

Fencing at the 1936 Summer Olympics – Men's épée

The men's épée was one of seven [fencing](#) events on the [fencing at the 1936 Summer Olympics](#) programme. It was the ninth appearance of the event. The competition was held from 9 August 1936 to 11 August 1936. 68 fencers from 26 nations competed. Nations were limited to three fencers.^{[1][2]}

The competition format was pool play round-robin, with bouts to three touches (unlike foil and sabre, but continuing the format from 1932). Not all bouts were played in some pools if not necessary to determine advancement. Two points were awarded for each bout won; if both fencers scored a hit simultaneously to make the bout 3–3, each received one point for the "null match". Ties were broken through fence-off bouts in early rounds if necessary for determining advancement, but by touches received in final rounds (and for non-advancement-necessary placement in earlier rounds).^[3]

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Men's épée at the Games of the XI Olympiad		
Venue	Imperial Sports Field, Berlin	
Dates	9–11 August	
Competitors	68 from 26 nations	
Medalists		
 1	Franco Riccardi	 Italy
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 3	Giancarlo Cornaggia-Medici	 Italy

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The top five finishers in each pool advanced to round 2.^[4]

Pool 1

De Beaumont is listed in 8th place and Schröder in 9th place in the official report, but Schröder had more points than de Beaumont.^[4]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Nicolae Marinescu</u>	 Romania	12	6	3	0	22	17	Q
2	<u>Hans Drakenberg</u>	 Sweden	10	5	1	0	17	9	Q
3	<u>Antonio Villamil</u>	 Argentina	10	5	1	0	17	10	Q
4	<u>Béla Bay</u>	 Hungary	10	5	2	0	19	13	Q
5	<u>Roman Kantor</u>	 Poland	10	5	4	0	21	22	Q
6	<u>Mahmoud Ahmed Abdin</u>	 Egypt	8	4	5	0	20	21	
7	<u>Nicolaas van Hoorn</u>	 Netherlands	6	3	5	0	19	18	
8	<u>Otto Schröder</u>	 Germany	5	2	5	1	17	21	
9	<u>Charles de Beaumont</u>	 Great Britain	4	2	6	0	12	20	
10	<u>Bertrand Boissonnault</u>	 Canada	3	1	6	1	8	23	

Pool 2

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Henrique de Aguiar</u>	 Brazil	12	6	0	0	18	5	Q
2	<u>Preben Christiansen</u>	 Denmark	9	4	1	1	16	12	Q
3	<u>Gustaf Dyrssen</u>	 Sweden	8	4	2	0	14	10	Q
4	<u>Pál Dunay</u>	 Hungary	7	3	2	1	14	14	Q
5	<u>Khristos Zalokostas</u>	 Greece	6	3	3	0	13	11	Q
6	<u>Antoni Franz</u>	 Poland	5	2	4	1	15	19	
7	<u>Robert Bergmann</u>	 Czechoslovakia	3	1	4	1	11	17	
8	<u>Karl Hanisch</u>	 Austria	0	0	8	0	8	21	

Pool 3

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Hans Granfelt</u>	 Sweden	12	6	2	0	22	12	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Hervé, Count du Monceau de Bergendael</u>	 Belgium	12	6	2	0	20	15	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>François Duret</u>	 Switzerland	10	5	2	0	18	11	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Egill Knutzen</u>	 Norway	10	5	3	0	18	14	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Marcel Boulad</u>	 Egypt	8	4	4	0	15	16	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Gustave Heiss</u>	 United States	6	3	5	0	13	20	
7	<u>Henri Dulieux</u>	 France	4	2	5	0	14	18	
8	<u>František Vohryzek</u>	 Czechoslovakia	4	2	5	0	12	19	
9	<u>Douglas Dexter</u>	 Great Britain	2	1	6	0	12	19	

