

N. Y. U. Fencers Show Way With All Three Weapons in Intercollegiate Tourney

VIOLET'S DUELISTS ARE FAR IN FRONT

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for Another 3-Weapon Title
in Meet at Princeton

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Two Move Into Saber Final—
Redmen Also Make Strong
Bid for Foil Trophy

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 28—New York University swordsmen led with every weapon at the completion of the preliminary competition of the forty-eighth annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association Tournament in the Princeton Gymnasium tonight.

The Violet duelists had collected a greater number of points with epee and saber than any of their rivals, tied for first in the foil standing, and were heading toward another three-weapon championship. However, the night semi-finals uncovered a most serious threat to New York hopes for the saber team crown.

Because Yale had withdrawn from the tournament for this year at least, St. John's of Brooklyn was invited to participate in this ancient show. The Redmen jumped into the breach with such enthusiasm that they look to be the most likely winners with the old cavalry weapon.

St. John's was the only team to qualify two men for the final, Andre Deladrier and Andrew Costarino, while N. Y. U., which had sent ahead every one of its starters in the preliminary round, lost two of its operatives in the penultimate phase of the competition.

They Start all Over Again

The victories scored today count only toward the team championship and every finalist will start with a clean slate tomorrow in the chase for the individual laurels. However, the preliminaries do serve to indicate who are the top men.

Sol Gorlin of N. Y. U. and Tom Wright of Harvard, the Pentagonal titleholder, each had won nine of ten bouts, while Deladrier, Herb Spector of City College and Bob Greenbaum of Penn had captured eight of ten. The new champion is most likely to be found among them.

So far the three-weapon race is a pursuit. The new scoring system ranks the teams with each blade and total points are computed in cross-country style—low aggregate is best. Since N. Y. U. had two firsts and a tie for first (with St. John's in foil) it has 3½ points, with Harvard, Navy and St. John's in a very bad tie for second at 13½ points each.

Unless there is a violent upheaval tomorrow the Violet is in. However, the new system is trickier than the old one and hence a far better vehicle for upsets.

Nine Entrants, Nine Qualifiers

The completion of the first round in the afternoon found N. Y. U. doing very well. The Violet, which had lost four of its nine men at a corresponding time a year ago, advanced all nine to the semi-finals, an unprecedented and altogether astonishing feat.

Although the penultimate round in the saber tonight changed the set-up a bit for all the competing teams, a view of the standing of the colleges before the extra saber round afforded a clear-cut picture of how the teams were situated.

New York had nine qualified and then came Columbia with seven, Navy with six and St. John's, City College, Harvard, Penn and Army with five men each. So it still was N. Y. U. against the field in every weapon and in the three-weapon phase of the tournament as well.

In epee Columbia was trailing the Violet, 11½ to 9, although each had sent up the same number of men to the semi-finals. Harvard and Navy had 10 points each but had qualified only two men. The biggest surprise of the dueling sword battle was the elimination of Princeton, the defending epee team champion. The sons of Old Nassau, with two holdovers from last year, failed to advance a single man.

Tauber Does Well

As far as individual epee laurels were concerned the two top men were Seymour Gross of N. Y. U. and Cadet Victor Taylor of Army. Neither was beaten but each double-touched in the bout between them. Six men had won four and lost once—Bill Cochran of Army, Owen Keller of Navy, Amos Murphy of Harvard, Dick Walker of Navy, Jim Strauch of City College and Arthur Tauber, the defending champion from N. Y. U.

Tauber was unbeaten with the foil with five straight, but a real threat to the Violet in quest of the Little Iron Man Trophy was St. John's. The Redmen qualified only two men, Charles Steinhart and Andre Deladrier, the latter the son of the Navy coach. But they went through their bouts without a setback. Seven others won four of five, but the real battle seemed to be among the top trio.