Spokane.

Open Sabre: (1) Robert Parmacek, U.S.N.; (2) William Modrell, YMCA, Seattle; (3) Duris DeJong, Hollywood A.C.

Northern California

By Ferard Leicester

The results of the division's open championships, team and individual, have been as follows:

Women's Open, 10 entries, Halberstad, 3/26/54

(1) Tommy Angell, HSF, 4-1, won fence-off 4-3; (2) Shirley Canter, FFA, 4-1; (3) Patricia Barkdull, HSF, 3-2; (4) Eleanor Turney, HSF, 2-3, 14 t.r.; (5) Frances Carter, HSF, 2-3, 16 t.r.; (6) Vera Pirquet, HSF, 0-5.

Open Epee Team, 4 teams, Halberstad, 3/27/54

Won by Berkeley Fencers Club (Leal Kanstein, David Swift, Albert Lambert).

Open Sabre, 9 entries, Olympic Club, 4/2/54

(1) Albert Lambert, BFC, 7-1; (2) Jack Baker, O.C., 6-2, 18 t.r.; (3) Gordon Scheile, HSF, 6-2, 24 t.r.; (4) Gerard Biagini, O.C., 5-3; (5) Dirk Van Ekelenburg, HSF, 3-5, 33 t.r.; (6) Frank Taylor, BFC, 3-5, 35 t.r.; (7) Ned Beatty, FFA, 2-6, 36/28; (8) Edgar Trekeris, HSF, 2-6, 36/21; (9) Jack Adams, HSF, 2-6, 37 t.r.

Women's Open Team, 4 teams, Funke F.A., 4/9/54

Won without loss of a bout by Halberstadt S.F. (Frances Carter, Patricia Barkdull, Tommy Angell).

Open Sabre Team, 3 teams, Halberstad, 4/10/54

Won by Olympic Club (F. Leicester, J. Baker, F. Giambra).

Open Foil, 12 entries, Olympic Club, 4/16/54

(1) Gerard Biagini, O.C., 5-0; (2) James Sagen, Berkeley F.C., 3-2; (3) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 2-3, 10 t.r.; (4) Ralph Amado, Stanford, 2-3, 20 t.r.; (5) Jose Galvan, Letterman, 2-3, 22 t.r.; (6) Ferard Leicester, O.C., 1-4.

Open Foil Team, 6 teams, U. Calif., 4/25/54

Won by Olympic Club (F. Leicester, J. Baker, G. Biagini).

NADI'S NEW QUARTERS

The Aldo Nadi Fencing Academy has moved into handsome new quarters on the second floor of 319 No. La Cienega Boulevard, at Beverly, in Los Angeles, California. The studio is readily identified from the street by two six-foot signs, on the all-glass Eastern wall, depicting the Aldo Nadi crest and panther in red on white and black.

—J. de C.

North Texas

By Kay Cottingham, Acting Secretary

The divisional finals were fought on April 10 and 11 in all classifications except Prep. Mr. Worth Baugh was elected chairman for the 1954-55 season to succeed Mr. Alvin Goodstein. Texas Tech was the over-all team champion in all weapons, capturing the school titles in the three men's events as well as the women's. The Dallas Blades won the club team crown in foil, both men and women; and the Abilene Fencing Club captured club team honors in sabre and epee. Results:

Prep Tournaments

Women: (1) Anne Louise Stanford, T.S.C.W.; (2) Jo Nell West, Texas Tech; (3) Mary Taylor, T.S.C.W.

Foil: (1) Dan Standlee, Tarleton; (2) Cecil Garrell, Dallas; (3) David Culp, Ft. Worth.

Epee: (1) Wayne Latimer, Texas Tech; (2) M. Miles, unatt.; (3) Jimmy Herrington, Abilene.

Sabre: (1) Bill Funderburk, T.C.N.; (2) Jim Baxter, T.C.U.; (3) Will Miller, Tarleton.

Divisional Finals

Women's Novice: (1) Jo Nell West, Texas Tech; (2) Virginia Still, Texas Tech; (3) Marion Muller, Dallas Blades.

Women's Junior: (1) Mrs. Marietta Towry, Dallas; (2) Iva Crowley, Texas Tech; (3) Jo Nell West, Texas Tech.

Women's Intermediate: (1) Helen Gray, Dallas Blades; (2) Mrs. Henrietta Towry, Dallas; (3) Iva Crowley, Texas Tech.

Women's Open: (1) Helen Gray, Dallas Blades; (2) Mrs. Kay Cottingham, Ft. Worth; (3) Mrs. Millie Lyday, Dallas.

Novice Foil: (1) Bern Olcott, Ft. Worth; (2) Gene Allen, Abilene; (3) Worth Baugh, Abilene.

Junior Foil: (1) Bradshaw, Texas Tech; (2) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades; (3) Lewis Kenner, Ft. Worth.

Intermediate Foil: (1) Jack Carnell, Texas Tech; (2) Roddy Hobson, Abilene; (3) Dick Cottingham, Ft. Worth.

Open Foil: (1) Jack Carnell, Texas Tech; (2) Dick Cottingham, Ft. Worth; (3) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades.

Novice Epee: (1) Walter Kelm, Tarleton S.C.; (2) Phil Houghton, Tarleton; (3) Gene Allen, Abilene.

Junior Epee: (1) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades; (2) Lewis Kenner, Ft. Worth; (3) Wayne Latimer, Texas Tech.

Intermediate Epee: (1) Alvin Goodstein, Dallas Blades; (2) W. G. Towry, Dallas; (3) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades.

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse, Secretary

At a business meeting held at the University of Houston on March 27, Jack Baird (2924 Avenue R-1/2, Galveston) was elected chairman for the 1954-55 season; Arnold Mercado, 4148 Drew, Houston, was elected vice-chairman; and Mabel Morse was re-elected secretary. The Randy Parker Memorial Medallion for the outstanding Prep of the 1953-54 season was awarded to Robert W. Derrick. Results of competitions since the last report:

Univ. of Houston, March 27

Women's Open (10 entries): (1) Betty Jean Kolenda, Ind.; (2) Betty Day, HFC; (3) Carolyn Babbitt, HFC.

Women's Team (3 teams): Won by Houston F.C. (Day, Fike, Babbitt).

Open Foil (23 entries): (1) Jack Baird, Buc., on fence-off; (2) Bill Brown, Buc.; (3) Hy Applebaum, Rice.

Foil Team (8 teams): (1) Texas U. "A" (Smith, Stevenson, Cambell); (2) Galveston Buccaneers (Baird, Brown, Brisco).

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SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Mabel Morse

Representatives of four divisions—Border, Gulf Coast, North Texas and New Orleans—competed in the Southwest Sectional Championships held at Lovernburg Junior H. S. Gymnasium at Galveston, Texas on May 15 and 16, 1954. The results were as follows:

Individual Senior Championships

Women's: (1) Betty Jean Kolenda, Gulf Coast, 6-0; (2) Helen Gray, North Texas; (3) Betty Day, Gulf Coast, 3-3, 22/24; (4) Betty Flaeger, Border, 3-3, 22/20; (5) Bobby Brooks, 3-3, 24 t.r.

Foil: (1) Jack Carnell, North Texas, 7-0; (2) Bill Brown, Gulf, 4-3, 25/30; (3) Bruce David, 4-3, 25/29; (4) Jack Baird, Gulf, 4-3, 27 t.r.

Epee: (1) Ed Sims, No. Texas, 6-1; (2) Cecil Bradshaw, No. Texas, 5-2; (3) J. P. Pigg, Gulf, 4-3, 13/17; (4) R. F. Van Praag, Border, 4-3, 13/15; (5) Arnold Mercado, Gulf, 4-3, 15 t.r.

Sabre: (1) Jack Carnell, No. Texas, on fence-off, 3-1; (2) Bill Brown, Gulf, 3-1; (3) Jack Baird, Gulf, 2-2.

Team Championships

Women's: (1) Dallas (Gray, Lyday, Towry), No. Texas, 1-1, 11 v.; (2) El Paso (Brooks, Flaeger, McNamara), Border, 1-1, 9 v.

