

COLLEGE FENCERS MEET

Preliminary Championship Bouts in New York Athletic Club.

Columbia and West Point Make Strongest Showing—Naval Cadets Unable to Send a Team.

The preliminary bouts in the tenth annual competition for the intercollegiate fencing championship were contested last night in the gymnasium of the New York Athletic Club by teams representing West Point, Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Cornell, and the University of Pennsylvania. The trophy is one presented by the Racquet and Tennis Club. Col. R. M. Thompson of the New York Athletic Club has also given a trophy for the fencer making the best individual record.

The competition was marred somewhat by the failure of the Naval Academy to enter a team. This was accounted for, however, as several likely fencers graduated with the first class on Feb. 18 and extra studies interfered with the practice work of those in the second class.

The Columbia and West Point teams made the strongest showing, and it looks as if the contest would be between them, as it was last year, when West Point carried off the trophy. Columbia, if anything, seemed to be the stronger last night. West Point, however, was weakened by the absence from her team of Cadet Strong, who tied with two others for the individual honors last year. Cadet Strong, whose knee and ankle are not in the best of condition, was an interested onlooker.

W. E. Withrow, who was but recently chosen to take the third position on the Columbia team, fenced exceptionally well. Eugene Pitou, Jr., and F. B. Clark, who last year shared the individual honors with Cadet Strong and Cadet Whitten of the Naval Academy, were the other members of the Columbia team.

The contest for the individual trophy seems to be between Clark and Cadet Breckinridge of West Point. The latter came in for the bulk of attention, as he was a particularly graceful fencer. He made his first appearance in the sixth bout, which he contested with R. E. Howland of Yale. Both fenced aggressively, but Breckinridge was the more expert. Clark carried everything before him until he met Howland. In this match Clark assumed the aggressive, but his thrusts were dexterously parried by the Yale representative. The majority of the judges favored Howland, and he was awarded the decision.

First Lieut. Koehler, the swordmaster at the Military Academy, was in charge of the detachment of cadets who came to the city. He won the world's broadsword championship at the Olympia games held in Athens several years ago.

The bouts will be continued this afternoon and evening, when the finals will be decided. Three men represent each university, and the number of bouts won by each man makes up the team total, the highest number, of course, deciding the winner. Something like 135 bouts will be contested, as the men have to contest with each other. Summary:

First bout—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated P. A. Castner, University of Pennsylvania; second bout—F. B. Clark, Columbia, defeated W. L. Bowman, Cornell; third bout—W. E. Withrow, Columbia, defeated C. L. Lawrence, Yale; fourth bout—Norman Leslie Knipe, University of Pennsylvania, defeated H. Saint Gaudens, Harvard; fifth bout—T. D. Roberts, Harvard, defeated H. F. Blount, Cornell; sixth bout—Cadet Breckinridge, United States Military Academy, defeated F. E. Howland, Yale; seventh bout—H. Elam, Harvard, defeated P. A. Castner, University of Pennsylvania; eighth bout—W. L. Bowman, Cornell, defeated C. L. Lawrence, Yale; ninth bout—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated F. F. Pino, Cornell; tenth bout—Cadet Breckinridge, United States Military Academy, defeated H. Saint Gaudens, Harvard; eleventh bout—F. B. Clark, Columbia, defeated P. A. Castner, University of Pennsylvania.

Twelfth bout—Cadet Honeycutt, United States Military Academy, defeated H. N. Shellenberger, University of Pennsylvania. Thirteenth bout—H. L. Elam, Harvard University, defeated Cadet Scott, United States Military Academy. Fourteenth bout—C. L. Lawrence, Yale University, defeated H. F. Blount, Cornell. Fifteenth bout—W. E. Withrow, Columbia, defeated T. D. Roberts, Harvard. Sixteenth bout—F. F. Pino, Cornell, defeated N. L. Knipe, University of Pennsylvania. Seventeenth bout—Cadet Honeycutt defeated H. Saint-Gaudens, Harvard. Eighteenth bout—F. E. Howland, Yale, defeated H. N. Shellenberger, University of Pennsylvania. Nineteenth bout—E. M. Calmer, Yale, defeated P. A. Castner, University of Pennsylvania. Twentieth bout—H. F. Blount, Cornell, defeated W. E. Withrow, Columbia. Twenty-first bout—W. L. Bowman, Cornell, defeated Cadet Scott. Twenty-second bout—Cadet Breckinridge defeated T. D. Roberts, Harvard.

Twenty-third bout—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated C. L. Lawrence, Yale. Twenty-fourth bout—F. F. Pino, Cornell, defeated F. E. Howland, Yale. Twenty-fifth bout—F. B. Clark, Columbia, defeated N. L. Knipe, University of Pennsylvania. Twenty-sixth bout—H. Saint-Gaudens, Harvard, defeated H. F. Blount, Cornell. Twenty-seventh bout—C. L. Lawrence, Yale, defeated Cadet Scott, United States Military Academy. Twenty-eighth bout—H. N. Shellenberger, University of Pennsylvania, defeated E. M. Calmer, Yale.

Twenty-ninth Bout—W. E. Withrow, Columbia, defeated W. L. Bowman, Cornell; thirtieth bout—F. F. Pino, Cornell, defeated T. D. Roberts, Harvard; thirty-first bout—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated H. L. Elam, Harvard; thirty-second bout—F. B. Clark, Columbia, defeated C. L. Lawrence, Yale; thirty-third bout—Cadet Scott, United States Military Academy, defeated N. L. Knipe, University of Pennsylvania; thirty-fourth bout—E. Pitou, Jr., Columbia, defeated E. M. Calmer, Yale; thirty-fifth bout—Cadet Breckinridge defeated H. F. Blount, Cornell University; thirty-sixth bout—F. E. Howland, Yale, defeated F. B. Clark, Columbia; thirty-seventh bout—P. A. Castner, University of Pennsylvania, defeated T. D. Roberts, Harvard.