

CLARKE CLINCHES 1924 SABRE TITLE

West Point Fencer Wins Individual Championship in Intercollegiate Meet.

VICTOR TAKES SIX BOUTS

Meets Only Defeat at Hands of Ogilvie of Hamilton—Navy Assured of Epee Team Honors.

The intercollegiate fencing championships, with all three weapons, sabre, foils and epee, started yesterday at the Hotel Astor, and before any of the events had been concluded one individual and one team title had been clinched, while another team and another individual championship were practically decided. In the individual sabre competition, for which eight men qualified through their victories scored in dual meets throughout the season, Cadet Francis Clarke of the United States Military Academy swept through his seven bouts with six victories and only one defeat, securing for him the 1924 title. In the epee contests Midshipmen Calloway and Fletcher, representing the United States Naval Academy, won twelve of their bouts, losing only two, and with only two more to fence, clinched the crown for the navy.

Calloway also practically clinched the individual epee championship, although it is possible for him to be tied should he lose his one remaining bout against Brown of Yale tonight, while Thomson of the University of Pennsylvania, the nearest competitor, wins from Fletcher of the Navy in the last bout on his schedule. Calloway has won five bouts and Thomson has been victorious in four, each having one more to fence.

Army Takes Lead.

The army took a substantial lead in the bouts for the sabre team championship, the combination of Clarke and Moore turning in seven victories against three defeats, with only two more bouts to fence, while the army's nearest competitor is its ancient foe from Annapolis, with seven bouts won, four lost and one to fence. Obviously, if the army loses both of its bouts tonight while the navy wins its one remaining contest, the midshipmen will carry off the honors.

Clarke's performances in clinching the individual sabre championship was the outstanding work of the day. The big cadet from West Point gave the appearance while off the mat of being a bit too cumbersome to handle the weapon with the delicacy necessary to win matches against strong competition, but once his rubber-soled shoes started tapping on the mat he became the picture of agility and gracefulness. He parried and thrust with equal confidence and his handling of the sabre was brilliant. The timing of his attacks was little short of perfection and showed that the big fellow had a mathematical knowledge of just how far he could trust his legs and arm to reach when he lunged forward with an offensive movement.

Neither Hastings, Moore, his teammate, nor Bell gave him much competition in his first three bouts, but when he faced Huntington, captain of the Yale combination and a master with the sword, Clarke was pressed to win. The blue-clad star from New Haven took a commanding lead of 3-1 before Clarke came into his own. Then confidence returned and three times in a row he evaded the protecting blade of Huntington's sabre and broke through to score, taking the lead at 4-3. The next point went to the Yale swordsman, however, with a splendidly executed attack, and the points were even, with the next to decide the match. Clarke did not hesitate for a minute on the defensive, but carried the attack down the mat, cutting and thrusting with a ferociousness that might have forced a less sturdy opponent to yield, but the Yale leader met thrust with counterthrust and cut with parry. Tense seconds passed before either man could break through the other's guard, but finally, with a lightning-like turn of the wrist, Clarke swept his blade under and around the other's guard and scored to win the bout.

Clarke Touches First.

Another brilliant meeting was that between Clarke and Woodyard of the Navy. Clarke took the first touch and Woodyard the second. Back and forth the points went until the count was at 4-4, and with one touch to decide the winner both men called all the cleverness they could muster to their aid. Up and down the mat they went, first one attacking and then the other, but each thrust was checked or evaded successfully. It seemed impossible to find two men so evenly matched, but just when the watchers' eyes were becoming strained with the ordeal of following the swiftly moving blades, Clarke broke through, drove his opponent back and then with a lunge scored with a slash that could be heard throughout the room.

The other fencers who fell before the keen blade of the new champion were Adams of Yale and Applebaum of Pennsylvania, neither of whom was able to touch the Army swordsman with any amount of consistency. Adams was defeated 5-3, and Applebaum was able to account for only a single touch, while Clarke was making the necessary 5.

One of the biggest surprises of the day came when Ogilvie, representing Hamilton University, scored the only defeat that Clarke suffered during the afternoon. Ogilvie started slowly and was beaten in one bout after another, but when he met Clarke he displayed an attack that had been sadly lacking in his other contests. He carried the cadet to 4-4, and then, on a point which was long debated by the judges, he was awarded the bout.

Navy's Victory Safe.

The navy's victory in the epee team championship is safe, as the standing of the teams, which follows, shows:

	Bouts Won.	Bouts Lost.	Bouts to Fence.
Navy	12	2	2
Yale	7	7	2
Columbia	7	8	1
Pennsylvania	5	9	2
Army	5	10	1

Woodyard was the Navy's greatest scorer in the sabre team championship bouts, accounting for victories over Moore of the Army, Ogilvie of Hamilton, Huntington of Yale and Hastings, also of Yale.

