

N. Y. U. Out to Prove Tall Sword Point In College Title Fencing Starting Today

Coach Hugo Castello of New York University believes that tall fencers have better chances of winning bouts. As a result, his épée team is "tops" in the fifty-ninth intercollegiate fencing championships beginning today at the Hotel Concourse Plaza.

There will be 108 épée, foil and saber men representing twelve colleges in 1,089 bouts for the two-day tests. But none is taller than any of N. Y. U.'s épée trio. The three are John Farrell, who stands 6 feet 4½ inches; Paul Rosenberg, 6 feet 6, and Harry Eichenbaum, 6 feet 7. Farrell and Rosenberg are left-handers.

At a gathering of the coaches yesterday, Castello explained that if basketball wanted big men, so did fencing. He said he had been on the lookout for such candidates constantly on the Violet campus.

"When I spot the big fellows, I ask them out for the team," he said. "'A long arm is faster than a foot,' is my motto, so send me the long-armed potential fencers."

Competition will begin at 11 o'clock this morning in the épée event. The round-robin in the foil will start at 4:30 P. M. The saber bouts will get under way at 9 A. M. tomorrow in the team race. Individual title bouts will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Navy will defend the Little Iron Man Trophy, the oldest of athletic trophies, with its foil team. Columbia won both the saber and épée titles in 1955, and Cornell was the three-weapon champion. Columbia, the Ivy League champion, and Princeton are among the favored teams this year.

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