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**Top Left:** "All Navy" U.S. Epee Team—Shurtz, Jones, Parmacek, Berry. **Top Right:** Col. T. J. Carhart, U.S. team captain, receives team participation plaque from President of Italian Fencing Federation. **Lower Left:** U.S. Sabre Team—Reese, Carhart, Treves, Steinhart, Parmacek, Shurtz. **Lower Right:** Shurtz fencing in individual foil semi-finals.

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By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

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Women's foil chairman—Laurence Olvin

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## THE 1955 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Roger F. Jones, U.S. Team Secretary

Hungary dominated the World Championships this year, winning five of the eight events. Italy followed with three victories, and France failed to win a title for the first time within memory, although a clear third in the field. Outside the Big Three, Russia and Poland were the strongest. This was the first time that either the United States or Soviet Russia had entered full teams in the World Championship tournament. (Ed. note: A U.S. epee team competed in Paris in 1937.) The U.S.S.R. won third place in sabre over Poland, and also made the women's team final. They were very courteous, and presented each delegation with a banner bearing the Russian emblem and a Russian inscription for "World Championships, 1955." For the United States, Sewall Shurtz was the outstanding fencer, competing in every weapon and reaching the semi-finals in foil. Charles Steinhardt starred in the foil team, and Alex Treves had a good record in sabre. Col. Thomas J. Carhart was the U.S. team captain.

In the foil team, the U.S. first met Poland and lost a see-saw battle in which we led 5-4, 6-5, and then with the score 7-7 and a lead of 10 touches, we dropped two straight to lose 9-7. We next lost 9-1 to Italy's magnificent team, which went on to win the title although pressed by Hungary. Poland also made the finals, placing fourth behind Great Britain, who had eliminated France. Two young Hungarians were truly outstanding: Mihaly Fulop, 17 years old, won 17 and lost only 1; he was prevented from fencing in the finals by a foot injury. His team-mate, Jozsef Gyuricza, 21 years old, had a 14-1 mark in the team event; he was 17-5 in the individuals and defeated Christian D'Oriola twice, in the final and in a fence-off, to become the new champion. Four of the six U.S. entries advanced to the second round, where all but Shurtz were eliminated. Shurtz entered the semi-finals by defeating Vittorio Lucarelli, one of the mainstays of the Italian team, in a very hard-fought 5-4 bout. Shurtz fell short of a place in the final, but he finished ahead of two famous Italians, Di-Rosa and Edoardo Mangiarotti, in his pool.

Our lone entry in the women's event, Julia Shoek, fenced well into the second round, where she was eliminated. Her pool included Dam-Larsen of Denmark, Muller-Preiss of Austria, Camber of Italy, and Domolki of Hungary. Camber, the present Olympic Champion, defeated Julia by only one touch. Lidia Domolki, who is only 19, fenced steadily and won the individual title. Hungary also won the team event, after a close match with France, with Italy third and U.S.S.R. fourth.

In the epee team, Yugoslavia won 6 of the 7 bouts decided by one touch to defeat the United States, 10-6. In the next match, with Switzerland, the first half was all even, 4-4, but then the U.S. team lost five straight and the match, 9-4. The final round saw Italy, Hungary and France tie with two match victories each. Hungary dropped to third on a count of bouts, and Italy nosed out France by 8 touches to win the cham-

pionship. In the individuals, only Shurtz of the United States made the second round; Carhart was in a four-way tie for second place in his pool, but lost the fence-off. Giorgio Anglesio emerged as the new epee champion, and two other Italians placed second and third. The epee events were amazingly well run, considering that there were 18 teams and 103 individuals competing.

Great Britain defeated the U.S. sabre team, 9-7, in a hard-fought match. The Italian team then completed our elimination, winning 9-2. In the semi-finals, the Russians scored their first big upset by defeating France 9-7; and then in the final scored another by turning back Poland 9-6 in the match for third place. Hungary, as usual, won the title, but had a tough fight with the Italians, who yielded 9-7. Aladar Gerevich was at low ebb, losing four, but Pal Kovacs was well-nigh invincible, winning all four, including the decisive bout. Kovacs suffered a hand injury during the evening and was unable to compete in the individuals. All the U.S. entries were downed in the first round except Alex Treves, who won his pool with 5 victories. He was given an unfortunate seeding in the second round, since his pool included Gerevich (now fencing like a new man), Lefevre of France, Cooperman of Great Britain, and Suski of Poland; even so he went out only on a barrage and was the only member of the U.S. team who totaled more wins than losses in the tournament. Gerevich continued to fence like a man inspired, right through the finals. In his last bout, he staved off Renzo Nostini's bid, after being behind 4-2 with only two

minutes of fencing time left—a remarkable victory. Gerevich was the only old-timer to win an individual event—and he did so just twenty years after his first big triumph, the 1935 individual world sabre championship.

## CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

By Thomas J. Carhart

I will add only a few high-lights to Roger Jones' report. It was an excellent idea to enter the U.S. team in the team events, even though the team was far short of full strength. From a prestige view-point, we made a lot of points.

The loss to Poland in the foil team was a heart-breaker, because our fourth man happened to have a bad day. Sewall Shurtz fenced extremely well, particularly in the individuals. Dick Berry also fenced well, and so did Steinhardt, but I think the latter can do better the next time. Unfortunately, he team had a bad case of "World Championship Jitters," which showed up in the fact that the men did very well in their secondary weapon and not in their primary weapon. Thus, Shurtz's foil was superb, but he fenced well below par in epee; the same was true of Berry. Parmacek did an excellent job in epee, to round out an all-Navy team, but not so well in sabre. I had a similar experience. Steinhardt in the individual foil and Treves in the individual sabre had the talent to go further than they did. We could kick ourselves for the loss to Yugoslavia in epee; we beat ourselves, because we were going so well that we under-rated them to the end.

## SUMMARIES

## Foil Events

FOIL TEAM (10 teams)  
Quarter-Finals

(1) Poland defeated U.S.A. 9-7 (Pawlowski d. Steinhardt 5-3 and Reese 5-4; Twardokens d. Reese 5-2; Prezdziecki d. Shurtz 5-4, Berry 5-2 and Reese 5-3; Rydz d. Shurtz 5-4, Berry 5-1 and Reese 5-3. Steinhardt d. Prezdziecki 5-0, Rydz 5-2 and Twardokens 5-2; Shurtz d. Pawlowski 5-2 and Twardokens 5-4; Berry d. Twardokens 5-2 and Pawlowski 5-1). and Australia by default. Italy defeated Australia 14-2 and U.S.A. 9-1 (Bergamini, I., d. Reese 5-2 and Shurtz 5-4; Lucarelli I., d. Reese 5-1, Shurtz 5-4 and Berry 5-0; Mangiarotti, I., d. Reese 5-1, Shurtz 5-1 and Berry 5-0; Carpaneda d. Steinhardt 5-3 and Berry 5-4. Steinhardt, U.S.A., d. Bergamini 5-4.)

(2) Great Britain defeated Germany 10-6; France defeated Germany 9-3.

(3) Belgium defeated Cuba 12-4 (Van Houdt 2-2, Ballester 3-0, Verhalle 4-0, Heyvaert 3-1; Olivella 1-3, Garcia 1-3, Menendez 2-2, Jordan 0-4). Hungary defeated Cuba 9-3 (Tilly 1-2, Fulop 3-0, Szortz 3-0, Pacseri 2-1; Olivella 1-2, Jordan 1-2, Garcia 1-2, Menendez 0-3.)

## Semi-Finals

(1) Hungary defeated Great Britain 13-3; Great Britain defeated France 10-6; Hungary defeated France 9-1.

(2) Poland defeated Belgium 11-5; Italy defeated Belgium 9-4.

## FINALS

(1) Italy defeated Great Britain 12-4, Poland 12-4 and Hungary 9-7; (2) Hungary defeated Poland 15-1, and Great Britain 12-4; (3) Great Britain defeated Poland 9-5; (4) Poland, 3d.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL  
Preliminaries

(48 cont.; team finalists bye)

(1) D'Oriola (Fr.), Midler (USSR), Casmir (Ger.). Eliminated: Cope Australia; Garcia (Cuba); Wolf (Lux.).

(2) Ungiaub (Ger.), Heyvaert (Belg.), Latate (Fr.), all 3-0. Eliminated: Waring (Australia); Jordan (Cuba); Parmacek (U.S.A.), all 0-3.

(3) Civnic (Cz.), 4-0 (7 t.); Berry (U.S.A.) 4-0 (13 t.) (d. Netter 5-4, Van Houdt 5-1, Constantin 5-4, Buckingham 5-4); Netter Fr., 3-2. Eliminated: Van Houdt (Belg.), Constantin (Ger.), Buckingham (G.B.).

(4) Closset (Fr.); Riaz (Egypt); Olivella (Cuba). Eliminated: Fasher (Ger.); Borrego (Port.); Van der Auwera (Belg.).

(5) Shurtz (U.S.A.) 4-1 (def. Haaf 5-1, Blando 5-2, Anonsen 5-0, Herz 5-2; lost to Baudoux 5-3); Baudoux (Fr.) 3-2; Blando (Colombia) 3-2. Eliminated: Anonsen (Norway); Herz (Austria); Haaf (Ger.).

(6) Favia (I.) 4-0; Stratmann (Ger.) 4-0; Schoek (U.S.A.) 3-2 (def. Menendez 5-4, Chmela 5-0, Uribe 5-2; lost to Favia 5-2 and Stratmann 5-2). Eliminated: Chmela (Cz.) 2-3; Menendez (Cuba) 1-4; Uribe (Colombia) 0-5.



**Quarter-Finals (24)**

(1) Lachmann 4-1, Veronet 3-2 (on fence-off), I. Elek (on fence-off). Out: Morvay 3-2, Wiest 1-4, Chitikova 1-4.

(2) Colombetti 4-0, Domolki 3-2, Rastvorova 3-2. Out: Gariilhe 2-3, Sheen 2-3, Dam-Larsen 0-4.

(3) Muller-Preiss 4-1, Delbarre 4-1, Keidel 3-1. Out: Cesari 1-3, M. Elek 1-3, Berry 0-4.

