

N.Y.U. IS FAVORED IN N.C.A.A. FENCING

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NORTHRIDGE, Calif., March 29 — Fencers from 36 colleges begin competition tomorrow in the 23d annual National Collegiate Athletic Association championships here. New York University is the defending champion.

Teams from all parts of the country, including the usually large Eastern contingent, are on hand. There will also be individual championships in the three categories of weapons — foil, épée and saber—in round-robin competition at San Fernando Valley State College.

The N.Y.U. Violets, who have won the title six times, must be considered the team to beat, even after having been upset by Pennsylvania two weeks ago in the International Fencing Association tournament.

Of the Eastern contenders, Penn has a fine épée man in Ron McMahan and an equally deceptive saber fencer in Todd

Makler. Navy is led by Frank Hewitt in épée and Columbia is perennially strong.

The Midwestern schools, where fencing has been cultivated extensively in recent years, are expected to provide tough competition. Notre Dame, undefeated in 18 matches during the season; the Big Ten champion, Wisconsin, and the runner-up, Illinois, have strong squads.

Paul Apostol of N.Y.U., a senior from East Northport, L.I., is back to defend his saber title. He won the individual I.F.A. title, as did his teammates, Mike Gaylor (foil) and George Masin (épée).

Other Eastern schools in the three-day event include Buffalo, City College, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers, Army, Yale and Temple.

Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.'s coach for the last 20 years, was inducted into the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame today.

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