

COLLEGE FENCERS STRIVE FOR TITLES

Inaugural Rounds Bring Out Keen Competition With Foils, Sabre and Epee.

The college fencers turned out in force yesterday afternoon for the individual and team championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, held on the Hotel Astor roof. Although only the preliminary rounds of the foils, sabre and epee were on the card for the day, all the bouts were keenly contested, and the technique of the contestants showed that they had profited by the unusually active fencing season which had gone before.

A large field was on the floor when the bouts got under way at 1 o'clock. Two colleges which are members of the Association and have sent teams to previous meets were not represented, namely Bowdoin and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The six colleges sending teams were Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Yale and the United States Naval Academy.

Columbia, which has been very active on the fencing mat this year, has a strong team and is favored by many to win the foils team championship. But Columbia is going to have a strong opponent in the Navy aggregation. Navy won the team championship last year, and has come up from Maryland determined to repeat.

The foils competition got under way in the evening with a series of close bouts which portend keen competition. One of the closest was provided by Mackenzie of Yale and Chandler of Navy. This pair went to four extra periods before a decision was reached, and then the bout went to the Eli fencer. Mackenzie's margin of victory was 22 to 18.

Ordway, Harvard Captain, and Bencoe of Columbia were opponents in another spectacular bout. The Crimson fencer eventually won after one of the hardest tussles of the tournament. Several times in the course of the match the advantage shifted first to one and then to the other fencer. A sudden, accurate attack in the end won for Ordway. The Crimson representative was in front at half-time by the slim margin of one touch. Bencoe rallied at this point and scored three touches in rapid succession.

Columbia and Navy Tie.

The feature of the foils team title tourney was the neck-and-neck race of Columbia and Navy. Columbia got an early lead, but the Blue and White lost several bouts while the midshipmen were winning all of theirs. Finally the standing was 17 won and 6 lost for each of the teams and one bout for each to go.

Farley defeated Boyce of Harvard for this bout, making the Morningside score 18 victories and 6 defeats. The final bout of the Navy was between Vose for the Academy and Rambo of Penn. The match attracted the small gallery which had stayed into the morning hours. Vose won, 8 to 7, thus tying the Navy with Columbia.

The final standing of the teams at the end of the evening session was: Columbia won 18, lost 6; Navy won 18, lost 6; Harvard won 13, lost 11; Yale won 12, lost 12; Penn won 6, lost 18, and Dartmouth won 5, lost 19.

The tie for first place will be decided today.

A tie for first place resulted in the afternoon preliminary bouts with the epee, Hunter of the Navy, and Cavers, University of Pennsylvania, each winning six encounters. Both defeated C. Deland of Yale, the present holder of the epee championship. It is not certain the titleholder is eliminated from the finals, because, when the several ties in the preliminary with the duelling sword are fenced off, the Blue fencer may again be found facing his Navy antagonist. If so, some pretty duelling should result. However, De Land does not look to be up to his last year's form, and, on the showing today, it looks as if the Midshipman would be able to capture the encounter.

In the first session of the sabre contests, Guider, Navy, won six encounters, and is safely ahead of the field. With this weapon, two tied for second place, Malstrom, Navy, and Walton, of Penn., with five bouts each on the credit side of the ledger.

The semi-finals of the foils will be settled this afternoon. In the evening, in the Louis Room, the finals in foils, sabre and epee will be on the card for decision. Following the close of the meet the annual ball of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association is scheduled for the same hostelry.

Personnel of the Teams.

The make-up of the teams is as follows: Columbia, foils—D. Bencoe, P. F. Farley, S. Loundes; sabre—G. M. Reaves, P. Ferrara; epee—C. Contreras, G. M. Reaves. Dartmouth, foils—L. H. Weld, R. Hertzberg, H. Lialo; sabre—G. W. Cooke; epee—L. H. Weld, G. W. Cooke; Harvard, foils—S. H. Ordway Jr., M. R. Brewster, J. S. Barss and (substitute) B. Boyce; sabre—S. H. Ordway Jr., B. Boyce. Navy, foils—A. L. Becker, C. C. Shears, H. G. Chandler and (substitutes) W. L. Ware, F. B. Vose; sabre—A. I. Malstrom, J. W. Guider and (substitute) J. R. Rhamstine; epee—G. P. Hunter, G. C. Shears. Pennsylvania, foils—E. G. Rhodes, V. C. Rambo, H. Hettlinger and (substitute) D. F. Cavers; sabre—H. O. Walton, J. G. Sebright; epee—D. F. Cavers. Yale, foils—A. P. Walker Jr., L. F. Bishop Jr., L. L. Mackenzie and (substitutes) W. M. Morris, W. C. Briggs; epee—C. M. De Land Jr., H. H. Plumley.

The summary in part:

Sabres, Preliminary Round—Malstrom defeated McCay, 7-4; Davenport, 7-2; Sebright, 7-2; Reaves, 7-4; Ferrara, 7-2. Walton defeated McCay, 7-1; Malstrom, 8-6; Cooke, 7-2; Davenport, 7-5; Ferrara, 7-1. Guider defeated McCay, 7-1; Cooke, 7-3; Davenport, 7-4; Walton, 7-3; Sebright, 8-6, Ferrara, 7-5. Reaves defeated Cooke, 7-4; Davenport, 7-3; Sebright, 7-2, and Guider 7-5. Sebright defeated McCay, 7-2, and Davenport, 7-1. Ferrara defeated McCay, 7-5, and Cooke, 7-3. McCay defeated Cooke, 7-5. Davenport defeated Ferrara, 11-9.

Epee, Preliminary Round—Hunter defeated Contreras, Weld, Cooke, Boyce, De Land and Plumley. Cavers defeated Contreras, Weld, Cooke, Shears, De Land and Plumley; Shears defeated Huber, Weld, Cooke, Ordway and Boyce; Contreras defeated Cooke, Boyce, Shears and De Land; Huber defeated Weld, Cooke, Boyce, Cavers and Hunter; Ordway defeated Contreras, Cooke, Hunter and Cavers; De Land defeated Huber, Ordway, Boyce and Shears; Plumley defeated Contreras, Weld, Boyce and Shears; Weld defeated Contreras, Ordway and De Land; Cooke defeated De Land; Boyce defeated Cooke.