

COLUMBIA FENCERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Northrop, Clough, and Mouquin Take Intercollegiate Title at Hotel Astor.

The fencing team of Columbia University won the intercollegiate fencing championship of 1913 in the tournament which closed last night in the grand ball-room of the Hotel Astor. The victory of the Morningside fencers was presaged on Friday night, when the first half of the tournament, or forty-five bouts, was completed in the Belvidere. In yesterday afternoon's fencing Columbia clinched its hold on the title, closing the afternoon with a lead of seven bouts over Cornell and Pennsylvania, with only six more bouts for each team.

Columbia closed the tournament with a record of twenty-seven victories and only nine defeats. The real battle for place during the second half of the tournament was between Cornell and Pennsylvania for second honors, and this contest went down almost to the final bout. The Ithacans finally triumphed, but by the narrow margin of a single bout, winning nineteen and losing seventeen, while Pennsylvania was breaking even. Annapolis, runners-up to the champion West Point team a year ago, finished in fourth place with sixteen victories and twenty defeats. Harvard brought up the rear with ten victories and twenty-six defeats.

The victory of the Columbia team marks the second championship that has come to the local university. But it was a long time between the victories. The other was scored in 1896 during the early days of the Intercollegiate Fencing League.

Of the 1913 champion trio two are veteran fencers as concerns intercollegiate tournaments. Northrop finished his fourth year in this tournament, and Capt. Clough figured in two previous tournaments. He will be eligible for next season's team and will again captain the trio. Mouquin, whose sensational work on Friday night, when he won six successive bouts, featured the first half of the tournament, was the only member of the team figuring in his first tournament. Mouquin, after looming up as the possible individual champion, "fell down" miserably in yesterday's competition and lost four of his six bouts. He finished last on his team, Clough winning one more bout than Mouquin and Northrop two.

McPherson of Pennsylvania was the winner of the individual prize. At the close of the tournament Northrop of Columbia, O'Connor of Cornell and McPherson of Pennsylvania, were on even terms for the individual prize, with records of ten victories and two defeats each. An inspection of the scores of their respective bouts showed McPherson far ahead of the other two in attack, while O'Connor showed by far the best defense. McPherson's total score of touches for his twelve bouts was 84, against 48 by his opponents. O'Connor had a record of 59, against 30, easily the best defensive work of the tournament, and Northrop's figures, were 67, against 48.

The fencing off to decide the places followed out in closeness the battle for individual honors which ran through the tournament. Four extra periods were necessary to decide the bout between O'Connor and Northrop as the men were tied at the end of the regulation four-minute bout, and also at the conclusion of each two-minute period. O'Connor finally won in the fourth period by the score of 12 to 9. The Ithacan was defeated a few minutes later by McPherson of Pennsylvania, and this bout went into two extra periods before a decision was reached. The final and deciding bout, between McPherson and Northrop, was won by the former after three extra periods of fencing by the score of 11 to 9. The summaries:

COLUMBIA.

A. N. Clough—Defeated Van Nardroff, Harvard, 6-5; Gray, Annapolis, 8-3; Wadman, Cornell, 6-4; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 5-3. Lost 2. Total—Won 9, lost 3.

L. F. H. Mouquin—Defeated Damon, Harvard, 6-4; Hans, Annapolis, 6-2. Lost 4. Total—Won 8, lost 4.

J. H. Northrop—Defeated Wadman, Cornell, 7-4; Aylen, Harvard, 7-6; Dunn, Annapolis, 8-5; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 5-4; Casasus, Pennsylvania, 4-3; Sibert, Cornell, 4-3. Lost 0. Total—Won 10, lost 2.

CORNELL.

F. B. O'Connor—Defeated Clough, Columbia, 5-3; Damon, Harvard, 5-4; Glennon, Annapolis, 5-1; Casasus, Pennsylvania, 5-0; Mouquin, Columbia, 6-5; Dunn, Annapolis, 6-4. Lost 0. Total—Won 10, lost 2.

H. W. Sibert—Defeated Mouquin, Columbia, 5-3; Hans, Annapolis, 7-6; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 8-5; Gray, Annapolis, 7-4. Lost 2. Total—Won 6, lost 6.

H. A. Wadman—Defeated Van Nardroff, Harvard, 7-6. Lost 5. Total—Won 3, lost 9.

HARVARD.

S. F. Damson—Defeated Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 6-5; Gray, Annapolis, 9-7. Lost 4. Total—Won 5, lost 7.

J. A. Aylen—Defeated Sibert, Cornell, 9-7; Dunn, Annapolis, 9-5. Lost 4. Total—Won 3, lost 9.

R. Van Nordroff—Defeated Glennon, Annapolis, 9-3; Casasus, Pennsylvania, 7-2. Lost 4. Total—Won 2, lost 10.

ANNAPOLIS.

A. W. Dunn—Defeated Wadman, Cornell, 11-9; Van Nordroff, Harvard, 7-2. Lost 4. Total—Won 6, lost 6.

R. F. Hans—Defeated Damon, Harvard, 13-8; Gerhard, Pennsylvania, 9-5; Wadman, Cornell, 6-4; Aylen, Harvard, 9-2. Lost 2. Total—Won 8, lost 4.

L. R. Gray—Lost 3. Same total.

P. Glennon—Lost 3. Total—Won 2, lost 4.

B. H. Lingo—Total: Won 0, lost 3.

PENNSYLVANIA.

C. R. McPherson—Defeated Clough, Columbia, 9-7; Wadman, Cornell, 6-4; Damon, Harvard, 8-3; Gray, Annapolis, 12-9; Mouquin, Columbia, 11-7; Aylen, Harvard, 9-1; lost, 0. Total—Won, 10; lost, 2.

H. Van Buskirk—Defeated Van Nardroff, Harvard, 5-3; Dunn, Annapolis, 7-6; lost, 4. Total—Won, 6; lost, 6.

B. Gerhard—Lost, 1. Total—Won, 0; lost, 7.

H. Casasus—Defeated Mouquin, Columbia, 5-2; Aylen, Harvard; lost, 3. Total—Won, 2; lost, 3.

TEAM SCORES.

Columbia—Won, 27; lost, 9.

Cornell—Won, 19; lost, 17.

Pennsylvania—Won, 18; lost, 18.

Annapolis—Won, 16; lost, 20.

Harvard—Won, 10; lost, 26.

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