

N. Y. U. SWORDSMEN WIN THREE TITLES

Score With Saber, Foils and in
Three Weapons in College
Tourney at Philadelphia.

LOSE TO NAVY WITH EPEE

But New Yorkers Force Com-
plete Refencing Before Yield-
ing to Midshipmen.

ANNEX IRON MAN TROPHY

Sterling Performances Bring Violet
Team Laurels for First Time
In History.

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PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 1.—In one of the most surprising developments in the forty-year history of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, New York University exceeded the fondest hopes of its followers early this morning by winning three of the four team championships in the opening session of the tournament in the Penn A. C. gymnasium.

Never a victor before in this affair, the Violet gained its first title by emerging triumphant in the saber competition. Then, as a grand climax to magnificent performances, the wearied N. Y. U. swordsmen reached their peak some twelve hours after their quest had started by vanquishing Army once more to annex the famous Iron Man Trophy that is emblematic of the foils crown and thus clinch beyond dispute three-weapon honors.

Almost Score a Sweep.

The only crown to escape the sweep of the Violet blades was the épée championship. Navy won this by beating the New Yorkers in the deciding match, a match that was refereed completely when they tied in bouts won, bouts lost, touches scored against and touches scored for.

Jaded in body but keenly alert in spirit and the will to win, the small band of Violet stalwarts battled with fire and dash to attain the goal that coaches Julio M. Castello and Miguel A. De Capriles had set for them, but had hardly expected them to reach.

The three-weapon crown went to the New Yorkers with 14 points, while Navy, the only other threat, finished with 8. Army was third with 7 and Yale, the defending champion, fourth with 6.

Princeton knocked the saber championship from the grasp of Army with an upset victory, the unexpected triumph of the Nassau swordsmen giving the crown to N. Y. U.

It was the final match in the final round robin and the Cadets reached this encounter with a record as barren of defeats as Princeton's had been of victories.

Violet's Hopes Rise.

The Violet duelists watched this bout with little interest. It was almost too much for them to hope that the Princetonians would win and this was the only possibility for a Violet championship.

Their none too sanguine expectations drooped when Cadet Maurice Kaiser, defending individual épée titleholder, speedily disposed of Gene Pomeroy of Princeton, 5 to 2. But when Bill Pecora vanquished Cadet Charles Andrews and Pomeroy came through with a successful onslaught against Andrews the N. Y. U. section of the stands was electric with excitement.

Kaiser against Pecora was to be the deciding test and to the utter astonishment of the Violet supporters the Nassau swordsman came slamming through with a victory, 5 to 3.

That left N. Y. U. and Army tied in the final standing but when the matter was resolved to the common denominator of bouts won, the Violet had captured eight of these encounters and Army had won six.

Succeeds Navy as Champion.

So the championship went to N. Y. U. and the Violet became the successor of Navy as saber titleholders. But more important than this from a New York standpoint was the fact that the Violet chances of winning the three-weapon trophy, already excellent, loomed brighter and brighter.

The N. Y. U. path to triumph was somewhat strewn with adversity. In the final round Robin Alexander Mehlman was the victim of a peculiar accident. Fencing E. A. Ackerman of Harvard and ahead at 3 to 1, the two antagonists lunged together. Ackerman's blade snapped in half and the broken stump was plunged into the hand of the Violet star.

It forced him out of the competition entirely and Jose de Capriles was pressed into service to pair with Melvin Zimet. The two acquitted themselves well and carried the Violet to the title.

Even though Navy yielded its saber championship, the midshipmen were not to go without a title. Shortly after N. Y. U. had scored its triumph the midshipmen put the Violet swordsmen to rout in the deciding épée match, 3 to 1, and the Annapolis contingent walked off with the dueling-sword crown, succeeding Yale as titleholders.

