

ILLINOIS FENCERS GAIN TEAM TITLE

Top Columbia by Two Points
in N. C. A. A. Tournament—

Navy Finishes Third

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 24—The University of Illinois team won the National Collegiate fencing championship today.

The Illini trio scored with 90 points, losing only fourteen bouts. It was the first time Illinois had emerged victor in the twelve-year history of the tournament.

Columbia, the defending titleholder, and winner in four of the last five years, trailed Illinois by two points. The Lions had 88 winning bouts and dropped 16.

Navy, the Eastern intercollegiate champion, and leader yesterday at the half-way mark of the marathon tournament, was next among the thirty-nine colleges with a score of 87 and 17.

Coached by Max Garrett, a native New Yorker and a graduate of City College, who recovered from a freak accident in time to share in the plaudits, Illinois scored 31 in foil, 27 in epee and 32 in saber to accumulate its winning total.

Herman Velasco Jr., the 1955 N.C.A.A. foil champion, had the assignment for Illinois in this weapon. Lawrence Kauffman fenced with the epee and Arthur Schankin was its saber man.

Schankin Saber Star

Schankin supplied an unexpected performance in the two-day tests by losing only three of thirty-five bouts. He is 28 years old and a sophomore. He was formerly in the lithographing business and decided to seek a college education at a comparatively late age. He has been fencing for approximately nine years, taking part in the sport previously in Detroit, his native city.

Schankin moved into a tie with Gerald Kauffman of Columbia for individual saber honors.

In the fence-off Kauffman turned back Schankin with a perfect 5-0 tally.

Princeton's Kinmont Hoitsma, a member of the United States Olympic fencing squad and Navy's John Kirkpatrick were tied at the end of the regulation thirty-four bouts, with 28 and 6 records for the individual épée title.

There was no question about the foil title, however. This went to Ralph De Marco of Columbia, who proved one of the outstanding fencers in the tournament. De Marco lost only two bouts, both of these yesterday, to Bob Goering of Yale and Ed Wang of Syracuse. So well did he fence

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that he carried off 22-bout decisions in a row.

De Marco is a southpaw who lives in Bayonne, N. J. He is a senior at Columbia and has been a member of two of the Lions' championship N. C. A. A. aggregations. He first gained attention as a fencer during high school days when he captured the New Jersey state crown. He finished fourth in the individual N. C. A. A. race last year.

In the subsequent fence-off Hoitsma defeated Midshipman Kirkpatrick for the épée laurels, 3 to 2.

Norfleet Johnston of Princeton was declared the winner of the Illinois Memorial Trophy, as the "fencer of the year." Nominations are made by the participants, with the final balloting by the coaches. The trophy is awarded on the basis of sportsmanship, conduct and performances in intercollegiate competition. Johnston represented Princeton with the saber.

Garrett, the Illinois coach, was the victim of an unusual accident during the afternoon session. Seated at a table watching a bout, he received a blow over the left temple as an épée man moved off the regulation strip and inadvertently struck Garrett with his weapon.

Garrett fell to the floor. He received medical attention and was ordered to rest.

The tourney began at 8:30 A. M. yesterday and completed the first day's program at 11 P. M. Competitors in each weapon fenced in a round-robin.

Despite the efficiency in which the championship was conducted at the United States Naval Academy, the 1,855 bouts proved too many for the committee to stage within the originally allotted hours.

Coaches discussed the possibility of regional sectional qualifying trials in future tournaments. Most contestants, after being in the gymnasium for some twelve hours yesterday, either fencing or waiting their turns, had to report at 7:30 this morning.

FOILS

Ralph DeMarco, Columbia, 33-2; Herman Velasco Jr., Illinois, 31-4; Joe Crisanti, Cornell, 31-4; Raymond Hill, Navy, 29-6;

Team Point Scores

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Illinois	90	14	Harvard	45	59
Columbia	85	16	Case	45	59
Navy	87	17	Northwestern	41	63
Princeton	81	23	Lehigh	41	63
Yale	73	31	Chicago	40	64
Wisconsin	71	33	Brooklyn	39	31
Ohio State	69	35	Syracuse	37	67
N. Y. U.	68	36	Penn	35	69
Cornell	66	38	Kentucky	33	71
Temple	64	40	Texas Tech.	33	71
C. C. N. Y.	63	41	Brooklyn Poly.	28	76
Mich. State	60	44	Indiana	27	87
Iowa State	57	47	Stevens	18	52
Notre Dame	53	51	Wayne	16	40
Detroit	52	52	Stanford	16	19
Buffalo	49	55	G. Wash'n.	16	19
Rutgers	49	55	Fordham	15	20
Rice	48	56	Boston U.	13	56
Johns Hopkins	48	56	St. Lawrence	10	59
Penn	46	38			

Robert Goering, Yale, 28-7; Al Peredo, New York University, 26-9; Ken Krumm, Northwestern, 24-11; Joel Wolfe, City College, 24-11; James Williams, Detroit, 24-11; Arthur Miller, Princeton, 22-13; Bruce Bachman, Wisconsin, 22-13; Arthur Borror, Ohio State, 22-13.

