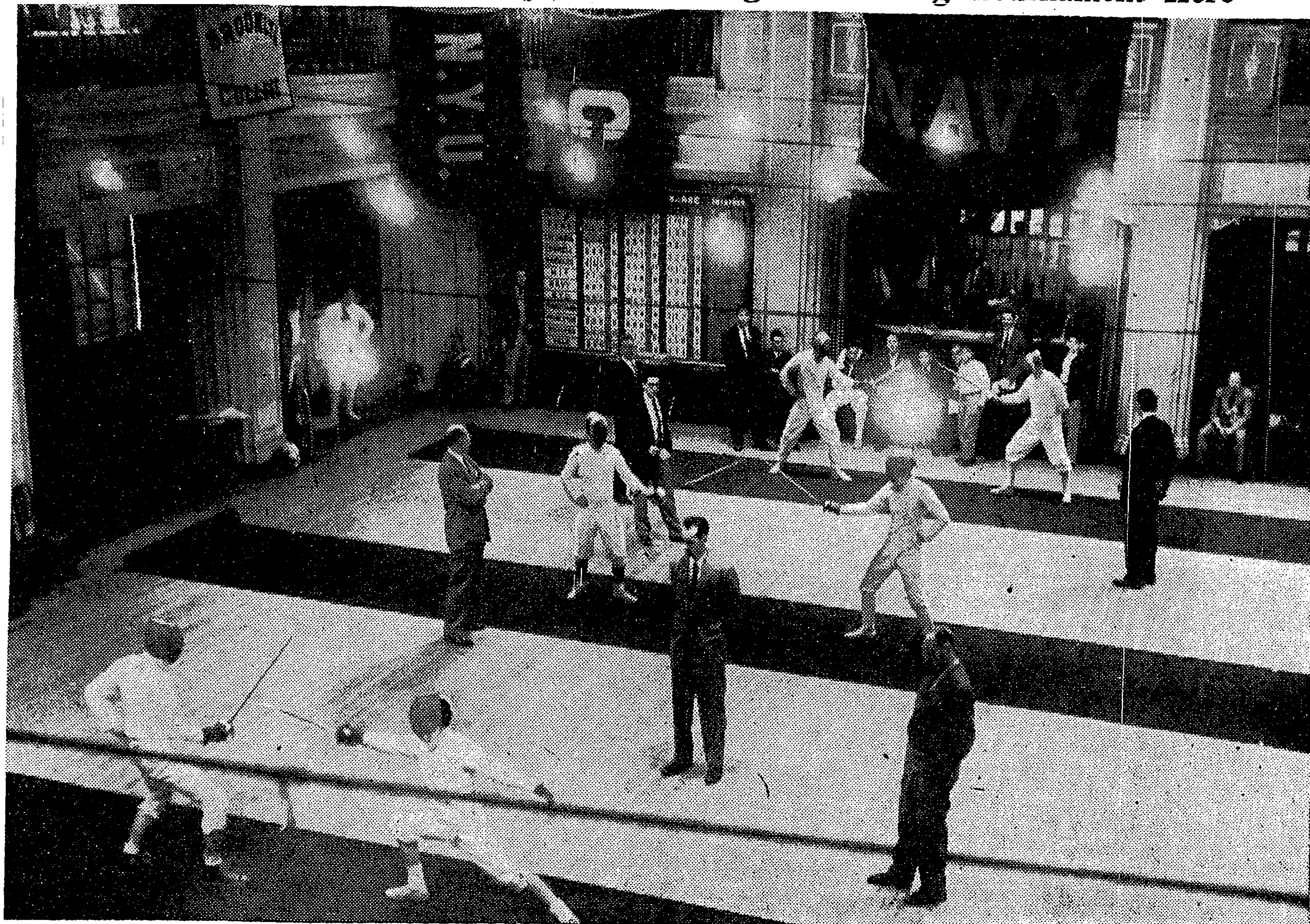


Navy Triumphs on Final Day of Intercollegiate Fencing Tournament Here



Contestants crossing swords at the morning session of the competition at the Concourse Plaza. The men on the floor watching duelists are the referees.

NAVY TEAM TAKES 3-WEAPON CROWN

Topples Columbia, Princeton to Capture Fencing Title
—C.C.N.Y. Saber Victor

By LINCOLN A. WERDEN

By the margin of a single bout, Navy's team regained the three-weapon title in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association championship yesterday.

