

THREE TEAM TITLES ANNEXED BY N. Y. U. IN COLLEGE FENCING

**Sets Record by Gaining the
Three-Weapon Crown for
Third Year in a Row**

KEEPS LITTLE IRON MAN

**Retains Trophy for Supremacy
With Foils and Records
Initial Epee Victory**

YALE TAKES SABER PRIZE

**Grasson and Viscidi of Elis and
Gold, Violet Ace, Are Indi-**

vidual Winners

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Holding fast to the sizzling pace they had set the day before, New York University's swordsmen slashed their way to three of the four team championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association yesterday on the Hotel Commodore strips and thus made good their early promise.

The Violet retained its Little Iron Man trophy, emblematic of foils supremacy; annexed the épée title for the first time and made some association history in transit by winning the three-weapon crown for the third year in a row. No one had ever done that before.

As if that were not enough work for one day, N. Y. U. came on with a furious rally in the saber, its weakest blade, ripped off six bout victories in succession and if City College, its final opponent, had been a little more neighborly and bowed, 3-0, instead of winning, 2-1, New York would have performed the amazing feat of winning the title with the cavalry sword as well.

Unequal to the Task

But that was pressing the fates and the luck to an extreme. It was seeking the impossible and New York was not quite equal to that task. As it was, Yale went on to win and the Violet had to be satisfied with a second place.

The victory by the Elis marked this tournament with its color scheme. It was, Violet and Blue.

Between them, N. Y. U. and Yale swept all seven of the championships.

Ted Gold of N. Y. U. retained the épée crown, thus becoming the first dueling sword repeater in the forty-four-year history of the association. The New Havenites chimed in with a brace of individual crowns as Phil Viscidi smashed his way through to a triumph in saber and Maurice Grasson of Yale dethroned Hugo Castello of N. Y. U. as foils champion with a perfect record of ten straight victories with his weapon.

Statistics on Leaders

Here are the statistics on the leaders in the seven competitions:

Three Weapon—N. Y. U., 70 points; Yale, 61½; Columbia, 54.

Team Foils—N. Y. U., 26; Yale, 20; Columbia, 20.

Team Epée—N. Y. U., 23; Navy, 21½; Yale, 19½.

Team Saber—Yale, 22; N. Y. U., 21; Army, 20.

Foils—Grasson, Yale, 10 won and none lost; Castello, N. Y. U., 8 and 2; Sid Kaplan, C. C. N. Y., 7 and 3.

Epée—Gold, N. Y. U., 9 and 1; William Randall, Yale, 7½ and 2½; John Johnston, Navy, 7 and 3.

Saber—Viscidi, Yale, 9 and 1; W. Walker Thackeray, Army, 8 and 2; Kaplan, C. C. N. Y., 7 and 3.

It was a superb job that the pupils of Julio Martinez Castello turned in. The épée team of Gold, Norman Lewis and Charles Robbins had clinched its championship before the noon hour was reached. Then the foils combination of Hugo Castello, the ubiquitous Lewis and the equally ubiquitous Gold had made certain of its crown midway in the afternoon. Hardly had the saber trio swung into action before the three-weapon honors were tucked away as well.

Elis Are Confident

But the all-blade victory did not come too easily or rapidly. Yale had built up such a terrific lead in saber by fencing earlier than N. Y. U. that the score board race seemed to be closer than it actually was. The Elis would bob up to within half a point of the Violet and then fade away again, only to come on with another rush that finally would be repelled.

The most startling incident of the afternoon was the Yale-N. Y. U. saber match. The Elis had looked invincible when they strode confidently on the strips to cross steel with the New Yorkers. This match, it had seemed, would actually send the New Havenites ahead in three weapons for the first time in the tournament.

Yale's champion, Viscidi, had been moving along unbeaten when he met Jack Gorlin, the N. Y. U. No. 1. But in a flash he was handed his only defeat of the entire

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two-day saber competition when the Violet ace conquered him, 5 to 4. Eli supporters rubbed their eyes in amazement. It hardly had seemed possible. Then James Castello polished off Gerald Steinberg, 5 to 3, and, to complete the incredible in its entirety, Red Kirschner flailed away at Robert Ebel with such a furious, slashing onslaught that he won too, 5-3. The roof of the grand ballroom was almost lifted right off the walls by the shouts of glee from the N. Y. U. adherents. Yale had been blanked. It was so much more than had been expected that the New Yorkers began to envision the saber team championship as well.

A Two-Edged Sword

But fortune, as they were to learn, is a two-edged sword. A few minutes later, on the same strip where the magnificent conquest of Yale had been made, N. Y. U. faced Columbia and was roundly walloped by the identical count, 3 to 0. Still hope had not expired, but the saber title was hanging by the veriest thread. It would take nine straight victories or three clean sweeps to do the trick. First M. I. T. was encountered. The score was 3-0. Then it was Harvard and again the score was 3-0.

Only one lap was left and N.Y. U. hearts began to pound in excitement. The Garrison finish was on its way as Gorlin crossed blades with Sid Kaplan of City College. But Kaplan won, 5-3. A victory was out of the question, but a tie still was possible.

Then it happened. James Castello, brother of Hugo and younger son of the N. Y. U. fencing master, faced John Sieck. The Violet lad built up a 3-0 lead and had five successive touches scored against him. That finished it and then, by way of anti-climax, N. Y. U. won the last bout.

As far as the individual saber competition was concerned there was not even a close race of it. Viscidi had won seven straight bouts the first day and had only

1937 Fencing Champions

TEAM

*Three-Weapon—New York University.
*Foil—New York University.
Epée—New York University.
Saber—Yale.

