

Castello Excels as N. Y. U. Fencing Team Takes Lead in College Tournament

N. Y. U. GAINS LEAD IN TITLE FENCING

Shows Way to City College in
Foil's Bouts and to Navy and
Harvard in Epee Tests.

COLUMBIA MEN ALSO STAR

Set Pace in Saber Contests—
Violet Has 9-Point Edge in
Three-Weapon Battle.

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New York University fencers moved to the threshold of a sweep of the team titles at the forty-second annual championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association yesterday, the preliminaries leaving the Violet swordsmen in the lead with foils and épée and ahead for the three-weapon crown as well.

Whether or not they can move beyond that threshold will be decided on the same Hotel Commodore strips today when seven crowns, team and individual, will be awarded.

A new system of scoring, one originated in Europe and arriving in New York after a successful tryout in the Big Ten, is being used in the meet. It calls for the division of the teams into three distinct pools in each weapon—A, B and C. Pool A alone counts for the individual laurels and total bouts won in all classes go toward team and three-weapon championships.

An Efficient Job.
From all outward appearances the system met with complete and unqualified approval, Chairman Hugh Alessandrini and his committee performing a highly efficient job. But it did serve to leave supporters of the contending teams wondering just what the morrow had in store for them.

In foils N. Y. U. piled up 16 points to 14 for C. C. N. Y., the only team considered able to challenge it. In the épée the leader was N. Y. U. again with 15 points to 13½ for Navy and 13 for Harvard. In saber the pace-setter, for a change, was Columbia, with 16 to 14 for N. Y. U. and Yale.

These results, of course, automatically elevated the Violet to the front in the race for the three-weapon crown as the New Yorkers registered 45 points on bouts won to 36 for Columbia, 35 for Yale, 32 for Army, 31½ for Navy and 30½ for City College. The titleholder in the three blades must, necessarily, come from one of these.

Until the saber matches, last of the 300 bouts waged during the day-long session, were staged last night N. Y. U. had a fairly comfortable 6½-point advantage over Navy. But Columbia came on with a rush with this old cavalry sword and bounded up from sixth place to second, 9 points behind, a distance that seems to leave the Violet moderately safe.

Captures Six Bouts.
Columbia gave a performance with this weapon that was one of the most impressive of the day, winning sixteen of eighteen bouts. Ed Mateosian took all six in Pool B. Forrest Lombaer in Pool A and Edwin Bertsche in Pool C annexed five of six.

In spite of this, however, the Violet kept close to the blazing pace. Jordan Uttal also won six while Henry Stral and Max Frank captured four of six.

As far as the individual saber title is concerned, however, there is nothing definite. Kermit Schwedel of Army, Tod Harriss of Princeton, John MacVey of Yale and Lombaer are off in a class by themselves, with five bouts won and one lost.

The saber competition ended the day's activities but the foils play provided one of the high marks of the preliminaries in the afternoon.

Violet Shows the Way.

It was through the mastery of the foil by a newcomer to varsity competition that the Violet was able to show the way to the defending champions from City College for the most famous college fencing trophy of them all, the Iron Man. Sophomore Hugo Castello, gifted son of a gifted father—his father is Julio Castello, the N. Y. U. coach—made a clean sweep of his six bouts to supply New York with the slender two-point margin it held over C. C. N. Y. at 16 to 14.

The fight for the foils championship seems to rest between these two, with settlement of supremacy perhaps extending right up to their match as the grand finale to the two-day program in the grand ballroom tonight. Behind them in a tie for third place are Columbia and Army, with 12 points each, both doing a bit better than expected.