(4) Kovacs 3-1, Camber 3-1, Rakova 3-2. Out: Glenn-Haig 2-3, Maillard 1-3, Ponomareva 1-3.

**Semi-Finals (12)**

(1) Colombetti 3-2, Keidel 3-2, Veronet 3-2, I. Elek 2-3 (on fence-off). Out: Rakova 2-3, Lachmann 2-3.

(2) Camber 4-0, Kovacs 3-1, Delbarre 3-2, Domolki 3-2. Out: Muller-Preiss 1-4, Rastvorova 0-4.

**FINALS**

(1) Domolki, Hungary, 7-0; (2) Colombetti Italy, 4-3 (18 t.); (3) I. Elek, Hungary, 4-3 (20 t.); (4) Delbarre, France, 4-3 (22 t.); (5) Kovacs, Hungary, 3-4 (19 t.); (6) Keidel, Germany, 3-4 (20 t.); (7) Camber, Italy 2-5; (8) Veronet, France, 1-6.

**Epee Events****EPEE TEAM (18 teams)****Preliminaries**

(1) Cuba defeated Saar 9-7; Italy defeated Saar 9-1.

(2) Poland defeated Austria 9-7; Sweden defeated Austria 9-5.

Gr. Britain defeated Turkey 11-5; France defeated Turkey 9-4.

(4) Yugoslavia defeated U.S.A. 10-6 (Krzisnik d. Jones 5-2 and Parmacek 5-5; Vasin d. Berry 5-4, Jones 5-5, Shurtz 5-1 and Parmacek 5-1; Baic d. Berry 5-5, Jones 5-2 and Parmacek 5-4; Zivcovic d. Berry 5-4, Berry d. Krzisnik 5-3; Jones d. Zivcovic 4-2; Shurtz d. Krzisnik 5-1, Baic 5-3 and Zivcovic 5-1; Parmacek d. Zivcovic 5-4) Switzerland defeated U.S.A. 9-4 (Melster d. Parmacek 5-3, Shurtz 5-4, Jones 5-2; Schumacher d. Parmacek 5-1, Jones 5-0; Gorgerat d. Berry 5-0, Shurtz 5-2, Jones 5-3; Amez-Droz d. Parmacek 5-4, Berry d. Melster 5-2 and Amez-Droz 5-3; Shurtz d. Schumacher 5-3; Jones d. Amez-Droz 5-5.)

(5) Luxembourg defeated Monaco 10-6; Hungary defeated Monaco 9-6.

(6) Germany defeated Australia 13-3; Belgium defeated Australia 9-0.

**Quarter-Finals**

(1) Luxembourg defeated Cuba 14-2; Italy defeated Cuba 9-0.

(2) Belgium defeated Great Britain 9-7; Sweden defeated Gr. Britain 8-7 (51-61 t.)

(3) Germany defeated Poland 10-6; France defeated Poland 9-2.

(4) Hungary defeated Yugoslavia 10-6; Switzerland def. Yugoslavia 9-0.

**Semi-Finals**

(1) Hungary defeated Switzerland 10-6 and Germany 11-3; Italy defeated Germany 11-5 and Switzerland 9-7.

(2) France defeated Luxembourg 13-3 and Belgium 9-5; Sweden defeated Belgium 10-6 and Luxembourg 12-3.

**FINALS**

(1) Italy defeated Hungary 11-5 (48/65 t.) and Sweden 8-8 (62/67 t.), 2 v. 1 d., 26 bouts won, 180 touches received; (2) France defeated Sweden 10-6 (64/62 t.) and Italy 9-7 (67/69 t.), 2 v. 1 d., 26 bouts won, 188 touches received; (3) Hungary defeated France 9-7 (66/57 t.) and Sweden 10-6 (54/68 t.), 2 v. 1 d., 24 bouts won; (4) Sweden, 3 d.

**EPEE INDIVIDUAL****Preliminaries**

(82 cont., team finalists bye)

(1) Agostoni (Mex.) 5-1, Resch (Austria 5-1, Guven (Turkey) 3-3 on fence-off. Eliminated: Berry (USA) 3-3 (d. Glaesener 5-3, Varela 5-5 and Guven 5-3; lost to Agostoni 5-1, Resch 5-1 and Pflumbaum 5-4 in regular round, and to Guven 5-1 and Pflumbaum 5-4 in regular round, and to Guven 5-1 and Pflumbaum 5-4 in fence-off); Pflumbaum (Ger.) 3-3; Glaesener (Lux.) 2-4; Varela (Cuba) 0-6.

(2) Dellantonio (I) 5-1, Valota (Switz.) 4-2 on fence-off, Zimmerman (Ger.) 4-2 on fence-off. Eliminated: Carhart (USA) 4-2 (d. Przedzicki 5-2, Alvarez 5-5, Valota 5-3 and Jovanovich 5-4; lost to Dellantonio 5-1 and Zimmerman 5-0 in regular round, and to Valota 5-2 and Zimmerman 5-2 in fence-off); Jovanovich (Yug.) 3-3; Przedzicki (Poland) 1-5; Alvarez (Cuba) 0-6.

(3) Delaunois (Bel.) 5-1; Nagy (H) 4-2 on f.o.; (3) Rydz (Pol.) 4-2 on f.o. Eliminated: Kroggel (Ger.) 4-2; Reese (USA) 2-3 (d. Rydz 5-1 and Cope 5-2; lost to Delaunois 5-1, Nagy 5-4, Kroeggel 5-2); Stock Saar 1-4; Cope (Australia) 0-6.

(4) Achten (Belg.) 5-0; Amez-Droz (Switz.) 4-0; Gnaier (Ger.) 4-2. Eliminated: Lay (Saar), Buckingham (Australia), Ziolkowich (Yug.) and Levitan (USA) 0-5 (lost to Achten 5-3, Amez-Droz 5-1, Gnaier 5-1, Buckingham 5-3 and Ziolkowich 5-3).

(5) Fonger (Ger.) 5-1; Shurtz (USA) 4-2 (d. Martinic 5-2, Fonger 5-4, Hul 5-2 and Taila 5-2; lost to Zappelli 5-4 and Carpenter 5-2). Zappelli (Switz.) 3-3 on f.o. Eliminated: Martinic (Austria) 3-3, Carpenter (Ireland) 3-3, Taila (Turkey) 2-4, Hul (Saar) 1-5.

(6) Kertulla (Fin.); Haavel (Switz.); Dehez (Belg.). Eliminated: Constantin (Ger.), Prat (Monaco), Laturrell (Saar), Arsan (Turkey).

(7) Jay (G.B.), Tolnauer (Yug.), Schmidt (Lux.). Eliminated: Cvirny (Cz.), Benkert (Saar), Bremond (Monaco), Goer (Austria).

(8) Rydstrom Sweden, Krzisnik (Yug.), Hoskins (G.B.). Eliminated: Herrmann (Austria), Borrego (Port.), Uribe (Colombia), Bini (Monaco).

(9) Gretsck (Lux.), Olivella (Cuba), Sproul-Bolton (G.B.). Eliminated: Vasin (Yug.), Zimoch (Poland), Viale (Monaco).

(10) Gorgerat (Switz.), Artigas (Fr.), Lachowski (Pol.). Eliminated: Harrison (G.B.), Toesca (H), Jordan (Cuba).

(11) Dotka (Pol.), Bertinetti (I), Appart (Belg.). Eliminated: Garcia (Cuba), Leischen (Lux.), de Beaumont (G.B.), Morch (Norway).

(12) Theisen (Lux.) 5-1; Schumacher (Switz.) 4-1; Pire (Belg.) 4-1. Eliminated: Jones (USA) 3-3 (d. Schumacher 5-3, Menendez 5-1, Baic 5-4; lost to Theisen 5-2, Pire 5-4, Wardzinski 5-3); Baic (Yug.) 1-4; Wardzinski (Pol) 1-3; Menendez (Cuba) 0-4.

**Second Round (55)**

(1) Nigon (Fr.) Balthasar (H), Anglesio (I). Out: Appart, Zimmermann, Resch.

(2) Delfino (I), Carleson (Sweden), Krzisnik (Yug.). Out: Schumacher, Berczenyi (H), Dehez.

(3) Fahlman (Sweden), Pavesi (I), Pire. Out: Marosi (H), Kertulla, Amez-Droz.

(4) Theisen, Nagy (H), Pellegrino (I). Out: Forsell (Sweden), Tolnauer, Gorgerat, Sproul-Bolton.

(5) Rehbindler (Sweden), Mouyal (Fr.), Bertinetti (I). Eliminated: Jay, Schmidt, Fonger.

(6) Queyroux (Fr.) 4-0; Dellantonio (I) 4-0; Haavel (Switz.) 2-3 on fence-off. Eliminated: Shurtz (USA) 2-3 (d. Olivella 5-2 and Sandvall 5-3; lost to Queyroux 5-2, Dellantonio 5-4 and Haavel 5-2 in regular round, and to Haavel 5-4 in fence-off). Sandvall (Sweden) 2-3; Olivella (Cuba) 0-5.

(7) Zappelli, Artigas, Rydz. Eliminated: Gretsck, Rydstrom, Agostoni.

(8) Dagallier (Fr.), Valota, Lakowski. Eliminated: Sakovics (H), Delaunois, Gnaier.

(9) Hoskins, Achten, Huet (Fr.). Eliminated: Rerrich (H), Guven, Dotka.

**Quarter-Finals (27)**

(1) Dagallier, Rehbindler, Pavesi, Rydz. Out: Nagy, Queyroux.

(2) Nigon, Delfino, Hoskins, Artigas. Out: Zappelli, Fahmann, Achten.

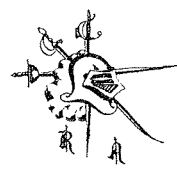
(3) Pellegrino, Carleson, Theisen, Dellantonio. Out: Pire, Valota, Mouyal.

(4) Anglesio, Bertinetti, Haavel, Balthazar. Out: Lackowski, Krzisnik, Huet.

**Semi-Finals (16)**

(1) Rehbindler, Dagallier, Balthazar, Anglesio. Out: Hoskins, Dellantonio, Pellegrino, Theisen.

