

PENN FENCERS WIN N. C. A. A. LAURELS

Top Saber and Epee in Taking 3-Weapon Title First Time

—Zimolzak Gains Award

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PHILADELPHIA, March 28—

The University of Pennsylvania won the three-weapon team fencing championship of the National Collegiate A. A. for the first time today with 94 points and carried off two individual crowns in a sweeping triumph. Alumni of the school could not recall when the Red and Blue had last won a national team title officially in any sport.

Robert Parmacek of Chicago and Jack Tori of Philadelphia contributed 32 and 31 points, respectively, to Penn's total in winning the saber and épée championships. Captain Frank Bartone of Philadelphia accounted for the other 31 in taking second place in the foil, won by Ed Nober of Brooklyn College with 32 points.

Finishing second behind Penn, which gained possession of the three-weapon trophy donated by Yale, was Navy with a total of 86 points. Midshipman Frank Zimolzak, the defending champion, who placed second in the saber, in which he won his first thirty bouts before losing to Parmacek, was the recipient of the Illinois memorial award, a plaque given to "the collegiate fencer of the year" on the basis of ability, character and sportsmanship.

Yale a Surprising Third

Zimolzak scored 31 points in the saber, one less than Parmacek. Mel Hiller and Horace Leavitt contributed 28 and 27 points, respectively, to Navy's total, in finishing second in the épée and fourth in the foil.

Yale was a surprising third with 73 points, William Goering placing fourth in the saber, and George Jacoby fourth in the épée. Columbia, winner of the three-weapon title the past two years, and New York University tied for fourth place with 72 points.

Columbia, N. Y. U., Penn and Navy, which finished in that order last year, were rated as the big four of the thirty-seven colleges that sent 111 competitors to the tournament, held in Hutchinson Gymnasium on the Penn campus. In the recent eastern championships, Navy won the title, followed by Penn and Columbia. N. Y. U. tied for fourth place with Cornell, which did not compete here. Yale was sixth.

Columbia carried off third place in the N. C. A. A. epee and saber individual championships. Irwin Bernstein, captain-elect, scored 25 points with the dueling sword.

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Nineteen-year-old Steve Sobel contributed 30 with the saber.

Last year Sobel tied Zimolzak and lost to him in the fence-off. There was the prospect that the Columbia youth would tie Parmacek today as they met in the final saber bout after Sobel had beaten Zimolzak. He led the Penn man by three touches to two, but Parmacek then scored three hits in succession to clinch the championship.

Bernard Schoeck of N. Y. U., who defeated Nober here, placed fifth with the foil and Robert Miller finished in a three-way tie for sixth in the saber. N. Y. U.'s other representative, Herman Wallner, the defending champion with the epee and recent winner of the Eastern title again, was not in his best form here.

The victory of Nober in the foil was set up by his defeat of Bartone yesterday. The Brooklyn youth is a junior majoring in physical education. He fenced at Boys High and has made big strides at Brooklyn College under the tutelage of Prof. Joseph Smith, the fencing coach. He recently won the Eastern crown.

Nober is left-handed and stands 6 feet 1 inch with a fine physique for the sport. He has a magnificent sense of timing and his biggest virtue is his coolness. He senses the instant his opponent is not quite ready for his fleche and delivers his running attack to catch him in the collar. Nober suffered a heel injury in his first bout yesterday as he lunged, but came through today in spite of the handicap.

Perhaps the most exciting bout of the tournament came in the meeting between Parmacek and Zimolzak with the saber. This was the eighth time they had faced each other on the strip and the Navy man had lost only once.

Zimolzak has probably the quickest parry and riposte of any man in college competition. His ability to carry them out from any position, whether falling back or going forward or off to the side, makes him dangerous to an attacker. In several of their meetings Parmacek had led in touches, only to yield in the end to these tactics.

Today the Penn man made Zimolzak come to him, retreating and, on one occasion, running off

the strip. The midshipman's attack is not as strong as his defense, and so he was beaten pretty much at his own game. Zimolzak took his defeat, his first in thirty-one bouts here, with fine sportsmanship.

Tori, Penn's other champion, was rated the standout all the way with the epee. His sense of timing and distance are unusual and he has the body to carry out the designs of his swift attack. He moves in and out like a cobra, flowing along on his long legs as he delivers the blade home in a risky attack.

Tori, a natural athlete, did no fencing until he enrolled at Penn. His success is attributed in good part to the coaching of Lajos Csiszar, who came to Penn five years ago, after serving under Italo Santelli in Budapest, to bring the Red and Blue to the top for the first time in history.

Finishing sixth behind Columbia and N. Y. U. with 70 points was Illinois, whose John Cameron placed fifth with the sabre. Rutgers and Notre Dame followed with 67 each, Brooklyn College with 65, Wisconsin with 61 and Wayne with 60. Dave Clinton of Wayne placed third in the foil. Other totals were Princeton 58, Army 57, Lehigh 56, Michigan State 55, Trinity 54 and Texas Tech 52.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Epee.	Foil.	Saber.	Total
Penn	31	31	32	94
Navy	28	27	31	86
Yale	24	23	26	73
N. Y. U.	21	26	25	72
Columbia	25	17	30	72
Illinois	19	26	25	70
Notre Dame	22	21	24	67
Rutgers	23	24	20	67
Brooklyn College	17	32	16	65
Wisconsin	21	26	14	61
Wayne	15	30	15	60
Princeton	17	25	16	58
Army	23	14	20	57
Lehigh	19	16	21	56
Michigan State	15	23	17	55
Trinity	24	18	12	54
Texas Tech	12	16	24	52
Lafayette	16	19	16	51
Boston U.	17	19	13	49
St. Peter's	12	13	22	47
Temple	15	11	16	42
Chicago	15	12	13	40
Ohio State	13	9	18	40
Stevens	18	17	4	39
Johns Hopkins	16	5	17	38
M. I. T.	14	6	14	34
Case	15	14	5	34
Haverford	14	4	13	31
Louisville	12	16	3	31
Iowa	10	14	7	31
Buffalo	8	5	17	30
North Carolina State....	7	12	5	24
St. Lawrence	7	5	7	19
Indiana	17	17
Northwestern	14	14
George Washington	6	6	4	10
Miami	9	9

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SABER

- 1—Bob Parmacek, Penn (32—1).
- 2—Frank Zimolzak, Navy (31—2).
- 3—Steve Sobel, Columbia (30—3).
- 4—William Goering, Yale (26—7).

FOIL

- 1—Ed Nober, Brooklyn (32—2).
- 2—Frank Bartone, Penn (31—3).
- 3—Dave Clinton, Wayne (30—4).
- 4—Horace Leavitt, Navy (27—6).

EPEE

- 1—Jack Tori, Penn (31—3).
- 2—Mel Hiller, Navy (28—6).
- 3—Irwin Bernstein, Columbia (25—9).
- 4—George Jacoby, Yale (24—10).