

COLUMBIA FENCING TEAM WINS.

Harvard Loses After Victory for Four Successive Years.

The Columbia 'Varsity fencing team won the fifth annual championship tourney, in the gymnasium of the Racquet and Tennis Club, last night, carrying off the laurels from Harvard, who in the four previous years has won the championship rather easily. J. F. B. Mitchell, Jr., of Columbia was also the winner of the handsome gold medal emblematic of the individual championship.

The star bout of the evening was between Mitchell and Green, the left-handed expert from Harvard. Each had up to that time an unbroken string of victories. The duel was a fast one from the start, and notwithstanding the slight advantage in style that a left-handed man always has over a right-handed fencer, the judges were unable to pick a winner, so evenly were the honors divided, and the contestants were compelled to fence an additional bout of two minutes in order that a winner could be selected. Mitchell won by three touches to two. This bout practically decided the result of the tournament, Columbia winning with a score of twelve victories and six defeats. Harvard scored ten victories and eight defeats, and Cornell brought up the rear with five victories and thirteen defeats.

At the close of Friday's contests, during which there had been eleven bouts decided, Columbia led with 5 victories, Harvard was second with 4, and Cornell far in the rear with 2 victories.

It was nearly 9 o'clock when the judges took their position and Hilleary and Palfrey measured foils in the opening bout. During the evening sixteen assaults were decided, and although Columbia had practically won after the tenth duel, the spectators continued to applaud every clever thrust and parry. The bouts decided last night were:

Hilleary, Cornell, defeated Palfrey, Harvard.
Green, Harvard, defeated Kirby, Columbia.
Ware, Columbia, defeated Palfrey, Harvard.
Mitchell, Columbia, defeated Hilleary, Cornell.
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