

N.Y.U. Captures Three-Weapon Title in Collegiate Fencing for 15th Time

COLUMBIA SECOND IN EASTERN MEET

N.Y.U. Considers Skipping
N.C.A.A. Event Weakened
by Absence of Ivy Teams

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NEW HAVEN, March 12—
The New York University fencing team won the three-weapon title today in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships at Yale's Payne Whitney Gymnasium. It was the 15th time N.Y.U. had won the sport's most distinguished collegiate tournament, which was begun in 1894. No other school has won it so often.

Following through after yesterday's remarkable triumph in the foil competition, three Violet swordsmen won the saber event today with 23 points and that wrapped up the championship. The Violets in the saber event were Paul Apostol, Dan Zimmerman, both juniors, and Dick Berke, a senior. Berke, from Far Rockaway, Queens, was the No. 3 man. In the third pool he won nine of his 10 bouts for the best record of the day.

N.Y.U.'s big push in points came yesterday when its foil threesome, Al Davis, Howie Harnetz and Mike Gaylor, won 29 of 30 matches, a record achievement in this tournament. But in the opening épée event yesterday, the Violets placed sixth among 11 Eastern colleges that sent teams.

N.Y.U. Gets 69 Points
The 17 points gained in épée, 29 in foil and 23 in saber today added up to 69 for N.Y.U. Columbia, last year's winner, was second with 61 points.

This victory may be the zenith for the N.Y.U. team, since its participation in the forthcoming National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament at Durham, N. C., next weekend is doubtful because of the dispute between the Ivy League and the N.C.A.A. over academic standards for athletes. Miguel A. de Capriles, dean of the N.Y.U. Law School, a member of the university's Athletic Board of Control and the N.C.A.A. fencing chairman, said today the absence from the N.C.A.A. tournament of such strong Ivy teams as Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania would reduce the affair to second-class stature.

So there would be little point in sending the N.Y.U. team, because if it won it would have beaten no one of meaning, said de Capriles.

Once the team competition was out of the way, the individual championships were decided among the six top point-scorers in each of the three events.

Columbia, last year's national champion, produced two title-holders, Steve Weinstein in foil and Frank Lowy in saber. Lowy was a surprise winner, but Weinstein was not. Steve, a 20-year-old senior from Forest Hills, Queens, is one of the top collegiate fencers and he had to beat another good one, Al Davis of N.Y.U.

Weinstein Wins Fence-off

Davis and Weinstein finished the round-robin with identical records and went into a fence-off, which the Columbia man won, 5-2. He said he changed tactics on the taller Davis, to whom he had lost twice before this weekend.

"I took it inside," he said, meaning his thrusts were directed in tight to overcome the greater reach of Davis, an experienced 27-year-old with a European fencing background. Lowy, the saber winner, is a chunky 18-year-old sophomore from West 72d Street in Manhattan.

"Mike Quill lived in our building," he said.

The younger Lion works harder than anyone on the team, according to his coach, Irving Dekoff, and he was rewarded with a gold medal.

He won all five of his matches in the finals, although three were close, with 5-4 scores.

"I didn't even expect to get into the finals, let alone win them," he said.

The third individual champion came from Penn. That was 20-year-old Ron McMahan, a junior. He won the épée title in a fence-off with Richard Holzman of Columbia.

McMahan and Holzman fenced each other three times during the tournament and Holzman won the first two times, 5-3 and 5-4. But when the gold medal was at stake, McMahan persevered, winning by 5-2 to end this tournament of thrust and parry.