

TWO TITLES TAKEN BY NAVY'S FENCERS

Middies Dethrone N. Y. U. in Epee and Saber Tests as College Meet Opens

VIOLET TWICE RUNNER-UP

Frank, Sherman Blalack and Papageorge Qualify for Competition Today

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Navy deprived New York University of two championships and placed the Violet in jeopardy of losing its third, the three-weapon crown, when the fiftieth annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association started at Salle Santelli yesterday.

The men of Annapolis won the épée and saber team titles and the defending University Heights blade-wielders were runners-up in both. Unless N. Y. U.'s foils team does exceptionally well today, the championship trophy that Coach Julio Martinez Castello's charges have won eight times will go elsewhere.

The midshipmen, A. J. Papageorge, R. D. Faubion and C. D. Walker, compiled 13½ points with the saber, one more than N. Y. U. Cornell was third with 10½ and Columbia fourth with 9. Then came Penn State with 6½, Army with 6 and Hamilton with 3.

Columbia Third With Epee

The three-man middle team of Russell Blalack, William Nelson and Joe Patterson amassed 15 points in the épée portion of the meet to 12 taken by N. Y. U.'s Robert Kaplan, Myron Halpern and Abraham Balk. Next were Columbia with 10½, Cornell with 8½, Penn State with 7½, Hamilton with 4½ and Army with 3.

These team totals were considerably under those of last year, the reason being that the total number of competitors is more than 40 per cent fewer because of the war. The field was reduced further because Princeton, which had entered a full team, was missing. Even Asa Bushnell, in charge of arrangements, didn't know why.

The Annapolis épéemen, all first classmen, really covered themselves with glory, the three of them qualifying for places in the individual championship competition that will be held today. Blalack, fencing in the nine-man B pool, fared best by winning six bouts though getting credit for only five through the mathematical formula that prevailed for this particular group. Patterson contributed 5½ points and Nelson 4½, both of them in the A pool. There are two pools in this tournament, one less than a year ago.

Kaplan a Qualifier

The others to qualify for the individual competition were Kaplan and Balk of N. Y. U. with 4 and 4½ points, respectively; Richard Bader of Columbia with 4, James Olney of Cornell with 4½ and Robert Colby, Hamilton's one-man team, with 4½.

Halfway through the competition it looked as though Columbia might be the winner because the Lions were going even stronger than the representatives of Navy and N. Y. U., also in the running. Besides Bader, the Blue and White had Vincent Puente and Edward Lawler on deck and the last named, especially, was in good form, taking four bouts in a row.

Then the Lions' sun set. They were able to win only three of their last twelve bouts and were relegated to third place in the standing. Lawler didn't win again, while Bader took two and Puente one.

Saber individual qualifiers were Papageorge and Walker of Navy, George Rappaport and Bernard Scheffler of Cornell, Arthur Frank of N. Y. U., Coleman Richards of Army, Paul Sherman of Columbia and Bernard Hankin of Penn State.

EPEE TEAM STANDING

	Pool A.	Pool B.	Total.
Navy	10	5	15
N. Y. U.	7½	4½	12
Columbia	4	6½	10½
Cornell	1	7½	8½
Penn State	2½	5	7½
Hamilton	4½	4½
Army	3	..	3

SABER TEAM STANDING

	Pool A.	Pool B.	Total.
Navy	6	7½	13½
N. Y. U.	6	6½	12½
Cornell	3	7½	10½
Columbia	4	5	9
Penn State	3	3½	6½
Army	6	0	6
Hamilton	3	3

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