

Navy Assumes Commanding Lead for Foil and Three-Weapon Fencing Crowns

N. Y. U. SWORDSMEN YIELDING TO NAVY

Collapse of Violet in Foil Bouts
Clears Middle Path to
Iron Man Trophy

PRINCETON LEADS IN EPEE

Columbia Ahead With Saber
—Annapolis Scores 43½
Points With 3 Weapons

THREE-WEAPON STANDING				
	Foil.	Epee.	Saber.	Total.
Navy	17	14	14	45½
Army	11½	11	13	35
Columbia	8	11	15	34
N. Y. U.	12	7	13	32
Harvard	10	6	13	29
Yale	10	8	10	28
Cornell	7	9½	9	25½
C. C. N. Y.	12	7½	6	25½
M. I. T.	9	7½	8	24½
Princeton	3	13	4	20
Penn.	6	9	2	17
Hamilton	3	6	1	10

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The blades of Navy's swordsmen have not carved their way to undisputed possession of the prized Little Iron Man Trophy since 1924, but the midshipmen reached the threshold of the team foils title yesterday as the forty-sixth annual championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association began on the strips at the Seventh Regiment Armory.

This was a stunning surprise. The midshipmen had been favored to capture the three-weapon crown, but New York University had been the odds-on choice to annex the foils laurels, especially since the Violet, recognizing that it would be a hopeless task to retain its all-around honors, had put all its eggs in one basket and gone after the Iron Man.

Archie Ignatow had been one of the top ranking épée men all season, and many shrewd observers had picked him to win the individual championship with the dueling sword. But Coach Julio Martinez Castello of N. Y. U. had put no pressure on the boy. He merely told him that he could win the individual épée or else contribute to a team foils victory. Ignatow picked the foils.

It would be nice to be able to report that self-sacrifice had been rewarded, but that would not be the precise truth. The steady Ignatow dropped three of his six foils bouts, and Navy took such a commanding lead that there is virtually no chance of the midshipmen's being overhauled.

Morris Beats Navy Man

The youngsters from Annapolis did a magnificent job. Of eighteen engagements the team of Vincent DePoix, Daniel Appleton and John Henry lost only one, Henry dropping a bout to Jean Morris of Yale by that heart-breaking count of 5—4.

Hence Navy had seventeen foils victories to twelve each for N. Y. U. and City College, a margin that almost seems a prohibitive one, especially since the foils phase of the program is slightly more than half completed. Only fifteen bouts are left and those five extra victories loom large.

What made the entire foils situation singularly strange was that in the three matches Ignatow lost he led in two by 4-1 scores and the other by 4—0. That a fencer of the admitted class of the N. Y. U. youngster should go down in that fashion is one of those things that cannot be explained.

In addition to the 17 points that the midshipmen tallied with the foil they picked up 12½ in épée and 14 in saber, so that at the approximate half-way mark in these competitions they had 43½ points toward the three-weapon trophy. The Navy advantage was a substantial one, since closest to the middles were Army, 35; Columbia, 34; N. Y. U., 32; Harvard, 29, and Yale, 28.

The lads from Annapolis held up well in the wide-open épée dueling and kept hot on the heels of Columbia in last night's saber competition. The Lions led in the saber with 15 points, to 14 for Navy, 13 for Army and 13 for N. Y. U.

Tigers Favored with Epée

The épée team competition found Princeton in the lead with 13 points to 12½ for Navy and 11 each for Army and Columbia. The race is among those four teams, with the Tiger trio of George Calkins, Armory Parmentier and Emile Rimbault still favored. The sons of old Nassau already have met all the foremost rivals except the midshipmen.

This, however, is still too tight for any predictions, although Parmentier, the Pool B duelist, won all his six matches. The individual battle in Pool A is just as close. Marvin Metzger of Columbia has a faint lead of four and a half victories and one and a half defeats, while five men are bracketed just below him at four triumphs and two setbacks.

They are Cadet Salvatore Manzo of Army, Jack Ratzkin of Cornell, Midshipman John Howland of Navy, Calkins, the favorite, and Rex Auchincloss of Yale.

The foils individual tests, however, saw Midshipman DePoix of Navy out front with a perfect record of six straight victories. But Max Goldstein of C. C. N. Y. is right on his heels with a record of five and one. Silvio Giolito of N. Y. U. and Paul Perlowin of Yale are not out of the running, each having won four of six bouts.

For the individual championship with the saber the issue was not too well defined. Jim Welles of Columbia, Jim Castello of N. Y. U. and Midshipman Abraham Campo had shaken loose from the others as each carved out five triumphs in six bouts. Castello, son of the Violet coach, already has beaten the Navy man. The Welles-Castello and Welles-Campo engagements today may decide the title.