(2) Rydz, Pavesi, Martinetti, Carleson. Out: Haavel, Artigas, Delfino, Nigon.



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**FINALS**

(1) Anglesio, Italy, 6-1; (2) Bertinetti, Italy, 4-3, 24 t.; (3) Pavesi, Italy, 4-3, 25 t.; (4) Balthazar, Hungary, 4-3 33 t.; (5) Dagallier, France, 3-4, 25 t.; (6) Rehbindler, Sweden, 3-4, 29 t.; (7) Carleson, Sweden, 3-4, 30 t.; (8) Rydz, Poland, 1-6.

**Sabre Events****SABRE TEAM (13 teams)****Quarter Finals**

(1) U.S.S.R. defeated Cuba 14-2; Hungary defeated Cuba 9-1.

(2) Belgium defeated Saar 11-5; Poland defeated Saar 9-2.

(3) France defeated Turkey 12-4 and Australia 11-3; Germany defeated Austria 9-7 and Turkey 9-3.

(4) Great Britain defeated U.S.A. 9-7 (Hoskins d. Carhart 5-0 and Parmacek 5-4; Porebski d. Carhart 5-1, Treves 5-2 and Shurtz 5-3; Turquet d. Carhart 5-4; Cooperman d. Carhart 5-3, Parmacek 5-0 and Shurtz 5-2. Parmacek d. Porebski 5-1 and Turquet 5-0; Treves d. Hoskins 5-2, Turquet 5-2 and Cooperman 5-4; Shurtz d. Hoskins 5-4 and Turquet 5-4). Italy defeated U.S.A. 9-2 (Nostini d. Shurtz 5-4, Carhart 5-2 and Treves 5-3; Montorsi d. Carhart 5-2; Narduzzi d. Shurtz 5-1, Treves 5-3 and Parmacek 5-2; Ferrari d. Shurtz 5-0 and Parmacek 5-0. Treves d. Montorsi 5-4. Parmacek d. Montorsi 5-4).

**Semi-Finals**

(1) Italy defeated Belgium 12-4 and Great Britain 9-4; Hungary defeated Great Britain 11-5 and Belgium 9-2.

(2) Poland defeated Germany 14-2 and France 9-5; U.S.S.R. defeated France 9-7 and Germany 11-5.

**FINALS**

(1) Hungary defeated U.S.S.R. 14-2, Poland 11-5, and Italy 9-7; (2) Italy defeated Poland 10-6 and U.S.S.R. 10-6; (3) U.S.S.R. defeated Poland 9-6; Poland, 3 d.

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### SABRE INDIVIDUAL

#### Preliminaries

(5) cont., team finalists bye)

(1) Lefvre (Fr.) Misirli (Turkey), Resch (Austria). Eliminated: Kostner (Ger.) Knoder Saar, Turquet (G.B.).

(2) Kardos (H), Putzl (Austria), Delaunois (Belg.). Eliminated: Rau (Saar), Sloos (Holland), Arseven (Turkey), Gehlen (Ger.).

(3) Van der Auwera (Belg.), Morel (Fr.), Esser (Ger.). Eliminated: Amberg (G.B.), Martinez (Cuba), Rössler (Saar).

(4) Ballister (Belg.) 5-1; Roulot (Fr.) 4-2; Frey (Denmark) 3-3 on fence-off. Eliminated: Bach (Saar) 3-3, Hoskins (G.B.) 3-3, Sezen (Turkey) 3-3, and Carhart (USA) 0-6 (lost to Ballister 5-3, Roulot 5-1, Frey 5-3, Bach 5-3, Hoskins 5-2, Sezen 5-3).

(5) Chmela (Cz.) 5-1; Verhalle (Belg.) 4-2; (3) Theuerkauff (Ger.) 3-3 on f.o. Eliminated: Wedset (Norway) 3-3; Tredgold (G.B.) 3-3; Brousse (Fr.) 2-4; Reese (U.S.A.) 1-5 (d. Brousee 5-4; lost to Chmela 5-3, Verhalle 5-1, Theuerkauff 5-2, Wedset 5-2 and Tredgold 5-2).

(6) Montorsi (I) 4-1; Heyvaert (Belg.) 3-1; Brodel (Saar) 3-1. Eliminated: Witt Austria) 1-3; Gamot Fr.) 1-3; Jones (USA) 0-3 (lost to Montorsi 5-1, Heyvaert 5-3, Witt 5-2).

(7) Porebski (G.B.) 4-1; Midler (USSR) 4-1; Mikla (Stateless) 3-2. Eliminated: Wanetschek (Austria) 2-3; Parmacek (USA) 1-3 (d. Porebski 5-4; lost to Midler 5-1, Mikla 5-2, Wanetschek 5-0); Varela (Cuba) 0-4.

(8) Trevas (USA) 5-0 (d. Vasin 5-3, Cooperman 5-3, Aldama 5-2, Anonsen 5-3, Baron 5-4); Cooperman (GB) 4-1; Vasin 2-4 on f.o. Eliminated: Anonsen (Norway) 2-3; Aldama (Cuba) 1-4; Baron (Saar) 1-4.

#### Second Round (45)

(1) Lefevre (Fr.) 4-0; Gerevich (H) 4-0; Cooperman (GB) 3-2; Suski (Poland) 1-4, on fence-off. Eliminated: Trevas (USA) 1-4 (d. Delaunois 5-3 in regular round and 5-1 in fence-off; lost to Lefevre 5-1, Gerevich 5-1, Cooperman 5-1 and Suski 5-3 in regular round, and to Suski 5-3 in fence-off); Delaunois (Belg.) 1-4.

(2) Palocz (H), Comini (I), Porebski (GB), Pawlas (Pol.). Eliminated: Tcherepowski (USSR), Verhalle (Belg.).

(3) Karpati (H), Zablocki (Pol.), Nostini (I), Misirli (Turkey). Eliminated: Esser (Ger.), Heyvaert (Belg.), Bogdanov (USSR).

(4) Kerestes (H), Ferrari (I), Ballister (Belg.), Kuzewsky (Pol.). Eliminated: Resch (Austria), Tychler (USSR), Theuerkauff (Ger.).

(5) Hamori (H), Dare (I), Rylskiy (USSR), Frey (Denmark). Eliminated: Roulot (Fr.), Twardokens (Pol.), Brodel (Saar).

(6) Montorsi (I), Pawlowski (Pol.), Van der Auwera (B), Basin (Yug.). Eliminated: Midler (USSR), Kardos (H).

(7) Mikla (Stateless), Narduzzi (I), Putzl (Austria), Kuszenov (USSR). Eliminated: Morel Fr.), Chmela (Cz.).

#### Quarter Final (28)

(1) Zablocki, Comini, Kuszenov, Hamori. Out: Milka, Cooperman, Misirli.

(2) Lefevre, Nostini, Palocs, Montorsi. Out: Pawlas, Ballister, Putzl.

(3) Karpati, Ferrari, Dare, Kuzewski. Out: Rylskiy, Suski, Vasin.

(4) Pawlowski, Gerevich, Narduzzi, Kerestes. Van der Auwera, Porebski, Frey.

#### Semi-Final (16)

(1) Karpati, Ferrari, Zablocki, Kerestes. Out: Narduzzi, Palocs, Montorsi, Kuszenov.

(2) Pawlowski, Gerevich, Nostini, Comini. Out: Lefevre, Hamori, Dare, Kuzewski.

#### FINALS

(1) Gerevich, Hungary, 6-0; (2) Karpati, Hungary, 5-1; (3) Nostini, Italy, 4-2; (4) Zablocki, Poland, 3-3; (5) Kerestes, Hungary, 1-5 (25 t.r.); (6) Ferrari, Italy, 1-5 (27 t.r.); (7) Pawlowski, Poland, 1-5, 29 t.r.; (8) Comini, Italy, withdrew.

### ATTENTION: U.S. FENCERS COMPETING IN MONTREAL

Mr. David Silverstone, of the Province of Quebec Fencing Association, reports that a number of articles were left over after the tournament held over Labor Day: A fencing bag containing mask, weapons, etc.; and a camera. However, a stop-watch or chronometer, owned by the Longine Company, was missing after the sabre, and it is possible that one of the timekeepers may remember turning it over and can identify the person who is holding it. Please communicate with Mr. Silverstone at 346 Marlatt St., Montreal 9, Quebec.

### NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

"Dramatic" fencing is all the rage in the islands, but competitive fencing in foil and sabre is making headway in the University of the Philippines, the YMCA clubs, and a few private clubs throughout the country. Inter-club meets are scheduled to begin in November. The nationals will take place in March, and next year we hope to fence against Hong Kong or Japan. Any fencer passing through Manila is heartily welcome at the YMCA for a few touches.

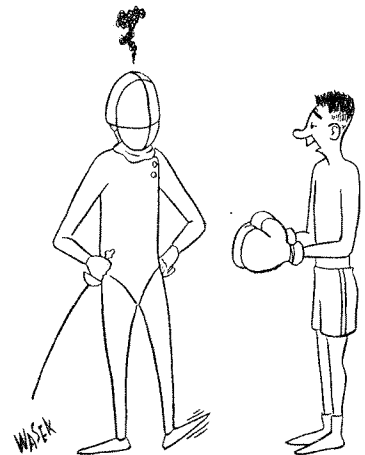
—Eric Sollee

### U.S. Fencers in Europe

Just before the World Championships, in the Britannia Shield Games, Col. Carhart won 2d place in sabre, Steinhardt 3d in foil, and Reese 5th in epee. Col. Carhart won a sabre (third-class) competition in Paris after the Championships.

The Modern Pentathlon team, coached by Nicholas Toth of Washington, D. C., competed in the world championships in Switzerland. Lt. Andre placed third in the epee fencing.

—J. de C.



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## THE OLYMPIC POINT SYSTEM

By Jose R. de Capriles

The qualifying tryouts in the East have been concluded and candidates for the Olympic Team will now face two gruelling tests before the crucial 1956 National Championship Tournament.

Since the point system plays an important (though not conclusive) role in the deliberations of the Olympic Committee when the ultimate team is selected, I believe this is the proper time to explain that system and list those candidates which have already accumulated points.

