

COLUMBIA FENCERS LEAD.

Get Good Start in Matches for Intercollegiate Championship.

With three members of the team which won the championship last year competing, Columbia took the lead last night at the opening matches for the intercollegiate fencing championships at the Hotel Astor. The Columbia team had a substantial lead on the United States Naval Academy and Cornell when the bouts of last night had been completed. Cornell and the Navy were making a close contest for second place. The matches will be continued this afternoon and will be completed tonight. It is very doubtful if Columbia's lead can be overcome.

For the individual championship the competition is closer. The matches last night left Hans of the Navy leading by a very slight margin. One of the very last bouts was between Hans and Mouquin of Columbia, which Hans won. Up to that time Hans, Mouquin, Pitt of Columbia, and Van Buskirk of Pennsylvania had been tied. Hans's victory put him slightly in the lead. There are enough bouts remaining, however, to give any of the other three an opportunity to beat out the Navy man.

Before the fencing was started the five other teams competing protested against the style of jackets worn by the Harvard team. It was claimed that the Harvard jackets were so slippery that the foils would slip off and the touches could not be seen. The Harvard fencers agreed to change the jackets.

In a bout between Sibert of Cornell and Gerhard of Pennsylvania, the latter's foil was jabbed in the face of Paul Meylan, who was refereeing, inflicting a deep gash. The wound was not serious, however, and did no serious damage to Meylan's eye. The summaries:

Harvard—S. F. Damon defeated Downey, (Yale,) 9-6; Sibert, (Cornell,) 8-7; Gerhard, (Pennsylvania,) 5-3; J. A. Aylen defeated Nickerson, (Yale,) 10-8; Robert Van Nordroff defeated Miller, (Yale,) 8-6; Chapman, (Cornell,) 10-5.

Yale—F. D. Downey defeated Clough, (Columbia,) 4-3; Cassusa, (Pennsylvania,) 7-6; Nickerson defeated Cassusa, (Pennsylvania,) 4-2; Miller defeated Pitt, (Columbia,) 6-5; Gleason, (Navy,) 8-6.

Cornell—H. Sibert defeated Downey, (Yale,) 7-5; Glennon, (Navy,) 6-4; A. Savage defeated Putman, (Harvard,) 5-3; Nickerson, (Yale,) 7-3; Cassusa, (Pennsylvania,) 7-1; Ellsberg, (Navy,) 11-10; C. T. Chapman defeated Miller, (Yale,) 7-6; Ellsberg, (Navy,) 9-2; Peck, (Navy,) 5-3.

Columbia—H. Clough defeated Damon, (Harvard,) 6-5; Aylen, (Harvard,) 8-2; Sibert, (Columbia,) 7-6; Gerhard, (Pennsylvania,) 11-5. Pitt defeated Damon, (Harvard,) 8-2; Van Nordroff, (Harvard,) 5-3; Chapman, (Cornell,) 20-17; Van Buskirk, (Pennsylvania,) 10-4; Peck, (Navy,) 8-2. Mouquin defeated Damon, (Harvard,) 6-0; Van Nordroff, (Harvard,) 9-6; Nickerson, (Yale,) 6-5; Savage, (Cornell,) 8-5; Ellsberg, (Navy,) 5-3.

Pennsylvania.—Bruce Gerhard defeated Downey, (Yale,) 10-6; Sibert, (Columbia,) 8-4; Hans, (Navy,) 5-4. Sassusa defeated Putnam, (Harvard,) 6-4; Mouquin, (Columbia,) 9-4. Van Buskirk defeated Van Nordroff, (Harvard,) 6-5; Miller, (Yale,) 5-3; Chapman, (Cornell,) 5-4; Glennon, (Navy,) 5-2.

Navy.—R. F. Hans defeated Damon, (Harvard,) 14-8; Downey, (Yale,) 9-6; Sibert, (Cornell,) 5-1; Clough, (Columbia,) 8-6. Ellsberg defeated Putnam, (Harvard,) 7-1; Nickerson, (Yale,) 7-1; Sassusa, (Pennsylvania,) 3-1. De W. Peck defeated Von Nordroff, (Harvard,) 8-7.