Foil: (1) Buccaneers (Baird, Mercado, Brown), Gulf Coast, 10 v.; (2) Texas A & M (Pigg, Jones, Burton), Gulf Coast, 6 v.

Epee: (1) Texas Tech (Sims, Bradshaw, Carnell), No. Texas, 10 v.; (2) Buccaneers (Brown, Baird, Mercado), Gulf, 9 v.

Open Epee: (1) Alvin Goodstein, Dallas Blades; (2) Edwin Sims, Texas Tech; (3) Cecil Bradshaw, Texas Tech.

Novice Sabre: (1) Bennie Dougherty, Texas Tech; (2) Gene Allen, Abilene; (3) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades.

Junior Sabre: (1) Ray Anderson, Dallas Blades; (2) Bern Olcott, Ft. Worth; (3) Lewis Kenner, Ft. Worth.

Intermediate Sabre: (1) Dick Cottingham, Ft. Worth; (2) Cecil Bradshaw, Texas Tech; (3) Alvin Goodstein, Dallas.

Open Sabre: (1) Jack Carnell, Texas Tech; (2) Edwin Sims, Texas Tech; (3) Cecil Bradshaw, Texas Tech.

Gulf Coast Invitation, Corpus Christi, April 3

Women's Open (8 entries): (1) Betty Jean Kolenda, Ind.; (2) Blackie Hanna, Corpus; (3) Eddie Joe Connell, Texas U.

Open Foil (6 entries): (1) W. T. Brown, Buc.; (2) Lewis Douglass, Corpus; (3) Jurgden Strobel, HFC.

University of Houston, April 10

Prep Epee (13 entries): (1) Kenneth Jones, A&M; (2) Walter Anderson, A&M; (3) Larry Anderson, Texas.

Open Sabre (26 entries): (1) Arthur Garner, A&M, on 4-way fence-off; (2) Richard Bright, New Orleans Div., after double fence-off; (3) Mark Smith, Texas; (4) W. T. Brown, Buc.

Sabre Team (9 teams): (1) Composite (Brown, Bright, Brisco); (2) Texas A&M (Garner, Anderson, Hill).

Rice Institute, April 24

Open Epee (11 entries): (1) Arnold Mercado, Ind.; (2) Gus Wulfman, A&M; (3) J. F. Pigg, A&M.

Epee Team (3 teams): Won by Texas A&M (Pigg, Burton, Wulfman).

Women's Junior (8 entries): (1) Mrs. Betty Day, HFC; (2) Carolyn Babbitt, HFC; (3) Mrs. Ruth Peaceman, HFC.

The Gulf Coast Division wound up the season with 95 members and a total of 502 entries in all meets.

Sabre: (1) Buccaneers (Baird, Brown, Mercado), Gulf, 10 v. (2) Texas Tech Carnell, Sims, Bradshaw), No. Texas, 9 v.

Intermediate Championships

Women's (1) Betty Day, Gulf, 5-0; (2) Helen Gray, No. Tex., 3-2, 16 t.r.; (3) Bobby Brooks, Border, 3-2, 17 t.r.; (4) Betty Flaeger, Border, 3-2, 19 t.r.

Foil: (1) Jack Carnell, No. Tex., 6-1, on fence-off; (2) Bob Derrick, Gulf, 6-1; (3) Gene Allen, No. Tex., 4-3, 25/30; (4) Dan Engelson, Border, 4-3, 25/27.

Epee: (1) J. F. Pigg, Gulf, 6-0; (2) Don Burton, Gulf, 4-2, 11 t.r.; (3) Ray Anderson, No. Tex., 14 t.r.

Sabre: (1) Kenneth Jones, Gulf, 6-1; (2) Carl Hill, Gulf, 5-2; (3) Jim LeBlanc, Border, 4-3.

Junior Events

Women's: (1) Betty Day, Gulf, 3-1, on fence-off; (2) Marietta Towry, No. Tex., 3-1; (3) Ruth Peaceman, Gulf, 2-2, 12 t.r.; (4) Jackie Longuemare, Border, 2-2, 17 t.r.

Foil: (1) Bob Derrick, Gulf, 5-1, on fence-off; (2) Jim LeBlanc, Border, 5-1; (3) Ray Anderson, No. Tex., 4-2.

Epee: (1) Dick Bright, New Orleans, 6-0; (2) Danzil McIntosh, Border, 5-1; (3) Wayne Latimer, No. Tex., 4-2.

Sabre: (1) Dick Bright, New Orleans, 7-0; (2) Ray Anderson, No. Tex., 5-2; (3) Bob Derrick, Gulf, 4-3, 23 t.r.; (4) Charles Reed, Gulf 4-3, 25 t.r.

Border Division

By Irving Kipnis, Chairman

The Border Division finals, held at Bundy Gym, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, featured a clean sweep by the University of Arizona of the four team events for men, while Tucson YMCA captured the women's team title. The individual results were as follows:

Women's Open: (1) Jennie Jones, Tucson YMCA; (2) Ferial Marshick, Tucson YMCA; (3) Bobbie Brooks, St. Joseph.

Open Foil: (1) Bruce Davis, Ft. Bliss; (2) Al Marshick, U. Ariz.; (3) Bruce Burch, U. Ariz.

Open Epee: (1) Bill Bingham, U. Ariz.; (2) Hilary Sandoval, U. Ariz.; (3) Bruce Davis, Ft. Bliss.

Open Sabre: (1) Bruce Davis, Ft. Bliss; (2) Irving Kipnis, Tucson YMCA; (3) Bruce Burch, U. Ariz.

Women's Novice: (1) Bobbie Brooks, St. Joseph; (2) Jane McPherson, Tucson H.S.; (3) Jennie Jones, Tucson, YMCA.

Novice Foil: (1) Danzil McIntosh, Ft. Bliss; (2) Ken Marshick, U. Ariz.; (3) Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.

Novice Epee: (1) Wilfred Lescarbeau, Ft. Bliss; (2) Daniel Engelson, Ft. Bliss; (3) Charles Nunnelly, U. Ariz.

Novice Sabre: (1) Raymond Monte, Ft. Bliss; (2) Wilfred Lescarbeau, Ft. Bliss; (3) David Broadway, U. Ariz.

Women's Prep: (1) Peggy McNamara, St. Joseph; (2) Heien Vosskuhler, Tucson H.S.; (3) Jackie Frost, Solpointe H.S.

Prep Foil: (1) Richard Slaughter, St. Joseph; (2) Andre Orlowski, U. Ariz.; (3) Danzil McIntosh, Ft. Bliss.

Prep Epee: (1) Danzil McIntosh, Ft. Bliss; (2) Richard Slaughter, St. Joseph; (3) Walter Talley, St. Joseph.

Prep Sabre: (1) Harry Miller, Ft. Bliss; (2) Danzil McIntosh, Ft. Bliss; (3) Andre Orlowski, U. Ariz.

MIDDLE WEST - - -

1954 MID-WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Donald S. Thompson, A.F.L.A.
Vice President

The 1954 Midwest Championships were held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 1 and 2 with 113 contestants from 10 divisions taking part. Miami Valley, Ohio, was represented for the first time in many years, and the newly created Tennessee Division competed in its first sectional championship. The tournament revealed further growth in the over-all strength of Midwest fencing, as the section's leading contestants are encountering difficulty in maintaining their dominance.

The most brilliant victory of the competition was scored in epee by James Gosline of Northern Ohio, a member of the 1952 national epee championship team, when he swept undefeated through a final round of 9 which included three nationally ranked fencers (who tied for second and finished in the order named): National champion Donald G. Thompson, of Illinois, defending Midwest champion Albert Wolff of Kentucky, and second-ranked Richard Berry of Illinois.

Another glittering performance was Sallye Chambers' undefeated record throughout the tournament, which enabled the Michigan star to retain the women's championship. Mrs. Chambers was carried to 4-3 only once, by Sue Thompson of Illinois. Fourteen-year-old Judy Goodrich of Lapeer, Michigan, placed second, and Gertrude Hille of Wisconsin was third.