The 1954 Nationals are weighted "1" so that the champion earns 10 points and tenth place earns 1 point; the 1955 Nationals and the Olympic Tryouts for this season are weighted "2" so that the winner received 20 points and tenth place two; the 1956 Nationals are weighted "4," with the Champion earning 40 points and tenth place 4 points. The Midwest, Pacific Coast and Southwest Championships will also be weighted "2." All serious candidates must of course compete in the 1956 Nationals, but provision has been made so as to balance total-point performance charts in the event that a candidate has been unable to compete in one or more of the other point-earning competitions: the total points earned are divided by the total weight of the events fenced in, to achieve an "out of possible ten" score, and this is taken into account in close decisions. Where an ineligible person is among the first ten in the Nationals those who place below him move up one place. Persons not eligible for the Olympic team may not compete in the specially scheduled tryouts.

The following list includes all point scorers to date:

	Total Points	Wght. of Events	"Out of 10" Score
<b>WOMEN (3 selected)</b>			
Maxine Mitchell	30	3	10
Eve Siegel	16	2	8
Madeline Dalton	8	1	8
Janice Lee Romary	7	1	7
Louise Knab Dyer	18	3	6
Paula Sweeney	6	1	6
Ida Baint	16	3	5 1/2
Judy Goodrich	15	3	5
Estelle Atkin	4	1	4
Mildred Boyce	10	3	3 1/2
Grace Acel	9	3	3
Tommy Angell	8	3	2 2/3
Anne Drungis	6	3	2
Shirley Canter	4	2	2
Sallye Chambers	5	3	1 2/3
Alice Gerakin	2	2	1
Betty Santelli	2	3	2/3
Dorothy Stack	2	3	2/3
Dolly Funke	1	3	1/3
<b>FOIL (6 selected)</b>			
Albert Axelrod	30	3	10
Daniel Bukantz	27	3	9
Silvio Giolito	16	2	8
James Strauch	7	1	7
Harold Goldsmith	18	3	6
Nathaniel Lubell	17	3	5 2/3
Allan Kwartler	16	3	5 1/3
Herman Velasco	10	3	3 1/2
Arthur Spingarn	6	3	2
Ralph Goldstein	4	2	2
Leonard Turk	6	3	2
Neil Lazar	2	1	2
Charles Steinhardt	3	3	1
Paul Makler	1	2	1/2
Daniel Lyons	1	3	1/3
<b>EPEE (6 selected)</b>			
Sewall Shurtz	26	3	8 2/3
Richard Berry	21	3	7
Abram Cohen	20	3	6 2/3
Frank Bavuso	18	3	6
Kinmont Hoitsma	6	1	6
Herman Wallner	12	3	4
Allan Hoffman	10	3	3 1/2
Alfred Skrobisch	9	3	3
Ralph Goldstein	6	2	3
Thomas Bickley	8	3	2 2/3
Peter Conomikes	8	3	2 2/3
William Andrew	4	2	2
Henry Kolowrat	5	3	1 2/3
Donald Thompson	4	3	1 1/3
James Gosline	1	1	1
Marvin Metzger	1	1	1
Edward Vebell	1	3	1/3
Jose de Capriles	1	3	1/3
<b>SABRE (6 selected)</b>			
Sol Gorlin	26	3	8 2/3
Richard Dyer	24	3	8
Jose de Capriles	22	3	7 1/3
Allan Kwartler	21	3	7
George Worth	18	3	6
Barry Pariser	14	3	4 2/3
Tibor Nyilas	13	3	4 1/3
Alex Treves	6	2	3
Norman Armitage	7	3	2 1/3
Michel Mamlouk	5	3	1 2/3
Nickolas Muray	3	3	1
Robert Blum	3	3	1
Arthur Spingarn	2	2	1
Steven Sobel	2	3	2/3
Daniel Rubinstein	1	3	1/3

## EASTERN OLYMPIC TRYOUTS

FOIL — By Daniel Bukantz

EPEE — By Ralph Goldstein  
First Round

- (1) Marmer, FC, 4-1; Sully, NYAC, 4-1; Lazovic, USN, 4-1; Wertlieb, CCNY, 4-1. Out: Reyes, NYTV; Marturama, CCNY; Manley, SS; Bickley, SS.
- (2) Canvin, FC, 7-0; Seeman, CCNY, 6-1; Buchalter, Phila., 3-4 (3-1 on fence-off); Sanchez, Naug., 3-4 (3-1 on fence-off). Out on fence-off: Yurchenko, Hochman, Green. Also out: Goldberg, CCNY.
- (3) Frank, FC, 6-0; Kolowrat, USAF, 5-1; Milletari, 5-2; Broderick, 3-4, won fence-off. Out: Edwards, Phila., Janetti, Naug.; Castigliola, Wash.; Tannenbaum, CCNY.
- (4) Glasser, CCNY, 6-1; Green, Griffin, 4-3, on fence-off; Plouffe, Rochester, 4-3, on fence-off; Schlick, Balto., 4-3, on fence-off. Out: Brandeis, FC, 4-3; Goldstein, FC, 3-4; Wolfe, CCNY, 3-4; Gueriot, NYU, 0-7.
- (5) Piperno, unatt., 5-0; Rubin, unatt., 4-1; Petix, NYU, 3-0; Farrell, NYU, 3-2. Out: Gradowski, Saltus; Kraus, CCNY; Jackowitz, NYU. Bye: Dollinger.

## Second Round

- (1) Sully, 5-0; Seeman, 4-1; Schlick, 4-2. Out: Kolowrat, 3-3; Dollinger, 2-4; Glassner, 1-5; Buchalter, 1-5.
- (2) Piperno, 6-0; Frank, 4-2, 19 t.; Marmer, 4-2, 21 t. Out: Plouffe, 2-4; Green, 2-3; Sanchez, 2-3; Wertlieb, 0-6.
- (3) Canvin, 5-0; Lasovick, 4-1; Rubin, 3-2. Out: Farrell, 1-4; Milletari, 1-3; Broderick, 0-4. Petix withdrew.

Qualifiers: Sully, Seeman, Schlick, Piperno, Frank, Marmer, Canvin, Lazovic, Rubin.

EPEE — By Ralph Goldstein  
First Round

- (1) Pew, Cornell, 4-0; Bernstein, 1, FC, 3-1; Mamlouk, NYAC, 3-2. Out: Schlick, Md.; Spector, SS; Cano, NYU.
- (2) Moss, SS, 5-0; Zafman, CCNY, 4-1; Milletari, FC, 2-3 (fence-off). Out: True, Balto., 2-3; Guinot, NYU; Barthel, NYAC.
- (3) Eichenbaum, NYU, 5-0; Sonnenreich, FC, 3-1; A. Goldstein, FC, 2-3 (fence-off). Out: Kapner, SS, 2-3; Ulenas, 2-3; Quinn.
- (4) Goldsmith, FC, 4-1; Turk, SS, 4-1; Sobel, SS, 3-2. Out: Ayers, Col.; Palletta, NYU, 1-4; Wolfe, 1-4.
- (5) Dyer, Csiszar, 3-0; Blum, SS, 3-1; Wertlieb, CCNY, 3-1. Out: Farrell, NYU; Seeman, CCNY.

## Second Round

- (1) Pew, 4-0; Sobel, 2-2, 15 t.; Sonnenreich, 2-2, 16 t. Out: Blum, 1-3; Wertlieb, 1-3.
  - (2) Dyer, 4-0; Turk, 3-1; Bernstein, 1-3 (fence-off). Out: Milletari, 1-3; Eichenbaum, 1-3.
  - (3) Mamlouk, 3-1, 11 t.; Goldsmith, 3-1, 15 t.; Zafman, 2-2. Out: Moss, 1-3; Goldstein, 1-3.
- Qualifiers: Dyer, Pew, Mamlouk, Goldsmith, Turk, Sobel, Zafman, Sonnenreich, Bernstein.

SABRE — By George V. Worth  
First Round

- (1) Bartone, Csiszar, 5-0; Whittingham, Saltus, 3-2 (f.o.); Garbatini, Conn., 3-2 (f.o.). Out: Green, NYU, 3-2; Johnston, Csiszar; Peeler, Princeton.
- (2) Spector, SS, 4-1; Sonnenreich, FC, 3-2, 17 t.; Freilich, Phila., 3-2, 21 t. Out: Jackowitz,

NYU; Kolowrat, USAF; Gradowski, Saltus.

- (3) Goering, Conn., 4-0; Mills, CCNY, 3-1; Austin, Csiszar, 2-2. Out: Cokouras, NYU; Crossley, SS.
- (4) Balaban, NYU, 3-1; Sully, NYAC, 3-1; Johnston, Princeton, 2-2 (f.o.). Out: Werlieb, CCNY, 2-2; Dollinger, FC.
- (5) Kapner, SS, 3-1; Otto, Csiszar, 2-2 (f.o.); Taxel, FC, 2-2 (f.o.). Out: Olcott, NYAC, 2-2; Chamberlain, Princeton.

## Second Round

- (1) Spector, 3-0; Johnston, 2-0; Austin, 2-1. Out: Garbatini, Taxel.
- (2) Sully, 4-0; Bartone, 3-1; Sonnenreich, 2-2. Out: Balaban, Freilich.
- (3) Goering, 4-0; Otto, 2-1; Kapner, 2-2. Out: Whittingham, Mills.

Qualifiers: Spector, Sully, Goering, Johnston, Bartone, Otto, Austin, Sonnenreich, Kapner.

WOMEN — By Madeline Dalton  
First Round

- (1) Jenkins, Lucia, 4-2; Johnson, Rochester, 4-2; Schwabe, Hunter, 3-3 (won f.o.); Gottlieb, Lucia, 3-3 (won f.o.). Out: Krell, Pavlov, 3-3; Neill, Saltus, 3-3; Hor, SS, 1-5.
- (2) Feigelman, SS, 4-0; King, Hunter, 3-1; Brill, Rochester, 2-3 (won f.o.); Genton, Lucia, 2-3 (won f.o.). Out: Maviglia, Hunter, 2-3; Molloy, Saltus, 1-4.

