

COLUMBIA FENCERS LEAD FOR THE TITLE

Win Twelve Bouts in Intercollegiate Tournament at Hotel Astor.

The Columbia University fencing team gained a commanding lead over the representatives of four other institutions last night at the Hotel Astor in the first half of the tournament to decide the intercollegiate fencing title for 1913. The Morning-side Heights trio lost only three bouts in fifteen, and on the form displayed by this team last night, it seems more than probable that the championship will come to New York this year. The representatives of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, which finished behind the West Point champions in the 1912 tournament, rank second to Columbia, with ten victories and eight defeats. None of the other teams got as much as an even break in the eighteen bouts fenced last night.

The tournament is one team short of last year's entry. The University of Pittsburgh, which qualified for a place in the finals through the failure of Princeton to put a team in the field, failed to send any competitors to the championship, thus narrowing down the field. The teams in the present tourney besides Columbia and Annapolis are Cornell, Pennsylvania, and Harvard, but all are now regarded as having outside chances.

Forty-five bouts were fenced last night, each team taking part in eighteen. This completes the first half of the tournament. This afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, thirty more bouts will be decided, and the final fifteen will be fenced to-night in the grand ballroom of the Astor, one strip being used for all the final bouts. Three strips were in use last night, and the same will apply this afternoon for the bouts in the Belvidere.

Uncle Sam's cadets from West Point, the winners of the 1912 tourney, have no opportunity to defend their honors this year, as the team withdrew from the Intercollegiate League in January. Princeton's failure to put out a team and the withdrawal of Bowdoin from the league, after being admitted at the last annual meeting, further reduced the fields in the preliminary rounds which were decided a short time ago, leaving the five now competing at the Astor to settle the championship.

Columbia practically put Harvard's last hopes in the discard by a clean sweep against the Crimson trio in the inter-team series. Six of the nine bouts which these two teams must figure in were decided last night, and the Cambridge representatives failed to get a single victory. Columbia made another clean sweep in its three bouts with Pennsylvania, but got two out of three against Cornell, and lost two of the six bouts with the Navy team. Columbia has two of last year's team in this year's tournament, and the same is true of Cornell and Pennsylvania. The Navy and Harvard have teams no member of which had heretofore figured in a championship.

Mouquin of Columbia was the individual star of last night's competition, coming through with a clean slate for his six bouts. He was the only fencer in the tournament who did not suffer at least one defeat during the evening. Gerhard of Pennsylvania and Van Nardroff of Harvard went down to defeat in each of their six bouts. The Navy team made the only substitution, replacing Lingo with Glennon after the former had lost three bouts in succession. The change added strength to the team, as Glennon won two of his three bouts.

The representatives of the various colleges were as follows:

Columbia—A. N. Clough, Captain; L. F. H. Mouquin and J. H. Northrop.

Cornell—F. B. O'Connor, Captain; H. W. Sibert and H. A. Wadman.

Harvard—S. F. Daman, Captain; J. A. Aylen and R. Van Nardroff.

Naval Academy—A. W. Dunn, Captain; B. H. Lingo and B. F. Hans.

University of Pennsylvania—C. R. McPherson, Captain; H. Van Buskirk and B. Gerhard.

The officials of the meet are: Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, New York Athletic Club; Directors—W. J. Bowman, Cornell; Charles Tatham, New York A. C.; Paul Benzenberg, New York Turn Verein; Charles G. Bothner; Judges—John Allaire, New York Turn Verein; P. Allison, New York A. C.; Dr. D. A. Cairns, Fencers' Club; Mark Larrimer, Annapolis; J. A. McLoughlin, New York A. C.; Paul J. Meylon, Fencers' Club; J. B. B. Parker, Pennsylvania; S. Pitt, Fencers' Club; George H. Reinher, Sr., New York Turn Verein; H. Wendell, Pennsylvania.

Summary of the bouts:

COLUMBIA.

