

# Notre Dame Fencers Take N.C.A.A. Title

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 26 (AP)—Mike Sullivan and Pat Gerard, individual title winners, triumphed in their specialties in a tiebreaking fence-off today that gave Notre Dame the National Collegiate Athletic Association fencing championship. The host Irish were tied with New York University, the defending champion, 114-114, at the end of regular competition.

In the fence-off, Sullivan outpointed Micklos Benedek in the saber and Gerard won the foil from Tom Valjacic.

The national championship was the first for Notre Dame. It was the second straight undefeated season for the Irish, who also captured a third-straight Great Lakes title en route to national honors. Mike DeCicco of Notre Dame was named coach of the year.

The individual title in epee was won by Hans Wieselgren of N.Y.U.

Wayne State finished third in the team standing with 103 points. Penn was fourth with 99 and Harvard fifth with 98.

Rounding out the team standing were Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 94; North Carolina and Yale tied with 92; Columbia and St. John's tied for 10th with 91.

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