

ARMY, RUTGERS TIE FOR FENCING TITLE

**N.C.A.A. Deadlock Decided On
After Controversy—C.C.N.Y.
Third, One Point Back**

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WEST POINT, N. Y., March 26 —After two long days of competition, Army and Rutgers shared the three-weapon championship as the fifth annual fencing tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association ended at the United States Military Academy today. In third place at the finish was the defending champion, C. C. N. Y., one point behind the leaders.

The co-winners scored 63 points each after having turned in a series of performances among the most noteworthy in the short history of the event. The Scarlet, however, had the edge in individual laurels, taking the foil and saber tests. Army headed the list with the épée.

The eventual outcome of the tourney was a distinct tribute to the abilities of Joe Velarde and Don Cetrulo, coaches at Army and Rutgers, respectively. Both mentors turned out extremely able competitors for the event.

Officials Go in Huddle

As it developed, the tie between Army and Rutgers came about only after a controversy during which the tournament committee was forced into a session after the program. The fact that Bob Schlosser of Notre Dame was unable to complete his saber bouts because of a pulled muscle in the knee, and did not fence at all today, led to the dispute.

At the end of the day, Army's record disclosed one more saber bout than did Rutgers because West Point's Chet Trubin had fenced Schlosser yesterday and won. Al Treves of Rutgers was slated to meet the Notre Dame performer today.

This small factor, which ordinarily would have made no difference, proved to be of major importance since the score for the three weapons showed Army with 64 victories and 17 defeats and Rutgers 63 and 17. The extra tri-

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umph for Army was stricken out, however, to bring about the tie.

Treves brought one of the individual crowns to Rutgers as a result of his fine showing with the saber. The Scarlet's other title was won by Ralph Tedeschi, who prevailed in the foil while Army's single weapon crown was contributed by Dick Bowman.

Moore Presents Awards

After the tournament Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, superintendent of the academy, made the presentations. The Yale trophy, emblematic of the three-weapon crown, will be held by Army and Rutgers six months apiece.

The victory by Treves in the saber did not come as a surprise in view of the Rutgers star's fine performance during his first-day stint on the strips. Launching today's activities with a record of twelve triumphs and one defeat to lead his nearest rival by two markers, Treves finished with a tally of 23—4, ahead of Gene Natanblut of City College, who posted 22 and 5.

Treves' success was particularly gratifying to the Scarlet performer in view of the long time he has spent trying to perfect his style.

Learning to fence for the first time at the age of 7 in Italy, where he was taught by the well known fencing master, Bino Bini, Treves has been a diligent worker on the strips. Last summer he returned to Italy and competed with some of the country's top performers. Currently he is working with George Santelli as well as Cetrulo.

The showing by Bowman in winning the épée was superb, the Army star having to engage in a fence-off with Chicago's Donald Thompson when each finished with twenty-four victories and two setbacks. In the extra session Bowman proved his mettle by turning back his rival, 3—1.

For a time it appeared that Thompson might offer the Army star more competition than he did. Bowman scored the first touch after 3:55 but the cadet evened matters less than a minute later. Then he scored twice in a row to take the contest.

Bowman not only had one of the best competitive records in the tourney but he had an imposing mark in his individual bouts. The Academy performer won twelve of his tests without being scored upon and took six of these in succession.

French Is Third

In third place in this weapon was the one-armed John French of Yale with 20 and 6. Bill Bryan, the only defending champion from Navy, finished with 19 and 7.

In the foil, Tedeschi, who was New Jersey schoolboy champion at his specialty, today went through his fourteen remaining bouts without a setback. Yesterday, the Scarlet ace accounted for a record of 10 and 3, losing only to Richard Daniels, Boston U.; Dave Rowe,

Haverford, and Andy Lucas, Illinois.

Tedeschi, who competed at Barringer High, placed one point ahead of Robert Neilsen of Columbia, who had twenty-three triumphs in twenty-seven bouts. Neilsen also appeared to find himself during today's session and went through his thirteen tests this morning and afternoon without a setback.

Francis Kramer, City College star who had finished in a triple tie for the leadership with Army's Barnard Cummings and N. Y. U.'s Joe Cagnina, was third in the final standings with 22 and 5. Then came Cagnina with 20—7. Cummings eventually placed in a four-way tie for fifth, slumping badly today and completing his round with a slate of 19 and 8.