Pool 4

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Raymond Stasse</u>	 Belgium	12	6	1	0	19	8	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Paulo Leal</u>	 Portugal	11	5	1	1	19	11	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Ian Campbell-Gray</u>	 Great Britain	10	5	2	0	17	12	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Saverio Ragno</u>	 Italy	10	5	3	0	18	15	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Rezső von Bartha</u>	 Hungary	10	5	3	0	19	16	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Josef Kunt</u>	 Czechoslovakia	6	3	4	0	14	17	
7	<u>Denis Dolecsko</u>	 Romania	4	2	5	0	9	16	
8	<u>Roman Fischer</u>	 Austria	3	1	6	1	15	21	
9	<u>Ernest Dalton</u>	 Canada	0	0	7	0	7	21	

Pool 5

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Franco Riccardi</u>	 Italy	14	7	0	0	21	8	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Siegfried Lerdon</u>	 Germany	8	4	1	0	13	6	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Aage Leidersdorff</u>	 Denmark	8	4	2	0	13	10	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Cornelis Weber</u>	 Netherlands	6	3	2	0	13	8	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Ioan Miclescu-Prăjescu</u>	 Romania	6	3	3	0	13	12	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Ricardo Romero</u>	 Chile	4	2	5	0	10	18	
7	<u>Vlado Mažuranić</u>	 Yugoslavia	2	1	5	0	8	16	
8	<u>Moacyr Dunham</u>	 Brazil	0	0	6	0	5	18	

Pool 6

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Antonio Haro</u>	 Mexico	9	4	1	1	17	7	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Charles Debeur</u>	 Belgium	8	4	2	0	15	13	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Gustavo Carinhas</u>	 Portugal	6	3	2	0	11	10	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Tomas Barraza</u>	 Chile	6	3	2	0	10	12	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>George Tully</u>	 Canada	5	2	3	1	14	14	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Frank Righeimer</u>	 United States	4	2	4	0	11	13	
7	<u>Dimitar Vasilev</u>	 Bulgaria	2	1	5	0	6	15	

Pool 7

In the three-way tie for fourth, Martínez came last to da Silveira and Guthe, with the latter two advancing.^[5]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Frédéric Fitting</u>	 Switzerland	12	6	2	0	21	12	Q
2	<u>Willem Driebergen</u>	 Netherlands	11	5	2	1	21	15	Q
3	<u>Giancarlo Cornaggia-Medici</u>	 Italy	11	5	2	1	22	16	Q
4	<u>Henrique da Silveira</u>	 Portugal	10	5	3	0	19	14	Q
5	<u>Thorstein Guthe</u>	 Norway	10	5	3	0	20	17	Q
6	<u>José Martínez</u>	 Mexico	10	5	3	0	18	18	
7	<u>Ennio de Oliveira</u>	 Brazil	4	2	6	0	13	19	
8	<u>Mauris Shamil</u>	 Egypt	2	1	7	0	11	22	
9	<u>Rudolf Weber</u>	 Austria	0	1	7	0	11	23	

Pool 8

In the three-way tie for fourth, Martínez came last to da Silveira and Guthe, with the latter two advancing.^[5]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Frederick Weber</u>	 United States	12	6	0	0	18	8	Q
2	<u>Michel Pécheux</u>	 France	10	5	1	0	15	9	Q
3	<u>Jean Hauert</u>	 Switzerland	8	4	2	0	15	9	Q
4	<u>Erik Hammer Sørensen</u>	 Denmark	7	3	3	1	15	18	Q
5	<u>Raúl Saucedo</u>	 Argentina	6	3	4	0	16	13	Q
6	<u>Ernst Röthig</u>	 Germany	6	2	3	2	16	17	
7	<u>Konstantinos Bembis</u>	 Greece	2	1	6	0	7	20	
8	<u>Krešo Tretinjak</u>	 Yugoslavia	1	0	5	1	10	18	

Round 2

The top five finishers in each pool advanced to the semifinals.^[6]

