

IRON MAN TROPHY IS WON BY CADETS

**West Pointers Take the Foils
Honors as Murray Scores
Over Potter of Yale.**

MIDSHIPMEN SABER VICTORS

**Dethrone Columbia to Gain
First Crown With This Blade
in Ten Years.**

ELIS WIN EPEE LAURELS

**Defeat Ohio State on Touches and
Clinch Three-Weapon Honors
on Points—Army Second.**

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By means of an upset victory scored by their captain, Cadet Charles Murray, over John F. Potter of Yale, Army swordsmen early this morning captured the famous Iron Man Trophy, emblematic of the foils title, in the thirty-ninth annual championship tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at the Hotel Commodore. It was the first day of the event, which will be concluded tonight.

Army, succeeding Harvard as champion, won in the final round robin after an evening session that was prolonged until well after midnight. The triumph for the Cadets was their first in the competition since 1912.

Other victories in the first day of the competition were scored by Yale, which edged out Ohio State for the épée crown and thereby clinched the three-weapon trophy, and by Navy, which took its first saber championship in ten years by dethroning Columbia.

Yale Battle a Close One.

Army's team of Cadets Murray, John Honeycutt, William Little and Guy Lothrop emerged the victor in the foils event after the closest kind of a battle with Yale.

The Elis and the West Pointers were tried in triumphs in the final, but the Cadets annexed one more match and thereby were victorious, 16 to 15. Although Yale turned back Army, 5 to 4, in their encounter, it was necessary for the New Haven contingent to win, 6 to 3, to emerge triumphant.

Murray's success in his clash with Potter, individual 1931 foils champion and winner of thirteen straight bouts in the first day's competition, precluded any possibility of this.

Then in the épée tourney for the third time a championship was garnered by the application of mathematics. Yale and Ohio State had been tied in the final épée round-robin with two victories and one defeat each, and then had been tied once more in bouts won—seven.

Touch Count 15 to 18.

But when it was resolved into touches the Eli swordsmen had fifteen scored against them to eighteen for the mid-Westerners.

This victory raised the Yale point total to 11 in the three-weapon competition and Army was second with 8. Navy, Harvard and Ohio State trailed together with 5 each.

The issue was very close in the round-robin final. The Midshipmen and Lions each triumphed in two of three matches and each won seven bouts, so that the officials were forced to take one extra step before arriving at the victor.

They tabulated touches against each, and it was on this basis that the Annapolis team gained its first saber crown since 1922. Navy had been touched forty-two times and Columbia forty-four.

The standing was close in the battle for third and fourth places also. Army and Yale each had turned in one success, but the cadets won two more bouts than the Eli swordsmen to gain third-place honors.

Final Match Decides Title.

Oddly enough, the final match of the round-robin was the deciding one. Columbia had to win, and win in clear-cut fashion, to extend its reign as champion. A victory earned after a tie would be of no avail, but the New Yorkers were unable to gain so decisive a triumph.

Army opposed the Lions in this match and after Captain John Craf of Columbia had turned back Joseph Kaiser, 5 to 1, and Ralph Kunzig, 5 to 3, the issue clearly was on the shoulders of Ralph Marson of Columbia. The latter already had been repulsed by Kunzig, 5 to 1. Unless he could stop Kaiser the Lion cause was lost.

It was a heavy burden to place on the shoulders of a youngster who was filling the breach caused by the graduation of Haakon Gulbransen, Columbia's individual saber champion. But Marson fought valiantly and with more fire than he had displayed in his earlier matches, while on the sidelines the midshipmen broke all Navy precedent by cheering for the cadet swordsman.

Marson Takes Lead, 2—0.

The fierceness of Marson's early attack brought him a lead in touches, 2 to 0. But then Kaiser came back to take three in a row. Then each registered one touch before Marson apparently stemmed the tide with a well-delivered slash that caught Kaiser on the right wrist.

The score was 4-all when they both rushed in together. There was a sharp cry of "Halt!" from the jury. Finally it was decided that this flurry had been a double-touch. So they crossed blades once more and then clashed in a simultaneous rush.

Swords flashed in the light and the bodies of the two fencers collided. Once more there was an order to halt. Kaiser's initial lunge had been parried, as had Marson's riposte, but on the remise the cadet scored a hit. He had won, 5—4, and with this success Army and Columbia tied in bouts, 2 to 2, but the Lions conquered their rivals in touches, 14 to 15.

It was a Columbia triumph, but it was not conclusive enough, and Navy ascended to the championship by the margin of two touches. Midshipmen Allen B. Adams Jr. and William J. Dimitrijevic were overwhelmed with congratulations by friend and foe alike for their triumph.