

Yale, Navy and Army Likely to Present Strongest Challenges for Team Title in Biltmore Tourney—College Swimming and Boxing Also On Today.

With the twelve members of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association entering approximately 150 swordsmen, the forty-third annual championships, team and individual, will get under way at 10 o'clock this morning in the Hotel Biltmore's main ballroom, which will be a converted salle d'armes until tomorrow evening.

Seven titles will have been determined by tomorrow night before the start of the grand ball, which is scheduled just before midnight. New York University will defend its three-weapon team laurels as well as its foils team championship. Columbia will defend its saber team crown, while Harvard carries into the tournament its épée title.

Two of the three individual titleholders will be on hand. Hugo Castello of New York University is the defender in foils, while Kirkland Alexander of Princeton is the épée titleholder. The saber championship is vacant.

The colleges entered are Cornell, Columbia, C. C. N. Y., Hamilton, Harvard, M. I. T., N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale, Army and Navy.

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Competition this year is expected to be of the keenest kind, with N. Y. U.'s three-weapon title in danger from three sides. Yale, Navy and Army are counted on to provide the Violet with an exacting fight for the huge silver trophy. For Yale there will be the added goal of coming back into the limelight, from which it has been shunted in recent years by the rise in power of the metropolitan teams—N. Y. U., Columbia and City College.

Columbia is expected to put up a stout defense of its saber title. The Lion saber fencers are once more a formidable combination. Here again, however, Yale is in a threatening position. The Blue's Archie Deming is rated as one of the best in the division.

In defending its foils crown N. Y. U. will call on Castello to lead. The Violet ace has not been a consistent performer this season. Only recently has he begun to regain form. With Yale as the chief threat, this weapon should produce plenty of thrills. An interesting sidelight will be presented since Maurice Grasson, the Blue's ace, is the son of Robert Grasson, Yale's coach. Castello is a son of Julio Castello, Violet coach.

The competition will be run off on the same basis as last year. The

colleges will nominate their three men in order of preference, with each fencing a round-robin in his group. Group A is the championship flight. Team matches will be staged in round-robin fashion, with bouts won counting toward the title.