

# NAVY TEAM KEEPS 3-WEAPON HONORS BY SINGLE TALLY

Middies Top N. Y. U., 73-72,  
by Winning Final Bout—  
Violets First in Foil

By LINCOLN A. WERDEN

Navy retained the three-weapon title in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships yesterday.

The issue was decided in the last of the 594 team bouts that marked the two days of competition at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, the Bronx. The midshipmen triumphed by a point—one bout. They ended with a total of 73 credits. New York University, the pre-tourney favorite, scored 72.

Twelve colleges competed. Navy won the épée team title with 26 points on Friday. Yesterday N. Y. U. captured the foil honors with 27 points and Columbia was the saber victor with 26.

By virtue of its showing in the foil, N. Y. U. took the oldest of intercollegiate athletic trophies, the famed "Little Iron Man," a bronze statue of a gladiator. It was the first time that the Violets, under Coach Hugo Castello, had won this title outright since 1943. They tied for it in 1949 and 1950.

## Violets' Hopes Bloom

N. Y. U.'s hopes of all-round or three-weapon, supremacy bloomed after the foil triumph. Yale finished second in the foil with 25 points and Navy was third with 24.

At that stage—with the épée and foil tests ended, Navy and N. Y. U. were tied at 50 points each in the race for the three-weapon laurels. Columbia was in third place with 43.

After seven rounds of the saber competition, Navy had a slight edge, with N. Y. U. and Columbia pressing. Columbia emerged as the saber team champion. Navy and Penn each captured twenty-three bouts, while N. Y. U. accounted for twenty-two.

Although four strips were set in the ball room, two others were established in a large room, off the ball room balcony, to speed the long program.

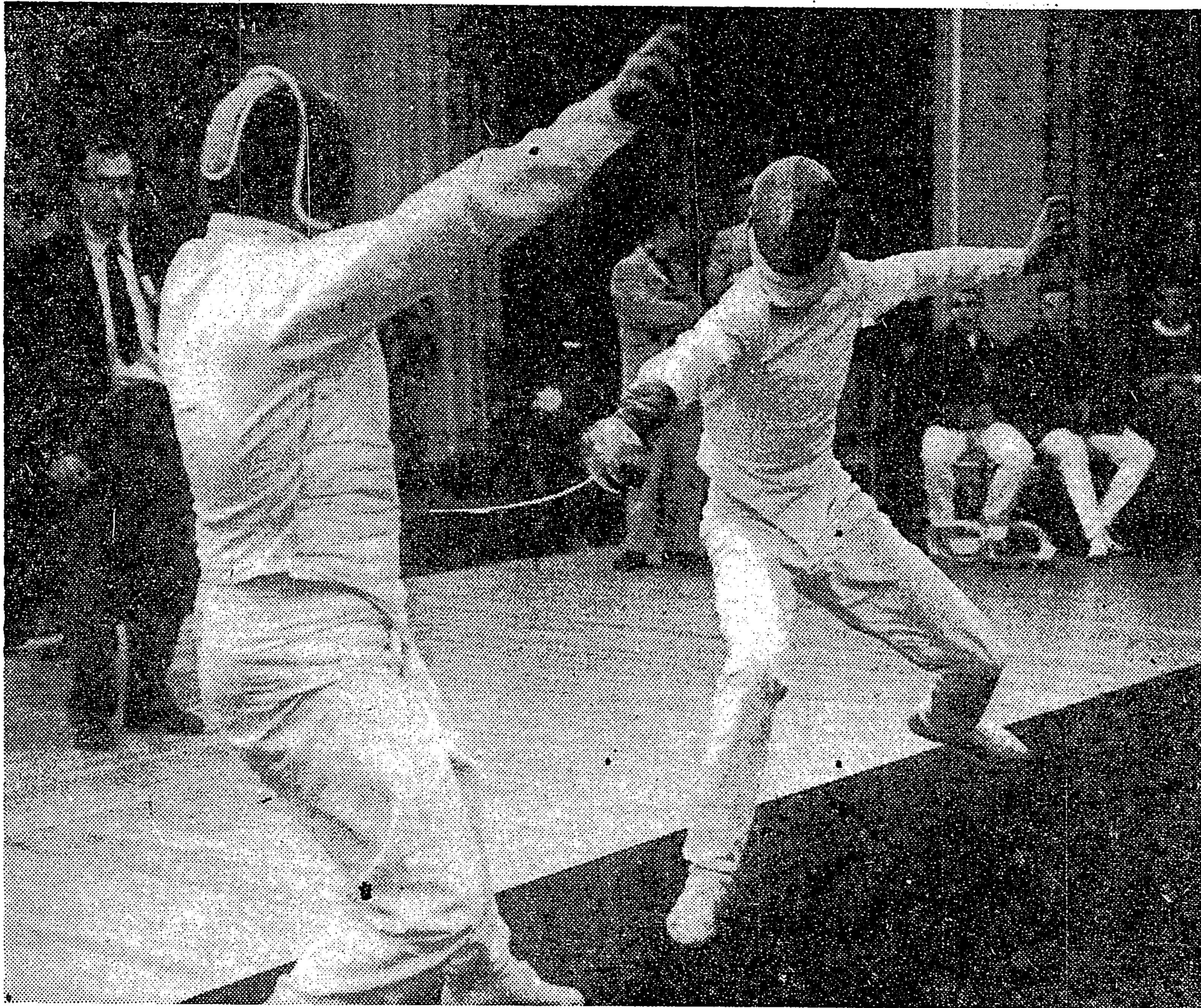
It so happened that the three leaders for three-weapon honors drew assignments on the strips in that room, for the eleventh and conclusive round.

