

N. Y. U. and Army Fencers Excel on First Day of Intercollegiate Title Meet

VIOLET SETS PACE IN EPEE CONTESTS

N. Y. U. Tallies 15½ Points
as Tauber Makes a Sweep
—Penn State Second

ARMY 3-WEAPON LEADER

Forges Ahead on Showing in
Foil Division at the 49th
Annual Tournament

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Dueling addicts from thirteen Eastern universities jammed the Salle Santelli strips for approximately fourteen hours yesterday as the forty-ninth annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships opened. Representatives of N. Y. U. and Army supplied most of the high spots.

In the long, almost-continuous inaugural session that began well before noon, substantial starts were made in the various team title competitions, which will be concluded today.

Faced by Captain Arthur Tauber, winner of the individual épée laurels for the past two years, N. Y. U. launched defense of the team honors with that weapon by bagging 15½ points in épée contests. With one exception in each of the three pools, the contestants participated in seven matches apiece during the introductory program and Tauber, competing in the second group in that division, won all his bouts.

Kahn Wins Three Bouts

The Violet's other scorers with the épée were Seymour Cross, one of Tauber's senior classmates, who prevailed in five encounters and tied in another, and Sophomore Jack Kahn, victor in three duels. Close behind N. Y. U. at the end of the day's épée activity were Penn State with 14 points and Navy with 13½.

Penn State, participating by invitation in the tourney for the first time, had two star épée performers in Captain Robert Harder and Sophomore Robert Swope. The latter slightly shaded the squad's leader, triumphing in six of seven contests. Swope's lone setback was received from Norman Robbins of City College by a 3-to-1 count. Harder contributed 5½ points and the other Penn State épée exponent John Dubois, registered 2½.

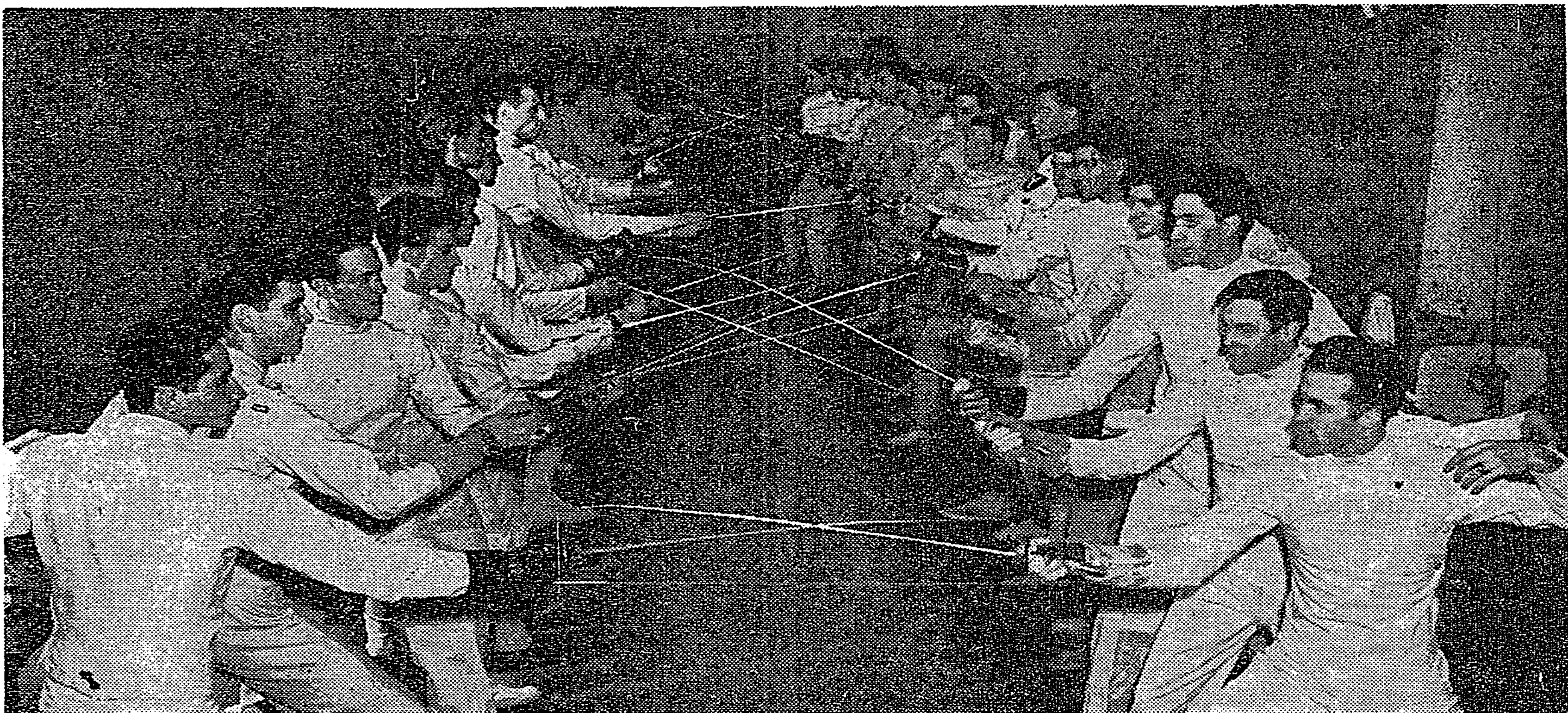
Headed by Richard H. Walker, who won all his seven matches, Navy likewise became a respected contender for the épée team honors. The other scorers with this weapon for the Annapolis contingent, which was unbeaten in dual meets this season, were Captain Owen F. Keeler Jr. and William N. Nelson Jr. They tallied 4½ and 2, respectively.

Army Forges Ahead

Army, reposing in fifth place with 11½ counters when the day's epee's schedule was completed, forged ahead in the race for the three-weapon crown by matching Columbia's 17 points in the foil division. Usually outstanding with that weapon, N. Y. U. got off to a comparatively poor start in defense of the foil crown by bagging merely 11 points.

The status of the battle for the three-weapon crown remained unchanged when the initial phase of the saber team event was finished. Both the cadets and the Violet garnered 16 tallies in that division, so that Army still possessed a two-point edge over N. Y. U. in the all-weapon standing as the day's 405-bout program came to a close.

AS BLADE CLASHED AGAINST BLADE AT INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Some of the swordsmen of the thirteen colleges at Salle Santelli competing in forty-ninth annual title event The New York Times