

THE PARRY-AND-THRUST BOYS ON THE JOB AT COLUMBIA

VIOLETS SHOW WAY ON 24-POINT TOTAL

N. Y. U. Clinches Epee Crown by Taking Three Individual Bouts With Princeton

CORNELL IN SECOND PLACE

Wallner Paces Winners with 10-2—Tigers 3-Weapon Leaders as Foils Start

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New York University scored the opening triumph as the fifty-fifth annual intercollegiate fencing championships got under way yesterday in the flag-draped Columbia University gymnasium. Going into the final round against Princeton with an edge of one point, the Violet swordsmen captured the épée title by taking all three individual bouts from the Tigers to clinch the crown. N. Y. U., as a result, brought its final total to 24, with Cornell in second place at 22, while Penn was third with 21 and Princeton followed with 20. The victory marked the first one outright for N. Y. U. in the tourney with this weapon since 1942, although the team had shared the championship as co-holder with Navy in 1950.

Columbia and Navy Tie

Columbia, one of the favorites and defending three-weapon champion, finished in a tie for eighth with Navy, the defending épée titleholder. The top individual performer proved to be sophomore Herman Wallner, the 6-foot 6-inch N. Y. U. No. 2 representative who won ten of his twelve individual bouts. Wallner was among the six to qualify for the individual championship which will be decided tonight.

Bill Thomas of N. Y. U. who had the No. 1 spot on the team also qualified with a 9-3 score. The others who will have a chance to try for the individual crown include John Tori of Penn., Charles Glassey of Cornell, George Siegel of Brooklyn College, whose team is a "guest participant" this year for the first time, and George Jacoby of Yale who made the grade after a fence-off with Melvin Hiller of Navy.

The Navy squad arrived without their regular No. 3 man, Bob Hill, who had to remain in the infirmary at Annapolis because of an attack of measles.

Schafer Out With Injury

Dan Chafetz of Columbia had a bad afternoon, winning only four of twelve bouts. A serious blow was dealt the Columbia team when it was disclosed that Bob Schafer, the No. 3 saber man, had been injured in Thursday's final practice and would be unable to compete. Schafer was struck above the left eye through the protective mask he was wearing and was taken to the eye institute of Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.

Coach Hugo Castello of N. Y. U. resorted to a bit of strategy when he substituted Ed Dollinger for Joe Dramise as the team's No. 3 man after Dramise had won two and lost five bouts. Dollinger, who is the son of Congressman Isador Dollinger of the Bronx, came through by winning three of his five bouts and completed the sweep against Princeton in the important final round with his team-mates Wallner and Thomas.

The Violet winning total consisted of 10 by Wallner, 9 by Thomas, 2 by Dramise and 3 by Dollinger.

The foils competition began last night and will conclude this morning. Princeton picked up 14 points during the evening session and went into the lead for three-weapon honors. Although the results were far from conclusive since none of the thirteen colleges had finished more than half its foils bouts.

Princeton had the lead, however, with 34 points, while Cornell was second in the over-all standing with 32. N. Y. U., by adding only seven victories in the foils, had 31, Columbia 30, Penn 29, Yale 28 and Harvard 26.

THE SUMMARIES

(Bouts won and lost shown in parentheses)