With each team having three bouts left to fence in this round, Navy was ahead with 71 points. N. Y. U.'s score was 69 and Columbia's 68. Navy had to fence Columbia, while N. Y. U.'s final opponent was Cornell. Adherents of the teams packed the room. stood along the walls and yelled as their favorites scored points.

N. Y. U.'s group was jubilant as the Violet trio of Bernie Balaban, Steve Greene and Frank Bavuso won all three bouts from Cornell. Navy and Columbia on the adjoining strip were battling hard.

In the No. 1 pool or match, Edward Magnani, who is also a pitcher on Columbia's baseball team, stopped the Navy captain,

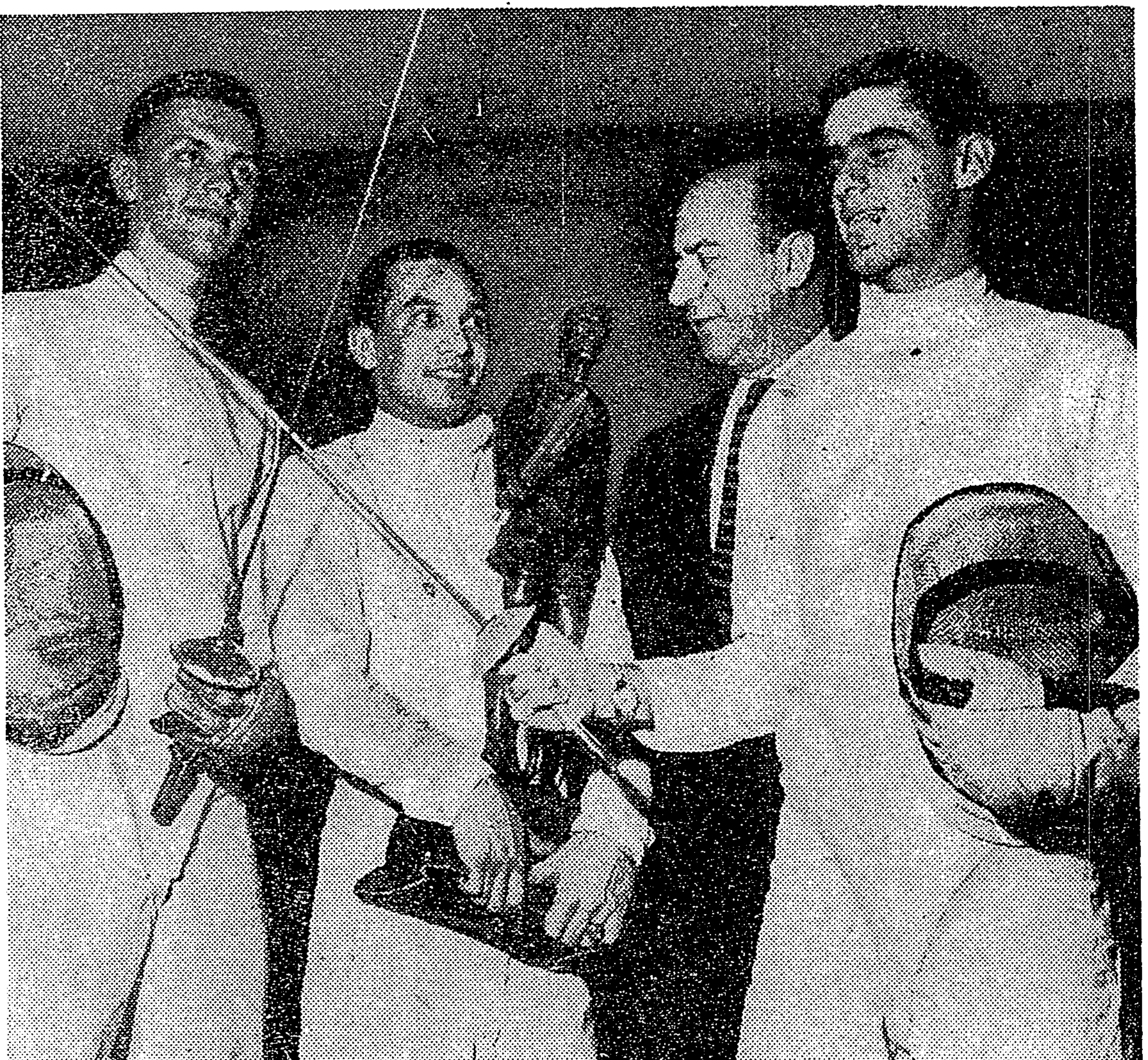
Continued on Page 7, Column 2



The New York Times (by Carl T. Gossett, Jr.)

**SABER DANCE:** Gates Agnew of Princeton and Arthur Jorgenson of Rutgers fence with traditional flair as they compete in final day of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association's championships at the Concourse Plaza Hotel here.





The New York Times

**FIRST IN FOIL:** The N. Y. U. fencing team, winner of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association foil title at the Hotel Concourse Plaza here. From left: John Farrell, Al Peredo, Hugo Castello, coach, and Martin Jay Davis. Peredo holds the Little Iron Man trophy.

## 3-WEAPON HONORS RETAINED BY NAVY

Continued From Page 1

Charles Eidson, 5—4. Navy now had to take the last two to win.

Jim Estep, 5 feet 6 inches, the smallest man on the Navy squad, in an exciting clash finally defeated Frank Parisi of Columbia, 5—4. The point assured Navy of a tie for the three-weapon honors. Estep, who hails from Beckley, W. Va., was pounded on the back by his fellow midshipmen.