## Second Round

- (1) Jenkins, 5-1; (2) King, 5-2; (3) Feigelman, 4-2; (4) Brill, 4-3; (5) Johnson, 3-4; (6) Genton, 2-4; (7) Gottlieb, 2-4; (8) Schwabe, 1-6.

Qualifiers: Jenkins, King, Feigelman, Brill.

## Border

By David P. Tabor

At the annual meeting of the Border Division, the following persons were elected as officers for 1955-56: 1st Lt. Richard Van Praag, Chairman; Mr. Fred Aliaga, Co-Chairman; Sp-3 D. P. Tabor, Secretary-Treasurer.

The opening event of the season for the Border Division was the Fort Bliss Team Invitational. The results:

**11/26-27/55. Ft. Bliss Invit., Bundy Gym**  
**Foil Team**, 6 entries: (1) Letterman A.H.; (2) Ft. Bliss; (3) Salle d'Armes St. Joseph.

**Sabre Team**, 6 entries: (1) Letterman A.H.; (2) Ft. Bliss; (3) S. d'A. St. Joseph.

**Epee Team**, 5 entries: (1) Letterman A.H.; (2) Ft. Bliss; (3) S. d'A. St. Joseph.

**Women's Team**, 5 entries: (1) Holloman AFB; (2) U. of Arizona; (3) S. d'A. St. Joseph.

## Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

The second and third invitational meets of the season were held on October 1 and October 29. The results:

**10/1/55—Root Square Park, Houston**

**Women's Open**, 10 entries: (1) Ruth Rickard, HFC, 5-0; (2) Ann Louise Stanford, TSCW, 3-2; (3) Marion Broome, Ind., 2-3, 17 t.r.; (4) Mary Taylor, TSCW, 2-3, 21 t.r.; (5) Marcelle Ducros, SdE, 2-3, 23 t.r.

**Foil Open**, 15 entries: (1) W. T. Brown, Buc., 5-0; (2) John Curry, Ind., 4-1; (3) Jack Baird, Buc., 3-2.

**10/29/55—Corpus Christi YMCA**

**Women's Open**, 5 entries: (1) Jane Thigpen, Ind.; (2) Ruth Goodlett, Cavaliers; (3) Marcelle Ducros, Salle d'Escrime.

**Foil Open**, 11 entries: (1) Robert Neilson, USAF, 5-0; (2) Arnold Mercado, Ind., 4-1; (3) John Curry, Ind., 2-3, 18 t.r.; (4) Jack Baird, Buc., 2-3, 19 t.r.; (5) J. L. Brisco, Buc., 2-3, 21 t.r.

**11/19-20/55—TAMC Invitational, Texas A&M**

**Foil Open** (31 entries): (1) Gene Allen, Abilene, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 4-1; (3) Carl Hill, A&M, 3-2; (4) John Curry, Ind., 2-3; (5) Don Roth, A&M, 1-4, 21 t.r.; (6) Ernesto Alvarez, A&M, 1-4, 24 t.r.

**Epee Open** (17 entries): (1) Fred Sklar, Rice, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Carl Hill, A&M, 4-1; (3) John Curry, Ind., 3-2; (4) Jack Baird, Buc., 2-3; (5) tie, Phillip Petmecky, U.H., and Gene Allen, Abilene, 1-4, 13/8.

**Sabre Open** (14 entries): (1) Bill Brown, Buc., 4-1, won fence-off; (2) John Curry, Ind., 4-1; (3) William Fink, A&M, 3-2; (4) Jack Baird, Buc., 2-3; (5) Fred Sklar, Rice, 1-4, 23 t.r.; (6) Charles Willis, A&M, 1-4, 24 t.r.

**John Gottlob Trophy** (for winner of most bouts in final pools): (1) John Curry, Ind., 9 bouts; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 8; (3) Carl Hill, A&M, 7.

## North Texas

By Kay Cottingham

The Division's first annual directing and judging clinic was held at the Ft. Worth Recreation Building on October 15 under the direction of the Jury Education Committee with an attendance of twenty candidates. Instructors were Bill Towry and Dick Cottingham. Competition results:

**11/5/55. Recreation Bldg., Fort Worth**

**Foil Junior**: (1) Jim Herrington, Abilene, 4-0; (2) Richard Slaughter, Ft. Worth, 3-1; (3) Bill Towry, Dallas, 2-2.

**Epee Intermediate**, (1) Bill Towry, Dallas, 5-1; (2) Dick Cottingham, Ft. Worth, 3-3, 23/28; (3) Richard Slaughter, Ft. Worth, 3-3, 23/24.

**Team**: Ft. Worth defeated North Texas S.C., 5-0, in all weapons.

# DIVISIONAL . . .

## Oregon

By Dolores Geier

The Oregon Division has scheduled 13 meets from November 6 to May 4. The results of the first competition follow:

**Foil Novice**, 11/6/55, Portland F.C.: (1) Tom Glackburn, Reed; (2) Pat Minturn, P.F.C.; (3) William Kennard, Nottingham FS.

## Northern California

By Ferard Leicester

The results of Northern California Division competitions in October and November were as follows:

**Sabre Novice**, 12 entries, finals at HSF, 10/1/55: (1) Jose Tafaya, LAH, 6-1; (2) Dick Ecklenburg, HSF, 5-2; (3) Niels Schultz, HSF, 4-3, 23 t.; (4) Leo Thompson, LAH, 4-3, 24 t.; (5) Wayne Gallup, UC, 4-3, 26 t.

**Foil Novice**, 24 entries, finals at HSF, 10/7/55: (1) Herbert Rhodes, LAH, 6-1; (2) John McDougall, St.U., 5-2, 20 t. (3) Robert Linford, S.U., 5-2, 22 t.; (4) J. Tafaya, LAH, 4-3.

**Women's Novice**, HSF, 10/8/55: (1) Carol Reid, HSF, 5-0; (2) Shaon Brownlee, LAH, 4-1; (3) Sandra De La O, unatt., 3-2.

**Romaine Trophy**, HSF, 10/14/55: Halberstadt (Reid, Angell, Huddleson, Pirquet) d. Composite (Kanstein, Short, Brownlee, Carleton) 13-3.

**Foil Handicap**, 23 entries, finals at Stanford U., 10/15/55: (1) J. Klotz, U.C., plus 1, 6-1; (2) J. Tafaya, LAH, plus 1, 5-2, 22 t.; (3) John McDougall, St.U., plus 1, 5-2, 26 t.

**Women's Prep**, 7 entries, S.F.St.Coll., 10/22/55: (1) Joan Thompson, unatt., 6-0; (2) Ruth Veloza, LAH, 4-2; (3) Barbara White, unatta., 3-3, 17 t.r.; (4) Huguette Carleton, FFA, 3-3, 18/17; (5) Therasha Olson, unatt., 3-3, 18/16.

**Foil Prep**, 18 entries, S.F.St.Coll., 10/22/55: (1) George Kester, LAH, 5-0; (2) Peter Schwartz, SFSC, 3-2, 19 t.r.; (3) William Stark, LAH, 3-2, 20/22; (4) James Green, FFA, 3-2, 20/20.

**Foil Junior**, 16 entries, finals at Stanford U., 10/29/55: (1) J. Tafaya, LAH, 5-1; (2) J. Klotz, U.C., 4-2, 17 t.; (3) J. McDougall, S.U., 4-2, 19 t.

**Women's Junior**, 6 entries, Berkeley FC, 10/28/55 (1) Patricia Kanstein, BFC, 5-1; (2) Carol Reid, HSF, 4-2; (3) Joan Thompson, unatt., 3-2.

**Women's Junior Team** (4 teams), FFA, 11/4/55: (1) Composite Team (Carol Reid, Sandra De La O, Donna Yoder) defeated Composite (Pat Kanstein, Edith Short, Huguette Carleton) 5-4, SFSC 5-3, and Unattached Team, 5-0.

**Foil Junior Team** (5 teams), SFSC, 11/5/55: (1) Letterman Army Hospital (Jose Tafaya, Herbert Rhodes, William Stark) defeated Berkeley Fencers Club (David Swift, George Hampton, Albert Romane) 5-3.

**Women's Handicap**, 16 entries, finals at LAH, 11/11/55: (1) Tommy Angell, minus 4, 5-1; (2) Shirley Canter, minus 3, 4-2; (3) Sandra De La O, plus 1, 3-2.

**Epee Novice**, 16 entries, final at BFC, 11/12/55: (1) J. McDougall, S.U., 5-0; (2) Peter Berge, UC, 3-2; (3) Robert Simon, St.U., 2-3, 18 t.; (4) L. Brownlee, LAH, 2-3, 19 t.; (5) J. Tafaya, LAH, 2-3, 23 t.

## Washington, D. C.

By Daniel M. Lyons

Elections for officers for the 1955-56 season were held on October 14, 1955 at the Central YMCA, and the following were elected: D. M. Lyons, Chairman; John McDonald, Vice-Chairman; Julius Castigliola, Secretary; Vernon Elder, Treasurer.

## Western New York

By Fran Breton

The Open Invitational Tournament on October 22 and 23 was highlighted by the Olympic Fund Raising Exhibition given over the week-end by Mr. George Santelli and three of his students, Allan Kwartler, Leonard Turk and Connie Jenkins. The exhibition attracted about 300 spectators. Competitive results:

**Foil**, 16 entries: (1) Mack Gilman, Chicago; (2) Arthur Plouffe, Rochester; (3) Davis Bohacket, Rochester.

**Epee**: (1) Walter Henry, Cleveland; (2) Al Mischuk, Cleveland; (3) Alois Styler, Cleveland.

**Sabre**: (1) John Tremor, U. of Buffalo; (2) Dan Hermanson, U. of Buffalo; (3) John Hamilton, U. of Buffalo.

**Women**: (1) Barbi Brill, Rochester Tech; (2) Fran Breton, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Loretta Dickson, London, Ontario.

## New England

By Helen F. Kenney

The results of competitions held during the month of November were as follows:

**Foil Prep**, 11/6/55, 5 entries, at Latvian F.C.: (1) Egils Kaktins, LFC; (2) Janis Kenigs, LFC; (3) Gundars Zalkals, LFC.