Pool 1

In the four-way tie for third place, Knutzen finished last in the play-off with Debeur, da Silveira, and Granfelt, with the latter three advancing.^[6]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Michel Pécheux</u>	 France	12	6	3	0	21	19	Q
2	<u>Charles Debeur</u>	 Belgium	11	5	2	1	20	16	Q
3	<u>Henrique da Silveira</u>	 Portugal	10	5	4	0	18	16	Q
4	<u>Hans Granfelt</u>	 Sweden	10	5	4	0	21	18	Q
5	<u>Jean Hauert</u>	 Switzerland	10	5	4	0	20	19	Q
6	<u>Egill Knutzen</u>	 Norway	10	5	4	0	24	21	
7	<u>Frederick Weber</u>	 United States	9	4	4	1	20	20	
8	<u>George Tully</u>	 Canada	6	3	6	0	18	21	
9	<u>Pál Dunay</u>	 Hungary	5	1	5	3	20	26	
10	<u>Aage Leidersdorff</u>	 Denmark	3	1	6	1	15	21	

Pool 2

Campbell-Gray defeated Miclescu-Prăjescu in a play-off bout to break to the tie for fifth and last advancement spot. The official report lists Weber 9th and Duret 8th, though the scoring system would put Weber in 8th with fewer touches received.^[6]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	<u>TS</u>	<u>TR</u>	Notes
1	<u>Hans Drakenberg</u>	 Sweden	15	7	1	1	26	13	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Roman Kantor</u>	 Poland	14	7	2	0	23	12	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Raymond Stasse</u>	 Belgium	14	7	2	0	23	15	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Saverio Ragno</u>	 Italy	12	6	2	0	21	12	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Ian Campbell-Gray</u>	 Great Britain	8	4	5	0	19	18	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Ioan Miculescu-Prăjescu</u>	 Romania	8	3	4	2	21	21	
7	<u>Preben Christiansen</u>	 Denmark	4	2	6	0	7	21	
8	<u>Cornelis Weber</u>	 Netherlands	4	1	5	2	13	22	
9	<u>François Duret</u>	 Switzerland	4	1	6	2	17	26	
10	<u>Thorstein Guthe</u>	 Norway	3	1	5	1	13	23	

Pool 3

It is unclear why Villamil did not face Barraza, Driebergen did not face Leal, and Boulad did not face Bay. In general, bouts unnecessary to advancement were not played, but each of the three men eliminated in 6th through 8th place were within 2 points of the 5th-place finisher Zalokostas and could have caught him with an additional win (or even tie for Villamil), though Zalokostas himself had an unplayed bout against Hammer Sørensen and could have added to his point total.^[6]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Franco Riccardi</u>	 Italy	12	6	1	0	20	9	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Béla Bay</u>	 Hungary	11	5	2	1	21	14	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Paulo Leal</u>	 Portugal	10	5	2	0	16	11	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Frédéric Fitting</u>	 Switzerland	10	5	3	0	22	13	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Khristos Zalokostas</u>	 Greece	8	4	2	2	20	19	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Antonio Villamil</u>	 Argentina	7	3	4	1	17	17	
7	<u>Willem Driebergen</u>	 Netherlands	6	3	5	0	14	16	
8	<u>Marcel Boulad</u>	 Egypt	6	3	5	0	15	21	
9	<u>Erik Hammer Sørensen</u>	 Denmark	2	1	6	0	8	19	
10	<u>Tomas Barraza</u>	 Chile	0	0	7	0	7	21	

Pool 4

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Antonio Haro</u>	 Mexico	12	6	2	0	20	11	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Siegfried Lerdon</u>	 Germany	10	5	2	0	17	9	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Giancarlo Cornaggia-Medici</u>	 Italy	10	5	3	0	21	14	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Henrique de Aguilar</u>	 Brazil	10	5	3	0	18	14	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Hervé, Count du Monceau de Bergendael</u>	 Belgium	10	5	4	0	21	20	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Raúl Saucedo</u>	 Argentina	6	3	5	0	15	19	
6	<u>Gustavo Carinhas</u>	 Portugal	6	3	5	0	14	19	
6	<u>Rezső von Bartha</u>	 Hungary	6	3	5	0	12	19	
9	<u>Nicolae Marinescu</u>	 Romania	6	3	5	0	12	21	
10	<u>Gustaf Dyrssen</u>	 Sweden	4	2	6	0	15	19	

