Sports News Briefs

Notre Dame, Wayne State Top Qualifiers in Fencing

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PRINCETON, N.J., March 22 — Notre Dame, the two-time defending champion, and Wayne State, the favorite, qualified in all three weapons today at the 35th National Collegiate fencing championships, which are being held this year at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

The University of Pennsylvania, last year's runner-up, and New York University, which tied for fifth last year but has won the team title 12 times, did not qualify in all three weapons and thus cannot challenge for the team title.

Mike Sullivan of Notre Dame and Ernest Simon of Wayne State, the defending individual champions in saber and foil, respectively, went undefeated in their preliminary rounds.

A total of 120 fencers representing 56 schools competed. The preliminary rounds reduced the 40-man field in each of the three weapons to 24. The top 24 in foil, epee and saber will compete in a round-robin tomorrow and Saturday to determine the individual and team champion.

Minnesota Prevails, Gains Final in N.C.A.A. Hockey

DETROIT, March 22 (AP) — Eric Strobel scored three goals tonight to help Minnesota beat New Hampshire, 4-3, and gain the final of the National Collegiate hockey tournament.

Strobel, a junior from Rochester, Minn., scored twice in the first period and netted what proved to be the gamewinning goal in the third. The Gophers broke on top 35 seconds into the first period, on Steve Christ-off's goal, and never trailed in the game.

Janaszak was beaten in the first period by Bob Francis on a power play and in the second period by Ralph Cox. Terry Flannagan scored on another power play for New Hampshire late in the third period.

St. Anthony's Captures Catholic Basketball Title

St. Anthony's of Smithtown, L.I., rallied to upset Mater Christi, 46-44, last night and captured the metropolitan area Catholic Class AAA scholastic basketball championship at St. Francis Prep High School in Fresh Meadows, Queens.

St. Agnes of Rockville Centre, L.I., won the Class A title with an 80-74 victory over St. Nicholas of Tolentine of the Bronx in the first game of the doubleheader. Both St. Agnes and St. Anthony's will compete in the state Federation tournament in Syracuse next weekend.

With 10 seconds to play and St. Anthony's holding a 44-42 lead, Mike Sheehan of the Friars hit two free throws to insure the victory. Sheehan scored 18 points while a teammate, Richie Simkus, had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Mater Christi finished with a 24-4 won-lost record. The Astoria team was led by Vern Fleming with 16 points and Tony (Red) Bruin with 11.

St. Agnes, which now has a 24-3 mark, was led by Tim O'Brien and Doug Mills with 21 points each and Tracy Mills with 19. High scorers for Tolentine were Andre Langford with 28 points and Ken Davis with 26.

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