Byron Krieger's experience dominated the foil and sabre fields, and he retained both titles although forced to a fence-off in foil by Art Schankin of Michigan. The Michigan Division again made the top over-all score, as well as the best showing in the women's events. Illinois retained its leadership in the men's competitions. Jose de Capriles, genial president of the A.F.L.A., directed the finals. The results:

Individuals

Women (25 contestants): (1) Sallye Chambers, Michigan, 7-0; (2) Judy Goodrich, Michigan, 6-1; (3) Gertrude Hille, Wisconsin, 5-2; (4) Sue Thompson, Illinois, 4-3; (5) M. Witte, St. Louis, 3-4; (6) J. Messmer, Minnesota, 2-5; (7) Snider, Michigan, 1-6; (8) K. Pressley, Tenn., 0-7.

Epee 31 contestants: (1) James Gosline, No. Ohio, 8-0; (2) D. G. Thompson, Illinois, 6-2, 9 t.r.; (3) A. Wolff, Ky., 6-2, 14 t.r.; (4) R. Berry, Illinois, 6-2, 15 t.r.; (5) H. Fried, No. Ohio, 3-5, 16 t.r.; (6) L. Turner, Ill., 3-5, 17 t.r.; (7) M. Gibbs, Iowa, 2-6; (8) R. Pitkin, Iowa, 1-7, 22 t.r.; (9) E. Jones, Wisc., 1-7, 23 t.r.

Foil (28 contestants): (1) Byron Krieger, Michigan, 6-2, won fence-off, 5-3; (2) Arthur Schankin, Mich., 6-2; (3) J. Fitzsimmon, Wisc., 5-3, 23 t.r.; (4) J. Campoli, Mich., 5-3, 28 t.r.; (5) E. Zeisig, Wisc., 5-3, 29 t.r.; (6) D. G. Thompson, Ill., 4-4; (7) T. Zombolas, Ill., 3-5; (8) H. Velasco, Ill., 2-6; (9) Pordee, Miami V., 0-8.

Sabre (29 contestants): (1) Byron Krieger, Michigan, 6-1 (2) B. V. Seiller, Ky., 5-2; (3) J. Campoli, Mich., 4-3, 24 t.r.; (4) H. Taxel, Ill., 4-3, 26 t.r.; (5) W. Henry, No. Ohio, 4-3, 28 t.r.; (6) J. Cameron, Ill., 2-5, 30 t.r.; (7) D. G. Thompson, Ill., 2-5, 31 t.r.; (8) H. Hayden, Mich., 1-6.

Team Scores

Division	Men	Women	Total
Michigan	72	36	108
Illinois	76	20	96
Wisconsin	49	23	72
Kentucky	43	1	44
Northern Ohio	39	5	44
St. Louis	17	17	34
Minnesota	10	19	29
Tennessee	14	6	20
Iowa	15	3	18
Miami Valley	12	0	12

COMMENTARY

By Jose de Capriles

I had the pleasure of attending the 1954 Midwest Championships, and they were an impressive eye-opener to a provincial from New York. We knew that fencers from this area had recently shown great strength in our national championships, but assumed these individuals were the exceptions. Actually, the Midwest has developed a strong field in every weapon and the winners were hard pressed by a sizeable group.

The championships have been growing in size as well as strength, and it may soon be advisable to re-distribute the many divisions into two or three Sections. Despite a very large entry, the event was very well organized and much credit for its success must go to Donald S. Thompson, our vice-president for the Midwest, and to Dave Logan and Jerry Fitzsimmons of the host Milwaukee Division.

Illinois

By Tom Soddy, Secretary

A "dark horse" composite team of three collegians provided the biggest upset of the season when they defeated Don Thompson, Dick Berry and Al Rose for the divisional epee team championship, 5-4. The winners: Palmer True of Northwestern, Alec Shane and Joe Goassie of Chicago U. The other team championships ran true to form: Champaign took the foil (Velasco, Zombolas, Kaufman), and the University Club captured the sabre (Taxel, Cameron, Legeza) and three-weapon (Thompson, Berry, Taxel). Results of the individual championships:

Open Foil: (1) Don Thompson, Univ. C.; (2) Herman Velasco, Champaign; (3) Tony Zombolas, Champaign.

Open Epee: (1) Don Thompson, Un. C.; (2) Lincoln Turner, Un. C.; (3) Dick Berry, Un. C.

Open Sabre: (1) Len Parmacek, Madison; (2) Dave Tolan, Milwaukee; (3) Don Thompson, Un. Club.

Women's Open: (1) Sue Thompson, Un. C.; (2) Jerry Kaplan, Champaign; (3) Karen Roth, Un. C.

Junior Foil: (1) John Cameron, Un. C.; (2) Mike Fain, unatt.; (3) Kent Krumm, unatt.

The State High School Championship, sponsored by the Illinois Division, A.F.L.A., was won by Senn High School (L. Schwartz, M. Schwartz, and K. Fantus). The division closes the season with 120 members, 35 more than last year.

All-Ohio Championships

By D. S. Thompson

Three first-place ties had to be fenced off to determine the four All-Ohio Championships for 1954. Of particular interest was the fence-off between the Papurt twins for the women's title, which was won by left-handed Myrel over right-handed Myrna by the score of 4-1. This, the second annual tournament, drew 48 entries from four Ohio divisions, and was held at the Men's Gymnasium, Ohio State University, Columbus, on April 3. Bob Kaplan, originator of the tournament and Ohio State Fencing Coach, again served as Bout Committee chairman. The results:

Women's (7 entries): (1) Myrel Papurt, No. Ohio, on fence-off, 4-1; (2) Myrna Papurt, No. Ohio; (3) Joan Steigerwald, No. Ohio.

Foil (17 entries): (1) Madison Dods, No. Ohio, on fence-off, 5-4; (2) Robert Bovaiian, No. Ohio; (3) Ross Saye, Cincinnati.

Epee (12 entries): (1) James Furgason, Columbus; (2) James Gosline, No. Ohio; (3) Al Musichuk, No. Ohio.

Sabre (12 entries): (1) Bruce Smith, Miami Valley, on fence-off, 5-3; (2) Ross Saye, Cincinnati; (3) Walter Henry, No. Ohio.

Michigan

By Shirley Stein, Secretary

Fifteen-year-old Judy Goodrich won her first Michigan State title, while veteran Byron Krieger was a triple winner, sweeping the men's events in foil, epee, and sabre.

State Championships

Women: (1) Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.; (2) Sallye Chambers, S. de T.; (3) Barbara De Polo, S. de T.; (4) Joanne Snyder, S. de T.

Foil: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de T.; (2) James Campoli, Grosse Pte. S.C.; (3) Arthur Schankin, G.P.S.C.; (4) Richard Yasenach, G.P.S.C.

Epee: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de T.; (2) Albert Kunzmann, G.P.S.C.; (3) Bernard Calkins, S. de T.; (4) John Langer, G.P.S.C.

Sabre: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de T.; (2) James Campoli, G.P.S.C.; (3) Richard Yasenach, G.P.S.C.; (4) Howard Hayden, S. de T.

Prize Events

Senior Epee: (1) Bernard Calkins, S. de T.; (2) Byron Krieger, S. de T.; (3) James Campoli, G.P.S.C.

Senior Sabre: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de T.; (2) Albert Kunzmann, G.P.S.C.; (3) Richard Yasenach, G.P.S.C.

Minnesota

By P. E. Dahl, Secretary

The annual meeting on April 25 elected Allan Anderson, of the University of Minnesota to serve as Chairman of the Division for 1954-55. Next year will mark the tenth anniversary of affiliation with the A.F.L.A. of the former "Minnesota League of Fencing Clubs" which was founded in 1932. The Divisional Championships drew a total of 48 entries, with the following results:

Women: (1) Joan Messmer; (2) Jeanne Syverson; (3) Dolores Norwa.

Int. Foil: (1) James Baxter; (2) Allan Anderson; (3) Robert Garrett.

Epee: (1) Robert Forsythe; (2) Allan Anderson; (3) J. O. A. Stankevics.

