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Lessons to learn for Montreal

FRENCH MASTER, M. Pechuex, former world amateur and professional champion, will be in Dublin this weekend as part of the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation's commendable campaign to provide for their Olympic Games nominees expert tuition and preparation for Montreal.

Pechuex, principal master of the Racing Club in Paris, will conduct an extensive weekend course at the Salle d'Armes, Sandymount, beginning with an introductory session this evening, followed by a full-day session tomorrow and winding up with a morning session on Sunday.

The course is being sponsored by the Irish Olympic Council for the I.A.F.F. nominated fencers, Finbarr Farrell, Tim Bouchier-Hayes and Gary Scott-Hayward. Also in attendance will be the corps of fencers who have been helping the Olympic

aspirants in training the past few months, when as much as 18 hours a week have been spent in an intensive programme of training, culminating each weekend in competitive participation either at home or abroad.

The Irish Olympic Council, who have been doing all they can to raise the standard of fencing in Ireland, will eventually have the final say in how many fencers go to Montreal. Certainly no stones are being left unturned in the effort to ensure that those that do go will be in peak mental and physical condition to give of their very best.

Farrell, Bouchier-Hayes and Scott-Hayward have been to Paris last January to attend a course conducted by M. Pechuex and he will this weekend be assessing the progress they have made in the interim.