

YALE FENCERS KEEP THREE-WEAPON TITLE

**Tally 14½ Points, Navy Getting
13 and Army 12½ in College
Tournament.**

RIGHEIMER WINS 2 CROWNS

**Eli Captain Takes Epee and
Foil Events—Saber Laurels
to Giddings, Army.**

COLUMBIA SABER VICTOR

**Gains Team Honor, Previously Ac-
credited to Yale, by Olympic Tab-
ulation After Fence-Offs of Ties.**

By BRYAN FIELD.

The Yale blue floated triumphantly last night over the Hotel Astor, where the intercollegiate fencing championships came to a brilliant conclusion with the annual dance. The prizes were presented for the seven championships and veteran fencers and members of the last Olympic team enthusiastically discussed with the college men what had proved to be the most keenly contested of all the intercollegiate championships.

The Yale team successfully defended its three-weapon championship and now has the unique honor of having won four times since the inauguration of the event in 1923. Army was the first winner, followed by Navy. Yale and Navy tied in 1925, Yale won in 1926, only to be supplanted by the Cadets in 1927. Last year Yale was victorious and the winning total last night was 14½ points, one and a half more than Navy's total. Army was third with 12½ and Columbia was fourth with 10½. Six other institutions trailed.

Moreover, Yale captured major honors in the individual championships, Francis E. Righeimer, captain of the Blue team, winning both the foil and épée titles. Frederick Giddings of the Army won the individual saber crown, but it was necessary for him to fence off a tie with Anthony Hyde of Yale in order to make safe that honor. Giddings is the national junior saber champion.

Third Double in History.

Righeimer's double is the third that has ever been scored. Louis F. H. Mouquin of Columbia took both the saber and foil championships just after the war, at which time no épée competition was held. Later Curtis Shears of the Navy won with the épée and foil.

These Yale successes followed the meeting of a committee appointed to analyze the results of the saber team championship contested on Thursday. This had apparently been won by Yale on the basis of points, but the Olympic scoring system is now in effect in the intercollegiates for the first time and this requires that ties be fenced off. Under the Olympic scoring system, which carries analysis down to the last bout and touché, Columbia was the winner, retaining for the New Yorkers the championship won in 1928.

The épée team championship had been successfully defended by Army on Thursday, and Navy won the foil team championship yesterday, so that Yale has the distinction of capturing the three-weapon crown without having won a single team championship.

Yale takes possession of the new three-weapon trophy, which has just been made. It consists of three blades and a mask mounted on a pedestal and takes rank with the Iron Man trophy, which Colonel Robert M. Thompson donated years ago for the foil team championship. The Navy victory gives the Middies possession of the latter trophy for the next year at least.

Second With Saber and Epée.

To win the three-weapon championship, the Yale team showed strength in all three divisions, getting a second with saber and épée and a tie for second with the foil. Navy became runner-up by a first in the foil competition, a third with the épée and a fourth with the saber. Army won with the dueling sword, was third in the saber matches, but could get only a tie for fourth with the foil, giving it a two point lead over Columbia.

Columbia successfully defended its broadsword championship and was tied for second in the foil competition, but got no points at all with the épée, the Blue and White dueling sword team having been eliminated in the preliminaries.

One of the unusual features of the saber team championship analysis was the fence-off between New York University and Navy, which gave Columbia the title. N. Y. U. and the Midshipmen were tied on all terms and if the Midshipmen had won, they would have stood alone at the top of the saber heap. But they lost and that made a quadruple tie for first place on the basis of matches won between Navy, Army, Yale and Columbia. Then came analysis on the basis of bouts won, which found Yale and Columbia again tied. The touchés finally decided in favor of Columbia.

Army and Navy were tied on the basis of matches and on the basis of bouts for third place, but the Olympic system carried down to the touch basis again broke a deadlock and established Army third and Navy fourth. Thus, by losing one fence-off of a tie, Navy lost a chance for victory and landed in fourth place.

Righeimer Star of Tourney.

The fencing of Righeimer was the outstanding individual performance of the tournament. He succeeds Dernel Every, the Yale captain of a year ago, who was considered one of the greatest of the Eli stars, as foil champion. Righeimer has surpassed his former captain, for in addition to winning the two individual titles, he was largely responsible for the high place gained by Yale in the three team championships.

Righeimer won all eleven of his bouts in both the individual foil and épée competitions. Veteran fencers declared that his performance surpassed anything in intercollegiate fencing history. In any event, Righeimer was the hero of the hour at the dance which followed the competition.