Sabre: (1) J. Eusterman; (2) James Baxter; (3) Richard Peterson.

3-Weapon: (1) Robert Forsythe; (2) Allan Anderson; (3) Maurice Quam.

Novice Foil: (1) Robert Garrett; (2) Maurice Quam; (3) Kenneth Kraut.

Junior Foil: (1) James Baxter; (2) Robert Garrett; (3) Douglas Messmer.

St. Louis

By **Sandra S. Trembley, Secretary**

An informal meet was held here with the Chicago division on April 11. The visitors won the epee 12-4 and the foil 6-3, while St. Louis took the sabre 5-4 and the women's team, 9-7. The results of other competitions during the months of March and April:

Open Foil: (1) Bob White; (2) Joe Trembley; (3) Bill Hadley.

Open Epee: (1) Joe Trembley; (2) Charles Castro; (3) Don Kelly.

Open Sabre: (1) Dave Murray; (2) Warren Wiperman; (3) Joe Trembley.

Women's Novice: (1) Sandra Trembley; (2) Rosemarie Helmkamp; (3) Sylvia Wolf.

Maxine Mitchell Wins Helene Mayer Memorial

By **Mary Huddleson**

Before a large audience at the Mills College Gymnasium in Oakland, Maxine Mitchell of the Hollywood A.C. captured the coveted Helene Mayer Memorial Trophy. Mrs. Mitchell, undefeated throughout the event which drew 14 entries, was touched only once in the finals.

Finalists: (1) Maxine Mitchell, H.A.C., 5-0; (2) Eleanor Turney, Halberstadt, 3-2, 11 t.r.; (3) Tommy Angell, Halberstadt, 3-2, 16 t.r.; (4) Shirley Canter, Funke, 2-3; (5) Grace Makabe, unatt., and M. Huddleson, Halberstadt, 1-4, 15/11 each.

Others: Barkdull, Carter, Pirquet (Halberstadt); Kanstein, Short (Berkeley); Coe, Reiber (Funke); Watson (Faulkner).

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EASTERN - - -

ALL-EASTERN INTERMEDIATE EPEE

By Kendall Shailer

Dick Dyer of Philadelphia, forced into a fence-off for qualification, won the All-Eastern Intermediate Epee Championship held at Waterbury, Conn. There was delay in getting the competition under way due to the fact that the AFLA machines failed to arrive in time, and eventually it became necessary to rent a machine from Mr. Robert Grasson, former Yale coach.

Preliminaries

Pool I. I. Bernstein and E. Hay, 2-1, qualify; W. W. Ritayik and I. Dushoff, 1-2, eliminated.

Pool II. R. Dyer and P. Petix, 2-1, qualify after fence-off; F. Wald, 2-1, and C. Cobb, 0-3, eliminated.

Pool III. R. Bernard, 3-0, and Alan Ruben, 2-1, qualify; J. L. Moreau, 1-2, and E. Onsager, 0-3, eliminated.

Pool IV. D. Chafetz and E. Quinn, 2-0, qualify; P. Wiedemeyer and P. Greaves, 0-2, eliminated.

FINAL

(1) R. Dyer, Phila., 6-1; (2) E. Quinn, N.Y.A.C., 5-2; (3) P. Petix, N.Y.U., 4-3; (4) R. Bernard, F.C., 3-4, 13 t.r.; (5) A. Ruben, Phila., 3-4, 17 t.r.; (6) I. Bernstein, Col., 3-4, 18 t.r.; (7) D. Chafetz, F.C., 2-5, 17 t.r.; (8) E. Hay, 2-5, 18 t.r.

Westchester

By Evan Quinn, Sec.-Treas.

At the last meeting of the Westchester Division, Miss Grace Acel was elected divisional chairman for the remainder of the 1953-54 season, succeeding Joseph B. Ullman. An agreement was entered into with the Westchester Fencing Association, a branch of the Westchester County Recreation Commission, Athletic Division, for joint membership at reduced rates of all A.F.L.A. members desiring it. In return, the Commission will provide free use of the County Center on an assured basis. The arrangement will also facilitate A.F.L.A. tie-up with adult education courses in fencing and the future development of a high-school fencing program in the county. Competitions are to be held on Monday nights during April, May and June.

ALL-EASTERN INTERMEDIATE SABRE

By Paul T. Makler

W. Farber of the University of Pennsylvania won the All-Eastern Intermediate Individual Sabre Championship by defeating Ted Reuter of Columbia, 5-4, in the fence-off for the title after both men had finished the final tied with six wins and two losses. Reuter had defeated Farber in their last bout of the round-robin to earn the tie.

Finalists: (1) Farver, U. of P., 6-2, won fence-off; (2) T. Reuter, Columbia, 6-2; (3) H. Spector, S.S., 5-3; (4) A. Spingarn, F.C., 4-4, 31/35; (5) J. Austin, Phila., 4-4, 31/33; (6) J. Otto, Phila., 4-4, 35 t.r.; (7) L. Marcel, S.S., 3-5, 33 t.r.; (8) P. Schmuckler, F.C., 3-5, 36 t.r.; (9) R. Flynn, N.Y.A.C., 1-7.

Semi-Finalists: Burrell, Goldman, Hurwitz, Phila.; Orsi, Reda, N.Y.A.C.; Milletari, F.C.; Pariser, Columbia; Morenus, Georgia; Kapner, Santelli.

Florida

By Lucille Heintz

The Florida State foil championships for men and women were held at the University of Miami on May 9. The 48 entries included fencers from the University of Miami, Rollins College, Y.W.C.A., Salle Florio, Sarasota Fencing Club, and a few independents. The results:

Men: (1) Dick Wegert, Sarasota F.C.; (2) Mac Lomard, U. of Miami; (3) Al Murray, independent.

Women: (1) Fran Watts, U. of Miami; (2) Barbara Wyatt, Salle Florio; (3) Ethel Felts, Salle Florio.

Georgia

By Warren G. Davis, Jr.

The Novice Foil Tournament held on January 9 was won by Robert Gillis, undefeated in five bouts. Morris Shapiro, Phil Massey and Warren Davis each won two. There was an absolute tie on touches for and against between Shapiro and Massey for second place.

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Cohen Wins Eastern Three-Weapon Title

By Leo Sobel

Abram Cohen of the Fencers Club, after a close-call in his quarter-final match with Michel Mamlouk of the Salle Santelli, won his semi-final and final matches in the All-Eastern Three-Weapon Individual Championship without having to fence his best weapon, the sabre. Kevis Kapner was second. Both men received the President's medals for this event.

Summaries (F, E, S in order)

Preliminary: U. Milletaire, F.C., defeated J. Sonnenreich, F.C., 8-4 (4-1, 3-2, 1-1). Other entries had byes.

Quarter-Final: Milletaire d. N. Lazar, S.S., 8-5 (1-4, 4-1, 3-0); K. Kapner, S.S., d. Metzger, F.C., 8-6 (3-2, 2-3, 3-1); A. Cohen, F.C., d. Mamlouk, S.S., 8-7 (2-3, 3-2, 3-2); H. Spector, S.S., d. L. Marcell, S.S., 8-4 (2-3, 4-1, 2-0).

Semi-Final: Kapner d. Milletaire, 8-3 (3-2, 4-0, 1-0); Cohen d. Spector, 8-2 (4-1, 4-1, no sabre).
Final: Cohen d. Kapner, 8-2 (4-1, 4-1, no sabre).

LYON TROPHY

By Grace Acel

The Philadelphia Fencers Club duo of Dr. Paul Makler and Dick Dyer won the gold medals and the Arthur S. Lyon Trophy in the epee-sabre team competition held on March 25 at the New York Athletic Club. Each member of the winning team won 6 bouts in epee and 6 in sabre, and never did less than break even in either weapon in every match. Their closest call came in the match with the defending Fencers Club "A" team, composed of Abram Cohen and Jose de Capriles, which held the successful challengers to their lowest score, losing 5-3.