Following is the standing of the teams in the sabre championship to date:

	Bouts Won.	Bouts Lost.	Bouts to Fence.
Army	7	3	2
Navy	7	4	1
Yale	5	6	1
Hamilton	2	8	2

E. L. Lane of Harvard took a commanding lead in the individual foils championship, defeating his brother and teammate, E. H. Lane; Fuertes of Columbia, Packer of Hamilton, Bloomer of Columbia and Scott of Hamilton, while the only defeat scored against him was by Stebbins of the Army, who scored a 5-3 victory over the Harvard star.

The early bouts in the foils competition for the team championship found the teams pretty well bunched, with the championship still a question to be decided. However, the Lane brothers put the Crimson swordsmen in the lead with eighteen victories and nine defeats. The standing of the teams at the end of the first day's bouts follows:

	Bouts Won.	Bouts Lost.	Bouts to Fence.
Harvard	18	9	18
Columbia	16	11	18
Yale	15	12	18
Navy	12	15	18
Army	11	16	18
Hamilton	9	18	18

The epee bouts will be continued this morning at 10 o'clock, while the foils competitions will be brought toward the final stages this afternoon. Tonight the final bouts with all three weapons will be fought and a dance will be held in the grand ballroom of the hotel immediately after.

The summaries:

Individual Sabres.

Contestants—Hastings, Yale; Clarke, Army; Moore, Army; Woodyard, Navy; Ogilvie, Hamilton; Bell, Columbia; Applebaum, Pennsylvania; Adams, Yale.
Clarke defeated Hastings, 5-3; Moore,

5-3; Bell, 5-1; Woodyard, 5-4; Adams, 5-3; Applebaum, 5-1.
Woodyard defeated Moore, 5-4; Ogilvie, 5-4; Hastings, 5-2; Adams, 5-2.
Applebaum defeated Moore, 5-4; Adams, 5-4; Hastings, 5-3.
Moore defeated Bell, 5-4; Ogilvie, 5-3; Hastings, 5-2.
Bell defeated Applebaum, 5-1; Ogilvie, 5-3; Woodyard, 5-4.
Hastings, defeated Bell, 5-2.
Ogilvie defeated Clarke, 5-4; Applebaum, 5-3.
Adams defeated Hastings, 5-3.

Team Sabres.

Contestants—Army (Clarke and Moore); Navy (Woodyard and Rhamstein); Yale (Huntington and Hastings); Hamilton (Ogilvie and Johnson).

Clarke defeated Hastings, 5-3; Huntington, 5-4; Woodyard, 5-4; Rhamstein, 5-4.
Moore defeated Ogilvie, 5-3; Johnson, 5-4; Hastings, 5-2.

Woodyard defeated Moore, 5-4; Ogilvie, 5-4; Huntington, 5-4; Hastings, 5-2.
Rhamstein defeated Ogilvie, 5-2; Hastings, 5-3; Johnson, 5-3.

Huntington defeated Rhamstein, 5-1; Ogilvie, 5-2; Johnson, 5-4; Moore, 5-1.
Hastings defeated Johnson, 5-3.
Ogilvie defeated Clarke, 5-4.
Johnson defeated Woodyard, 5-3.

Individual Epee.

Contestants—Calloway, Navy; Thomson, Pennsylvania; Haskell, Army; Fletcher, Navy; Hains, Army; Brown, Yale; Saunders, Harvard.

Calloway defeated Fletcher, Hains, Thomson, Haskell, Saunders.
Thomson defeated Brown, Haskell, Hains, Saunders.

Haskell defeated Brown, Hains, Saunders.
Fletcher defeated Brown, Haskell.
Hains defeated Fletcher, Brown.
Brown defeated Saunders.
Saunders defeated Fletcher.

Team Epee.

Contestants—Navy (Calloway and Fletcher); Yale (Boulton and Brown); Army (Haskell and Cavanaugh); Pennsylvania (Thomson and Baskerville); Columbia (Hertz and Van Winkle).

Calloway defeated Fletcher, Boulton, Thomson, Haskell, Baskerville, Cavanaugh.
Fletcher defeated Boulton, Brown, Haskell, Baskerville, Hertz, Van Winkle, Cavanaugh.
Boulton defeated Haskell, Hertz, Van Winkle, Cavanaugh.

Brown defeated Baskerville, Hertz, Van Winkle.
Haskell defeated Brown.
Cavanaugh defeated Brown, Thomson, Baskerville, Van Winkle.

Thomson defeated Boulton, Brown and Haskell.
Baskerville defeated Haskell and Hertz.
Hertz defeated Calloway, Haskell, Thomson, Cavanaugh.

Van Winkle defeated Calloway, Thomson, Baskerville.

Team Foils.

Contestants—Yale (Huntington, Kelsey, Elwell); Navy (Grandfield, Stubb, McDill); Harvard (E. H. Lane, E. L. Lane, Flier); Hamilton (Packer, Scott, Kittell); Columbia (Bloomer, Fuertes, Block); Army (Stebbins, Tasker, Lynch).

YALE 5, NAVY 4.

Yale—Huntington defeated Stubb; Kelsey defeated Grandfield, Stubb, McDill; Elwell defeated Stubb.

Navy—Grandfield defeated Huntington, Elwell; McDill defeated Huntington, Elwell.

