

Navy in Front for Team Title At N.C.A.A. Fencing Tourney

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 20—Navy's Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing champions held a one-point lead over New York University at the end of five rounds of competition in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament tonight at Harvard. The final three rounds will be run off tomorrow.

Closely pressing the midshipmen (49 points) and New York University (48) was Pennsylvania with 47. Four teams were tied for fourth place with 46—Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and Illinois.

Notre Dame, Rutgers, Air Force Academy, the University of California at Los Angeles, Cornell, Yale, Wayne State, City College, Brooklyn College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology followed in the record field of 38 competing schools.

Pesthy Leads in Victories

Paul Pesthy of Rutgers, the winner of the Eastern épée title at Navy, was out in front for the N.C.A.A. individual championship. His 21 victories were the most scored by any of the 105 contestants who fenced from early morning until 9 o'clock in the evening. He led his nearest rivals, Bill Benson of Navy, Jock Patterson of the Air Force Academy and Gary Stone of Oberlin by 5 points.

Two were tied for the lead in the saber championship and also in the foil. Fred VanNynatten of Penn, who finished sixth in the Eastern, and Craig Bell of Illinois, who placed 10th in the N.C.A.A. championship last year, each won 20 bouts with the saber. Raymond Fields of City College, the Eastern winner, was a close third with 18.

Marvin Garovoy of New York

University, the Eastern champion, and Bill Hicks of Princeton, who placed sixth at Navy, each won 18 bouts with the foil. Raymond Frey of Navy and Daniel Kirsch of Harvard, are a point behind with 17 victories.

Navy showed the best balance in taking its lead. John Langdon scored 16 points with the saber, to Benson's 16 and Frey's 17. Howard Goodman scored 17 with the saber for New York University and Irving Adler 13 with the épée.

An accreditation board that will pass on qualifications of coaches and certify fencing masters has been established by the National Fencing Coaches Association of America. The first such body created in the United States, the board will set professional standards for the teaching of fencing, in conformity with the campaign of the international Academy of Arms.

Board to Test Coaches

The board will administer three-part examinations (written, oral and practical) to candidates and will issue official certificates to qualified fencing masters. Colleges and other organizations will thus have a new standard for evaluating and selecting coaches.

Hugo Castello of N.Y.U. was re-elected as president of the N.F.C.A.A. at the meeting here last night and Edward Lucia of C.C.N.Y. as Eastern divisional vice president.

Elected as divisional vice presidents for the Midwest and Far West were Michael DeCicco of Notre Dame and Delmar Calvert of Los Angeles. Archie Simonson of Madison, Wis., continues as secretary-treasurer.