



George Santelli (left), former United States Olympic coach and now assisting at Columbia, with Captain Marvin Metzger of the Lions, who will be seen at Princeton today.

N. Y. U. FENCERS SET FOR TITLE DEFENSE

Winners of 5 Crowns Hope to Parry Attacks in Meet at Princeton Opening Today

NEW SCORING IN EFFECT

Rule to Govern Three-Weapon Laurels at 48th Annual College Tournament

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A year ago New York University swordsmen made an unprecedented sweep of two of four team championships and all three individual titles at the annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association. The Violet will attempt to repeat at the forty-eighth annual show today and tomorrow at Princeton, but it will be a large-size order.

Last season four men carried N. Y. U. to victory and scored approximately 80 per cent of its points. But three of these have been graduated: Silvio Giolito, foils champion; Franklin Scharfstein, saber king, and Mindy Slikas, épée runner-up. Of the four, only Arthur Tauber, épée victor, is left.

Nevertheless, the Violet has balance and will be something of a favorite in the three-weapon competition. Harvard, pentagonal champion, has the best team it has produced in many years. Navy, Columbia and St. John's are deemed strong enough to break through.

St. John's is in the tournament because Yale, once one of the paladins in the association, has dropped out, temporarily at least. The Redmen, invited to move into the vacated spot, make a welcome addition to the tournament because they do more than keep the twelve-team bracketing intact. They also provide strong competition.

1940 Rules Revised

The tournament will be run along approximately the same lines as a year ago, Miguel A. de Capriles, bout chairman, reported last night. A new system was inaugurated then. Six preliminary strips of six men each advanced three men to semi-finals after round-robin play. Then three strips of six men advanced nine to the final. This, of course, was in each weapon.

However, a minor change was made in determining the victor of the three-weapon trophy. Previously every triumph in an individual match went toward a three-weapon score. As a result, a combination overwhelmingly powerful with one blade might pile up sufficient margin with its single weapon to take top honors.

In order to put more premium on balance—Navy would have tied N. Y. U. last year had this system been in effect—each team is ranked in its proper order in each weapon. Then the one with the best total ranking for the three is named all-around champion.

Service Teams Weakened

For the foils team crown, the experts think the chief competition will be among St. John's, Harvard, Navy, N. Y. U. and Columbia. They pick Harvard, Columbia, Navy and N. Y. U. in épée and City College, Army and N. Y. U. in saber. Incidentally, February graduations have eliminated many experienced men from both service teams.

Favorite for the individual foils and épée laurels will be Tauber of N. Y. U., champion with the dueling sword and third-place man with the foil. However, he has not picked up added skill in the intervening year, and may be overhauled.

One of his main rivals will be Andre Deladrier of St. John's, son of the Navy coach. The Brooklynite also is considered a strong saber man and may figure in both. City College also has two crack saber men in Neil Lazar and Herb Spector, while N. Y. U. has a good man in Sol Gorlin. The saber struggle is wide open, since most of the top-ranking men of last year have been graduated.

Preliminary rounds will start this morning and continue in the afternoon, with saber semi-finals scheduled for tonight. The rest of the competition will take place tomorrow.