



**HAIL COLUMBIA:** Lion's saber team, victorious in championship yesterday, raises a cheer. From the left: Joseph Bloom, Frank Parisi, Coach Irving DeKoff, Charles Golden and Jay Nielson. Matches were held at Concourse Plaza.

# Columbia's Fencers Gain Collegiate 3-Weapon Title

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Despite the loss of its only national champion in a freakish accident on Friday, Columbia clinched the three-weapon title in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association

championship yesterday. By retaining the honors in the saber team match that brought the two-day round-robin at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx to an end, the Lions totaled 71 points. It was the first time since 1954 that the Blue and White had taken the all-around crown.

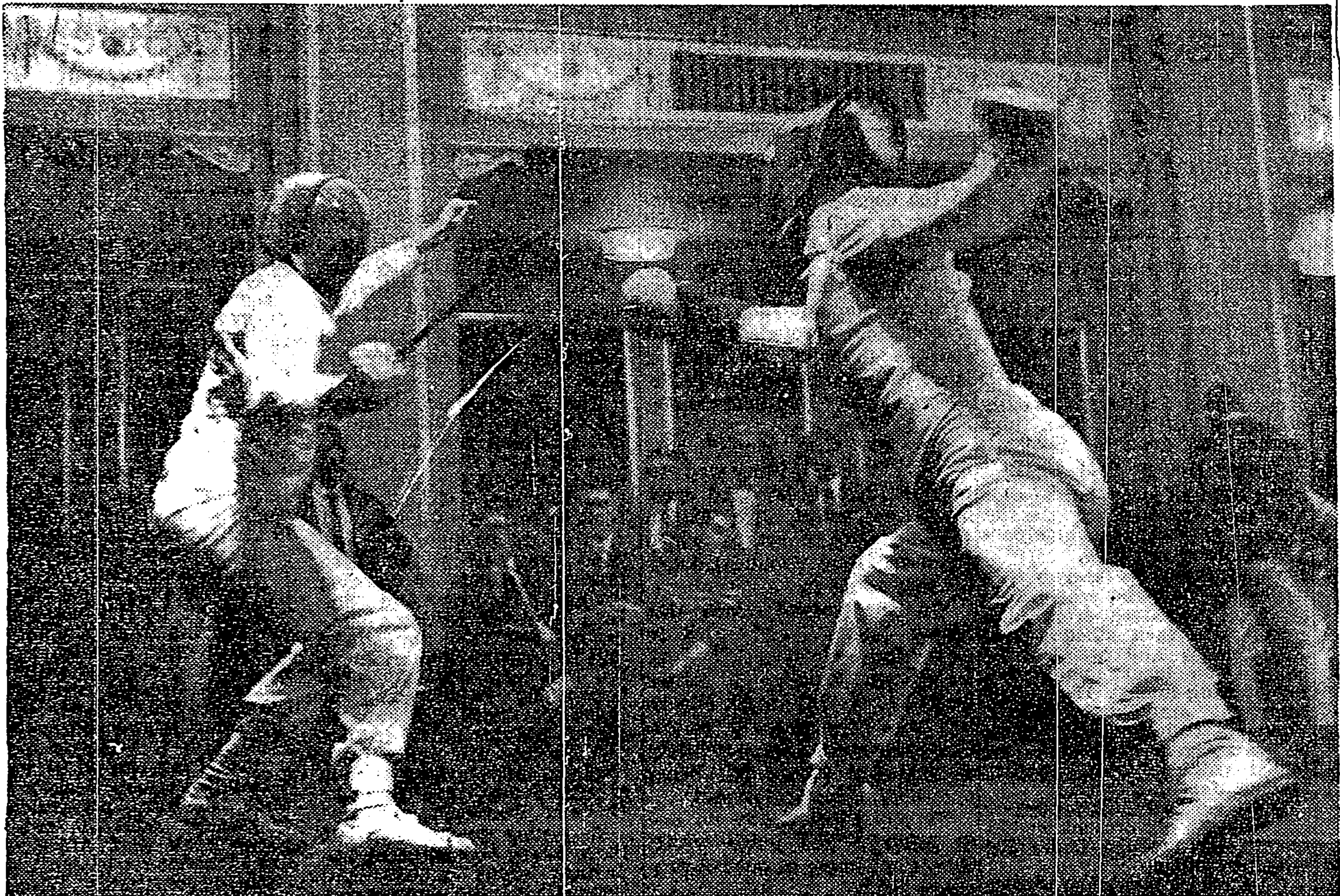
The Lions were particularly pleased with their success as it was gained with their National Collegiate and Intercollegiate épée champion, James Margolis, on the sidelines. Margolis slipped during a warm-up session before the tourney got under way Friday morning and pulled a tendon in his right leg. He was unable to complete his first round bout and subsequently forfeited.