Preliminaries

Pool I. Philadelphia (Makler, Dyer) defeated N.Y.U. "A" (J. Cohen, M. Pons), 8-0; Fencers Club "A" (A. Cohen, de Capriles) defeated N.Y.U. "A," 7-1.

Pool II. N.Y.A.C. (Flynn, Nunes) defeated N.Y.U. "B" (Petix, Guinot) 6-2; Fencers Club "B" (Bavuso, Bukantz) 6-2; and Santelli (Kapner, Lazar) 5-3; F.C. "B" defeated N.Y.U. "B" 7-1 and Santelli 4-4 (23/21 touches). Santelli defeated N.Y.U. "B" 7-1.

Finals

(1) Philadelphia F.C. defeated N.Y.A.C. 6-2, Fencers Club "A" 5-3 and Fencers Club "B" 5-2; (2) Fencers "A" defeated Fencers "B" 6-2 and N.Y.A.C. 5-2. Remaining matches not fenced inasmuch as only two team prizes were awarded.

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Philadelphia

By Franklin D. Jones, Chairman

Thanks largely to the boundless energy of our Bout Committee Chairman, Ira Dushoff, we have had a better entry list than ever before in the 28 meets scheduled by the Philadelphia Division. High School participation has been good, as shown by the 20 entries in Prep Foil. The Divisional Championships gave the following results:

Open Foil: (1) Dr. Paul Makler, Phila.F.C.; (2) Robert Goldman, U. of Pa.; (3) Nathan Ostrofsky, Phila.F.C.

Open Sabre: (1) Dick Dyer, Phila.F.C.; (2) Dr. Paul Makler, Phila.F.C.; (3) Norfleet Johnson, Princeton.

Open Epee: (1) Peter Conomikes, Washington F.C., 5-2; (2) Ira Dushoff, Phila.F.C., 4-3, 14 t.r.; (3) Hoitsma, Princeton, 4-3, 15/17; (4) Makler, Ph.F.C., 4-3, 15/16; (5) R. F. Jones, West.N.Y., 4-3, 17 t.r.; (6) Dyer, Ph.F.C., 3-4; (7) Ruben, Ph.F.C., 2-5; (8) Hoffman, Pr., 2-5.

Tri-State Area
(Cumberland Gap)

Three miles from historic Cumberland Gap, where the states of Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky meet, fencing is blooming at Lincoln Memorial University, a small co-educational liberal arts college located at Harrogate, Tennessee. The guiding light of this group is Dr. Louis Lutz, Associate Professor of Biology, who is also the fencing coach. The squad consists of approximately 20 boys and girls, of whom five will receive this year their major-sport "letter". The teams scheduled were Knoxville (Tenn.) YMCA (twice); Atlanta (Ga.) YMCA; Atlanta Fencing Club; Indiana University; Lawrence Tech; University of Kentucky (twice); Cincinnati University; Asheville (N.C.) YMCA; North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina.

Other fencers in the Tri-State area, ranging in age from around 11 to 40, have shown interest in this new (?) sport, and plans are being made to form a Tri-State fencing club. Dr. Lutz writes: "Any Yankee fencers on the way to Florida are invited to stay on the beautiful mountain campus (450 acres) as guests. Let us know ahead of time so we can fix you all up with rooms and board. We will let you try out L.M.U.'s embryonic team and hope to whip you all before you leave." —J. de C.

Western New York

By Roger F. Jones, Chairman

The Division's regular season came to its closing climax at the Annual Banquet on May 7. Dave Bohacket of Rochester was awarded a scroll as the "Outstanding Sportsman" for this season. Dave also carried off 15 trophies and medals this year to become the division's leading fencer. Steve Zielinski was awarded a plaque for his unceasing effort to start a central club, which is expected to begin activities next season at the International Institute of Buffalo. All competitions, except the divisional championships, will hereafter be open to AFLA (and FIE) members outside the division. Our membership reached 108 this season; there were 34 competitions with a total of 396 entries. Recent results:

Prize Events

Prep Epee: (1) Marion Gnaizdowski, U.B.; (2) Jack Sherer, U.B.; (3) Dan Hermanson, U.B.

Women's Prep: (1) Fran Perry, Buffalo J.C.; (2) Barbara Gmeiner, Buffalo J.C.; (3) Marcella Forde, U.B.

Three-Weapon Indiv.: (1) Sid Schwartz, U.B. Alumni; (2) Dave Bohacket, Rochester; (3) Les Williams, Penguins.

"Four-Weapon" Team: Won by Rochester (Lou Cargill, Dave Bohacket, Art Plouffe, June Johnson).

Divisional Championships

Women: (1) June Johnson, Rochester I.T.; (2) Clea Cooper, Rochester I.T.; (3) Jeanne Sikes, Buffalo F.C.

Foil: (1) Fulton Dye, Buffalo F.C., on fence-off; (2) Dave Bohacket, Rochester; (3) Lou Cargill, Rochester.

Epee: (1) Dave Bohacket, Rochester, on fence-off; (2) Roger Jones, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Al Jedrzewski, U.B.

Sabre: (1) Sid Schwartz, U.B. Alumni; (2) Tony Buzzelli, Penguins; (3) Art Plouffe, Rochester.

Harrisburg

By Sheldon Schlosinger, Chairman

Activities are getting under way in this new division, with entries from York, Carlisle, Lemoyne and Harrisburg. The divisional open foil championship was won by Jack Hesperheide, of the York YMCA, who went through the event undefeated. Results of other competitions:

Junior Foil: (1) W. Abramowitz; (2) L. Wiseman; (3) S. Schlosinger.

Women's Prep: (1) Martha Freedman, Harrisburg Y; (2) Norma Diehl, York F.C.; (3) Martha Hesperheide, York F.C.

Washington, D. C.

By Lissie Nielsen, Secretary

The results of recent competitions in the Washington, D. C., Division have been as follows:

Junior Foil: (3/14/54): (1) Elliott Miller, YMCA; (2) Herbert Hunter, WFC; (3) Capt. C. F. King, YMCA.

Novice Sabre: (1) Capt. C. F. King, YMCA; (2) Vernon Elder, G. Wash.; (3) Herbert Hunter, WFC.

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Three Weapon: (1) Gary Martin, WFC; (2) Scott Breckinridge, WFC; (3) Harold Newton, WFC.

Women's: (1) Lissie Nielson, WFC; (2) Penny Newton, WFC; (3) Hertha Wegener, WFC. (Triple fence-off for first).

Epee: (1) Peter Conomikes, WFC; (2) Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie, WFC; (3) Gary Martin, WFC.

Foil: (1) Gary Martin, WFC; (2) Harold Newton, Newton, WFC; (3) Daniel Lyons, YMCA on fence-off with Elliott Miller, YMCA.

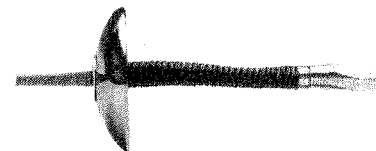
Sabre: (1) Harold Newton, WFC; (2) Col. William B. Kunzig, WFC; (3) H. J. Edmonds, Jr., Annapolis.

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METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S—By Dorothy Friedman

Grace Acel of Santelli defeated her teammate, Eve Cohen Siegel, 5-3 and Madeline Dalton of Fencers Club 5-2 to capture the women's metropolitan open championship on May 2, in a triple fence-off for first place. Mrs. Siegel took the silver medal by a score of 5-2 over Miss Dalton. The three medalists each won seven and lost one in the finals. The rest of the field was far behind.

Finalists: (1) G. Acel, E. Siegel, M. Dalton, 7-1; (4) D. Millstein, F.C., 3-5, 25/23; I. Balint, Saltus, 3-5, 25/20; L. Knab, SS, 3-4, 25/16; A. Drungis, SS, 3-5, 26 t.r.; J. Doershuk, F.C., 2-5, 24/20 (one unfenced bout); (9) Brewster, New Eng., 0-7 (one unfenced bout).

Semi-finalists: B. Dedousis, D. Friedman, J. Shaff, Santelli; V. Sokol, unatt.; D. Funke, D. Stark, F.C.

