

FENCING.

PREPARING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.



FOR THE PETERSEN PRIZE.

MR. CHAS. G. PETERSEN, of the Russian Embassy and the New York Athletic Club, recently offered a superb pair of dueling swords as a prize for an open amateur competition with dueling swords. The contest was held March 20th in the fencing-room of the New York Athletic Club, and under the rules of the Amateur Fencers' League of America.

The seven gentlemen who entered for this competition were:

Charles Tatum, Fencers' Club.
Dr. Claiborne, Fencers' Club.
J. E. Hoffman, Fencers' Club.
C. G. Bothner, New York Athletic Club.
Samuel F. Shaw, New York Athletic Club.
L. M. Lawson, New York Athletic Club.
John Allaire, New York Turn Verein.

The detailed score was as follows:

First bout—Tatum beat Claiborne, 2 to 1.
Second bout—Bothner beat Hoffman, 2 to 1.
Third bout—Shaw beat Allaire, 2 to 1.
Fourth bout—Claiborne beat Lawson, 3 to 0.
Fifth bout—Tatum beat Hoffman, 3 to 0.
Sixth bout—Bothner beat Allaire, 2 to 1.
Seventh bout—Shaw beat Lawson, 3 to 0.
Eighth bout—Claiborne beat Hoffman, 2 to 1.
Ninth bout—Bothner beat Tatum, 2 to 1.
Tenth bout—Allaire beat Hoffman, 2 to 1.
Eleventh bout—Claiborne beat Shaw, 2 to 1.
Twelfth bout—Tatum beat Lawson, 2 to 1.
Thirteenth bout—Shaw beat Bothner, 2 to 1.
Fourteenth bout—Claiborne beat Allaire, 3 to 0.
Fifteenth bout—Lawson beat Bothner, 2 to 1.
Sixteenth bout—Bothner beat Claiborne, 2 to 1.
Seventeenth bout—Allaire beat Tatum, 2 to 1.
Eighteenth bout—Shaw beat Hoffman, 2 to 1.
Nineteenth bout—Bothner beat Lawson, 2 to 1.
Twentieth bout—Allaire beat Lawson, 2 to 1.
Twenty-first bout—Shaw beat Tatum, 3 to 0.
Dr. Claiborne and Mr. Shaw were each penalized $\frac{1}{4}$ point.
The scores by points for the trophy were as follows:
Shaw, $12\frac{3}{4}$; Claiborne, $11\frac{1}{4}$; Bothner, 11; Tatum, 9; Allaire, 8; Hoffman, 5; Lawson, 5.

The rules of the Amateur Fencers' League of America prescribe that during the month preceding the annual championship meeting, preliminary contests shall be held in the several districts, and those fencers who equal or excel a certain standard are thereby made eligible to contend in the finals. Those who win places at the championship meeting are permitted to compete again next year, without participation in those preliminary trials.

The preliminary trials for this year were held April 2d and 3d, in the fencing-rooms of the New York Athletic Club, 104 West Fifty-fifth street, New York city.

With the foils the standard was 55 points, and five competitors qualified, the score being as follows: A. V. Z. Post, Fencers' Club, 64 points; W. T. Heintz, New York Athletic Club, 63 1-7 points; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 58 1-2 points; J. E. Hoffman, 57 2-7 points; J. Allaire, New York Turn Verein, 55 5-7 points; W. J. Fieldkamp, New York A. C., 49 1-3 points; A. Brownell, Boston Athletic Association, 46 1-4 points; Dr. G. C. Lawrence, 29 1-3 points.

The fencers who are eligible for this year's finals, by having won places last year, are C. G. Bothner, New York Athletic Club, and C. Tatum, Fencers' Club.

With the dueling swords, the standard was 6 points, and four contestants qualified, the score being as follows: S. T. Shaw, New York A. C., 12; A. F. Riggs, Harvard University, 10; A. Brownell, Boston A. A., 9; Dr. J. H. C. Claiborne, Fencers' Club, 6; J. Allaire, New York T. V., 5; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 0.

Those eligible by last year's performances are A. V. C. Post, Fencers' Club; W. T. Heintz, New York A. C., and C. G. Bothner, New York A. C.

With sabres only two qualified, the score being as follows: W. J. Fieldkamp, New York A. C., 71 2-3 points; J. Allaire, New York T. V., 59 1-6 points; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 48 1-3 points.

These qualified by last year's performances are C. G. Bothner, A. Pope and F. Slazenger, all of New York Athletic Club.

INTERCOLLEGIATE FENCING ASSOCIATION.

Their fourth annual championship contests were held April 10th, at the Racquet and Tennis Club, New York city. The competing colleges were Harvard University, Columbia University, and the United States Naval Academy. Each college entered three men, and each man fenced a bout with each of the men of the other colleges, the winner of each bout scoring one point. To the winning team was awarded the custody for one year of the Challenge Trophy, and the individual fencer making the best score received a medal. The teams were as follows:

Harvard University—A. F. Riggs, M. De Diaz, and A. G. Thacher.

Columbia University—L. M. Lawson, G. T. Kirby, and J. F. B. Mitchell.

United States Naval Academy—W. M. Falconer, L. R. Sargent, and V. S. Houston.

The condensed summary is as follows:

Harvard University—Riggs beat Kirby, Falconer Sargent, and Houston; De Diaz beat Lawson, Mitchell, Falconer, and Sargent; Thacher beat Mitchell, Falconer, and Sargent. Total, 11 points.

Columbia University—Lawson beat Riggs, Thacher, Sargent, and Falconer; Kirby beat De Diaz, Thacher, and Falconer; Mitchell beat Riggs, Falconer, and Sargent.

United States Naval Academy—Sargent beat Kirby; Houston beat Lawson, Kirby, Mitchell, De Diaz, and Thacher. Total, 6 points.

Houston won the special prize for the highest individual score. W. B. CURTIS.