The midshipmen completed the two-day tests with a total of 64 points at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx, after one of the closest races that has marked the fifty-nine-year-old competition.

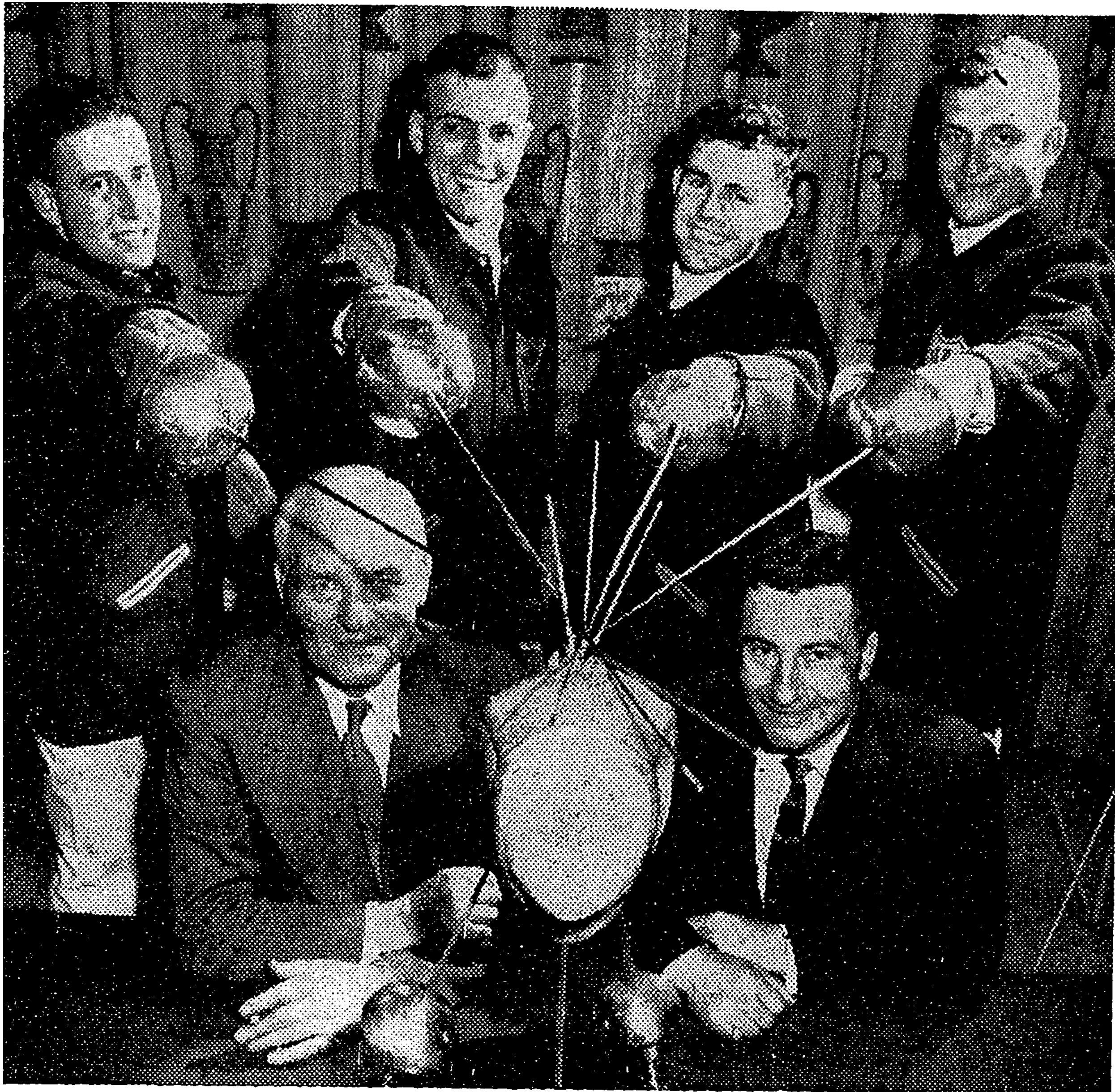
Columbia and Princeton tied for second among the twelve colleges, each with an aggregate of 63. New York University was a notch back with 62.