INDIVIDUAL

Foil—Maurice Grasson, Yale
*Epée—Ted Gold, New York University.
Saber—Phil Viscidi, Yale.
*Retained title.

three more to fence yesterday lost to Gorlin by a touch bowled over both Bruce Walton of Columbia and Bill Clark of Princeton to clinch the title with triumphs in ten tries. In epee Gold had things cut the same pattern, finishing 9-1 record. His lone defeat came the first day before the of Dan Macbeth of Cornell. yesterday he vanquished Cadet Las Chavasse of Army, E. O. of Harvard, Midshipman John Ston of Navy and S. J. Sarn of Princeton. Two touches were most he yielded to any of the

The foils individual final was tested under the bright floor of the ballroom at night just before the ball itself gave a splash of color and a grand to the show.

Stage Brilliant Bout

The Hugo Castello-Grasson ing was as dramatic as the warranted. The champion had win and then win again in a fence-off if he were to retain his twice-won laurels. The Eli left-hander, however, needed only the original victory. And he got it, but only after a brilliant bout.

The sandy-haired son of the Yale coach scored the first touch in his match with the dark-haired son of the N. Y. U. fencing master. Then Castello evened things on a flashing remise. Each counted on the direct attack. Then it was the Yale youngster on a riposte and once more the Violet foilsman came through on the direct attack.

It was remise and direct attack for the next two points and the score was tied at 4-all. One more touch and it would be decided. Castello had the strength and Grasson

blinding speed of arm and dazzling speed afoot. Cautiously they parried for an opening and there it was. The Grasson blade punched in and was partially parried, but with that same terrific speed that was his chief weapon the Yale youth carried through on the continuation for the winning touch.

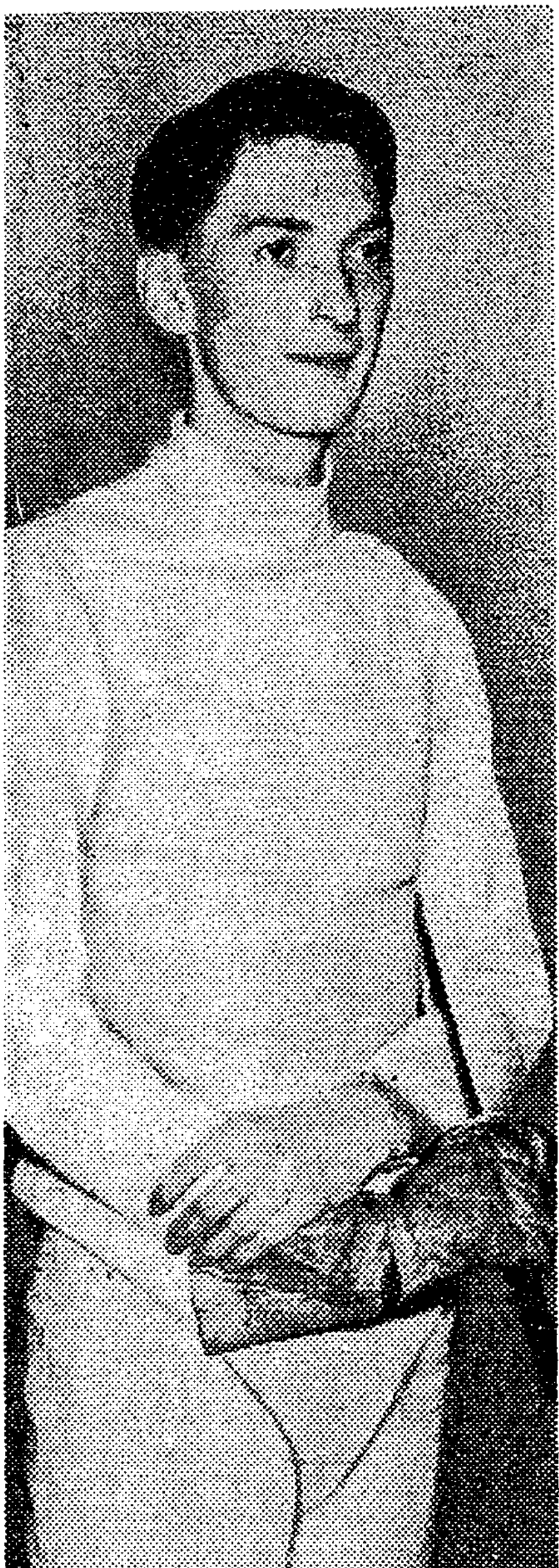
Yale Men Delighted

Bobby Grasson and every Grasson in the hall hugged and pounded the delighted Maurice. And Yale men from all over descended on him in the most spontaneous and most joyous outburst of the tournament.

In the lesser pools, Lewis of N. Y. U. won in Class B in both foils and épée, while Cadet Maurice Taber of Army took the Class B saber honors. In Class C the winners were Gold of N. Y. U. in foils, Cadet Phil Lauman of Army in épée and Midshipman J. A. Gerath Jr. of Navy in saber. And when all the tabulations were over, all the checking and all the rechecking ended, it was discovered that Messrs. Gold and Lewis, the N. Y. U. co-captains, had won 36 of their 40 bouts to supply the backbone of the Violet drive.

THREE-WEAPON STANDING

	Foils.	Epée.	Saber.	Total.
N. Y. U.....	26	23	21	70
Yale	20	19½	22	61½
Columbia	20	16	18	54
Navy	14	21½	16	51½
C. C. N. Y.	19	14	17	50
Army	18	11½	20	49½
Cornell	15	15½	14	44½
Princeton	15	18½	10	43½
M. I. T.	9	8½	10	27½
Harvard	5	8½	14	27½
Hamilton	4	8½	3	15½



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