

Yale and N. Y. U. Tie for Three-Weapon Lead in College Fencing Tournament

N.Y.U., NEAR SWEEP, LEADS WITH FOILS

Drops One of 18 Bouts, but Is
Tied by Yale in 3-Weapon
Scores at 42½ Points.

ELIS SET PACE WITH EPEE

Columbia and Harvard Even in
Saber Standing—Castello,
Violet Champion, Stars.

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The fencing teams of N. Y. U. and Yale finished the first day's competition all even for the three-weapon trophy in the intercollegiate championship at the Hotel Biltmore last night.

At the conclusion of exactly 324 bouts in épée, foil and saber, in which twelve college teams participated, the Violet and Eli swordsmen did the almost unbelievable by ending with exactly the same team score—42½ points apiece.

However, N. Y. U. had a technical advantage notwithstanding the tie as the team took part in three fewer bouts than Yale, the New Haven fencers participating in fifty-seven.

As the two sabermen in the last bout of the banner-bedecked ballroom saluted each other, Harvard was in third place in the standing with an aggregate of 36. City College followed with 32½. Army, showing surprising strength in the saber, moved up to 30½, and Columbia, last year's saber champion, was just back of the West Pointers with 29. Navy trailed with 27 and Cornell was next with 25.

Exciting Rivalry Ahead

Every prospect of an exciting day is assured when the last half of the competition gets under way this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The contests will end tonight.

N. Y. U., three-weapon and foils champions last year, scored a good share of its success yesterday in the foils. It was with this weapon that the wearers of the Violet captured seventeen of eighteen bouts to gain the lead. They accounted for 12½ points with the épée and 13 with the saber. Yale, which last carried off the three-weapon crown in 1932, ran up its point total with 14½ in the épée, 16 in the foil and 12 in the saber.

Yale's showing with the épée, or dueling sword, was the best of any of the college teams. Saber honors were shared by Columbia and Army, both aggregations scoring 14 points to finish in a first place tie to add to the day's excitement.

As one of the individual defending champions, Hugo Castello, son of N. Y. U.'s fencing master, Julio M. Castello, went through the foils bouts undefeated, sweeping six contests. His showing boosted his team's stock considerably and also his own chances of retaining the individual title.

Steyer Also Unbeaten

The other members of N. Y. U.'s foils trio were Murray Steyer, a southpaw who is manager of the team, and Norman Lewis, a junior, who won the Class B crown last year. Steyer, like Castello, fenced skillfully to annex all his six bouts. Had it not been for Frank Izenour of Army, who vanquished Lewis, 5 to 1, N. Y. U. would have emerged without a setback in foils.