Others: King, Eto, Saltus; Bridges, Pierce, Santelli; Brown, Calkin, N.Y.U.; Pauker, Rohdes; Jenkins, Lucia; Kopp, Montclair; Boyd, G.C.Y.

SABRE—By Austin Prokop

The long monopoly of the metropolitan sabre crown, shared by Dr. Tibor Nyilas and George Worth for many years, was broken when their Santelli team-mates, Allan Kwartler and Sol Gorlin, finished in a tie for first place on May 1. Kwartler won a smashing 5-0 victory. Dr. Nyilas placed third by one touch over Worth.

Finalists: (1) A. Kwartler, Santelli, 6-2; (2) S. Gorlin, Santelli, 6-2; (3) T. Nyilas, Santelli, 5-3, 28 t.r.; (4) G. Worth, Santelli, 5-3, 29 t.r.; (5) A. Cohen, F.C., 4-4; (6) R. Dyer, Phila. F.C., 3-5, 28 t.r.; (7) H. Millard, F.C., 3-4, 31 t.r.; (8) A. Spingarn, F.C., 2-6, 30/29; (9) L. Pongo, Santelli, 2-6, 36/21.

Semi-Finalists: Shaff, Blum and Kapner, Santelli; Tishman, F.C.; Wallner, N.Y.U.; Goldman, U. of P.

Others: Farber, U. of P.; Livergood, N.Y.U.; R. Flynn, NYAC; Canvin and Milletari, F.C.; Byfield, Crossley, Lorant, Tullsen, Santelli.

FOIL—By Martha Rothman

Joseph Levis of Boston, the United States' greatest foilsmen twenty years ago, staged a triumphant return to amateur competition by scoring a clear-cut victory in the Metropolitan Open Foil Championship on April 25. Levis won 14 consecutive bouts before dropping a 5-4 decision to Albert Axelrod, who finished second. A fence-off for third place, required by the withdrawal of James Strauch, resulted in a victory for Al Kwartler of Santelli, 5-2, over Harold Goldsmith.

Finalists: (1) J. Levis, 7-1; (2) A. Axelrod, S.S., 6-2; (3) A. Kwartler, S.S., 4-3 (one unfenced bout); (4) H. Goldsmith, F.C., 5-3; (5) R. Goldstein, S.S., 3-4, 29 t.r. (one unfenced bout); (6) N. Lewis, S.S., 3-5, 36 t.r.; (7) N. Lazar, 2-5 (one unfenced bout); (8) C. Ettinger, 2-6; (9) J. Strauch, withdrew.

Semi-Finalists: J. de Capriles, A. Cohen, D. Marmer, M. Metzger, U. Milletaire, E. Vebell, F.C.; R. Dyer, N. Ostrofsky, Phila. F.C.; P. Moss, L. Turk, Santelli; E. Quinn, N.Y.A.C.; A. Howard, Canada.

Others: Asselin, Canada; Steinhardt, U.S.A.F.; Goldman, U. of P.; Zitomer, Taetsch, Phila.; Anderson, Surdi, N.Y.A.C.; Gradkowski, Levitan, Niosi, Price, Santelli; Wertlich, Seeman, Glasser, CCNY; Miernick, Brooklyn Coll.; Shome, unatt.

EPEE—By J. Richard Lutz

Ed Vebell successfully defended his Metropolitan Open Epee Championship in one of the most bitterly final rounds in recent years. His Fencers Club team-mate, Jose de Capriles, was second on touches, as only six hits separated the first and eighth places. The elimination rounds saw the downfall of several ranked and Olympic fencers, and Ralph Goldstein was forced to withdraw from the final due to a pulled tendon.

Finalists: (1) E. Vebell, F.C., 5-2, 12 t.r.; (2) J. de Capriles, F.C., 4-3, 12 t.r.; (3) H. Wallner, N.Y.U., 4-3, 13 t.r.; (4) K. Kapner, Santelli, 4-3, 14 t.r.; (5) D. Chafetz, F.C., 4-3, 15 t.r.; (6) I. M. Dushoff, Phila. F.C., 3-4, 16 t.r.; (7) R. Dyer, Phila. F.C., 2-5, 17 t.r.; (8) P. Conomikes, Washington F.C., 2-5, 18 t.r.

METROPOLITAN QUALIFIERS FOR NATIONAL SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Jose de Capriles

Six Salle Santelli fencers qualified for the national sabre championship. They were Blum, Lazar, Lorant, Pongo, Spector and Turk. Other metropolitan qualifiers were Milletari and Sonnenreich of the Fencers Club and Barry Pariser of Columbia. Alternates were (1) Lou Shaff, Santelli; (2) Hugh Byfield, Santelli; and (3) Harry Schaff, NYU. Eliminated were Crossley, Kapner and Tullsen of Santelli; Canvin, Schmuckler and Spingarn, F.C.; R. Flynn, NYAC; Abrams, NYU.

JUNIOR EPEE TEAM

By Ludwinna Pinchart

The Fencers Club's "A" team, beaten 5-4 by its "B" squad, finished in a triple tie on match victories but won the junior epee championship by a margin of 7 bouts. The round-robin of five teams yielded the following results: (1) Fencers "A," 3-1, won 27 bouts; (2) Fencers "B," 3-1, won 20 bouts, received 69 touches; (3) Columbia, 3-1, won 20 bouts, received 73 touches; (4) NYU "A," 1-3; (5) NYU "B," 0-4.

JUNIOR FOIL TEAM

By Allan Kwartler

The Fencers Club trio, Brandeis, Frank and Marmer, won the metropolitan junior foil team championship over Cetrulo F.C. and C.C.N.Y. by one bout after these three finalist teams had finished in a tie on match victories, having defeated one another.

Qualifying Round

Pool I. Santelli "A" (Matzkin, Moss, Yurchenko) def. CCNY "B" (Gordon, Latvinick, Weiss), 5-1; N.Y.A.C. (Reda, Anderson, Sully) def. CCNY "B," 7-2.

Pool II. Fencers Club (Brandeis, Canvin, Marmer) def. N.Y.U. "B," 8-1; Cetrulo F.C. (Brienza, DeCicco, Riccardi) def. N.Y.U. "B," 5-4.

Pool III. CCNY "A" (Glasser, Wertlieb, Seeman) def. N.Y.U. "A" (Taylor, Alessio, Cohen) 5-4; Santelli "B" (Price, Podnos, Levitan) def. N.Y.U. "A," 5-4.

Semi-Final

Cetrulo F.C. defeated N.Y.A.C., 5-3.
C.C.N.Y. "A" defeated Santelli "A," 5-2.
Fencers Club defeated Santelli "B," 5-0.

FINAL

(1) Fencers Club defeated C.C.N.Y., 6-3 (Won 10 bouts).
(2) Cetrulo F.C. defeated Fencers Club, 5-4 (Won 9 bouts).
(3) C.C.N.Y. defeated Cetrulo F.C., 5-4 (Won 8 bouts).

METROPOLITAN QUALIFIERS FOR NATIONAL FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Jose de Capriles

Marvin Metzger and Arthur Spingarn led the field of 24 competitors for 9 places in the metropolitan qualifying round for the national foil championship. Other qualifiers were: Marmer, Brandeis and Cohen, F.C.; Moss, Matzkin and Price, Santelli; and Seeman, CCNY. Alternates were (1) Schechter, Saltus; (2) Canvin, F.C.; (3) Frank, F.C.

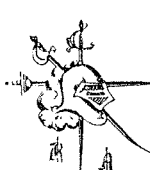
METROPOLITAN QUALIFIERS FOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Larry Olvin

Ida Balint of Saltus, Louise Knab and Anne Drungis of Santelli, and Dolly Funke of the Fencers Club led the 8 metropolitan qualifiers for the women's national championship with 5 victories each. Mildred Boyce of the Fencers Club was next. Other qualifiers: Ronnie Pierce, Santelli; Dorothy Stack, F.C.; Julia Doershuk, F.C. The alternates: (1) Friedman, Santelli; (2) Makabe, Santelli; (3) Boyd, G.C.Y.M.C.A.; (4) Borea, Un. Eliminated: Brown and Calkin, NYU; Rosenbaum, Santelli.