Clough—Defeated Hans, Navy, 6-2; Damon, Harvard, 9-8; Aylen, Harvard, 5-3; Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 7-4; Sibert, Cornell, 8-4. Lost 1.

Northrop—Defeated Glennon, Navy, 10-6; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 7-4; Damon, Harvard, 7-6; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 8-7. Lost 2.

Mouquin—Defeated Lingo, Navy, 6-2; Dunn, Navy, 6-3; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 4-3; Aylen, Harvard, 5-4; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 2-1; Wadman, Cornell, 5-4. Lost 0.

NAVY.

Dunn—Defeated Damon, Harvard, 6-4; Clough, Columbia, 6-5; Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 4-2; Sibert, Cornell, 4-2. Lost 2.

Hans—Defeated Northrop, Columbia, 8-7; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 4-1; O'Connor, Cornell, 5-3; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 12-10. Lost 2.

Glennon—Defeated Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 6-5; Aylen, Harvard, 4-3. Lost 1.

Lingo—Won 0, lost 3.

CORNELL.

O'Connor—Defeated McPherson, Pennsylvania, 7-4; Aylen, Harvard, 7-3; Northrop, Columbia, 8-4; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 5-2. Lost 2.

Sibert—Defeated Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 6-4; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 8-5. Lost 4.

Wadman—Defeated Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 6-2; Lingo, Navy, 5-4. Lost 4.

PENNSYLVANIA.

McPherson—Defeated Sibert, Cornell, 7-5; Hans, Navy, 7-6; Dunn, Navy, 9-1; Van Nardroff, Harvard, 6-5. Lost 2.

Van Buskirk—Defeated Wadman, Cornell, 4-3; O'Connor, Cornell, 3-2; Lingo, Navy, 5-3; Aylen, Harvard, 7-4. Lost 2.

Gerhard—Won 0, lost 6.

HARVARD.

Damon—Defeated Sibert, Cornell, 5-4; Wadman, Cornell, 6-5; Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 7-4. Lost 3.

Aylen—Defeated Wadman, Cornell, 4-3. Lost 5.

Van Nardroff—Won 0, lost 6.

KOLEHMAINEN TO RACE.

Finnish Champion Said to Have Recovered Wonderful Form.

With an entry list numbering well over 800, the Spring games of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia, which will be held in the Armory at Fifty-second Street and New York Bay, Brooklyn, next Thursday evening, promise to furnish cinder path devotees with a night's good sport. The navy men have presented a tiptop entry list, their headliners being Howard P. Drew, the wonderful colored sprinter of the Springfield High School, and Hannes Kolehmainen, the Finnish long-distance runner, who beat the best in the world at the Olympic games last Summer.

Drew will run in the sixty-yard dash handicap, and, in anticipation of the possibility of a new record, the Games Committee of the Naval Battalion has had the straightaway over which the race will be decided surveyed, so that there will be no doubt about Drew's covering the full sixty yards. Kolehmainen will start in the two-mile run special. The Finn has fully recovered from the effects of his indiscretion in running hard races too close together, and he anticipates having little trouble in getting the best of the local distancers in the race at the "Navy" meeting.

New League Gets Protection.

Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association yesterday granted protection to the newly formed New York and New Jersey League, which will place clubs at Poughkeepsie, Newburg, Middletown, and Kingston, N. Y., and Paterson and Long Branch, N. J. The league was granted Class B protection. The league will now proceed to adopt a schedule, and the various clubs will begin signing their managers and players. The clubs were unable to do this before protection was granted to the new league.

Sunday School Baseball League.

There will be a meeting of the representatives of all Sunday schools interested in organizing a Sunday School Baseball League for the coming Summer Thursday evening, March 27, at 8:15 o'clock at the Central Y. M. C. A. Sunday schools anxious to become affiliated with the tournaments as conducted by the Sunday School Athletic League are invited to send delegates to this meeting.