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C. C. N. Y. FENCERS WITH IRON MAN TROPHY.

Bernard Frechtman, Emil Goldstein, Cornel Wilde and Nathaniel Lubell
With Prize Emblematic of the Intercollegiate Foils Team Crown.

TWO ARMY STARS FENCING VICTORS

**Andrews Captures Extra Bout
and Gains Intercollegiate
Saber Championship.**

FLANICK IS EPEE WINNER

**Cadet Ace Takes a Three-Way
Fence-Off in Annexing the
Dueling Sword Title.**

HURD, HARVARD, TRIUMPHS

**Scores With Foils and Gives
Crimson Its First Individual
Crown in 35 Years.**

1934 FENCING CHAMPIONS.
Foils—John G. Hurd, Harvard.
Saber—Charles Andrews, Army.
Epee—Edward Flanick, Army.
Foils team—City College.
*Saber team—N. Y. U.
Epee team—Harvard.
Three-weapon team—Columbia.
*Retained championship.

By ARTHUR J. DALEY.

The old guard of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association parried the bold thrusts of the newcomers for individual laurels last night as the forty-first annual championships came to a close at the Hotel Commodore.

The younger members dominated the team tests, but Army and Harvard, two of the pioneers in the organization, made a clean sweep of the foils, épée and saber individual crowns.

It was a last-ditch fight they made, since City College and New York University, the standard bearers for the newer crop, had half of the finalists.

Army had only two men in the last round robin, Charles Andrews in saber and Edward Flanick in épée. Each of them won. Harvard had only one, John G. Hurd in foils. He, too, triumphed. The rout of the youngsters was complete.

It was thus with the dramatic and sensational uprising of the veteran members that this tournament came to a close, a tournament that has not had an equal in recent years for the number of its surprises and upsets.

Favorites Beaten Early.

There were few favorites for team honors in any weapon. What few there were never even got as far as the finals. All met with elimination in the preliminary or semifinal rounds. With them went Charles Abushevitz of Yale, the 1933 saber winner and the lone title-defender.

The decks were cleared then for a grand free-for-all on the ballroom dais. It proved to be just that. Flanick had to battle his way through a three-way fence-off before gaining the épée crown. Andrews had a fence-off to gain clear-cut possession of the saber laurels. Only Hurd won in straight forward fashion.

It was Hurd, a resident of Auburn, Calif., who dominated the foils with a mastery that has not been matched since John Potter of Yale spread-eagled the field a few years back. He was unbeaten all day and had ten straight victories to his credit as he became the first Harvard winner with any weapon since George H. Breed captured this self-same foils diadem thirty-five years ago.

Army Back at the Top.

For Army the twin triumph of its two cadets meant the return of the West Pointers to the top. The cadets had been shut out of the championship roster for the first time in seven years last season. Now they are back again. But Army's victories meant the elimination of Yale from the title rolls, a happening that has not occurred in an even decade.

Hurd was so extremely clever that he was not closely pressed in the finals. He turned back Norman Bullard of Yale, 5-0; Edward Tilburne of Navy, 5-1, and Fred Kornfeld of N. Y. U., 5-3. The drama was not in this competition but in the saber and épée finals.

It was the tests with the saber, a time-honored weapon of the cavalry forces, that brought this tournament to a close after twenty-six hours of clashing blades and ringing steel.

The amazing City College team that had stalked off with the foils team crown and then continued its amazing performance by sending three men into the finals, provided one of the contestants in the fence-off. He was Cornel Wilde, the Hungarian-born protégé of the Hungarian-born fencing master, Joseph Vince. The other was Cadet Andrews.

Beaten by Alexander.

In the regular round-robin the West Pointer had edged him out, 5 to 4. The lone blot on Andrews's record was a setback by Walter Alexander of Yale. They won their other bouts and landed in a tie.

Andrews, a senior, had more experience than Wilde. This Glendale (Calif.) youth appeared totally unconcerned by the importance of the last engagement. He dallied not at all.

Their blades crossed and they feinted for a moment. Then the Lavender youngster surged in. Andrews turned aside his saber with his own and slashed through to count on the riposte. But Wilde came back to register by the same method and the cadet returned to the lead with the same succession of strokes.

As Wilde came in again the West Pointer beat him to the punch with a time cut. He had a 3-1 lead now and could afford to coast a bit. But he did not so desire. He pressed

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onward and touched once more with a parry and riposte. Then Wilde flicked in a time cut but it was the last touch he made. On a direct attack Andrews's blade flashed through to victory.

Flanick Hard Pressed.

In the épée competition Cadet Flanick was hard pressed all the way, even though he had too much class, aggressiveness and mastery of the dueling sword for any of his rivals.

He could do no better than a three-way tie for first place in the regular competition and then had to emerge the winner in the fence-off to annex the crown that José

R. De Capriles of N. Y. U. gained a year ago.

In that extra set of bouts with him were Robert Frank of N. Y. U. and George Lewis of C. C. N. Y. The fourth finalist, Nathaniel Lubell, City College sophomore, had been left by the wayside in the first round-robin. All three of them beat him.

Frank and Flanick played the first return engagement. Ever on the aggressive, the cadet forced the fighting and then the two of them lashed out together. One judge voted for a double touch, but the three other members of the jury motioned toward the Army man and Director Leó Nunes gave the touch to him.

Again they squared off and this time Frank gambled on a double touch. He won by a fraction of a second and nicked Flanick on the arm. But the Army man is a firm believer in the proposition that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. He reached out his arm and his blade slipped past for the deciding point.

The two metropolitan rivals, Frank and Lewis, squared off in the next bout. All three touches were registered by the closest of margins. It was a matter of timing in all three, but Frank triumphed, 2 to 1.

Makes a Good Start.

Then came the deciding match, Lewis vs. Flanick. A victory for the Lavender senior would have merely brought about another fence-off. He started out as though he intended to do just that. His epee flicked the cadet on the wrist.

The West Pointer seemed not at all perturbed. He went to work very calmly and gambled to the hilt on his next thrust. He rushed in and his sword grazed Lewis's leg. It was enough for a touch.

For the final touch Lewis tried an experiment of his own. He abandoned his defensive tactics and plunged down the lighted strip. His blade darted inside Flanick's arm and never even brushed it. But Flanick was ready with a stop thrust for the winning touch.

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