**Women's Prep**, 11/11/55, 11 entries: (1) Susan Fraser, Salle Elde, after three-way fence-off; (2) Shirley Prada, SE; (3) Margaret Sullivan, YWCA.

**Epee Prep**, 11/13/55, 4 entries: (1) William Chapple, Harvard; (2) Eizens Sterips, LFC; (3) Robert Adair, Harvard.

**Sabre Prep**, 11/19/55, 7 entries: (1) Douglas Runnels, Harvard; (2) David Silbert, Harvard, on touches; (3) A. Kredenser, Boston FC.

## Maryland

By Bernard Udel

The Maryland Division has scheduled 23 meets for the 1955-56 season, beginning November 17, and has made arrangements for space at the Towson High School for holding practise-teaching sessions two nights a week, Monday and Wednesday, under the direction of Coach Andre Deladrier of the U. S. Naval Academy. Mr. Deladrier gives about ten lessons to the more advanced fencers, and in turn these teach the beginners. About 50 persons have signed up for this program, and the average attendance is about 25 per session.

## Delaware

By R. U. Owings

The Delaware Division has opened the 1955-56 season with an optimistic outlook, as membership expectations are improving with the expanding of fencing activities in local YMCA's and schools. The Division suffered a great loss in the death of Lt. Roland S. "Doc" Walls. The members of the Division have established a perpetual trophy in his memory, to be presented each year to the member contributing most to the advancement of fencing within the Division. The new officers are Richard Guerke, Chairman; Roger U. Owings, Secretary; and Carl L. Wright, Treasurer.



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## COMPETITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The most important competitions thus far held were the senior-intermediate events in sabre, epee, and women's foil. The sabre and epee were run with direct elimination for the final of eight, and in both instances the current national champions were defeated by former champions. Dr. Tibor Nyilas came back from a 5-1 loss in the first bout of the deciding sabre match to beat Dick Dyer, 5-3 and 5-4. Sewall Shurtz, after a narrow squeak against Paul Moss in the semi-final turned back Abram Cohen in epee, 5-4 and 5-1. Blum in sabre and Mitosky in epee were outstanding among the younger competitors. The women's event was something of a disappointment, with only six contestants. Grace Acél was unbeaten in the round-robin.

The Maryland Division's Baltimore team scored a fine victory in the intermediate epee team event. The novice team events were dominated by the colleges, except in foil, where the Saltus Club proved the best in a field of 15 teams.

### SENIOR SABRE (17 fencers)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. Worth, SS, 3-0; Shaff, SS, 3-1; Dyer, Csizsar, 2-1; Spector, SS, 1-3 (Spingarn out). Pool 2. Cohen, FC, 4-1; Edmonds, USN, 3-1; Mamlouk, NYAC, 3-2; Blum, SS, 2-3, 23/22 (Marcell, 2-3, 23/21, and Kapner out). Pool 3. Nyilas, SS, 4-1; Parmacek, USN, 3-1; Kwartler, SS, 3-2; Sully, NYAC, 2-3, 20 t.r. (Out: Sobel, 2-3, 22 t.r., and Goering).

**Second Round:** Pool 1. Dyer, 4-1, 14 t.r.; Kwartler, 4-1, 16 t.r.; Cohen, 3-2; Spector, 2-3 (Out: Shaff, 1-4, Sully 1-4). Pool 2. Worth, 4-1; Blum, 3-2, 16 t.r.; Nyilas, 3-2, 20 t.r.; Parmacek, 2-3, 20 t.r. (Out: Edmonds, 2-3, 21 t.r.; Mamlouk, 1-4).

**Quarter Finals:** Dyer d. Parmacek 5-3, 5-1; Worth d. Spector 5-3, 4-5, 5-3; Nyilas d. Kwartler 4-5, 5-0, 5-2; Blum d. Cohen 5-1, 1-5, 5-3.

**Semi-Finals:** Dyer d. Blum 5-0, 2-5, 5-2; Nyilas d. Worth 5-4, 5-1.

**Third Place:** Worth d. Blum 5-2, 4-5, 5-0.

**First Place:** Nyilas d. Dyer 1-5, 5-3, 5-4.

—A. Cohen

### SENIOR EPEE (19 fencers)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. Cohen, FC, 4-1; Goldstein, SS, 3-2; Edmonds, USN, 3-2; Mitosky, Penn., 2-3, 19 t.r. (Out: Siegal, 2-3, 22 t.r. and Lazovick). Pool 2. Kolowrat, USAF, 4-1; Berry, USN, 3-2, 15 t.r.; Makler, Csizsar, 3-2, 10 t.r.; Bickley, SS, 3-2, 22 t.r. (Out: Flynn and Bavuso). Pool 3. Wallner, FC, 4-0; Shurtz, USN, 4-1; Moss, SS, 3-2; Mamlouk, NYAC, 3-3 (Out: Dyer, Csizsar, 2-4; Kapner, SS, 2-4; Jones 0-4).

**Second Round:** Pool 1. Moss 4-1; Cohen, 3-2, 18/22, won f.o.; Shurtz 3-2, 18/22; Mitosky, 2-3, 20 t.r. (Out: Berry, 23, 21 t.r., and Bickley). Pool 2. Malouk, 5-0; Goldstein, 3-2, 7 t.r.; Wallner, 3-2, 19 t.r.; Makler, 2-3 (Out: Kolowrat and Edmonds).

**Quarter Finals:** Moss d. Makler 5-4, 5-1; Shurtz d. Goldstein 5-5, 5-1; Cohen d. Wallner 1-5, 5-4, 5-4; Mitosky d. Mamlouk 1-4, 5-2, 5-4.

**Semi-Finals:** Shurtz d. Moss 5-4, 4-5, 5-4; Cohen d. Mitosky 5-3, 5-2.

**Third Place:** Moss d. Mitosky 5-4, 5-4.

**First Place:** Shurtz d. Cohen 5-4, 5-1.

—W. J. Latzko

### WOMEN'S SENIOR (6 fencers)

**Round Robin:** (1) Grace Acél, SS, 5-0; (2) A. Drungis, SS, 4-1; (3) Louise K. Dyer, SS, 2-3 16/15; (4) Ida Balint, Saltus, 2-3, 16/14; (5) Dorothy Stack, FC, 1-4, 17 t.; (6) Dolly Funke, FC, 1-4, 18 t.

—L. Olvin

## ATTENTION: METROPOLITAN FENCERS

Mr. Leo Sobel reports receipt of an envelope addressed to him containing \$4.00 in cash, with no hint as to the identity of the sender. He would appreciate further information.

### Intermediate Epee Team

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. NYU "A" and Fencers Club over CCNY and NYU "D". Pool 2. NYU "B" and Salle Santelli over Columbia "B". Pool 3. Columbia "A" and Baltimore over NYU "C".

**Quarter-Finals:** (1) Baltimore defeated NYU "A" 7-2 and Santelli 5-1; NYU "A" defeated Santelli 5-4; (2) NYU "B" defeated Columbia "A" 8-1; Fencers Club defeated Columbia "A" 6-3.

**Semi-Final:** NYU "A" defeated NYU "B" 5-2; Baltimore defeated Fencers Club 5-3.

**Final:** Baltimore (Hurwitz, Schlick, Andre) defeated NYU "A" (Eichenbaum, Rosenberg, Guinot), 5-1.

—Kevis Kapner

### Novice Foil Team (15 teams)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. CCNY and NYU "C" over Composite and Columbia "B". Pool 2. Santelli and NYU "B" over Columbia "A" and Saltus "B". Pool 3. Fencers Club and Brooklyn Composite over CCNY "B" and Columbia "C". Pool 4. NYU "A" and Saltus "A" over Turnverein.

**Quarter-Finals:** Saltus defeated Fencers Club 5-1 and CCNY "A" 5-2; NYU "B" d. CCNY "A" 5-1 and Fencers Club 5-1.

NYU "A" defeated Santelli 8-1 and NYU "C" 5-0; Brooklyn Composite d. NYU "A" 5-2 and NYU "C" 7-2; Santelli d. Brooklyn Composite 5-1 NYU "C" 7-2.

**Semi-Finals:** Saltus d. Brooklyn Composite (Prosttick, Barocas, Moccasi) 5-1; NYU "B" d. NYU "A" (Farrell, Petix, Paletta) 5-3.

**Finals:** Saltus Club (Stephens, Gradkowski, Taffe) defeated NYU "B" (Mercurio, Davis, Greene) 5-1.

—Aubrey Seeman

### Novice Epee Team (9 teams)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. Columbia "A" and CCNY "B" over Fencers Club. Pool 2. Brooklyn and NYU over Columbia "C". Pool 3. Columbia "B" and CCNY "A" over Saltus.

**Final Round:** (1) CCNY "A" (Ulenas, Wolfe, Zafman), 5 v. 0 d.—defeated CCNY "B", 5-3; Columbia "A", 5-2; NYU, 5-1; Brooklyn, 5-2; Columbia "B", 5-0.

—Edmund Dollinger

### Novice Sabre Team (6 teams)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. NYU "B" and Saltus "A" over Fencers Club. Pool 2. NYU "A" and Saltus "B" over CCNY.

**Finals:** (1) NYU "B" (Green, Bavuso, Paredo) 3 v. 0 d.—defeated NYU "A", 7-2; Saltus "B", 5-4; Saltus "A", 5-4.

—Lorand K. Marcell

### Women's Novice Team (9 teams)

**Qualifiers:** Pool 1. Paterson "A" and Montclair over Hunter "C". Pool 2. Paterson "B" and Lucia over Hunter "B". Pool 3. Hunter "A" and Saltus over Paterson "C".

**Semi-Finals:** Montclair T.C. d. Saltus 5-3; Paterson "A" d. Lucia 5-1; Hunter "A" d. Paterson "B" 5-0.

**Finals:** (1) Montclair (Perraudin, Kopp, Bemler) d. Paterson "A" (Schillaci, Nebiker, Cravera) 6-3; and Hunter "A" (Burnett, Schwabe, Maviglia) 6-3; (2) Paterson d. Hunter "A" 5-4. (3) Hunter lost two.