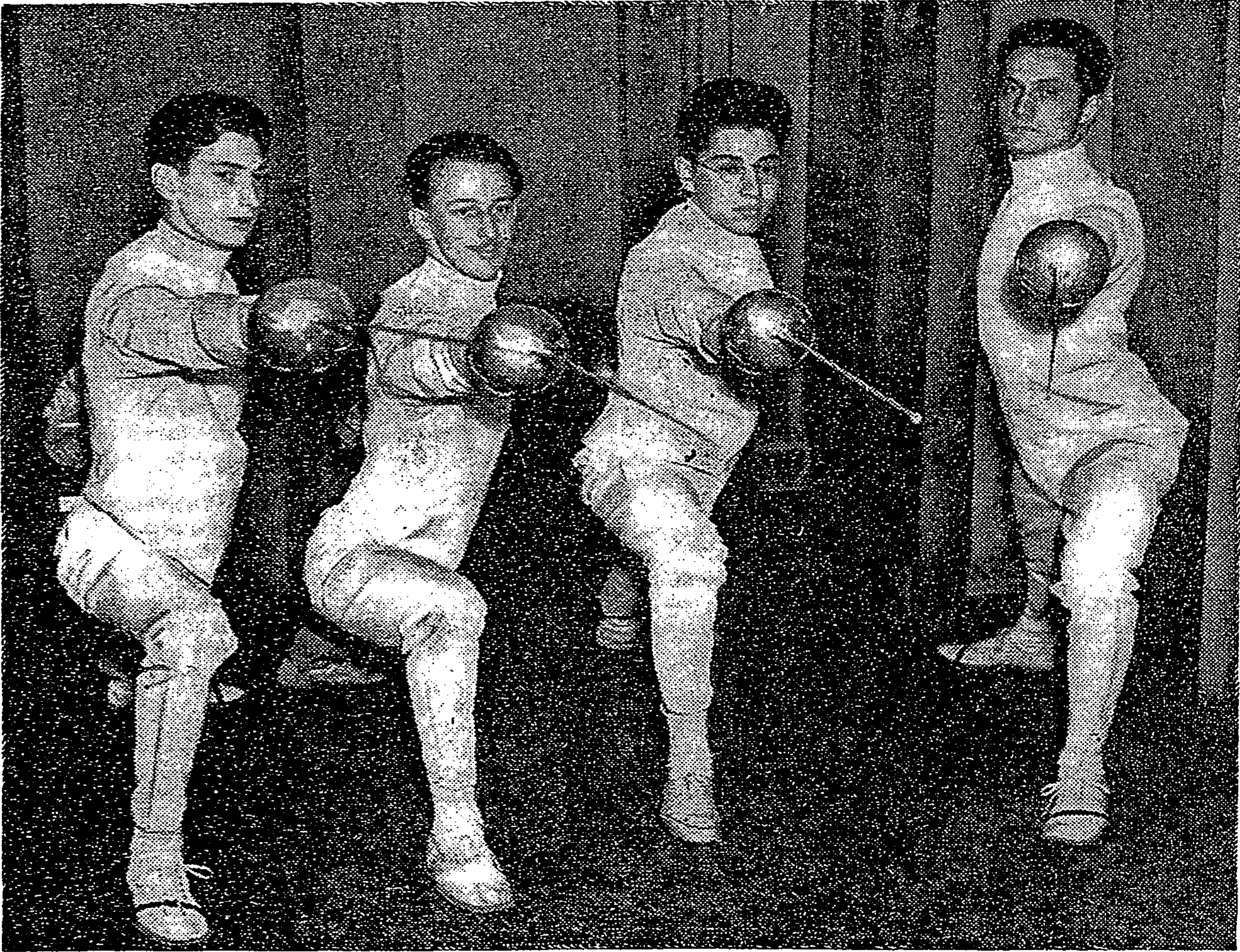
Castello is well out ahead of the field in the race for the individual laurels with six of his ten bouts already won. He is ahead of Julian Bush of Columbia, however, only as a result of some brilliant swordsmanship in their match.

Bush Gains 4-1 Lead.

The Lion ace started in whirlwind style and rolled up a 4-1 lead that left the Castello supporters on tenterhooks and the Violet fencer one touch away from defeat. But the N. Y. U. sophomore, facing his biggest test of the day, rose to the occasion. His blade flashed home in clear-cut lunges at the canvas-covered target in front of him. Four touches in a row gave Castello a 5-4 victory.

This was Bush's lone setback. It left him in second place with five triumphs and a single defeat. The B and C men of both N. Y. U. and C. C. N. Y. also had that same 5-1 record. The other members of the Violet squad are Norman Lewis, a sophomore, and George Lesser, a senior.

The New York University lead in foils caused little of the surprise that its success in épée did. In the latter competition Navy and Harvard were considered the favorites. As far as the individual épée race is concerned it is fairly wide open. Kirkland Alexander of Princeton is slightly ahead with a 5-1 record but right behind him are Morris Sandgrund of Cornell, Paul Bremer of Hamilton, Webster Williams of Harvard and Kevis Kapner of N. Y. U. with four won and two lost each.



N. Y. U. TEAM WHICH TOOK LEAD IN EPEE COMPETITION.
Theodore Gold, Kevis Kapner, S. Mulbert and Saul Katz, who amassed the highest point total in the first round of the épée championships during the intercollegiate meet yesterday.