But the real mauling was accorded to Larry Polk, class of '58. Polk, a substitute on the team last year and now No. 3 saber man, did the trick for Navy. He beat Joe Bloom of Columbia, 5—4, in the last bout and the title remained with the Blue and Gold. Polk lives in Silva, Mo.

Both Navy instructors, Joseph Fiems, dean of college coaches, and his assistant, Andre Deladrier, in turn, expressed their appreciation of the team's fine efforts. Both instructors learned fencing in Belgium.

Frank Larson aided Navy considerably in the foil as he went undefeated in the No. 3 pool, the only foilsman to do so.

Columbia last held the saber title in 1955. Navy was accorded second over Penn on touches. Each won twenty-three bouts, but Navy had 92 touches against, while 116 were chalked against Penn.

Balaban, 20-year-old N. Y. U. senior and co-captain of the Violets' team, took the individual saber honors. Following his 10-1 record in the team competition, he came through with a perfect score, beating five other qualifiers in the individual final. Magnani of Columbia was the runner-up.

A little later, Balaban joined in celebration with his co-captain, Alfred Peredo, who gained the foil title after a fence-off with John Norton of Yale. Peredo and Norton tied at 4—1 in the round-robin final. Then Peredo, in one of the keenest tussles of the championship, defeated Norton, by a touch, 5—4.

Peredo, 25, served with the armed forces in Korea and Japan. He lives in Brooklyn and before entering N. Y. U. fenced with the Boys High team.

The Epée crown went to a Columbia junior, James Margolis of Teaneck, N. J. Margolis dropped only one of five bouts in the round-robin final. He bowed to a team-mate, Steve Buchman, the Lions' No. 3 Epée man. Dave Shrager of Penn was the runner-up, with Buchman, third. Shrager gained the place with fewer touches against him.

The New York Times

Published: March 17, 1957  
Copyright © The New York Times