—L. Olvin

## METROPOLITAN HIGH-SCHOOL INVITATION

By Larry Olvin

James Russomano of Montclair Academy defeated Michael Dasaro of Alexander Hamilton H.S. 5-3 to win the 1955 pre-season high-school invitation tournament, which this year drew 41 entries as compared with 28 last year. The metropolitan colleges furnished enough officials to staff 7 preliminary strips, and offered through their coaches or managers to assist interested youngsters by free lessons. About 25 high-school fencers have signed up.

### Finals

(1) Russomano, Mont., 7-1 (won fence-off); (2) Dasaro, A.H., 7-1; (3) Oshrin, Stuyv., 5-3; (4) H. Goldstein, Boys, 4-4, 26 t.; (5) Devito, Lincoln (JC), 4-4, 28 t.; (6) Blackburn, Lincoln (JC), 3-5, 33 t.; (7) Glazer, Forest Hills, 3-5, 37 t.; (8) Silva, Riverdale, 2-6; (9) Wacksman, Boys, 1-7.

**Semi-Finalists:** Pervia, B.T.; Levine, S.D.; Koo, F.H.; Koch, S.H.; Reuter, W.; Stecker, S.H.; J. Johnson, B.H.

**Other entries:** Steeneck, SH; Rosuck, S.D.; Merzon, F.H.; Penzer, S.H.; Leyko, S.D.; Uttaro, B.H.; Lebed, B.H.; Berland, S.H.; Compton, A.H.; Santangelo, E.D.; Schwartz, B.H.; Mochang, SH; Zelles, R.; Raustiala, B.T.; Chun, S.H.; Jacobs, B.H.; Gilbert, S.T.; Studnick, S.P.; Valdes, B.H.; Gottlieb, C.; R. Johnson, R.; Forte, B.T.; L. Johnson, R.; Lipton, S.H.; Goldberg, B.T.

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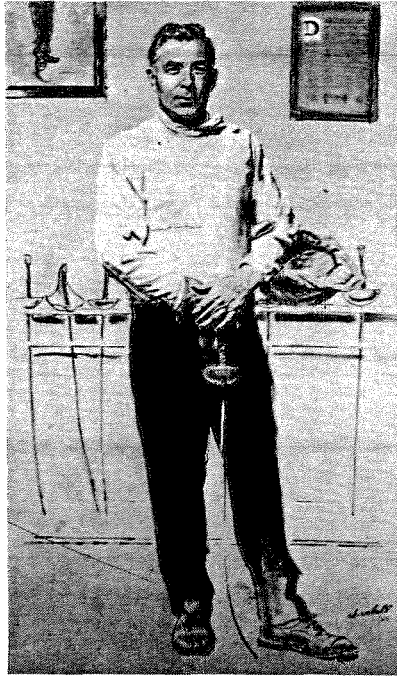
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### PINCHART RETIRES

On the occasion of the retirement of Rene Pinchart after some 28 years as its fencing master, the Fencers Club staged a farewell party at which Mr. and Mrs. Pinchart were presented with tickets for a trip to Europe. Robert S. Driscoll, president of the club, officiated at a brief ceremony featured by expressions of warm admiration and friendship by both amateurs and professionals. Among the speakers were the Hon. Henry Breckinridge, Tracy Jaekel, Alexis Coudert, Eugene Blanc, Joseph Fiems and George Santelli. Official tributes were paid by Jose de Capriles, on behalf of the A.F.L.A. and U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee, and by Stanley Sieja on behalf of the National Fencing Coaches Association. Edward Vebell presented his portrait of Rene Pinchart to the Fencers Club.

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## THE ELECTRIC FOIL AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By C. L. de Beaumont, Great Britain

Thirty-one nations, represented by over 350 fencers, provided a record entry for the 1955 World Championships. These championships were notable in three particulars—the first full-scale trial of the electric judging apparatus at foil, the remarkable progress of the Russian team, and the outstanding success of the Eastern European school of fencing.

Since the last war the Eastern countries, especially the Hungarians, have applied to foil fencing the same study which made them masters of the sabre. They have largely abandoned the traditional French and Italian schools with their emphasis on the intelligent application of subtlety and finesse through finger-play, in favour of a more robust game based on simple actions and great attention to the fencing measure, extreme mobility, speed and forcefulness.

Modern conditions have favoured this new method. The classic schools require a long period of technical training to produce the highest class of fencer and few people today can devote the necessary time to acquire this art to perfection. The new method requires a far shorter period of technical training, and the Eastern European countries are able to give far greater attention to an intense athletic preparation on which their game depends. The electric foil, which owing to its present weight and lack of balance handicaps the light finger play of the classic schools, also favours the simpler and more robust play of the new method.

Theoretically the classic schools (once the electric foil has been developed into a maniable weapon) should overcome the simpler school, but I feel that under present conditions the Western countries are unlikely to produce fencers who can give the time necessary to reach the required class. It seems likely therefore that (especially of the electric foil has come to stay) we must to some extent adapt our game to the new method, although it is to be hoped that the classic tradition of fencing as an art need not be entirely lost.

The electrical foil worked on the whole very well and did what was required of it—to register hits exactly and impartially. On the credit side, this device at last eliminated the imperfections of the judges (both human and intentional) which have been the worst feature of international foil fencing for generations. Against this, the present weight and lack of balance of the weapon undoubtedly affects the standard of foil play. These technical difficulties will undoubtedly be overcome, and already a glass-fibre blade has been produced in France (the Pecheux foil) which is perfect in rigidity and balance, and also gives the same "feel" as the normal blade.

There remains, however, still the danger that a mechanical device may lead to a deterioration of proper foil play as has already happened at epee. My personal feeling is that far more exhaustive experiments with a perfected device in top-class competition over a period of years will be required before it is adopted for its advantages over human judges or rejected on the ground that it will ruin foil fencing as an art.

### Dick Berry's Observations

The electric foil is slightly shorter than the standard foil. The point is very similar in construction to the electric epee point, but the blade cannot be grooved for wiring at the six inches nearest the point, so that the wiring there must be protected by electrician's tape. The addition of the point and tape at the end of blade causes the foil to be point-heavy and whippy.

The Italians constructed their foils with the burr point as in epee. The French used a point with no burrs on it, apparently designed to avoid hitting foul on grazes past the arm. However, we tested the comparative effectiveness of the two points and found that the French point often slipped off the smooth metallic area of the valid target, while the Italian point registered in approximately twice the area. On Netter's suggestion, the French team switched over to the Italian point, and their subsequent showing in the individual finals (2nd, 3rd, and 4th), as compared with their poor showing in the team, speaks for the wisdom of the move.

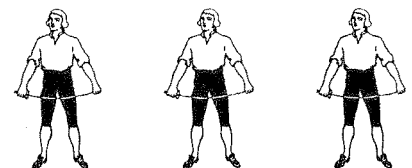
The electric foil reduces the complexity of the phrase due to the frequency of fouls. Complicated actions ended "foul" an average of three out of every four times.

Although the fencers adapted themselves to the peculiarities of the weapon, it seems clear that foilsmen are not yet accustomed to the idea of fencing without judges. More than once a foilsmen would whip off his mask in an effort to intimidate the machine into registering a touch against his opponent, but always without success.

The remise played an extremely important part in the Championships, due to the tendency of the fencers to look at the machine after every action, even in the middle of a phrase. Many touches were scored after a furious remise-ing battle, with both fencers watching the machine during the action.

The directors also had a tendency to watch the scoring machine rather than the action. Fencing had to continue until either a touch registered on the machine or a corps-a-corps occurred. Fencers stopping "in good faith" were treading dangerous ground, and were scored against frequently. Fouls, whether parried or direct, were called direct, with very few exceptions, by the directors.

I have often heard the criticism that the electric foil game will become more and more like epee. If this happens, don't blame it upon electrification of the foil alone. Epeeists, as a whole, did not fare any better with electric foil than they have in the past with standard foil. It is my opinion that foil competitions will continue to be won by foilsmen regardless of how the weapon is scored.



# National Calendar

**DECEMBER 1955**

- 10 Central Illinois—FOIL Prep 1:00 pm Old Gym Annex
- Gulf Coast—WOMEN Novice 2:00 pm Rice Inst. Houston
- Gulf Coast—FOIL Novice 2:00 pm Rice Inst. Houston
- Metropolitan—FOIL TEAM Interm. 1:00 pm Saltus-McBurney
- New England—WOMEN Handicap 1:30 pm (to be ann.)
- 11 Eastern—EPEE Olympic Tryout noon N.Y.A.C.
- Maryland—EPEE Novice 1:30 pm Int'l Cent.
- Maryland—SABRE Novice 1:30 pm Int'l Cent.
- New England—FOIL Novice 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- 16 So. Calif.—SABRE TEAM Junior 8:00 pm P.A.C.
- So. Calif.—WOMEN Senior 8:00 pm P.A.C.
- 17 Central Illinois—EPEE Open 1:00 pm Old Gym Annex
- Maryland—FOIL Novice 1:30 pm Druid Hill YMCA
- Metropolitan—WOMEN Intercoll. Inv. Hunter Coll.
- 18 Eastern—SABRE Olympic Tryout noon N.Y.A.C.
- 28 Metropolitan—FOIL Intercoll. Inv. 1:00 pm Fencers Club

