Foilers take 'Iron Man':

Akerman wins IFA foil title

By Damon Gerrard

The foil team concluded its most outstanding performance in MIT fencing history, freshman sensation Johan Akerman not only teamed with fellow freshmen Rich Reimer and Arlie Sterling to win the coveted foil team title at the 77th annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships last Friday at Harvard, but went on to defeat five of the top foilers in the country the next day to win the tournament's individual championship.

Although MIT finished in a tie for third place in the national competition (foil, epee, and saber), only by NYU, the foil team was especially satisfying because it comes the "Iron Man" title, highest of all intercollegiate athletic trophies in the country. This is a title held by the top fencers in the country the next day to win the tournament's individual championship.

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