

N.Y.U. Regains Three-Weapon Crown by 2 Points in Intercollegiate Fencing

COLUMBIA SWEEPS INDIVIDUAL TITLES

Pearlman, Jeff Kestler and Lowy Win Epee, Foil and Saber Crown for Lions

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 16 —New York University's well-balanced squad regained the three-weapon team title today in the 71st annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships in Princeton's Dillon Gymnasium. The Violets, coached by Hugo Castello, captured the trophy it had lost a year ago to Pennsylvania by scoring a total of 74 points.

The Violet swordsmen won the épée yesterday morning, in the opening round of the two-day competition with 25 points, tied with Columbia in the foil with 27 points, then finished third with 22 in the saber this morning to win over-all honors.

But the Lions, under Coach Louis Bankuti, cast aside their frustrations at the failure to overthrow the Violets in the three-weapon test to gain a complete triumph in the individual titles.

It was N.Y.U. that floundered against the finely-honed Columbia fencers in the round-robin play involving the épée, foil and the saber.

Masin, Gaylor Beaten

Two of those defending champions wore the Violet and White of N.Y.U., George Masin in the épée and Mike Gaylor in the foil. Both also are the National Collegiate titleholders.

But Columbia, fired up by its failure to catch N.Y.U. for over-all honors—they missed winning by two points—turned the fencing strips into a parade of Light Blue victors.

Burt Pearlman, a senior and an aerospace engineering student, upset his long-time foe, Masin 5-2, to win the épée crown. A former Jamaica High School foilsmen, Pearlman switched to the épée under Columbia's former coach, Irv Dekoff, and added to his prowess under Bankuti.

Jeff Kestler, a former Stuyvesant High co-captain, also compiled a perfect mark in the foil round-robin. Among his victims was Gaylor Kestler, a government major who is no stranger to championship competition. In 1966 he won the under-19 title in the foil.

Frank Lowy, Columbia's captain, faced the most difficult task of the afternoon. Penn and Army had shown surprising strength in the saber and placed two men each in the round-robin.

Lowy, who was the co-captain with Kestler at Stuyvesant, tied with Todd Makler, Penn's No. 1 man and the defending National Collegiate titleholder.

Lowy and Makler each won four bouts and lost one.

Penn Wins Saber

In the saber competition during the morning competition, Penn lived up to its advance billing by winning the weapon, while Columbia, supposedly strong, faltered.

The Lions lost a total of 12 bouts of the 33 to Makler, Braslow and Bob Moore, a sophomore just beginning his second semester in fencing.

Penn won the weapon with 25 points, while Columbia fell to fourth with 21. Army's trio of Mike Romash, Ron Feher and John Kendrick finished second with 23 points, while N.Y.U. beat out the Lions by a single point.

But the Lions made up for their saber failure with their brilliant individuals efforts that concluded the tourney.

INDIVIDUAL SABER				
Pool 1—Todd Makler, Pennsylvania (10-1); Frank Lowy, Columbia (9-2); Michael Romash, Army (8-3); Steven Liebermann, C.C.N.Y. (7-4); William Scott, N.Y.U. (7-4); Martin Cries, Navy (5-1); Steve Mayberg, Yale (4-7); Michael Marioni, Cornell (4-7); David Devore, Rutgers (3-8); Ron Winfield, Harvard (3-8); Carter, Princeton (2-9); Frank Riley, Navy (1-4).				
Pool 2—Ronald Feher, Army (8-3); Norman Braslow, Pennsylvania (8-3); Jack Holtz, Navy (7-4); Robert Knitz, C.C.N.Y. (7-4); Andrew Speculor, N.Y.U. (7-4); Robert Andre, Princeton (6-5); Daniel Gollersman, Columbia (6-5); Curtis Marx, M.I.T. (4-7); Joseph Laliman, Cornell (3-8); Robert Barnard, Harvard (3-8); Jerome Fischer, Rutgers (3-8); John Friedland, Yale (2-6); Carl Gumbiner, Yale (2-1).				
Pool 3—Peter Hendel, Princeton (9-2); John Lima, N.Y.U. (8-3); John Kendrick, Army (7-4); Robert Phillips, Navy (7-4); Robert Moore, Pennsylvania (7-4); Joseph Cohen, C.C.N.Y. (6-5); David Rodgers, Columbia (5-1); Kirk Menard, Cornell (5-6); Barry Poller, Yale (4-7); Jack Kesser, Rutgers (4-7); Bruce Sather, M.I.T. (2-9); John Gersh, Harvard (1-10); Douglas Mott, Columbia (1-4).				
INDIVIDUAL EPEE CHAMPIONSHIPS				
1. Burt Pearlman, Columbia (5-0); 2. George Masin, N.Y.U. (4-1); 3. Van Wloston, N.Y.U. (2-3); 4. Arnold Messing, C.C.N.Y. (2-3); 5. Kevin Sullivan, Columbia (1-5); 6. Harry Jerseem, Harvard (1-5).				
INDIVIDUAL FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP				
1. Jeffrey Kestler, Columbia (5-0); 2. Arthur Baker, Columbia (3-2); 3. John McKay, Columbia (2-3); 4. Mike Gaylor, N.Y.U. (2-3); 5. Joseph Freeman, Navy (2-3); 6. Gus Mavroudis, Rutgers (1-4).				
INDIVIDUAL SABER CHAMPIONSHIP				
1. Frank Lowy, Columbia (4-1); 2. Todd Makler, Penn (4-1); 3. Norman Braslow, Penn (3-2); 4. Ron Feher, Army (3-2); 5. Peter Hendel, Princeton (1-4); 6. Mike Romash, Army (0-5). Fence-off: Lowy defeated Makler (5-3).				
SABER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS				
1.—Pennsylvania	10	8	8	25
2.—Army	8	8	7	23
3.—N.Y.U.	9	6	6	21
4.—C.C.N.Y.	7	7	6	20
5.—Navy	7	7	6	20
6.—Princeton	2	6	9	17
7.—Cornell	4	3	5	12
8.—Yale	4	4	4	12
9.—Rutgers	3	3	4	10
10.—M.I.T.	3	4	2	9
11.—Harvard	3	4	2	9
Qualifiers for saber individual championships—Todd Makler, Frank Lowy, Michael Romash, Donald Feher, Norman Braslow and Peter Mendel.				
THREE-WEAPON TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP				
1. N.Y.U.	25	27	22	74
2. Columbia	24	27	21	72
3. Navy	22	23	20	65
4. Pennsylvania	18	17	24	59
5. C.C.N.Y.	24	14	16	54
6. Princeton	14	19	11	44
7. Army	13	7	12	32
8. Yale	7	14	11	32
9. Rutgers	11	11	11	33
10. Cornell	8	11	17	36
11. M.I.T.	11	7	9	27
12. Harvard	12	7	9	28