**JANUARY 1956**

- 5 Metropolitan—WOMEN'S TEAM Interm. 7:00 pm N.Y.U.
- New England—SABRE Novice 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- 6 So. Calif.—FOIL Senior 8:00 pm L.A.A.C.
- 7 Central Illinois—FOIL Open 1:00 pm Old Gym Annex
- Gulf Coast—EPEE Novice 2:00 pm Univ. Houston
- Gulf Coast—SABRE Novice 2:00 pm Univ. Houston
- Maryland—FOIL Junior 1 3 pm Druid Hill YMCA
- North Texas—SABRE Interm. 1:00 pm T.S.C.W.
- North Texas—WOMEN Jr. & team 1:00 pm T.S.C.W.
- North Texas—EPEE Novice 1:00 pm T.S.C.W.
- 8 Maryland—SABRE Open 1:30 pm Towson H.S.
- Metropolitan—EPEE Novice noon Fencers Club
- New England—SABRE Novice 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- 13 So. Calif.—EPEE Senior 8:00 pm L.A.A.C.
- No. Calif.—EPEE Senior 8:00 pm Berkeley F.
- 14 Central Illinois—FOIL TEAM Junior 9:00 am Old Gym Annex
- Central Illinois—SABRE Open 1:00 pm Oly Gym Annex
- Border—F-E-S-W Open, Int. 1:00 pm Holloman AFB
- Jr., and teams (New Mex.)
- Delaware—FOIL Open 6:00 pm Hanover Church
- Gulf Coast—WOMEN Prep 2:00 pm Root Sq. Pk. H'st'n
- Gulf Coast—FOIL Prep 2:00 pm Root Sq. Pk. H'st'n
- Metropolitan—FOIL Novice 1:00 pm Saltus-McBurney
- New England—WOMEN Junior 1:30 pm Salle Vitale
- No. Calif.—FOIL Interm. 8:00 pm Stanford U.
- 15 Maryland—WOMEN Handicap 1:30 pm Goucher Coll.
- New England—FOIL Junior 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- 19 Maryland—WOMEN Junior 7:00 pm Goucher Coll.
- 20 So. Calif.—SABRE Senior 8:00 pm L.A.A.C.
- So. Calif.—WOMEN Interm. 8:00 pm L.A.A.C.
- 21 Metropolitan—SABRE Novice 1:00 pm Saltus-McBurney
- No. Calif.—FOIL Senior 8:00 pm Halberstadt
- 22 Eastern—WOMEN Olympic Tryout 1:00 pm Fencers Club
- Maryland—EPEE Junior 1:30 pm Towson H.S.
- New England—EPEE Junior 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- Wisconsin—WOMEN Novice 1:00 pm Downtown YMCA
- 26 Metropolitan—WOMEN Novice 7:00 pm N.Y.U.
- 27 So. Calif.—FOIL Interm. 8:00 pm Faulkner
- No. Calif.—SABRE Interm. 8:00 pm Letterman AH
- Metropolitan—THREE WEAPON Ind. 7:00 pm Salle Santelli
- 27-28 Oregon—FOIL TEAM Open Reed College
- Oregon—FOIL Open Reed College
- Oregon—WOMEN Open Reed College
- 29 Maryland—EPEE Open 1:30 pm Towson H.S.
- New England—SABRE Junior 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- Wisconsin—WOMEN Closed 1:00 pm Downtown YMCA

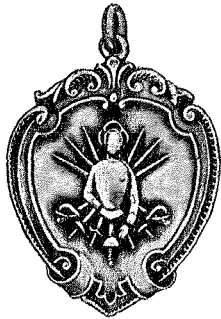
**FEBRUARY 1956**

- 3 Maryland—FOIL Schoolboys 7:00 pm Druid Hill YMCA
- No. Calif.—SABRE Senior 8:00 pm Halberstadt
- So. Calif.—EPEE Interm. 8:00 pm P.A.C.
- So. Calif.—WOMEN'S TEAM Interm. 8:00 pm P.A.C.
- 4 Gulf Coast—EPEE Prep 2:00 pm Texas A & M
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- North Texas—EPEE Jr. & team 1:00 pm Texas Tech
- North Texas—FOIL Novice & team 1:00 pm Texas Tech
- North Texas—WOMEN Prep 1:00 pm Texas Tech

- 5 Eastern—FOIL Olympic Tryout 1:00 pm N.Y.A.C.
- New England—THREE WEAPON Ch. 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- No. Calif.—WOMEN Halb. Comp. 2:00 pm Halberstadt
- 10 Maryland—FOIL Prep 7:00 pm Druid Hill YMCA
- No. Calif.—EPEE TEAM Interm. 8:00 pm Berkeley F.
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- 12 Eastern—EPEE Olympic Tryout noon N.Y.A.C.
- New England—FOIL Qual. Rd. Sect. Ch. 2:00 pm M.I.T.
- Wisconsin—Santelli Tri-Division 1:00 pm Shorewood H.S.
- 18 Gulf Coast—WOMEN Junior 2:00 pm U. Texas, Austin
- Gulf Coast—FOIL Junior 2:00 pm U. Texas, Austin
- Metropolitan—SABRE TEAM Junior 1:00 pm Saltus-McBurney
- New England—EPEE Qual. Rd. Sect. Ch. 2:00 pm Harvard U.
- No. Calif.—FOIL TEAM Interm. 8:00 pm Stanford U.
- North Texas—FOIL Open & team 1:00 pm Abilene
- North Texas—SABRE Jr. & team 1:00 pm Abilene
- North Texas—WOMEN Novice 1:00 pm Abilene
- 18-19 Border—F-E-S-W St. Joseph's 8:00 am St. Joseph's
- Invitational (El Paso)
- 19 Eastern—SABRE Olympic Tryout noon N.Y.A.C.
- Maryland—FOIL TEAM Mixed 1:30 pm Towson H.S.
- 22 Metropolitan—EPEE TEAM Special 10:00 am Fencers Club
- 24 Metropolitan—WOMEN'S TEAM Junior 7:00 pm Salle Santelli
- No. Calif.—SABRE TEAM Interm. 8:00 pm Letterman AH
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## PSYCHOLOGY IN FENCING

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**Author's Note:** The following essay is a condensation of a monograph prepared some months ago on the basis of observations during 56 years of concern with fencing in the United States. I have seen many fine young beginners spoiled by incompetent teachers, who have frequently been highly enthusiastic people, and quite able in other activities, but whose studies of fencing have been incomplete. Without an understanding of the deep values inherent in the sport, the teacher can teach only with superficiality; many do so without even good grounding in the mere mechanics of the weapons. Yet nearly all the teachers currently active could become excellent and beyond reproach if they would ensure the highest quality in their own technique prior to undertaking the instruction of others.

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Fencing attracts a number of people who think of it as nothing but physical exercise. They acquire the equipment, learn briefly to wave the weapons around, and pick up an equally inept friend to "fence" bouts without much regard to form and rules. They boast to their friends about their "fencing" and view themselves as glamorous characters on a par with certain moving-picture celebrities. After a short time, nothing more is heard about the matter. The equipment is relegated to the junk pile, or posed over the mantle piece to impress one's friends. This means that the embryo fencers have soon exhausted the limits of their enjoyment of the game. On the other hand, properly trained fencers, who have subjected themselves to the rigorous regime insisted upon by competent masters, remain in the sport until their late sixties, or in some cases into their seventies.

This time-relationship, of the superficial approach versus the dedicated consistency of good training, points out the moral that the casually engaged fencers have failed to find the real values inherent in the sport. They have failed because they have never been taught the most important things belonging, by right of history and necessity, to the oldest fighting skill practiced by the human race. They have never reached the most interesting phase of the sport: The play of mind against mind.

Psychology is a current fad among a large part of our population, and some neophytes in the subject speak of it in relation to

fencing as if it were a new factor in that ancient art. But this reveals a lack of understanding of both psychology and fencing. Fencing is neither a strictly mechanical nor a purely physical exercise; these aspects of the sport are but the beginnings of adeptness in a great art. These factors form only the bridge by which the fencer crosses to the higher mental and intellectual areas of personal combat with the sword.

Let us consider what takes place when two competent fencers meet on the strip. Each knows that attack provokes parry, parry provokes riposte; retreat provokes advance, and advance forces retreat, etc. A perfect defense on the part of one will interdict victory for the other; a perfect attack will prevent a perfect defense. If each fencer had perfect defense and perfect offense, we would have the concept of an irresistible force meeting an immovable object, a complete stalemate. This is not as far-fetched as it sounds, for this condition has been achieved in the history of the art among some of the grand masters of Europe. Yet, even in these cases, victory for one or the other was gained. The question then is: "How did victory come about?" And the answer is: "The victory was gained purely within the field of the combatant's intellectual powers and mental perspicuity." This interplay of intellects, independent of the physical and mechanical, produced a separate battlefield from the contact of weapons and the placement of bodies. Each fencer must provoke and foresee reactions beyond the immediate instant. He must set up a swiftly changing series of blade and body actions which will ultimately confuse his opponent and cause him to commit an error—an error, not of the present instant, but an error of the future. This is what underlies the actions of second, third, and fourth intention—the ability to visualize the ultimate result many movements ahead, and the power of the mind to produce a given reaction in the opponent at some time in the future. This means that the fencer must know not only how to use his body and weapon, but must also understand his own mind and the mind of his opponent. He must be a swift judge of character.

To achieve such competence, however, the

fencer must be so perfectly trained in the use of weapon and body that the mechanical aspects of combat have become automatic reflexes not subject to conscious thought—just as a good car driver applies his brakes, without conscious thought, in an emergency.

The good fencing teacher, and the dedicated fencing student, both understanding this fundamental idea, will not be satisfied with less than constant and conscientious instruction and drill in the mechanics of the weapon and the functions of the body. Anything less will result in ultimate frustration. The teacher, living up to his instructional obligations, will gradually lead the student into the study of the minds of the opponents he will meet on the competitive strip. The pupil will perfect himself, not only by working with his master, but—when released to do so by his master—will proceed to study the minds of his opponents, and carry forward his development as a complete fencer, learning to use his mind as a weapon paramount to blade and body. A clear understanding of the master's duty to his pupil has been a truism recognized by every great teacher of sword play since the middle of the 17th century.

Thus it is that the automatic reflexes engendered by long and competent drill and instruction, coupled with the mind working in its own field against the mind of the opponent, produce the most exciting and intriguing qualities of this ancient art. And yet, it is here that we see why so few Americans reach true championship caliber: Few meet the stipulated conditions of experience and discipline; as a rule they must bow to the products of Europe where these conditions are accepted as a matter of course.

Fencing should not be conceived as a production-line sport. It is not the result of a speed-up program of sports participation. Its top form can never be reached by mediocre minds which demand fun and frolic without study and persistence. Once the would-be fencer submits himself to the necessary rigors of competent training, he puts himself on the road to enjoy the most delightful of personal competitive sports—one in which the psychology of combat has been an integral part from the beginning of its history.

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