Semifinals

The top five finishers in each pool advanced to the semifinals.^[7]

Semifinal 1

In the four-way tie for third place, Pécheux finished last in the play-off with Debeur, Zalokostas, and Cornaggia-Medici, with the latter three advancing.^[7]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	<u>TS</u>	<u>TR</u>	Notes
1	<u>Ian Campbell-Gray</u>	 Great Britain	18	9	0	0	27	9	<u>Q</u>
2	<u>Saverio Ragno</u>	 Italy	12	6	3	0	20	20	<u>Q</u>
3	<u>Giancarlo Cornaggia-Medici</u>	 Italy	10	5	4	0	19	13	<u>Q</u>
4	<u>Khristos Zalokostas</u>	 Greece	10	5	4	0	19	19	<u>Q</u>
5	<u>Charles Debeur</u>	 Belgium	10	5	4	0	23	22	<u>Q</u>
6	<u>Michel Pécheux</u>	 France	10	5	4	0	23	19	
7	<u>Hans Granfelt</u>	 Sweden	8	4	5	0	20	21	
8	<u>Antonio Haro</u>	 Mexico	5	2	6	1	15	24	
9	<u>Paulo Leal</u>	 Portugal	5	2	6	1	15	25	
10	<u>Jean Hauert</u>	 Switzerland	2	1	8	0	15	26	

Semifinal 2

In the four-way tie for fifth place, Drakenberg won the play-off pool against Kantor, Fitting, and Lerdon.^[7]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR	Notes
1	<u>Raymond Stasse</u>	 Belgium	15	7	1	1	26	13	Q
2	<u>Franco Riccardi</u>	 Italy	13	6	1	1	23	13	Q
3	<u>Henrique da Silveira</u>	 Portugal	10	5	3	0	18	11	Q
4	<u>Béla Bay</u>	 Hungary	10	5	4	0	20	16	Q
5	<u>Hans Drakenberg</u>	 Sweden	8	3	4	2	19	22	Q
6	<u>Roman Kantor</u>	 Poland	8	4	5	0	17	22	
7	<u>Frédéric Fitting</u>	 Switzerland	8	4	5	0	19	23	
7	<u>Siegfried Lerdon</u>	 Germany	8	3	4	2	20	23	
9	<u>Hervé, Count du Monceau de Bergendael</u>	 Belgium	4	2	7	0	15	22	
10	<u>Henrique de Aguiar</u>	 Brazil	4	2	7	0	13	25	

Final

The Italian fencers swept the medals. Ties in the final were broken by touches received, including Ragno taking silver to Cornaggia-Medici's bronze by a touches received score of 15–16 (Ragno had beaten Cornaggia-Medici head-to-head in the final after losing to him in the semifinal). Riccardi beat both of his countrymen in their bouts, ultimately taking gold with 1 point more than either despite winning 1 fewer bout due to his 3 ties.^[7]

Rank	Fencer	Nation	Points	Wins	Losses	Ties	TS	TR
 1	<u>Franco Riccardi</u>	 Italy	13	5	1	3	25	18
 2	<u>Saverio Ragno</u>	 Italy	12	6	3	0	24	15
 3	<u>Giancarlo Cornaggia-Medici</u>	 Italy	12	6	3	0	22	16
4	<u>Hans Drakenberg</u>	 Sweden	10	4	3	2	20	20
5	<u>Charles Debeur</u>	 Belgium	9	4	4	1	21	21
6	<u>Henrique da Silveira</u>	 Portugal	8	4	5	0	18	19
7	<u>Raymond Stasse</u>	 Belgium	8	3	4	2	21	21
8	<u>Ian Campbell-Gray</u>	 Great Britain	8	3	4	2	18	24
9	<u>Béla Bay</u>	 Hungary	7	3	5	1	18	22
10	<u>Khristos Zalokostas</u>	 Greece	3	1	7	1	15	26

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