

# COLLEGE FENCERS TO HAVE NEW RULES

## Important Changes Recommended at Annual Meeting—Want Army Back in Fold.

Several important changes will probably be adopted by the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at its next meeting. These changes have been necessitated by conditions which developed prior to or during the annual championships which were decided Saturday night at the Hotel Astor. At the annual meeting and election of officers yesterday a committee was appointed to revise the rules and submit its report to the officers of the association at its next meeting. The proposed changes were discussed at length, but it was deemed advisable to give full consideration to these fundamental questions, and for that reason the Revision Committee will consult with the different colleges comprising the association before taking action.

The committee to revise the rules will consist of one graduate member of each college represented in the association, and is as follows: J. P. B. Parker, Pennsylvania, Chairman; J. A. McLaughlin, Harvard; M. Lorimer, Navy; P. Allison, Cornell; Studeford Pitt, Columbia; H. Chalmers, Yale; L. Gardner, Princeton, and W. D. Bridge, Bowdoin. Princeton and Bowdoin, although inactive during the last year, are still members of the association.

It is recommended that the system of judging be changed. In the past three amateurs have decided the points. This plan has not met with the complete success desired, and it is proposed to substitute one professional for an amateur, which will keep the number of judges the same as at present, but make the professional the director or referee and the two amateurs the judges. This will have the double advantage of relieving an amateur from casting the deciding vote where necessary and placing the responsibility with a thoroughly competent fencer.

Sabre fencing is advocated in addition to the foils, and the question of making sabre competition the same as foils is expected to receive official recognition. The sabre is growing in favor with the Amateur Fencers League of America and athletic clubs, and there is a general disposition on the part of the members of the association to add this branch of fencing to the competitive list.

The target may be enlarged to include the upper part of the arm, from the shoulder to the elbow, and a touch on the upper arm may in future count as a good point and not a foul.

In order to avoid a repetition of the conditions which existed in the last tournament for the individual title, when McPherson of Pennsylvania, Northrop of Columbia, and O'Connor of Cornell were tied, it is proposed to adopt the Olympic system of scoring, or the rules governing the competitions in the Amateur Fencers League of America. McPherson was adjudged the winner on his superiority of attack, which met with some dissatisfaction. The A. F. L. A. rules provide for the contestant scoring the first five points to be declared the winner of the bout, whereas under the present intercollegiate rules contestants are allowed four minutes for each bout, and the fencer scoring the highest number of points during this time is the winner. Several other points of minor interest in the rules will be subject to change.

The absence of the United States Military Academy representatives from last week's championship competition was regretted, and an effort will be made to secure West Point's return to membership. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the Intercollegiate Fencing Association deeply regrets the absence of the United States Military Academy from the intercollegiate fencing championship competition, and sincerely hopes that conditions will be such that the army will renew its affiliations with the association."

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President—A. M. Clough, Columbia; Vice President—E. Cochrane, United States Naval Academy; Secretary and Treasurer—W. R. Scott, Cornell.

## YOUNG SPOTTS A GOOD SHOT.

### 12-Year-Old Gunner Defeats Father at Larchmont Y. C. Traps.

There was a good muster of gunners yesterday up at the Larchmont Yacht Club, and despite the rather adverse conditions—a strong quartering wind at times—full scores were returned in all but two of the eight contests decided.

A feature of the day was the performance of Ralph K. Spotts, the 12-year-old son of the champion, R. L. Spotts. Shooting against fourteen others for a special trophy, with a handicap of 7, he returned a full score of 25, the only one in that match, and won the cup. His father, shooting from scratch, was only able to break 23. The runner up in this match was G. J. Corbett, whose score was 24, with a handicap of 2. In the shoot for the take home trophy young Spotts returned another full score, tying T. Lenane, Jr., and A. W. Fitzgerald. In the shoot-off Fitzgerald won. He also proved the winner of the visitors' trophy, and he tied with W. E. Ferguson in the shoot for the second take home trophy. They will shoot off for that prize next week.

Ralph L. Spotts in winning the "high gun" prize yesterday with a total of 131 out of the possible 150 gained his sixteenth bar for the season. He also won the leg for the Accumulation Cup, breaking 25 straight. With a handicap of 14 and a total score of 99 T. Lenane, Jr., won the 100 target handicap match, G. J. Corbett being the runner up with 94 to his credit. Lenane also captured the leg for the Monthly Cup with a full score.

## Local Bowlers in National Tourney.

In view of the announcement issued yesterday by Major M. W. Gage, the Secretary, that entries for the annual championship tournament of the National Bowling Association, to begin in Rochester on April 3, will not close until midnight on Wednesday, William H. Valentine, President of the New York Bowling Association, has called a special meeting of the Board of Governors of the local body for to-night at 9 o'clock at the Hotel Breslin. It is estimated that five more teams from Greater New York are likely to visit Rochester to compete for the National titles because of this concession on the part of the tournament officials. It is understood that the same situation is applicable to other districts.

The meeting at the Breslin will give those bowlers who have not been able to affiliate with teams a chance to do so. Moreover, those who expect to go independently may have an opportunity of competing in all events through joining a team. President Valentine said yesterday that owing to the fact that Secretary Woodworth is in Rochester a general call is impossible.

William Cordes, one of the founders of the National Bowling Association, has disbanded his all-star team so far as competing in the big tournament is concerned. Cordes will go to Rochester, however, as a member of the Riddell-Metropolitan Club. The Bergmans and the Brunswicks plan to charter a private car for the trip in each direction. Phil Lehrbach will go with the Spartans and Henry Lankeau with the Onawas. Louis Stein, the veteran Captain who piloted the Corinthians to the National title in 1907, will captain his own team. "Uncle Joe" Thum will also go with the Spartans and probably will have Lehrbach as a partner in the doubles.