COLUMBIA 5, HARVARD 4.

Columbia—Bloomer defeated E. H. Lane, Flier; Fuertes defeated Flier; Block defeated E. H. Lane, Flier.

Harvard—E. H. Lane defeated Fuertes; E. L. Lane defeated Bloomer, Fuertes, Block.

HARVARD 7, ARMY 2.

Harvard—E. H. Lane defeated Stebbins, Lasker, Lynch; E. L. Lane defeated Lasker, Lynch; Flier defeated Stebbins, Lynch.

Army—Stebbins defeated E. L. Lane; Lasker defeated Flier.

YALE 5, HAMILTON 4.

Yale—Huntington defeated Scott, Kittell; Kelsey defeated Kittell; Elwell defeated Packer, Kittell.

Hamilton—Packer defeated Huntington, Kelsey; Scott defeated Kelsey, Elwell.

COLUMBIA 6, HAMILTON 3.

Columbia—Bloomer defeated Packer, Scott, Kittell; Fuertes defeated Packer, Scott, Kittell.

Hamilton—Packer defeated Block; Scott defeated Block; Kittell defeated Block.

ARMY 5, NAVY 4.

Army—Stebbins defeated Stubb; Tasker defeated Grandfield; Lynch defeated Grandfield, Stubb, McDill.

Navy—Grandfield defeated Stebbins; Stubb defeated Tasker; McDill defeated Stebbins, Tasker.

HARVARD 7, HAMILTON 2.

Harvard—E. H. Lane defeated Scott, Kittell, Packer; E. L. Lane defeated Packer, Scott, Kittell; Flier defeated Scott.

Hamilton—Packer defeated Flier; Kittell defeated Flier.

YALE 5, ARMY 4.

Yale—Huntington defeated Stebbins, Tasker; Kelsey defeated Tasker; Elwell defeated Stebbins, Lynch.

Army—Stebbins defeated Kelsey; Tasker defeated Elwell; Lynch defeated Huntington, Kelsey.

COLUMBIA 5, NAVY 4.

Columbia—Bloomer defeated Grandfield, Spur; Fuertes defeated Spur; Block defeated Spur, McDill.

Navy—Grandfield defeated Fuertes, Block; McDill defeated Bloomer, Fuertes.

Individual Foils.

Contestants—Huntington, Yale; Elwell, Yale; Grandfield, Navy; E. H. Lane, Harvard; E. L. Lane, Harvard; Packer, Hamilton; Scott, Hamilton; Bloomer, Columbia; Fuertes, Columbia; Stebbins, Army.

Huntington defeated Stubb, 5-2; Scott, 5-4; Stebbins, 5-3.

Elwell defeated Huntington, 5-3; Stubb, 5-3; Packer, 5-1; Stebbins, 5-3.

Grandfield defeated Huntington, 5-4; Elwell, 5-2; Fuertes, 5-2.

E. H. Lane defeated Fuertes, 5-3; Stebbins, 5-4; Scott, 5-1; Packer, 5-1.

E. L. Lane defeated E. H. Lane, 5-1; Fuertes, 5-3; Packer, 5-1; Bloomer, 5-2; Scott, 5-4.

Packer defeated Huntington, 5-1.
Scott defeated Elwell, 5-3.

Bloomer defeated Packer, 5-0; Scott, 5-2; Fuertes, 5-3; E. H. Lane, 5-4; Grandfield, 5-2.

Fuertes defeated Packer, 5-4; Scott, 5-1.
Stebbins defeated E. L. Lane, 5-3.

COLUMBIA FOILSMAN WINS NOVICE TITLE

Huxtable Makes Clean Sweep in Final Strip in the Individual Tourney at Hotel Astor.

L. L. Huxtable, a sophomore at Columbia University, yesterday won the national individual novice foils championship and the Clemens Medal, which goes with the title, when he fenced his way through the preliminary rounds and then scored a clean sweep of his bouts in the final strip at the Hotel Astor. Huxtable displayed surprising form as a swordsman for a novice. Twenty-eight fencers entered for the title, the Navy, New York Military Academy, Hamilton University, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Fencers Club and J. Sanford Saltus Club being represented.

The summaries:

Semi-Finals—First Strip—McNally defeated Hertz 9½-7; Santana 2-1, Kahn 7-3; Hertz defeated Santana 3-2, Kahn 9-5; Santana defeated Kahn 3-1, Ellison 3-2; Ellison defeated McNally 7-3, Hertz 7½-3, Kahn 5-0.

Second Strip—Fuertes defeated Michel 6-4½, Morss 5-4; Tiermoth defeated Fuertes 6-2, Michel 3-1, Morss 6-5; Huxtable defeated Fuertes 11-5, Tiermoth 7-6, Morss 6-4½; Michel defeated none; Morss defeated none.

Final Strip—Huxtable defeated McNally, 6½-1, Ellison 9-4, Tiermoth 3½-2; Ellison defeated McNally 6½-4½, Tiermoth 6-2; Tiermoth defeated McNally 4-3; McNally defeated none.