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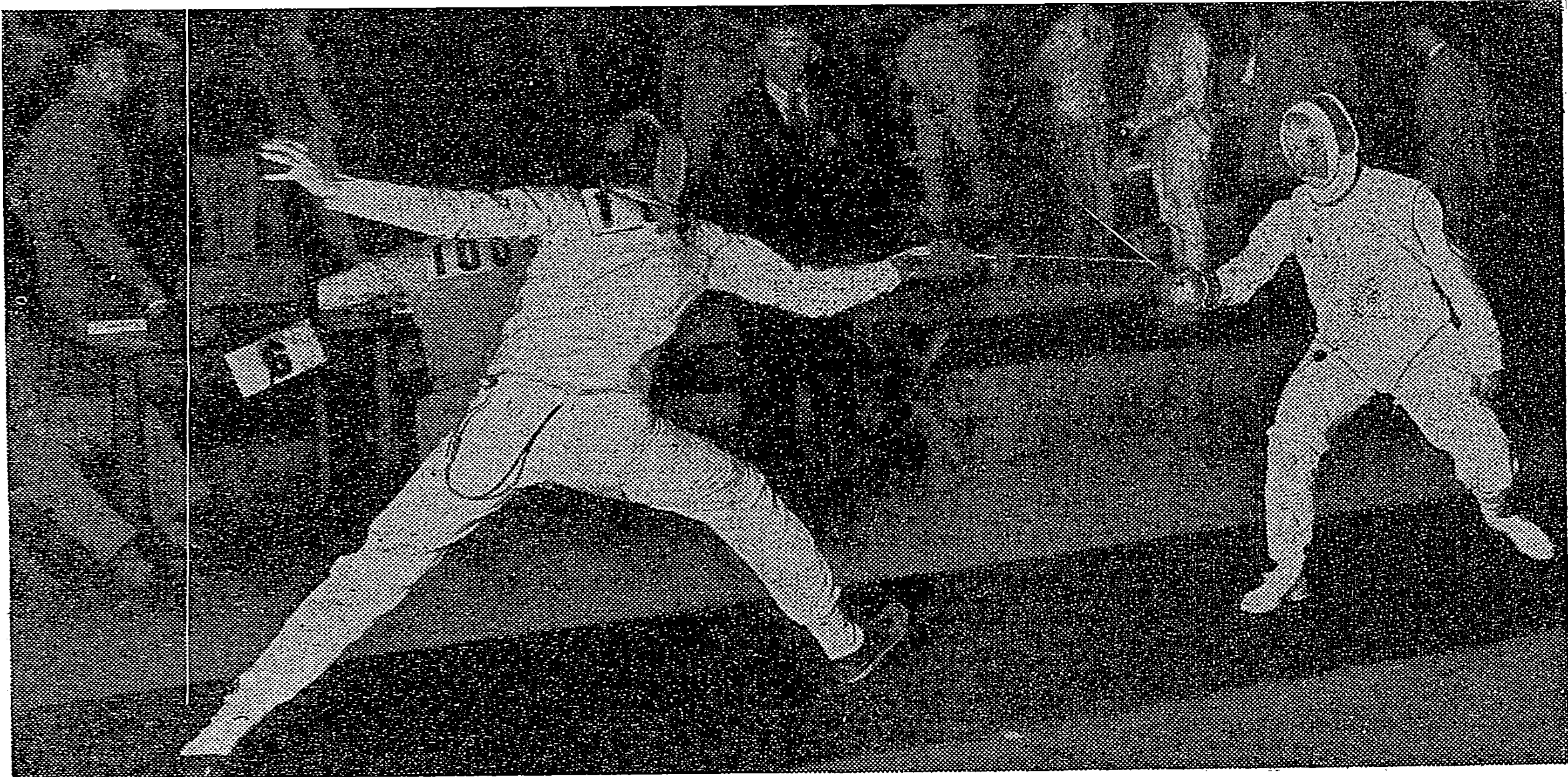
Pool 1—George Siegel, Brooklyn (9-3); William Thomas, N. Y. U. (9-3); John Tori, Penn (3-3); George Mair, Harvard (7-5); William Lykes, Navy (7-5); Edgar Rutter, Princeton (7-5); Robert Littlewood, Cornell (6-6); Tito Luzuriaga, M. I. T. (5-7); Jack Benez, C. C. N. Y. (4-8); Dan Chafetz, Columbia (4-8); Walter Brackelman, Rutgers (4-8); Marshall Bruce, Yale (4-8); William Shields, Army (0-6); Philip Vollman, Army (3-3); Siegel, Thomas and Tori qualified for individual finals.

Pool 2—Herman Wallner, N. Y. U. (10-2); Charles Glassey, Cornell (9-3); Thomas Vincent, Princeton (8-4); Howard Gabbert, Army (7-5); Leonard Blum, C. C. N. Y. (7-5); Ailza Ruben, Penn (7-5); Robert Huste, Rutgers (7-5); Thomas Salan, Yale (6-6); John Smith, Harvard (5-7); Edward Brandt, M. I. T. (4-8); Sherwin Simmons, Columbia (3-6); Irwin Bernstein, Columbia (2-1); Jay Wertheimer, Brooklyn (2-10); James Green, Navy (1-11). Wallner and Glassey qualified for individual finals.