## Two Ties for Second Help

Nevertheless, the épée team finished in a tie for second with 22 points. Late Friday evening, Columbia deadlocked for second with the foil by scoring 24 points. These totals, together with the twenty-five bouts won in the saber competition, enabled Columbia to top the standing among the twelve colleges battling for the three-weapon championship.

Following the Lions in the over-all point race was New York University, the foil team champion, with 66. Navy, the 1957 three-weapon titleholder, was third with 62. City College was next in the standing with 59, while Cornell, which had opened with a team victory in the épée, finished with 58.

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LUNGING LION: Joseph Bloom, right, of Columbia in a saber bout with Frank Wiley of Cornell. Bloom won.

## COLUMBIA TAKES 3-WEAPON CROWN

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Princeton, at 55; Penn, 54; Yale, 51; Harvard, 48; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 34; Rutgers, 21, and Brooklyn College, 15, trailed.

Two members of the 1957 team that brought Columbia saber honors were members of the victorious trio yesterday. They were Joseph Bloom of Brooklyn, the team's No. 1 man, and Frank Parisi of Guttenberg, N. J., Columbia's fencing captain. The newcomer was Charles Golden of Elmhurst. Jay Nielson was available, but did not get into action.

City College pressed Columbia in the bid for saber supremacy. Columbia held a one-point edge after the ninth and tenth rounds. It was certain it had clinched the three-weapon championship. However, with City, Columbia's last opponent, the score stood at Columbia 23, City 22, N. Y. U. 21.

N. Y. U. won two from Yale to acquire 23, but Columbia swept through its first two bouts as Bloom and Parisi scored to assure the triumph. Golden tried to complete a sweep but lost his bout.

The enthusiasm of the Columbia supporters got slightly physical as the saber men were tossed on shoulders and pounded on backs.

### N. Y. U. Sophomore Scores

Mike Desaro, an N. Y. U. sophomore, took the individual saber crown. He won on a fence off against Parisi by a score of 5-2 after both had 4-1 standings. Parisi had administered the only setback against Desaro to cause the tie in bouts won before the fence-off.

John Norton of Milwaukee, Yale's captain, carried off the individual foil championship. After sweeping through undefeated in eleven bouts of the round robin on Friday to qualify he took four out of five against his rivals yesterday. Ronald Alessio of N. Y. U. was the only fencer to defeat Norton, winning 5-1. Alessio was the runner-up in the individual championship.

A three-way fence-off was necessary to decide the individual épée champion. James Powell of Yale, Stephen Buchman of Columbia and Paul Levy of Princeton went into the extra session after being tied at 4-1 in the final. Levy took the crown by beating Powell, 5-1, and Buchman, 5-4. Buchman took second place by winning, 5-2, from Powell.

Irving DeKoff, who has been the fencing instructor at Columbia for the last six years, has coached victorious saber teams in the I. F. A. meet four times in the past five years.

To what does he attribute his success? He tries to "sell" the sport on a friendly, human basis. He corrals freshmen, interests them with fencing exhibitions and extols the activity as good exercises. Next week he will head the Columbia team toward Lubbock, Tex., for the National Collegiate championships.

Margolis won't be going, but the team was in high spirits after yesterday's showing.