Gerald Breen, Michigan State, 21-14; Joseph Tribble, Pennsylvania, 21-14; Joe Prostick, Brooklyn College, 21-14; Theo Myers, Ohio State, 21-14; John Fratto, Temple, 20-15; Howard Jaslow, Brooklyn Poly, 19-26; John Friel, Notre Dame, 18-17; Aaron Ament, Buffalo, 16-19; Robert Simon, Stanford, 16-19; Hubert Hocut, Harvard, 15-20; Alan Rose, Johns Hopkins, 13-22; Conrad Gnieweck, Wayne, 13-22.

Edward Wang, Syracuse, 12-23; John Williams, Case Institute, 12-23; Sam Senior, Lehigh, 12-23; Jay Levine, Chicago, 11-24; Edwin Kaspy, Rice, 11-24; Sheldon Cohen, Rutgers, 11-25; Frank Griffin, Texas Tech, 10-25; Nicholas Nestanos, Stevens, 8-27; George Park, Kentucky, 8-27; Gene Allebach, Penn College, 7-28; Art Foster, St. Lawrence, 5-30; Tom McNeil, Indiana, 3-32.

SABER

Gerald Kauffman, Columbia, 32-3; Arthur Schankin, Illinois, 32-3; Norfleet Johnston, Princeton, 31-4; James Wolverton, Navy, 30-5; Lester Zuckerman, Yale, 27-8; Len Parmacek, Wisconsin, 25-10; George Thomas, Michigan State, 25-10; Seymour Kaplan, Penn, 25-10; Leonard Gerwitz, Temple, 24-11; Donald Little, Ohio State, 24-11; Martin Wertheim, C. C. N. Y., 20-15; Robert Derderian, Detroit, 19-16; Gerald Gibson, Iowa State, 19-16; Bernie Baraban, N. Y. U., 19-16; William Paul, Brooklyn College, 18-17; John Forte, John Hopkins, 18-17; Andrew Ahlgren, Chicago, 16-19; Dennis Caverly, Cornell, 17-18; Charles Reed, Rice, 17-18; Glenn Knoll, Case, 16-19; Vernon Elder, George Washington, 16-19; David Silbert, Harvard, 16-19; Manuel Bocchini Jr., Fordham, 15-20.

John Hamilton, Buffalo, 15-20; Oscar Lindstrom, Rutgers, 14-21; Dave Friske, Notre Dame, 14-21; Robert Zecher, Lehigh, 12-23; Herbert Landthorp, Penn, 12-23; Louis Butler, Kentucky, 11-24; Kenneth Gullett, Texas Tech., 11-24; Wolfgang Hoppe, Wayne, 9-26; David Press, Northwestern, 9-26; Stanley Holland, Syracuse, 8-27; Charles Martens, Brooklyn Poly, 6-29; Harris Beratis, Indiana, 5-30; Robert Ginsburg, Boston, 3-32; Carl Anderson, Stevens (did not finish).

EPEE

Kinmont Hoitsma, Princeton, 28-6; John Kirkpatrick, Navy, 28-6; Lawrence Kauffman, Illinois, 27-7; Gene Legoff, Rutgers, 24-10; Charles Barnum, Wisconsin, 23-10; Nyles Ayres, Columbia, 23-11; Jack Graham, Ohio State, 23-11; Paul Rosenberg, N. Y. U., 23-11; Don Tadrowski, Notre Dame, 21-13; Don Promisp, Penn, 20-14; Fred Sklar, Rice, 20-13; Lawrence Anastasi, Temple, 20-14.

Norman Zafman, C. C. N. Y., 19-15; Fred Nickel, Indiana, 19-14; Jack Lowe, Cornell, 18-16; Andrew Torchia, Yale, 16-16; Alan Castellion, Buffalo, 18-16; Tom Leher, Johns Hopkins, 17-18; Nicholas Geacintow, Syracuse, 17-17; Jerome Meisel, Case, 17-17; Davis Dittmer, Iowa State, 17-17; David Bristol, Lehigh, 17-17; David Menefee, Penn, 16-18; Douglas Fitcher, Harvard, 14-20.

William Kester, Michigan State, 14-20; Charles Vitellio, Kentucky, 13-20; Michael Fain, Chicago, 13-20; Gene Brown, Texas Tech, 12-22; Bud Sylvester, Boston, 10-24; Charles Gilmore, Stevens, 10-25; Sam Dinsmore, Wayne, 9-24; Patrick McDonald, Detroit, 9-25; Roger Connors, Northwestern, 8-26; John Heintz, St. Lawrence, 5-29; Jack Brooks, Brooklyn Poly, 3-31.