So keen was the struggle for the crown that symbolizes overall proficiency, that Columbia and Navy were deadlocked at 62 each, while Princeton had 61 entering the concluding round.

Previously each three-man team had completed thirty-three bouts with the épée and thirty-three with the foil. As matters eventually developed it was in the thirty-third or last of the saber bouts that the issue actually was determined in favor of Navy.

Navy was pitted against Rutgers in this eleventh part of the saber round-robin in which each man fences eleven bouts. Navy's No. 1 saber man, Jim Wolverton, won. But their No. 2 man, Charles Eidson lost.

Meanwhile Columbia had dropped its first two bouts to City College on another strip.



The New York Times (by Edward Hatten)

Midshipmen, who clinched championship in the three-weapon competition, and coaches gather around trophy. Seated are Joseph Fiems, left, and André Deladrier. Standing, left to right, are: Larry Polk, Jim Wolverton, Jim Estep and Charles Eidson.

Thus Navy had a slight edge in the standing at 63—62. It was now Midshipman Jim Estep's assignment. A victory for him meant the title regardless of what Columbia did in its last bout. A loss might mean a possible tie for Navy.

Third Classman Estep of Beckley, W. Va., faced Nicholas Kontakis of Rutgers. After a 3-0 lead, Estep signalled his teammates along the strip that

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everything was going fine. He formed a circle with two fingers of his left hand, signifying "All's Well." A few minutes later he had won, 5-0, and Navy had the title.

Columbia subsequently came through to win their No. 3 bout against City College. But the Beaver rooters were in an uproar going into the last round. Tied at 22-all with Columbia, defending saber champion, its 2-1 margin over the Lions clinched the saber title for the Lavender.

Although City tied for the team laurels in 1941, when it shared honors with Harvard, this was the first time the Beavers captured the title outright.

Lucia C. C. N. Y. Coach

As a consequence the squad and Coach Edward Lucia were highly jubilant. Lucia, who is a hygiene instructor at the college, is 42 years old and was born in Leonia, N. J. He is a former musical conductor and during World War II served under Gene Tunney as a bayonet and judo instructor.

The members of the C. C. N. Y. championship saber trio were Eliot Mills Jr. of Brooklyn, Martin Wertlieb and Manny Fineberg, both of the Bronx. Fineberg is a sophomore, Mills a junior, and Wertlieb a senior.

In addition to crediting Lucia for his fine instruction, the team attributed long hours of road work as reasons for its ability to come through in the championship.

Against Columbia in the decisive bout that settled the saber crown, Mills beat Marvin Stein of Columbia in the No. 1 engagement, 5-3. Wertlieb then beat Gerald Kaufman of the Lions, 5-3. Columbia's Ed Magnani turned back Fineberg, 5-1.

Navy tied for third in the saber team standing with Princeton at 22, while N. Y. U. was next at 21. Penn and Harvard followed with 17 each. Cornell and Yale were bracketed at 15, Rutgers had 10, Brooklyn 9 and M. I. T. 3.

In Important Contest

Navy under Joe Fiems, their ex-Belgian Army instructor, captured an important tenth-round encounter, beating N. Y. U., 3-0, in the saber.

Columbia had been ahead as far as the three-weapon tabulation went with 60, while Navy and N. Y. U. were trailing at 59 and Princeton had 58 at this stage.

By winning, the midshipmen moved into the tie with Columbia at 62 when the Lion sabermen failed to sweep against Harvard, but won, 2-1. Princeton meanwhile beat Yale, 3-0, to go into third place, before the concluding or eleventh round from which Navy emerged as three-weapon champion.

The midshipmen accounted for the épée title on Friday with 24 and then trailed in the foil with 18. Although Cornell won the foil title, Navy was even with the Ithacans after the épée and foil bouts with 42 points each in the three-weapon standing.

It marked the fifth time that Annapolis fencers have captured the three-weapon diadem since 1923. Navy also shared the title with Yale in 1925.

In the individual championships, which were decided following the team bouts, Princeton's Kinmont Hoitsma emerged as the épée champion. He had a 5-0 score as he turned back each

of the other five qualifiers. Hoitsma is a member of the United States Olympic fencing squad. His Olympic squad teammate from Princeton, Allan Hoffman, was second.

Joseph Crisanti, a Cornell senior, captured the foil championship after a fence-off with Ralph De Marco of Columbia. Each had a 4-1 score to tie in the round-robin among the six qualifiers for the individual title.

