

COLUMBIA KEEPS TITLE IN FENCING

Lions' Epee Team Scores 22
Points to Defeat Cornell
as 2-Day Event Starts

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Columbia's team retained the epee title as the fifty-eighth Intercollegiate Fencing Association tournament began yesterday. Twelve colleges are competing.

Instead of the usual college gymnasium, the scene was the flag-bedecked ballroom of the Concourse-Plaza Hotel in the Bronx. Not since 1938 had the swordsmen done their dueling under the light of ballroom chandeliers.

The initial phase of the two-day program proved keen. Columbia emerged the victor by the margin of one bout, with 22 points, one credit going for each individual victory. Cornell was next with 21, while Navy, City College and Yale were bracketed next at 18 each.

Columbia's coach, Irving De Koff, used a bit of strategy when four foes remained on the list for the Lions in the round Robin. He called upon a substitute for his third man, and Bernard Weiss, a 5-foot 8-inch junior, vindicated his selection. Weiss swept all four bouts and carried off the decisive one against Brooklyn College to assure his team's winning margin.

Civan Gets Replacement

The Columbia squad included Nyles Ayers, who won seven of eleven in the No. 1 pool. Ray Ogren, as Ayers, a sophomore, captured nine of eleven in pool 2. Mortimer Civan, 6 foot 6½ inches, took two of seven before Weiss replaced him in the last four bouts of pool 3.

Cornell, undefeated in dual competition this year, led Columbia with only three rivals remaining. At that stage, Cornell was 16—8 and Columbia 15—9. But City College upset Cornell's chances with a 3-0 sweep against the Ithacans, while Columbia was beating Harvard, 3—0. That changed the team standing so that Columbia led, 18—9, while Cornell was 16—11.

Princeton then beat Columbia, 2—1, while Cornell was winning, 2—1, from Rutgers in the next round. The Lions were, therefore, still in front as they went out to face Brooklyn College in the concluding round, leading Cornell, 19 to 18.

Gerstenfeld Is Defeated

Then Ayers and Ogren won bouts for Columbia, against Brooklyn College, assuring at least a tie should Cornell score a sweep against its last opponent, Harvard. However, Weiss registered a 3-2 verdict against Jacob Gerstenfeld of Brooklyn College.

Richard Pew of Cornell, the defending intercollegiate epee champion, along with Ogren of Columbia and Tom Westerman of Rutgers accounted for nine of eleven bouts each. Pew qualified for the individual final from pool 1. Ayers of Columbia and Paul Rosenberg of N. Y. U. also qualified, after a fence-of with Jim Woods of Navy.

Ogren moved into the individual final from pool 2, along with John Kirkpatrick of Navy. The Midshipman had an 8-3 record. The other among the six qualifiers was Westerman, in pool 3.

The foil, saber and three-weapon team titles will be decided today, along with the individual championships.

Navy assumed the lead in the foils as half of that competition was completed last night. The midshipman team won fifteen bouts. Cornell was next with fourteen, while Yale had twelve, as did Brooklyn College.

THE SUMMARIES

EPEE

(Bouts won and lost show in parentheses)
Pool One—Richard Pew, Cornell (9—2); Nyles Ayers, Columbia (7—4); James Woods, Navy (7—4); Paul Rosenberg, N. Y. U. (7—4); William Pierakalla, Harvard (6—5); Allan Hoffman, Princeton (6—5); Robert Rothman, Brooklyn (5—6); Joel Wolfe, City College (4—7); Ed Bristol, M. I. T. (4—7); Eugene Le Goff, Rutgers (4—7); John Sutton, Yale (4—7); David Shrager, Penn (3—8).

Qualifiers for individual championship—Pew and, by fence-off, Ayers and Rosenberg.

Pool Two—Ray Ogren, Columbia (9—2); John Kirkpatrick, Navy (8—3); Jonas Ulenas, City College (7—4); Donald Cyphers, Cornell (7—4); Andrew Torchia, Yale (7—4); Ira Weinberg, Penn (6—5); Sam Stewart, Princeton (6—5); Irving Barocas, Brooklyn (4—7); Ken Anderson, Rutgers (4—7); Harold Miller, M. I. T. (2—3); John De Verrier, M. I. T. (1—5); Louis Gulnot, N. Y. U. (3—8); Walton Rawls, Harvard (1—4); Douglas Fitcher, Harvard (1—5).

Qualifiers for individual championship—Ogren and Kirkpatrick.

Pool Three—Thomas Westerman, Rutgers, (9—2); Norman Zafman, City College, (7—4); Harry Eichenbaum, NYU, (7—4); Alan Mitosky, Penn, (7—4); Raymond Carlson, Yale, (7—4); Mort Civan, Columbia, (2—5); Bernard Weiss, Columbia, (4—0); Jack Lowe, Cornell, (5—6); Jacob Gerstenfeld, Brooklyn, (4—7); Charles Kuslick, M.I.T., (4—7); Joseph Toot, Princeton, (4—7); Robert Scrivner, Harvard, (3—8); John Jaudon, Navy, (3—5); William Auer, Navy, (0—3).

