

PENN SWORDSMEN N. C. A. A. LEADERS

Scores 66 Points as Tourney
Opens—Navy Next, N. Y. U.
Third, Columbia Fourth

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PHILADELPHIA, March 27—The University of Pennsylvania was leading Navy, New York University and Columbia's defending titleholders tonight at the end of the first day of competition in the National Collegiate Athletic Association fencing championships.

Scoring 23 points with the epee and 21 each with foil and saber, Penn had a total of 66 points for the three weapons with slightly more than two thirds of the bouts completed in the round-robin competition. Navy followed with 61; N. Y. U. was third with 54 and Columbia fourth with 51.

More than a hundred swordsmen from thirty-seven colleges are participating in the championships in Penn's Hutchinson Gymnasium. The Middle West has a strong representation including Illinois, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Iowa and Wayne.

Two Perfect Records

Jack Tori of Pennsylvania and Frank Zimolzak of Navy turned in perfect performances. Tori won all his twenty-three bouts with the épée and Zimolzak, defending saber champion, defeated all his twenty-two opponents.

Mel Hiller of Navy, with the epee; Robert Parmacek of Penn and Steve Sobel of Columbia, with the saber, and Frank Bartone of Penn with the foil also were stand-outs.

Hiller won 21 of 23 bouts, Parmacek 21 of 22, Sobel 20 of 22 and Bartone 22 of 23. Bartone won his first 21 engagements and then lost to Gerry Finney of Notre Dame in a surprise. The Quaker swordsman was feeling the strain of the competition, which had started early in the morning, and Finney, who had been beaten, 5 touches to 0, by Zimolzak, defeated him by 5 to 2.

Schoeck of Violets Excels

Herman Wallner of N. Y. U., the defending champion and recent winner of the 1953 Eastern crown, did not show to his best advantage. He suffered 7 defeats in his 23 matches. Bernard Schoeck came through fine for the Violets with the foil, scoring 20 victories to 3 setbacks. In the saber, Bob Miller won 18 of 22 bouts.

Irwin Bernstein of Columbia scored 18 victories in 23 bouts with the epee and Wally Rubinstein won 13 of 21 with the foil.

Following Penn, Navy, N. Y. U. and Columbia in the team scoring were Illinois, with 50 points; Rutgers, 46; Michigan State and Wisconsin, 45 each; Wayne, 43; Notre Dame and Yale, 42 each, and Lehigh, 41.

Brooklyn College had 33 points, of which Ed Nober, winner of the Eastern championship with the foil, contributed 19. Chicago finished the night with 31, as did Army, and Princeton had 30.

Other high point-winners were John Cameron of Illinois, with the sabre, 19; W. Ebling of Wisconsin, with the foil, 21, and D. Clinton of Wayne, with the foil, 20.

Tomorrow starting in the early morning, the remaining bouts in the round-robin will be fenced, ending in the afternoon.

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