In the fence-off, De Marco led by 4-2, but Crisanti came through with three successive hits to win the bout and title.

Wertlieb, who had emerged with a 9-2 record to help City College win the saber team championship, came through with an individual crown a few hours later. The 23-year-old senior registered a sweep against five opponents to gain the individual title.

TEAM SABER

Pool 1-Norfleet Johnston, Princeton, 10-1; James Wolverton, Cornell, 8-3; Eliot Mills, C. C. N. Y., 7-4; Bernie Balaban, N. Y. U., 7-4; Marvin Stein, Columbia, 6-5; Seymour Kaplan, Penn., 6-5; Lester Zuckerman, Yale, 6-5; William Paul, Brooklyn, 5-6; Frederick Knowlton, Cornell, 4-7; David Silbert, Harvard, 4-7; Oscar Lidstrom, Rutgers, 3-8; Raymond Wehrmeister, M. I. T., 0-11.

Qualified for Individual Championship—Johnston, Wolverton, Mills (defeated Balaban, 5-2, in fence-off).

Pool 2-Martin Wertlieb, C. C. N. Y., 9-2; Gerald Kaufman, Columbia, 8-3; Charles Eldson, Navy, 7-4; Thomas Cakourus, N. Y. U., 7-4; Yorke Peeler, Princeton, 7-4; David Brockner, Rutgers, 6-5; Thomas Paterson, Cornell, 5-6; Alan Finger, Penn., 5-6; Philip Block, Yale, 5-6; Douglas Runnels, Harvard, 4-7; Benjamin Edwards, M. I. T., 2-9; Arnold Assrelsky, Brooklyn, 1-10.

Qualified for Individual Championship—Wertlieb and Kaufman.

Pool 3-Edward Magnani, Columbia, 9-2; Mitchell Thomas, Harvard, 9-2; Manny Fineberg, C. C. N. Y., 8-3; James Estep, Navy, 7-4; Louis Guinot, N. Y. U., 7-4; Dennis Caverly, Cornell, 6-5; Peter Theran, Penn., 6-5; Arch Edwards, Princeton, 5-6; Ralph Licore, Yale, 4-7; Morton Panzer, Brooklyn, 3-8; Wendell Reis, M. I. T., 1-10; Nicholas Kontakis, Rutgers, 1-10.

Qualified for Individual Championship—Thomas (defeated Magnani, 5-4, in fence-off).

TEAM POINT SCORES

C. C. N. Y.	24	Harvard	17
Columbia	23	(c) Cornell	15
(a) Navy	22	Yale	15
Princeton	22	Rutgers	10
N. Y. U.	21	Brooklyn	9
Penn.	17	M. I. T.	3

(a) Navy third on touches against.
(b) Penn sixth on touches against.
(c) Cornell eighth on touches against.

THREE-WEAPON TOTAL

Navy	64	Yale	51
Columbia	63	Penn	47
Princeton	63	Harvard	44
N. Y. U.	62	Brooklyn	35
Cornell	57	Rutgers	29
C. C. N. Y.	54	M. I. T.	25

INDIVIDUAL EPEE

Kinmont Hoitsma, Princeton, 5-0; Allan Hoffman, Princeton, 4-1; Jack Lowe, Cornell, 2-3 (19 touches against); Bob Carter, Columbia, 2-3 (21 touches against); Andrew Torchia, Yale, 2-3 (22 touches against); James Woods, Navy, 0-5.

INDIVIDUAL FOIL

Joseph Crisanti, Cornell, 4-1; Ralph De Marco, Columbia, 4-1; William Post, Cornell, 2-3 (19 touches against); Alfred Peredo, N. Y. U., 2-3 (20 touches against); Ray Hill, Navy, 2-3 (21 touches against); John Norton, Yale, 1-4. Crisanti beat De Marco, 5-4.

INDIVIDUAL SABER

1. Martin Wertlieb, C. C. N. Y., 5-0; 2. Gerald Kaufman, Columbia, 3-2, (14 touches against); 3. Norfleet Johnston, Princeton, 3-2 (17 touches against); James Wolverton, Navy, 3-2 (17 touches against); 5. Mitchell Thomas, Harvard, 1-4; 6. Eliot Mills, C. C. N. Y., 0-5.