### TEAM SABER

Pool 1 — Joseph Bloom, Columbia, 5-3; Mitchell Thomas, Harvard, 8-3; Yorke Peeler, Princeton, 8-3; Emanuel Fineberg, C. C. N. Y., 7-4; Frank Wiley, Cornell, 7-4; Alfonso Morales, Navy, 6-5; Steve Greene, N. Y. U., 6-5; Philip Block, Yale, 5-6; Philip Robinson, Penn, 5-5; Edward Harmacek, Penn, 2-2; Bob West, Brooklyn, 3-8; Oscar Lindstrom, Rutgers, 3-8; Karl Koepke, M. I. T., 1-10.  
Qualifiers for Individual Finals — Bloom, Thomas, Peeler.  
Pool 2 — Frank Parisi, Columbia, 10-1; Andrew Kemeny, C. C. N. Y., 9-2; Mike Desaro, N. Y. U., 9-2; Donald Glicklen, Cornell, 7-4; Larry Polk, Navy, 5-6; Steve Friedman, Princeton, 5-6; Joseph Carriere, Penn, 5-6; John Reese, Yale, 5-6; Manuel Cabral, Harvard, 4-7; Larry Campbell, M. I. T., 4-4; Bob Rudderman, Brooklyn, 2-9; Fritz Levenbach, Rutgers, 1-10.  
Qualifiers for Individual Finals — Parisi, Desaro, Kemeny.  
Fence-off, 5-2.  
Pool 3 — James Estep, Navy, 10-1; Harold Byer, Penn, 10-1; Joseph Jackowitz, N. Y. U., 8-3; Harold Mayer, C. C. N. Y., 7-4; Charles Golden, Columbia, 7-4; James Coastworth, Cornell, 3-6; Michael Woolf, Harvard, 5-6; Anthony Lapham, Yale, 3-4; James Karamelas, Yale, 1-5; Ed Greenberg, Brooklyn, 3-8; Warren Siemens, M. I. T., 3-8; John

Long, Princeton, 3-8; George Weber, Rutgers, 1-10.  
Qualifier for Individual Finals — Estep (defeated Byer in fence off 5-0).

### SABER TEAM SCORES

Columbia	25	Harvard	17
C. C. N. Y.	23	Princeton	16
N. Y. U.	23	Yale	14
Navy	21	M. I. T.	13
Penn	19	Brooklyn College	8
Cornell	19	Rutgers	5

### THREE-WEAPON TEAM SCORES

Columbia	71	Penn	54
N. Y. U.	64	Yale	51
Navy	53	Harvard	48
C. C. N. Y.	59	M. I. T.	31
Cornell	58	Rutgers	21
Princeton	55	Brooklyn College	15

### INDIVIDUAL FOIL

Wommack, Navy, 5-2; Martin Davis, N. Y. U., 5-2; Thomas Moshang, Columbia, 5-1, and Ed Studer, Navy, 5-1; Ronald Alessio, N. Y. U., defeated Wommack, 5-0; Norton, 5-1, and Davis, 5-0; Davis defeated Wommack, 5-2; Studer, 5-2, and Moshang, 5-4; Studer defeated Alessio, 5-3; Wommack, 5-4, and Moshang, 5-0; Wommack defeated John Norton, Yale, defeated Roland Moshang, 5-4; Moshang defeated Alessio, 5-0. Alessio took second place on touches against.

### INDIVIDUAL SABER

Mike Desaro, N. Y. U., defeated Joseph Bloom, Columbia, 5-4; James Estep, Navy, 5-1; Mitchell Thomas, Harvard, 5-1, and Yorke Peeler, Princeton, 5-1; Frank Parisi, Columbia, defeated Bloom, 5-3; Estep, 5-4; Thomas, 5-2, and Desaro, 5-2; Peeler defeated Bloom, 5-3; Thomas, 5-0; Parisi, 5-4; Estep defeated Thomas, 5-4; Peeler, 5-4; Bloom defeated Estep, 5-4; Thomas defeated Bloom, 5-4; Desaro defeated Parisi in fence-off, 5-2.

### INDIVIDUAL EPEE

James Powell, Yale, defeated Richard Cole, Cornell, 5-2; Stephen Buchman, Columbia, 5-3; John Wiley, Cornell, 5-4, and

David Micahnik, Penn, 5-3; Buchman defeated Cole, 5-2; Wiley, 5-2; Paul Levy, Princeton, 5-2, and Micahnik, 5-1; Levy defeated Cole, 5-4; Wiley, 5-1; Micahnik, 5-4, and Powell, 5-4; Wiley defeated Micahnik, 5-4; Micahnik defeated Cole, 5-3.

Fence-Off—Levy defeated Powell, 5-1, and Buchman, 5-4; Buchman defeated Powell, 5-2.