

COLUMBIA RETAINS LEAD IN FENCING

N.Y.U. Second and C.C.N.Y.
Third in Title Tourney

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DETROIT, March 29—Columbia University, led by the strong performance of Jeffrey Kestler with the foil today continued to lead the field of 40 colleges competing in the 24th annual National Collegiate fencing championships at Wayne State University.

The Lions won 36 bouts today in the second round of competition to bring their total to 63, four more than New York University, the defending team champion. Columbia has lost 13 times and N.Y.U. 15. City College of New York is third with a 58-16 won-lost record, followed by the University of Pennsylvania at 57-17.

Kestler, the Eastern champion, who lost three of his opening-round bouts yesterday, was unbeatable today. He won 16 foil bouts, including a 5-0 victory in the first event of the day over the previously undefeated Gerald Espanda of San Francisco State, last year's N.C.A.A. runner-up.

Espanda Sets Pace

Despite the loss to Kestler, Espanda remained the leader in the foil competition with 26 victories and 1 defeat.

One of Espanda's victims was Bill Borkowsky of City College, who was undefeated in 11 times on the strip yesterday, Borkowski also lost three other bouts, to Dennis Kai Yen Law of Pennsylvania, 5-4; John Kedroff of Can Fernando Valley State College, 5-3, and Bruce Taubman of Wisconsin, 5-3.

Borkowsky, Kestler and Ted Sieja of Princeton are tied for second place with the foil, with 20-3 records.

Frank Lowy of Columbia, yesterday's leader with a 10-0 mark, lost two bouts to fall 2 points behind Todd Makler of Pennsylvania in the saber competition. Lowy lost to Mike Romasch of Army, 5-4, and to Andrew Haliw of Wayne State, 5-3.

The Pennsylvania saberman, last year's champion, went through the first 11 bouts today undefeated before falling to Lowy. He ended the day at 22-2.

In épée, Don Sieja of Cornell, also unbeaten in the first day's competition, lost one bout in 11 today, bowing to Don Berry

of the University of California (Riverside), 5-3. He remained the leader with the weapon, however, since George Masin of New York University lost four times to put him at 17-4.

Jim Davidson of Navy, was second in the épée competition, with an 18-3 mark. Arnold Messing of City College and Burt Pearlman of Columbia each had an 18-4 score.

	Foil	Epée	Saber	Pts.
Columbia	24	19	20	63
N.Y.U.	20	21	18	59
C.C.N.Y.	23	20	15	58
Penn	19	16	22	57
Navy	16	22	16	54
Air Force	16	16	19	51
Cornell	9	24	17	50
Notre Dame	16	14	19	49
Wisconsin	20	17	11	48
Illinois	14	16	13	43
Princeton	22	11	10	43
Wayne State	16	9	18	43
Army	15	11	16	42
Buffalo State	15	15	11	41
Kansas	12	16	11	39
Detroit	17	15	5	37
Temple	18	11	8	37
Pacc	12	18	6	36
Illinois (Chicago)	14	8	13	35
Brooklyn Poly	15	11	8	34