Qualifier for individual championship—Westerman.

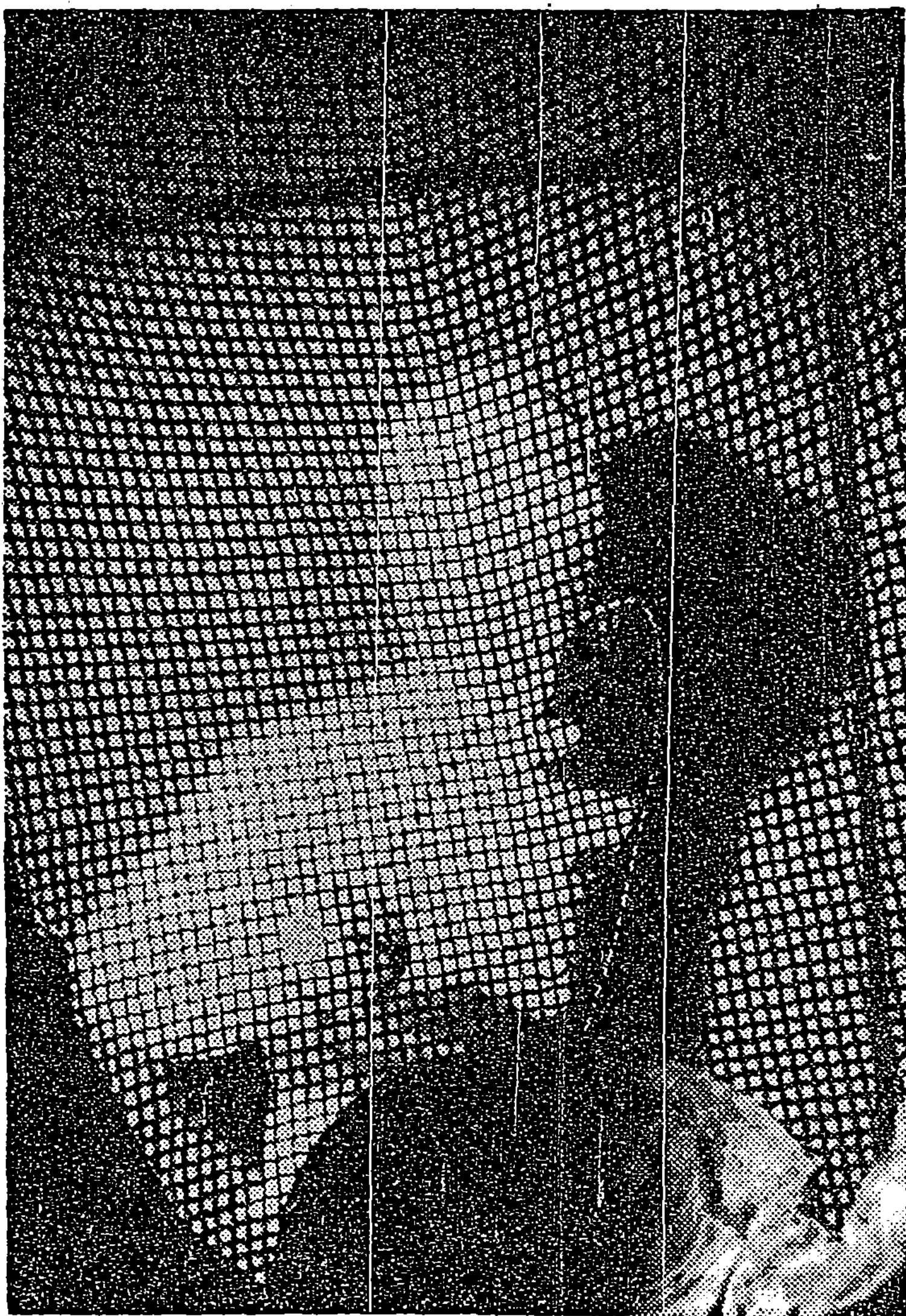
Team Point Scores

Columbia	22	Rutgers	17
Cornell	21	Penn	16
City College	18	Princeton	16
Navy	18	Brooklyn	13
Yale	18	Harvard	11
N.Y.U.	17	M.I.T.	11

FOIL

Team Point Scores

Navy	15	Penn	9
Cornell	14	Harvard	8
Yale	12	N. Y. U.	6
Brooklyn College	12	Rutgers	4
Princeton	11	Columbia	4
City College	11	M. I. T.	2



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TOUCHE! A contestant's view of his opponent during a match at the intercollegiate fencing championships here. Bernard Weiss of Columbia appears to be scoring point as he is photographed through face mask of a rival fencer.