

# NAVY FENCERS WIN 3-WEAPON HONORS

Cox Leads Team to Its Third  
Title of Tourney—N. Y. U.  
Annexes Foils Trophy

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The trophy representing the three-weapon championship of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association left University Heights for Annapolis yesterday when Navy finished on top in the association's fiftieth annual tournament at Salle Santelli.

The climax of the two-day meet saw the midshipmen's representatives shake off the determined bid of New York University's defenders to beat the team that had held the trophy since 1940 and five years before then. Coach Clovis Deladrier's lads, beaten only once in this season's dual meets and then by N. Y. U., finished with 42½ points to the Violet's 39½.

N. Y. U. found consolation in wresting the famous Little Iron Man Trophy, which is not of iron at all but a bronze figure in a belligerent attitude, from last year's winners, Columbia. It is the oldest trophy in intercollegiate sports and since 1894 has gone to the winner of the team championship with foils.

## Violet Loses Three Titles

N. Y. U. thus was shorn of three of its team titles by Navy, the saber, epee and three-weapon, but salvaged a handsome showpiece from the wreckage. Navy might have taken even this for the first clean sweep of all championships since Yale turned the trick in 1926, but finished a point behind the Violet. The scores were 15 to 14.

Though beaten, the boys coached by Julio Martinez Castello made a brave showing, being runners-up in the three events they lost and threatening to keep Navy from its first three-weapon crown since 1929. With three bouts to go in the foils, N. Y. U. had a good chance but faltered to allow Navy's Donald Cox, the hero of the day,

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Jack Robinson, William Nelson, Donald Cox, Russell Blalack, Joseph Patterson, J. S. Howell, Lowell Fitch and Richard Seacord after triumph at fiftieth annual intercollegiate fencing tournament.

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to clinch matters with his seventh victory. Cox, a first classman, was beaten only by William Clarvit of Cornell.

A new set of individual champions was crowned after the team competition. A freshman emerged as champion for the first time in the history of the tournament. He was Robert Kaplan of N. Y. U., who beat a team-mate, Daniel Marmer, in a fence-off after each had won five bouts of seven in the foils division.

Also rising to championship heights were Coleman Richards, Army's only representative in the saber, and Russell Blalack, who led Navy to the épée title on Friday and returned for the individual honors by taking five bouts, one of them against a team-mate, William Nelson, the runner-up.

Points by other teams in the three-weapon were 32½ for third-place Columbia, 30 for Cornell, 22 for Penn State and 15 for Army. Princeton's team, mysteriously missing on the opening day, turned up in the person of Nils Antony Kindwall, who shed little light on the Tigers' absence beyond saying it was due to a multiplicity of reasons. Nils Antony might as well have remained home, too, except for the bracing exercise. He fenced eight bouts in the A pool and lost them all.

Also represented for the first time was Penn, whose one-man team was Bob Greenbaum. Greenbaum fared better than Kindwall, snaring 5 points.

After N. Y. U. and Navy in the foils were Columbia with 13, Cornell with 11, Penn State with 8, Army with 6 and then Penn State. Army, too, had only one man up, Vincent Guadiana. Hamilton, a competitor with saber and épée, was not in the foils effort.

Navy had as supporting cast to Cox Richard Seacord, Lowell Fitch and Jack Robinson. The two last-named, the only fencers not upper classmen, took turns fencing in the A pool and managed to win three bouts between them. Cox, of course, was the big gun, taking five bouts in a row before tasting defeat and losing not a point in the process. Seacord had fifty-fifty luck, winning four and losing four for the seafaring lads.

Carrying the torch for N. Y. U. were Marmer, Malcolm Lieberman and Kaplan. Kaplan also doubled in brass with the épée on opening day. Their combined efforts kept the Violet on top throughout the foils phase of the competition, with Navy hot on their trail all the way.

Besides 1929, the men of Annapolis also took the three-weapon crown in 1924 and tied with Yale in 1925.