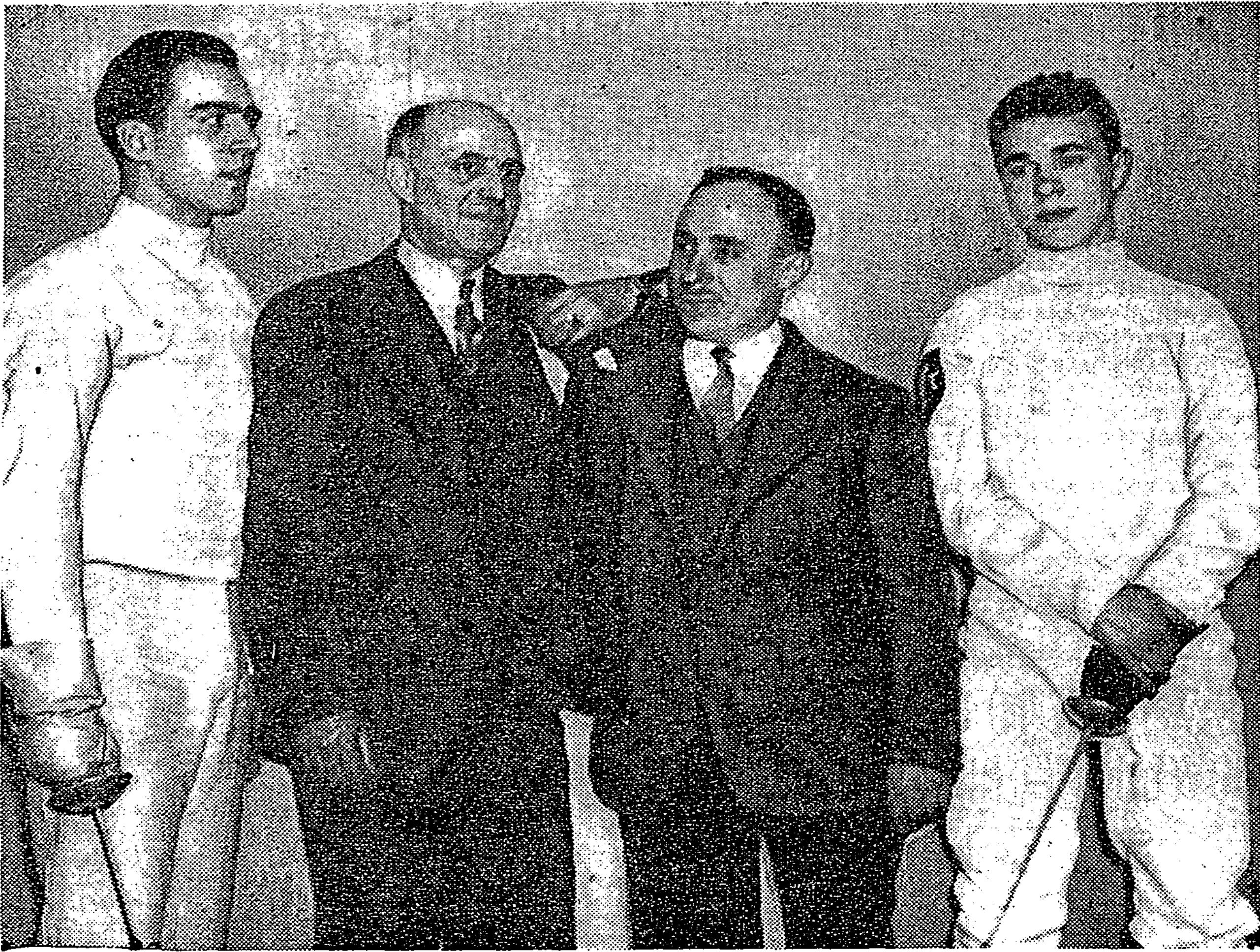
Each college nominates one representative for each of the three classes, A, B and C, in which the competition in each weapon is conducted. Individual victories in each case count as one point toward a team's total. Philip Lilienthal of Harvard was the only other Class A man in foils to match Castello's perfect record.

Yale excelled with the épée, holding a point and a half lead over Harvard, last year's champion, which scored 13 points with this weapon. The Eli épée representatives were Maurice Grasson, 21-year-old son of the Yale coach, George Gafford and William Randall. They won fourteen bouts outright, gained half a point in a tie and lost three.

N. Y. U. was near the front with this weapon, followed closely by Navy with 12. Cornell was fifth with 11 but Army, unbeaten in épée dual meets this season, was ninth with only 7½ points.

Another disappointment was the failure of Kirkland Alexander of Princeton, defending individual épée champion. Alexander was unable to win any of the six bouts in which he took part, scoring only one touch during the afternoon.

Harold Holcombe, Yale captain, was the leading point winner for his side, being unbeaten in six foils bouts and adding 5 points in the saber. Grasson, in épée and foils, and Viscidi, competing in foils and saber, each gave the Blue nine triumphs.



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FATHERS AND SONS IN FENCING RIVALRY AT TOURNEY
Hugo Castello, who is defending his foils title, and Julio M. Castello, N. Y. U. coach; Robert Grasson, Yale mentor, and Maurice Grasson at the Hotel Biltmore yesterday.