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## Violets Top Middies in Last Saber Match That Decides College 3-Weapon Crown

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After one of the most unusual competitions in the fifty-three year history of the intercollegiate fencing championship, New York University won three-weapon team supremacy by taking two of three final saber bouts from Navy as the tourney closed yesterday at N. Y. U.'s School of Education gym. The Violet tallied 73½ points and the midshipmen 72½.

There was an almost incredible tie between N. Y. U. and Navy after 105 bouts for each. All even at the conclusion of the épée team test Friday, they finished the same

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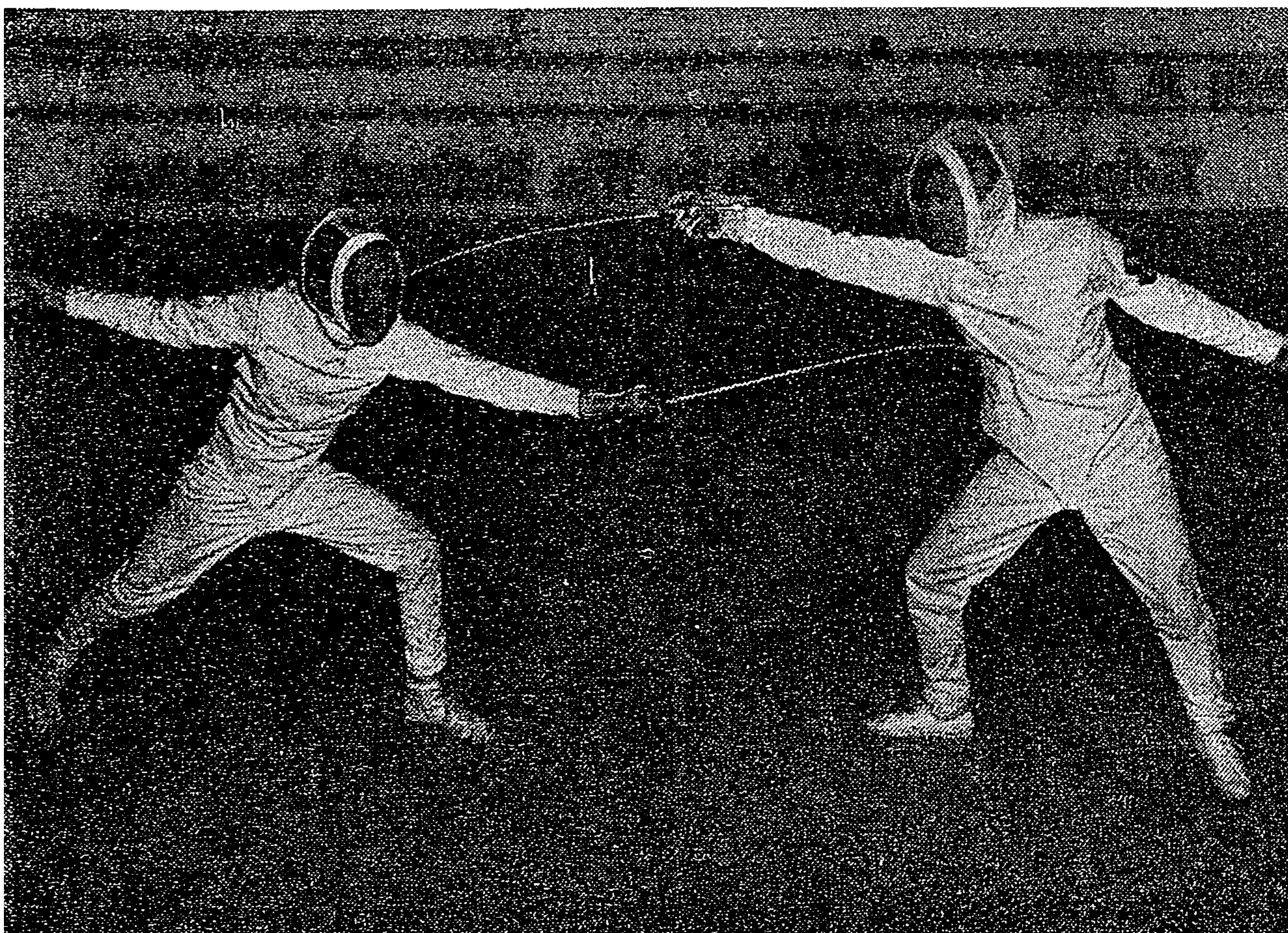
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Dejay Shriner, left, of N. Y. U., and Floyd A. Smith of Navy, during their foils match yesterday, which was won by the latter. The New York Times

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way in the bid for the "Little Iron Man," oldest of all intercollegiate athletic trophies and symbolic of victory with the foil, yesterday.

