

N.Y.U. Fencers Are Favored In Weakened N.C.A.A. Meet

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY'S fencing team will compete in the National Collegiate championships at Duke University, Durham, N. C., this weekend and enter the tournament as the favored trio. Twelve days ago there was doubt that the Violets would take part in the event

College Sports Notes because of the lack of strong competition. At that time Miguel A. de Capriles, the dean of the

N.Y.U. law school and a member of the University Athletic Committee, said that to go would be meaningless without Columbia, the defending champion; Princeton and Pennsylvania entered.

The eight Ivy institutions had been declared ineligible for N.C.A.A. championship events as a result of the controversy over the N.C.A.A.'s academic-floor rule.

De Capriles spoke after the Violets had won the Eastern fencing team title at New Haven March 12. Since then the Violets' athletic committee has decided to enter N.Y.U. in the nationals. However, if the Ivy teams had entered, Columbia would have been favored to retain its crown.

Now N.Y.U. is a strong pick, with Navy, Illinois, Michigan State and Notre Dame given slight chances.

N.Y.U.'s national entry consists of Al Davis in foil, William Scott in épée and Paul Apostol in saber. Howie Harmetz is going along as a reserve in case of injury.

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N.C.A.A. swimming and wrestling tournaments start today at the Air Force Academy and Iowa State University, respectively. Indiana is favored in the swimming. The defending champion, the University of Southern California, and Michigan are the strongest competition for the Hoosiers.

Willis Casey, the coach of N. C. State's swimmers, said, "There will not be any records set beyond the 100-yard distances because of the high altitude at Air Force." The academy is at Colorado Springs in the Rocky Mountains.

Casey has nine swimmers in the tourney. One of them, Steve Rerych of Paterson, N. J., has the best collegiate

time of the season in two events—47.3 seconds for the 100-yard free-style and 21.4 for the 50-yard free-style.

As an Ivy school, Yale is not qualified to take its strong swim team to the meet. So the anticipated meeting between Don Schollander of Yale and Rerych of N. C. State won't take place until the Amateur Athletic Union indoor championships are held at Brandon, Fla., April 7 through 10.

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are the co-favorites for the wrestling title. Iowa State, the host team, won the tourney last year.

Lehigh, the winner of the Eastern collegiate wrestling team title, and Navy, the runner-up in the East, are sending strong squads to Iowa State. But neither is expected to win the team championship.

Wayne Hicks, a 137-pounder, leads the Navy group of five men.

Lehigh has sent seven wrestlers to Iowa State. Among them are Mike Caruso, at 123 pounds; Bill Stuart, defending N.C.A.A. champion, at 137; Joe Peritore, runner-up in the N.C.A.A. tourney at 130 pounds last year, and Jon Rushatz, Eastern 167-pound champion.

Stuart and Hicks have carried on a two-year feud on the mats. A year ago, Stuart beat Hicks three times—during a dual meet, in the final of the Eastern 137-pound class and in the national final. This winter the pair battled to a draw in the dual meet and Hicks defeated Stuart for the Eastern 137-pound crown.

Since both are considered to be the best in college wrestling at their weight they will be in opposite brackets and thus probably will meet in the final Saturday evening.

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St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and Long Island University were named winners of the Eastern College Athletic Conference basketball trophies for the university and college divisions, respectively. St. Joseph's had a record of 23 victories and five defeats and was eliminated from the N.C.A.A. championship in the second round by Duke. L.I.U., with a 22-4 mark, played in the N.C.A.A. college division tournament and lost to Akron in the third round.