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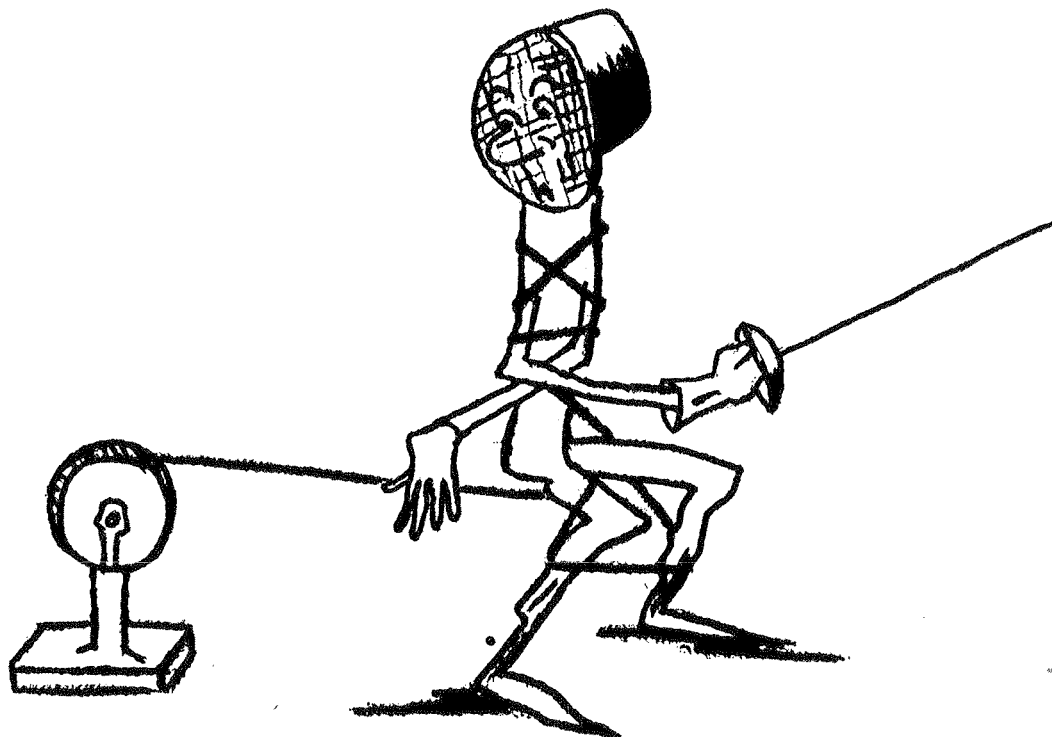
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MASTERS - - -**Tracy Jaeckel Wins
Masters Epee**

By Ludwina Pinchart

Tracy Jaeckel of the Fencers Club, last year's winner, again was the top scorer in the fifth annual Masters' Epee Competition, thereby registering his third triumph in this elite event. Jaeckel retained the Saltus Dress Sword and received the Miguel de Capriles gold medal. Silver medals went to Ed Vebell, of the Fencers Club, metropolitan champion, and to Jean V. Grombach of the New York A.C., former winner of the masters' title. Bronze medals went to Jimmy Strauch, Fencers Club; to Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club; and to the top-ranking professional in the competition, Andre Deladrier of the U. S. Naval Academy. Nine amateurs and three professionals participated.

Summaries

(1) T. Jaeckel, F.C., 12 v.; (2) tie, E. Vebell, F.C., and J. V. Grombach, N.Y.A.C., 11 v.; (4) J. Strauch, F.C., 9 v.; (5) tie, J. de Capriles, F.C., and A. Deladrier, U.S.N.A., 8 v.; (7) A. Skrobisch, F.C.; (8) J. Flynn, N.Y.A.C.; (9) Raymond W. Miller, Paterson; (10) tie, E. Lucia, C.C.N.Y.; P. Mijer, Santelli; and M. de Capriles, F.C.

**DR. BUKANTZ VICTOR
IN MASTERS FOIL**

By M. de Capriles

Dr. Daniel Bukantz, national champion, won the first annual Masters Foil competition for the Rene Pinchart trophy with a perfect score of 8 victories. Bukantz was carried to 4-all only once, by Robert Kaplan, fencing coach at Ohio State University who also scored a brilliant upset in defeating the second-place winner, Joseph Levis of Boston. The top professional in the excellent field of nine contestants again was Andre Deladrier of the Naval Academy, who tied for third with Harold Goldsmith, Fencers Club, but came fourth on touches. A number of sensational bouts featured the keenly fought round-robin which required four hours to complete.

Summaries

(1) D. Bukantz, 8 v.; (2) J. Levis, 6 v.; (3) H. Goldsmith, 5 v., 23 t.r.; (4) A. Deladrier, 5 v., 25 t.r.; (5) Robert Kaplan, 4 v.; (6) Curtis T. Ettinger, F.C., 3 v.; (7) Edward Lucia, C.C.N.Y., 2 v., 36/23; (8) Harry Boutsikaris, Lehigh, 2 v., 36/18; (9) Sam C. Munson, Washington YMCA, 1 v.

**Jose de Capriles Wins
Santelli Memorial Sabre**

By Ralph Goldstein

Jose de Capriles scored one of his most sensational sabre victories in the first Italo Santelli Memorial Competition by rallying from a 3-0 deficit to defeat national champion Tibor Nyilas in the last bout, and thereby avoid a triple tie for first place. Allan Kwartler nosed out George Worth on touches for the runner-up spot. Dick Dyer kept up his consistent improvement by placing fourth, while Dr. Nyilas—far below his best physical condition—was fifth.

A distinguished field of 30 sabremen participated in this gala event, organized by Metropolitan Committee Chairman Worth in memory of the late Italo Santelli, widely regarded as the founder of the modern sabre school which has carried Hungary to undisputed world supremacy in this weapon. Both George Santelli, the great master's beloved son, and Lajos Csiszar, his faithful associate, who are carrying on their teacher's tradition in the United States, were on hand and directed several bouts. Nine prizes, one for each finalist, were donated by admirers of Italo Santelli for this competition.

Summaries

Finalists: (1) J. de Capriles, F.C., 7-1; (2) A. Kwartler, Santelli, 6-2, 18 t.r.; (3) G. Worth, Santelli, 6-2, 26 t.r.; (4) R. Dyer, Philadelphia, 5-3; (5) T. Nyilas, Santelli, 4-4; (6) Sol Gorlin, Santelli, 3-5, 30 t.r.; (7) Leslie Pongo, Santelli, 3-5, 34 t.r.; (8) A. Cohen, F.C., 1-7, 36 t.r.; (9) Neil Lazar, Santelli, 1-7, 39 t.r.

Semi-Finalists: Blum, Marcell, Spector (Santelli); Cardozo (Canada); Millard (F.C.); Flynn (N.Y.A.C.)

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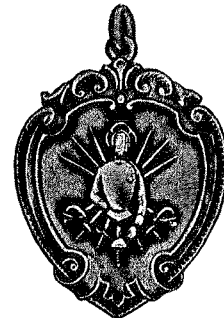
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ELMIRA WINS WOMEN'S COLLEGE TITLES

By Herta Friedrich, Secretary-Treasurer, I.W.F.A.

By the margin of one bout, Elmira won the women's intercollegiate fencing title over defending champion Hunter College after both teams had tied with 8 match victories. In the individuals, Sandra Whitehead of Elmira dethroned Cathy Kopp of Montclair, scoring a clean sweep in her five bouts. The coaches awarded three prizes to the girls who, participating in the tournament for the first time, showed greatest promise; the recipients were Sylvia Schechter of Brooklyn, A. Getz of Syracuse, and Leah Cooper of Rochester Tech. The tournament attracted one of the largest entries in history, with 11 competing teams. The Metropolitan and New Jersey officials who gave up a free Saturday deserve a vote of thanks for the high caliber of the judging and directing.

