



RETAINS FOILS CROWN
Hugo Castello of N. Y. U.

N. Y. U. TEAM KEEPS 3-WEAPON LAURELS IN COLLEGE FENCING

Totals 75½ Points, 10 More Than Yale, Runner-Up, and Retains Foils Crown.

WINS 2 INDIVIDUAL TITLES

Castello Triumphs Again in a Fence-Off and Gold Takes Epee Honors at Biltmore.

SABER TEST TO COLUMBIA

Ripple of Army Victor With the Same Weapon—Elis Are First With Dueling Sword.

1936 FENCING CHAMPIONS

Team

- Three-Weapon—New York University.
- Foil—New York University.
- Epee—Yale.
- Saber—Columbia.

Individual

- Foil—Hugo Castello, N. Y. U.
- Epee—Theodore Gold, N. Y. U.
- Saber—Richard Ripple, Army.
- Retained title.

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Setting a phenomenal record in the foils competition, New York University swept off with the coveted three-weapon title and the foils team crown, as well as the forty-third annual intercollegiate fencing championships, which came to an end last night at the Hotel Biltmore.

The wearers of the Violet compiled 75½ points to score a decisive triumph in keeping the three-weapon trophy, with their closest rival, Yale, finishing second with 65½. The Army team, spurting by virtue of its distinction in the épée competition, moved near the top with 58, C. C. N. Y. followed with 56½, Harvard had 55½, Navy 54½ and Columbia 52½.

Not only did N. Y. U. carry off the foils team honors, but two of the individual championships went to members of its formidable squad. Hugo Castello, whose father is fencing master at the university, gave a dramatic touch to the affair in the hotel's golden ballroom as he triumphed in a fence-off against Philip Lilienthal of Harvard in a closing bout that brought the N. Y. U. junior the foils crown for another year.

Gold First Winner

Earlier Theodore Gold had won with the epee to give the Violet its first individual championship of the tourney. However, in the saber competition Richard Ripple of Army slashed through the field to bag the trophy.

Among others who shared in the final honors was the Yale epee team, which finished in front with the dueling sword at 22½ points. Navy was second at 21½ and Army third with 21. Navy had a chance to capture the title when Yale had completed its fencing with this weapon in the afternoon.

The midshipmen were pitted against the West Point trio in one of the important matches last night, witnessed by a large crowd. Navy could have won by taking all three matches or even gone into a tie with the Elis by winning two bouts. However, Army spiked its hopes by turning back the midshipmen, two bouts to one.

The saber championship went to Columbia for the second straight year despite the fact that City College almost changed the complexion of the competition by its stubborn fight against the Lions in a closing bout.

Violet a Point Back

Columbia won with 25 points. N. Y. U. was next with 24 and Army third with 21. In that final match City College took one of three bouts but another one would have sent the Blue and White into a tie with N. Y. U. and given the latter team the saber trophy on touches.

N. Y. U.'s showing in the foils was the highlight of the championship. Castello, Norman Lewis and Meyer Steyer, the team's manager, did the remarkable by accounting for thirty-one matches out of thirty-three and set coaches, officials and friends showering Coach Julio Castello with congratulations.

Steyer, the No. 3 man, was one of the two fencers with any weapon to emerge unbeaten in the two-day competition. Steyer won all eleven of his bouts, and so did Bruce Wallis, Columbia's No. 2 saber man.

One of the incidents of the championship which all spectators awaited was the meeting of Castello and the son of another coach, Maurice Grasson of Yale. Castello had to take this bout in order to go into a fence-off with Lilienthal, as the Harvard foilsman already had won ten of his eleven bouts and sat along the sidelines to watch the outcome of the bout.

Grasson Evens Score

But the cool, steady Castello finally outfenced Grasson. With stop thrusts and direct attacks, Castello ran the count in touches against his opponent to 4 to 2. With his team-mates cheering him lustily, the aggressive Grasson then made a real fight of it. With perfect timing and speed he hit Castello twice on direct attacks and tied the score at 4—all.

His hopes of an individual title hanging in the balance, Castello, like steel in the crisis, scored on a riposte with a coup below. That set the stage for Castello's second meeting with Lilienthal. Previously he had won by 5—3 against him.

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and he repeated the score in the fence-off for the title.

A cross-section of the scoring showed N. Y. U. tallying 31 in the foils, 20½ in the épée and 24 in the saber for the three-weapon championship. Yale had 23 in the foils, 22½ in the épée and 20 in the saber. Army, by capturing 13½ points out of 18 in yesterday's épée competition, brought its aggregate with that weapon to 21, scored 21 in the saber also and 16 in the foils.

Following the method in which the championship was conducted for the second time, there were also winners in Class B and C groups,

corresponding to the second and third man on each team. Lewis of N. Y. U. won the B medal in the foils and Steyer triumphed in C. This fine N. Y. U. team of fencers that included Gold, Charles Robbins and Paul Moss, épée men, and Max Frank, Paul Kirschner and William Wolff, in the saber, also took the C honors by Moss's showing in the épée.

In the other group of winners were Daniel MacBeth of Cornell, Class B épée, Wallis of Columbia, who scored in Class B of the saber, and Francis Drake of Columbia in Class C of the saber.

N. Y. U. clinched the foils team championship during the afternoon. Continuing their supremacy with this weapon as they had on Friday, the three Violet swordsmen dropped only one bout. On the opening day they carried off seventeen of eighteen. Yesterday afternoon they were victors in eleven of twelve.

Attempting to continue his string of victories, Castello, however, was stopped by the Navy man, John H. Carmichael of Waycross, Ga. Fencing deftly, Carmichael finally found a spot and touched his rival for the deciding point with the count 4-4. That was the only setback that a Violet fencer suffered in foils earlier in the day.

As a result N. Y. U.'s score card showed Castello winning nine and losing one bout up to that point; Norman Lewis, the second man, taking nine and losing one, and Murray Steyer, the team manager, who was the third ranking member of the team, sweeping through all ten of his contests.

Yale, which had been giving the New Yorkers a close race in the foils and for the three-weapon championship, found itself trailing as a result of the remarkable showing of the N. Y. U. foilsmen.

The New Haven aggregation lost

considerable ground when it accounted for only seven of twelve foils bouts. Cornell came back strongly to register a 2-to-1 victory over Yale; against City College, Princeton and Army the Elis also dropped one bout.

In a battle of southpaws, Nat Lubell vanquished Grasson when C. C. N. Y. faced Yale. Others who succeeded in scoring against the Elis when points were precious included Kirkland Alexander of Princeton, the dethroned épée champion, who beat Holcombe, the Eli captain, 5-0, and Frank Izenour of Army, victor over Lewis of N. Y. U. in the only defeat the Violet encountered in foils Friday, who also beat Holcombe, 5-1.

Cornell's two victories over Yale were those of Morris Sandgrund, who conquered Holcombe, 5-3, and Ed Merwin, who fought to a close decision over Philip Viscidi, 5-4.

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