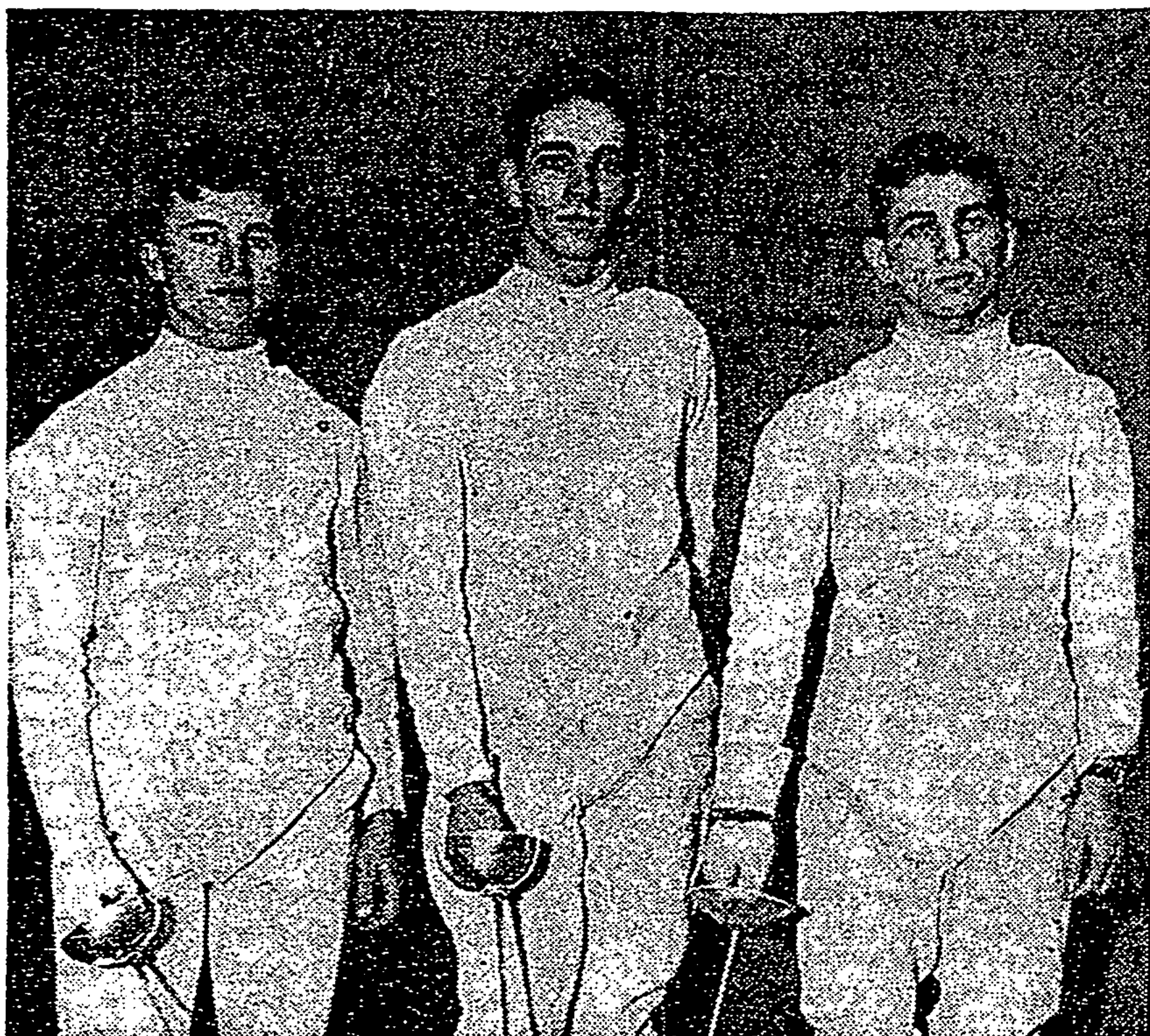
N. Y. U. Defeats Navy.

The first four bouts of the final round robin in foils left the issue pretty much at the point where it started. N. Y. U. defeated Navy, Navy defeated Army, Army defeated Yale and Yale defeated N. Y. U.

The only bearing on the title was in the number of bouts won and lost, and in a competition as close as this it was certain to affect the ultimate ranking of the teams.

The last-round pairing decided not only the winner of the Iron Man Trophy but the three-weapon crown as well. Army met N. Y. U. and Navy clashed with Yale. Then both service teams lost and the Violet became a triple winner.

CAPTAINS OF THREE TEAMS IN TITLE FENCING.



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