Team Summaries

(1) Elmira, 8 v. (21 bouts won); (2) Hunter, 8 v. (20 bouts won); (3) Farleigh-Dickinson, 7 v.; (4) Brooklyn, 6 v. (20 bouts won); (5) Paterson, 6 v. (19 bouts won); (6) Montclair, 5 v. (17 bouts won); (7) Rochester Tech, 5 v. (15 bouts won); (8) New York University, 5 v. (13 bouts won); (9) Keuka, 4 v.; (10) Syracuse, 1 v.; (11) Jersey City, 0 v.

Individual Finals

(1) Sandra Whitehead, Elmira, 5 v.; (2) Cathy Kopp, Montclair, 3 v., 12 t.r.; (3) Dorothy Kessler, F.D., 3 v., 13 t.r.; (4) Grace Monaco, Pat., 2 v.; (5) Joanne Monteverde, F.D., 1 v., 18 t.r.; (6) Sylvia Schechter, Brooklyn, 1 v., 19 t.r.

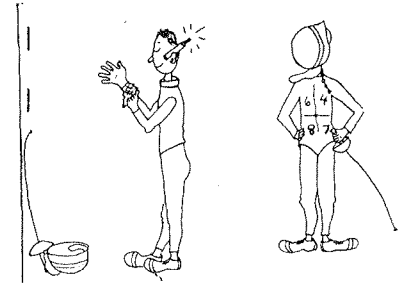
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Western Intercollegiate Fencing Conference

By Gerard J. Biagini, Historian

Stanford University retained the foil team championship and the Rossi Trophy in the 4th W.I.F.C. tournament held at Pomona College on April 10. Arizona was second, and the University of California finished third. Thirteen teams participated.

The Laura Silver Cup for the individual foil title left the State of California for the first time in three years to go to Arizona, as Bruce Burch defeated Jerome Klotz. Carl Walters of Stanford was a strong third. The fencers from San Francisco State and from the host college, Pomona, fell below past standards and were eliminated in the semi-finals. The three top foilsmen were named to the All-Western Collegiate Fencing Team and received their certificate awards. Jerome Klotz of the University of California, by vote of the conference coaches, received this year's "Outstanding Fencer's Award." The 1955 championships were awarded to the University of California at Berkeley.



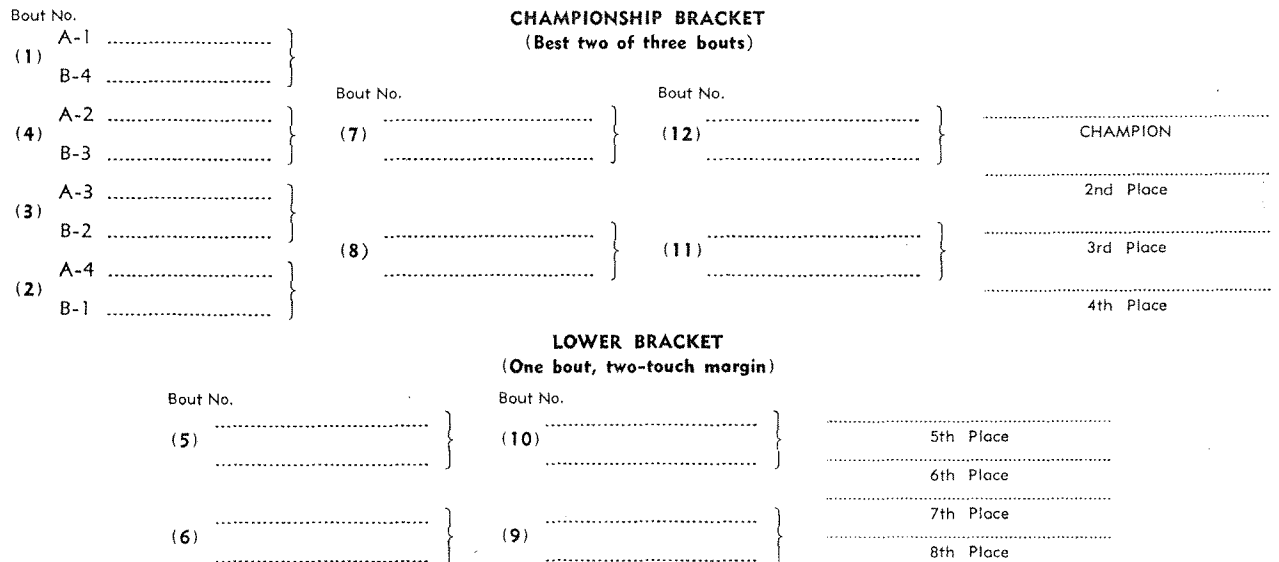
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NCAA RULES MEETING

The NCAA Fencing Rules Committee will hold its annual meeting on Monday, June 14, 1954, at 5 P.M. at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53rd Street, New York City. Alvar Hermanson is chairman.

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MORE ABOUT THE A. F. L. A.

By Jose R. de Capriles, President

In continuing our discussion about the structure of the A.F.L.A. it might be of interest to you to know why there is such a large "non-divisional" group in an organization which otherwise is made up of divisions having local jurisdiction over members in the scattered fencing centers of this country. Why haven't the fencers in and around New York City, the largest group of members in the country, been permitted to form a New York or Metropolitan Division? The answer in the past has always been that the national organization, or rather the national treasury, would suffer a mortal blow if it were deprived of the "divisional" dues and initiation fees which it now receives from the New York fencers in addition to their regular national dues. Whether or not this answer is still true is being studied carefully this season.

The A.F.L.A. was organized in 1891 and the records of 1892 show that of the 238 members in the League, a handful belonged to the only two divisions then in existence (Nebraska and New England) while the rest were "non-divisional." This non-divisional group theoretically covered the entire country except the territory assigned to the two divisions, but in fact consisted of a group of active fencers in the East led by Dr. Graeme M. Hammond. Dr. Hammond was a prominent New York physician and an outstanding track athlete who was very influential in national and Olympic sports for many years. Until the 1920's the non-divisional group constituted the overwhelming majority

of League members, and it is easy to understand why there was no separation between the "national" treasury and the "metropolitan" treasury. New divisions had been created from time to time on the Pacific Coast, in the Midwest and in some centers in the East, but all of these new groups were small. As long as they were struggling to establish fencing in their areas their contribution to the cost of the national operations was nominal, and the national treasury still had to lean heavily on the dues of the non-divisional group. As the number and strength of the more distant divisions increased, the non-divisional area in the East was also whittled down. Divisions were created in New Jersey, Philadelphia, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Mid-New York, West Point, Long Island and Westchester, so that the non-divisional membership has remained fairly constant at a little more than 200, which is about the size of the 1892 group, but now represents only a small fraction of the national membership.

With the expansion of the A.F.L.A. into a genuinely national organization, however, the demands on the national treasury have become much heavier. Take for example the National Championships. Until the 1930's, it was both logical and inexpensive to hold the nationals in New York. Nearly all the top fencers were in the East, as were most of the top judges and directors. As leading contenders and national champions began to emerge in the Pacific Coast and Midwest areas, it became important as a matter of

policy to facilitate their participation by modest travel allowances. The maintenance of adequate communication among fencers in all parts of the country has also become more expensive. Our international commitments have been growing. A study made before World War II revealed that the national treasury could not meet these obligations without the support of the full membership dues of New York fencers, including the portion that in other areas is allocated to divisional and sectional treasuries. Existing practice was justified on the theory that the New York fencers were in essence underwriting the cost of holding the nationals in the metropolitan area.

In recent years, some of our divisions have grown considerably and new ones are flourishing; the Southwest section has been added to the national structure. Once again we are studying the feasibility of a separate New York division with its own funds, so that our national organization will be set up on a uniform basis throughout the country. Everyone agrees that there would be advantages in this idea if it can be accomplished without crippling national operations. It may well be that a satisfactory solution might lie in requiring the New York division to post an adequate national championship guarantee every year that the tournament is not awarded to some other city. For the present, however, every penny spent for New York affairs must be approved by the national Governors who, very properly, are jealous guardians of national funds.

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