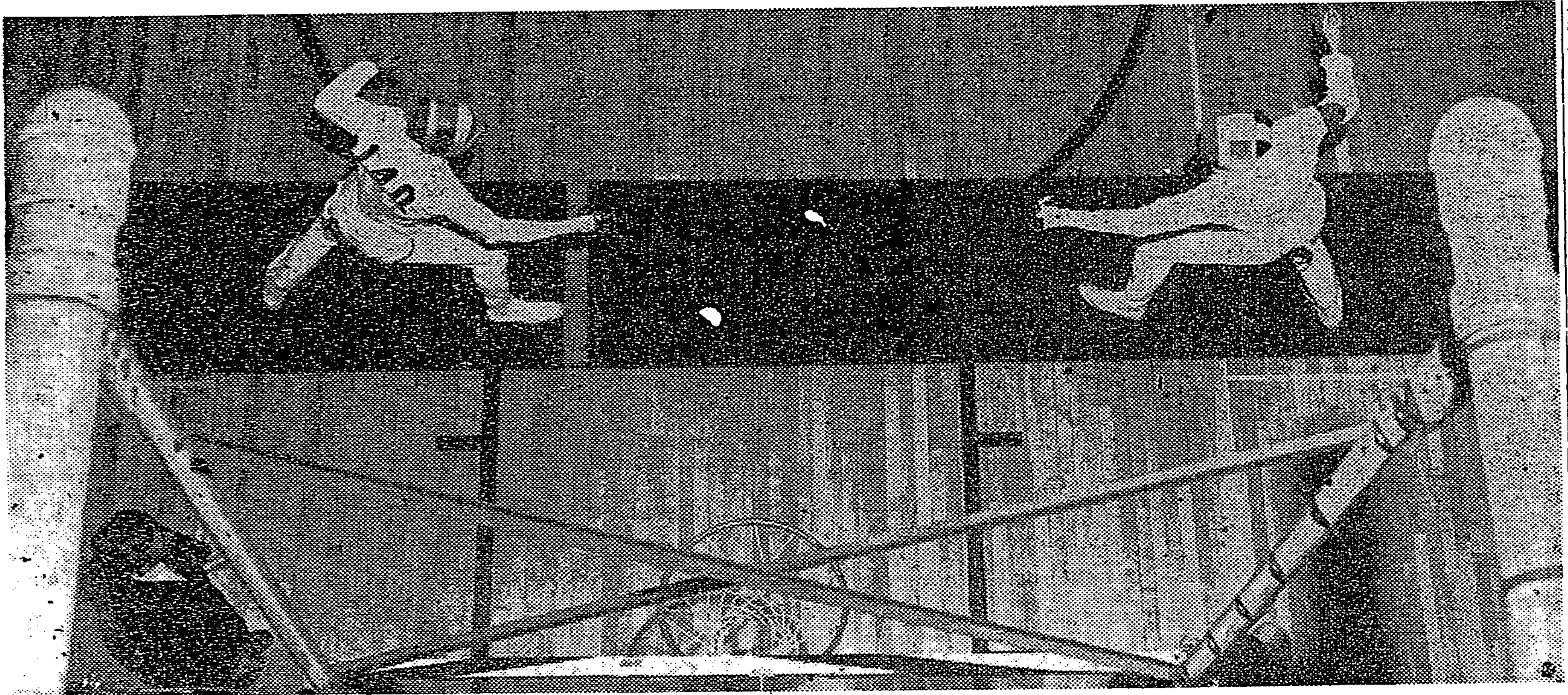
Pool 3—George Jacoby, Yale (9-3); Melvin Hiller, Navy (9-3); Charles Datner, Brooklyn (8-4); Jaromir Sevek, Columbia (8-4); Leon Zimmer, Army (7-5); Thomas Arnold, Cornell (7-5); Lester Scherer, Harvard (6-6); Ira Dushoff, Penn (5-7); George Lanbrakis, Princeton (5-7); Edward Dollinger, N. Y. U. (3-9); David Springstein, M. I. T. (3-9); Gerald Mortensen, Rutgers (3-9); Joseph Dramise, N. Y. U. (2-5). Jacoby qualified for individual finals, after fence-off with Hiller.

TEAM POINT SCORES

N. Y. U.	24	Columbia	30
Cornell	22	Navy	28
Penn	21	Army	29
Princeton	20	C. C. N. Y.	26
Brooklyn	19	Rutgers	24
Yale	18	M. I. T.	25
Harvard	18		



Herman Wallner of New York University and Thomas Salan of Yale, the winner, during their épée match yesterday



Edgar Rutter (left) of Princeton, the winner, and Jack Benez of C. C. N. Y. during their épée test