### An Unprecedented Finish

While onlookers and competitors alike waited for a "break," both teams went right on down to the wire in the saber round-robin, totaling the same number of points with this weapon until they opposed each other in the final match to decide the three-weapon championship. Nothing like this had happened in fencing annals previously.

A good share of the ultimate honors fell upon N. Y. U.'s saber veterans, Dan Rubinstein and Sam Rubinstein. Dan, the No. 1 man, beat Samuel Powel 3d of Navy, 5—1, and then his brother Sam triumphed by the same score over Edward Wood. The N. Y. U. enthusiasts swarmed in quickly to congratulate the Rubinsteins, for those two points clinched three-weapon honors. In the last of the three bouts Navy's man, Norbert Walecka, beat sophomore Martin Schneider, 5—4.

N. Y. U. captured two of three possible points from Navy for a final score in the saber of 21 to 20 for the midshipmen. N. Y. U. and Navy had tallied 25½ each in Friday's épée bouts and 27 each during the matinee session yesterday with the foil.

### Army Best With Saber

Saber team honors, however, went to Army's trio of Bob Willerford, John Matthews and Arthur Stebbins with 26 points. With the other weapons, it was all N. Y. U. and Navy. Penn was second in the saber with 24, while N. Y. U. placed third.

For the three-weapon title, City College was third with a composite score of 62, while Penn had 59 and Army was next with 58½ among the thirteen teams. Princeton had 58, Harvard 53½, Cornell 52, Rutgers 51, Columbia 48, Yale 42½, Penn State 38 and M. I. T. 34½.

Whereas Army had spoiled the midshipmen's chances on Friday night in the final épée match of the round robin, limiting Navy to 1½ points when two would have meant an outright triumph, it was N. Y. U. that rallied to tie Navy with the foil.

The midshipmen had finished with 27 points and it was then N. Y. U.'s turn to tackle Princeton. Two of the three bouts against the Tiger trio were necessary for a tie, while a sweep would have enabled the Violets to keep the trophy for another year.

Although Dejay Shriner, who had the No. 1 foil assignment for N. Y. U., won by 5—4 from Stewart Sullivan, Rudolph Riefstahl of the Tigers put the N. Y. U. bid in jeopardy by halting Norman Lerner, 5—4. Then A. Perlman, already the outstanding performer by going unbeaten through eleven bouts, completed the only sweep of the championship when he vanquished Benjamin Koo of Princeton, 5—4.

### Coach Praises Perlman

Perlman was praised by Coach Hugo Castello, who in a last minute change had switched Perlman, usually a reserve saber man, to a regular place on the foil team. Castello's judgment was vindicated and he smiled broadly as he shook hands with Navy's mentor, Joseph Fiems.

Back of the co-leaders with the foil was City College with 26. Princeton followed with 22, Rutgers had 20 and Columbia, Harvard and Pennsylvania were deadlocked at 17. Cornell accounted for 16, Penn State 14, Army 13, M. I. T. and Yale 7.

Perlman, in Pool 3, qualified as the leading competitor in this group for the individual championship. Others to qualify were Francis Kramer of City College, defending champion; Nathan Ostrofsky of Penn and Joe Vera of Harvard, all from Pool 1, while Jerome Stuart of Navy and Harold Goldsmith of City College gained a chance to try for the individual crown, as the best two in Pool 2.

With the saber, individual qualifiers were Al Treves of Rutgers, National Collegiate Athletic Association champion who lost only one of twelve bouts, Willerford of Army and Hamilton Millard of Cornell in Pool 1. In Pool 2, Columbia's John Krajcir and Lewis Gerber of Penn advanced. In a fence-off, Don Finkelstein of Penn

gained the one place allotted to Pool 3 when he beat Arthur Stebbins of Army.

### Vera and Tom Stuart Win

In individual foil competition Kramer, C. C. N. Y.'s defending champion, could do no better than fifth in the six-man field. The title was taken by Vera of Harvard with five victories and no defeats.

Tom Stuart of Navy took the individual épée competition with a 4½-1½ tally. Stuart's triumph was witnessed by his parents, Colonel and Mrs. J. A. Stuart of Annapolis. The Stuart family narrowly missed a double when Jerome, Tom's brother and also a middie, finished runner-up to Vera in the foil test with a 4-1 record.

Treves added the intercollegiate crown to his N. C. A. A. saber title by defeating Hamilton Millard of Cornell in a fence-off, 5 to 3, after the pair had tied for first with four triumphs and one setback each. Last year's champion, Chambliss Johnston of Princeton, failed to qualify for the final round-robin.