Notre Dame's Fencers Retain Title in N.C.A.A.

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KENOSHA, Wis., March 18—Notre Dame retained its National Collegiate fencing championship today at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. The Irish scored 121 points to 110 for the runner-up, the University of Pennsylvania. Last year Notre Dame beat New York University in a special three-man fence-off after the teams ended the regular competition tied at 114.

Mike Sullivan of Notre Dame repeated'as saber champion by posting a perfect 23-victory record. Greg Hasyn of Temple was second with 18-5 and Steve Renshaw of Clemson was third with 17-6. The top three in each weapon earned first-team all-America status.

Second-team all-Americans were Bruce Feldman of Yale, Dan Tishman of N.Y.U. and Rich Weil of the University of North Carolina.

Vaggo Takes Epée Fence-Off

Bjorn Vaggo of Notre Dame defeated Chris Hanson of Penn and Peter Schifrin of San Jose State in a three-way fence-off for the épée championship. The three posted identical 19-4 records in the finals. Hanson beat Schifrin to take second.

The second team all-Americans in

the épée were Gil Pezza of Wayne State, Steve Dzincielewski of Rutgers and Peter Rozsa of Cleveland State.

Ernest Simon of Wayne State beat the defending champion, Pat Gerard of Notre Dame in a fence-off and won the foil crown. Both were 19-3 in the competition, Bill McKee of Princeton, at 17-5, placed third.

Jack Tichacek of Penn, twice a firstteam all-American, Carlos Songini of Cleveland State and Mark Smith of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were second team all-Americans in the foil. Tibor Friedman of Hunter College was seventh.

Sullivan, Hanson and Smith were voted the outstanding fencers of the tournament in their respective weapons.

Dave Micahnik of Penn was voted coach of the year. In addition to placing second here, his team won the Intercollegiate Fencing Association and Ivy League championships.

Trailing Notre Dame and Penn were Wayne State, 105; Clemson, 98; N.Y.U., Maryland and Cleveland State tied at 97; University of Wisconsin at Madison, 89; Navy, 88; San Jose State, 86, and Penn State, 81.

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