

NAVY'S SWORDSMEN WON

Annapolis Cadets Took Intercollegiate Fencing Championship.

BEAT CORNELL BY ONE BOUT

Henry, from U. S. Naval Academy, Victor in the Individual Competition—

Brilliant Contests with Foils.

Intercollegiate fencing honors were won last night by the cadets of the United States Naval Academy of Annapolis at the eighth annual championship tournament held in the gymnasium of the New York Athletic Club. Four teams were entered, the Naval Academy, Cornell, Columbia, and Harvard. The competing teams consisted of three men each. They were:

Naval Academy—L. B. McBride, S. M. Henry, and A. Andrews.

Cornell—John Ernest Gignoux, Chester Wyman Davis, and Harry Fitch Blount.

Columbia—E. S. Hewitt, A. L. Queneau, and T. B. Clark.

Harvard—Howard Clapp, F. W. Hitchings, and C. D. Burchenal.

When the naval cadets were announced winners of the team competition, they were fairly overwhelmed with applause. The large gymnasium was crowded with guests, and a large contingent of Annapolis sympathizers were among the spectators. The cadets made a clean sweep, and, in addition to the team victory, won the individual championship, S. M. Henry taking that honor and the special cup presented by Col. R. M. Thompson.

In each event triumph was earned after a closely fought contest. With a total of 27 bouts for each team, the cadets scored 18, Cornell coming close on their heels with 17, while Columbia scored 12, and Harvard, the victor in the team championship last year, fell hopelessly to the rear with only 7. Cadet Henry won his individual honors with eight victories, while T. B. Clark of Columbia, and Cadet L. B. McBride had seven each.

It was plainly to be seen early in the evening that the contest was to be close. As it happened, the hottest bout of the entire tournament came near the end of the match. Cadet Henry and T. B. Clark of Columbia were the opponents. A clean score of eight victories was on Henry's list, and one more would give him the enviable record of pulling through without a defeat. He is a graceful, aggressive, and rapid fencer, but in Clark he met a worthy foe. At the close of the four minutes bout, it was announced that the judges could not agree, and the referee called for another two-minute contest. The foils flashed brilliantly and rapidly every second of the time, and to the amazement of the crowd it was again announced that the judges could not agree. Again the men fought and parried, and when Clark got a well-merited award the shouts of Columbia filled the gymnasium.

Clark beat all of the naval men, but he was beaten by Gignoux of Cornell and Clapp of Harvard. He fences in admirable form. Gignoux, who won the individual medal in the recent junior foil competition at the Fencers' Club, lost three bouts, which was somewhat of a disappointment to the Cornell delegation.

The team summaries are:

Naval Academy—McBride beat Clapp, Harvard; McBride beat Hitchings, Harvard; McBride beat Burchenal, Harvard; McBride beat Gignoux, Cornell; McBride beat Blount, Cornell; McBride beat Hewitt, Columbia; Henry beat Clapp, Harvard; Henry beat Hitchings, Harvard; Henry beat Burchenal, Harvard; Henry beat Gignoux, Cornell; Henry beat Davis, Cornell; Henry beat Blount, Cornell; Henry beat Hewitt, Columbia; Henry beat Queneau, Columbia; Andrews beat Burchenal, Harvard; Andrews beat Queneau, Columbia; Andrews beat Hewitt, Columbia; McBride beat Queneau, Columbia. Total, 185.

Cornell—Gignoux beat Clapp, Harvard; Gignoux beat Hewitt, Columbia; Gignoux beat Queneau, Columbia; Gignoux beat Clark, Columbia; Davis beat McBride, Naval; Davis beat Andrews, Naval; Davis beat Clapp, Harvard; Davis beat Hitchings, Harvard; Davis beat Burchenal, Harvard; Davis beat Hewitt, Columbia; Blount beat Andrews, Naval; Blount beat Clapp, Harvard; Blount beat Burchenal, Harvard; Blount beat Hewitt, Columbia; Gignoux beat Andrews, Naval; Blount beat Hitchings, Harvard; Gignoux beat Burchenal. Total, 17.

Columbia—Hewitt beat Clapp, Harvard; Queneau beat Clapp, Harvard; Queneau beat Burchenal, Harvard; Queneau beat Davis, Cornell; Queneau beat Blount, Cornell; Clark beat McBride, Naval; Clark beat Andrews, Naval; Clark beat Hitchings, Harvard; Clark beat Burchenal, Harvard; Clark beat Davis, Cornell; Clark beat Blount, Cornell; Clark beat Henry, Naval. Total—12.

Harvard—Clapp beat Andrews, Naval; Clapp beat Clark, Columbia; Hitchings beat Andrews, Naval; Hitchings beat Gignoux, Cornell; Hitchings beat Hewitt, Columbia; Hitchings beat Queneau, Columbia; Burchenal beat Hewitt, Columbia. Total—7.

The individual standing is as follows:

	Bouts Won.
S. M. Henry, Naval Academy.....	8
L. B. McBride, Naval Academy.....	7
T. B. Clark, Columbia.....	7
John E. Gignoux, Cornell.....	6
Chester W. Davis, Cornell.....	6
Harry F. Blount, Cornell.....	5
A. L. Queneau, Columbia.....	4
F. W. Hitchings, Harvard.....	4
A. Andrews, Naval Academy.....	3
Howard Clapp, Harvard.....	2
C. D. Burchenal, Harvard.....	1
E. S. Hewitt, Columbia.....	1

There were in all fifty-four bouts, and in order to finish by midnight an afternoon session was held. The judges were Charles Tatham, Fencers' Club; W. T. Lawson, Racquet and Tennis Club; Atherton Brownell, Boston Athletic Association; W. Scott O'Connor, Fencers' Club; Dr. M. J. Echeverria, New York Athletic Club, and Count Raoul Doyle, Fencers' Club, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Graeme Hammond, President of the Amateur Fencers' League, was referee.

The same colleges, with the addition of Yale, were in the event last year, and the finish was unusually close, Harvard winning with 23 bouts, the Naval Academy getting 22, Cornell 21, and Columbia 20. A. E. Wieland of Cornell won the individual honors. He was graduated last June. All of the victorious naval cadets will be graduated in June, and they will immediately start for Manila.