

Secretary Report BFC 06/10/2020

We have had, as a club, some very successful involvement in team competitions this year. Our first team event was a **friendly match with Bradford University Fencing Team** which we hosted at Thornton on 30/11/19. Our team was :

Foil – Lloyd Thompson, Will Lawrance, Jurijs Karamov.

Epee - Paul Halladay, Alice Kukuruzovic, Guy Haley.

Sabre – Matt Stapleton, Tim Noble, Vyom Gera.

The score was unimportant as this match helped to foster friendly relations between the two clubs, and also gave an opportunity for the University women to take part in a team competition.

University fencers, with the enthusiastic encouragement of Janusz Siwek (their Chair) have attended our club sessions and also competed in team events for us. I am extremely pleased that, also with the encouragement of Janusz, university fencers have become members of our club.

Vyom Gera and Matt Stapleton were selected to represent Yorkshire at sabre in the **Cadet Winton** which took place at Millfield School in Somerset on 14th / 15th December 2019. Tim Noble was driver and sabre referee.

In January, 9 fencers competed at the **‘Big Bash’** in Manchester. This was an unusual format with 7 teams of three fencers. Each team was one foil, one sabre, one epee.

Epee - Guy Haley, Paul Halladay, Alice Kukuruzovic

Sabre – Tim Noble, Vyom Gera, Matt Stapleton

Foil – Janusz Siwek, Ross Hardacre, Will Lawrance

The teams came 5th 6th and 7th. All had a great time.

In February, our annual **Bradford/Leeds challenge** had its customary result.

Foil A - Janusz Siwek, Ross Hardacre, James Hopkins lost 30 -45

Sabre - Matt Stapleton, Vyom Gera. Joseph Nguyen lost 30 – 45

Epee – Pete Fletcher, Paul Halladay, Alice Kukuruzovic lost 36 – 45

Foil B – James Hopkins, Ben Reed, Vyom Gera **won** 45 – 33

Yorkshire Epee

Paul Halladay and Alice Kukuruzovic competed. Alice won the women’s junior epee.

Yorkshire Foil 22/02/2020

No results published

Yorkshire Sabre 01/03/2020

Matt Stapleton, Vyom Gera, Tim Noble competed.

Vyom did better than Matt and Tim in the men’s sabre, winning into the second round, where he lost to Alex Gray, a previous Yorkshire champion.

Matt and Tim ended up fencing in the plate where Matt was **WINNER**, and Tim came 3rd.

In the team event that followed, Matt and Vyom chose to team up with a pretty young girl and came 5th. Tim joined a Leeds team and came 4th.

Soon after, all fencing stopped.