

YALE AND COLUMBIA WIN FENCING TITLES

Elis Beat All Five Rival Teams in Taking Intercollegiate Epee Crown.

LIONS SCORE WITH SABER

Olympic Point System Gives Them Five Victories—Army to File Protest Today.

CADETS 3-WEAPON LEADERS

Have 10-9 Margin Over Yale Team —Foil Contests Under Way at Hotel Astor Tournament.

FINAL TEAM STANDING.

Saber.				W. L.			
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Columbia	5	0	Yale	2	3		
Army	4	1	New York U.	1	4		
Navy	3	2	Dartmouth	0	5		
Epee.							
Yale	5	0	M. I. T.	2	3		
Army	4	1	Princeton	2	3		
Cornell	2	3	Ohio State	0	5		

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Yale swordsmen lunged and parried their way into the épée championship of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at the Hotel Astor yesterday on the opening day of the thirty-seventh annual tournament, dethroning Army as title-holders by unreeling a perfect score of five victories and no defeats.

There will be no sudden comedown for the Elis today as was the case a year ago when Yale had apparently won the saber championship from Columbia only to discover on the second day that a new system of Olympic point scoring, in vogue for the first time, had eliminated all ties with the result that Columbia had edged out Yale in the revised standings.

Yale was not even closely pressed in the épée division of the tournament, winning from Princeton and M. I. T., 4 to 0, and from Cornell, Ohio State and Army, 3 to 1. It was the West Point team that gave the New Haven contingent its closest brush for the title, Army having only the defeat by Yale to mar an otherwise perfect score.

Columbia Wins Third Time.

Columbia joined Yale in the championship lists by winning the saber crown for the third successive year and by an odd coincidence it was the same technicality of the Olympic point scoring system that brought back the Lions to the top. But this time it was the Army and not Yale that was the victim of the new scoring method.

At the completion of the saber matches the Lions had two victories and three ties as their portion of the day's dueling. On the other hand, Army bobbed up with three victories, one tie and one defeat as its share of the spoils. But the Olympic system converted every Columbia deadlock into a victory, so that the Lions had, in reality, five straight triumphs to their credit.

The cadets insisted that their three successes took precedence over what was termed two conquests and three ties for Columbia. Their protest will be brought before the meeting of the advisory board this morning, but Norman Cohn, national outdoor saber champion and a committee member, declared unofficially last night that in his opinion there was no chance of the Army point being upheld.

Although it seems certain to lose on this question, Army has the satisfaction of leading Yale in the quest for the three-weapon trophy, won by Yale a year ago and captured by the Elis four times since it was first introduced in 1923. The West Point margin is close, 10 points to 9, and their relative placing in the foils competition today will definitely decide.

Army Leads at Foils.

At midnight last night the cadets also had a slight edge over Yale at foils for the famous Iron Man Trophy, Army having three victories and the Elis two triumphs and one setback. That lone Yale defeat came at the hands of West Pointers by the uncomfortably close margin of 5 to 4. This may have insured Army's regaining both foils and three-weapon honors, although additional foils matches today may turn the tide the other way.

The winning teams of Yale and Columbia each had one member of last season's pair. Captain Edwin L. Hill, who combined with Frank Righheimer in an unsuccessful attempt to lift the épée crown a year ago, did yeoman work to win with Wallace A. Walker yesterday. The Columbia holdover is Haakon Gulbranson, quarterback substitute, and a member of last season's championship saber duo.

Gulbranson teamed with the tall, rangy John C. Crap Jr. to defeat Navy and N. Y. U., 3 to 1; to tie Army, but win on touches, 17 to 14; to tie Yale, but win on touches, 17 to 15, and to tie Dartmouth, but win on touches, 17 to 14.

But they deadlocked at 2-2. First of all Cadet H. B. (Bing) Kunzig vanquished Gulbranson, 5 to 4, and Columbia's hopes fell. And when Cadet Sergeant Joseph C. East, star of the West Point forces, disposed of Crap, 5 to 3. Columbia's aspirations hit a new low level for the day.

Lion Supporters Encouraged.

After the minute's rest, however, Crap toppled over Kunzig, 5 to 2, and Lion supporters perked up again. But there was still the formidable task confronting Gulbranson of defeating East, winner of ten of his eleven bouts up to that time.

On a quick riposte Gulbranson scored a lightning touch on the rangy Army man, but East went ahead by registering the next two hits, only to have the Columbia star even matters with another riposte. East lunged with his blade to assume the lead, but back came Gulbranson with a touch in riposte again to deadlock the count at 3-all.

First East and then Gulbranson touched with steel tip, and just as if to emphasize the evenness of the match they drove in together. Time was called and it was finally decided by the judges that it was a double. Another flash of blades and Gulbranson nicked the Army man, and with it went the match, 5 to 4. A check-up of total touches revealed that Columbia had 17 to 14 for Army and thus went the match to the Lions.