

COLLEGE FENCERS BEGIN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

West Point Lads Lead Columbia Slightly in Early Bouts.

OTHERS PLAINLY OUTCLASSED

Cadets, Dickinson, and Williford of West Point and Kehrlein of Co- lumbia Make Perfect Scores.

West Point fencers took the leading position last night in the preliminary fencing bouts of the championship tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association. Two of the members of the team, Dickinson and Williford, finished the night with clean scores, and their skill with the weapon won the admiration of the large assemblage of fencing experts present in the gymnasium of the New York Athletic Club, Sixth Avenue and Central Park South. Next to West Point, the fencers of Columbia University showed best. Lage, the intercollegiate champion of last year, held to a clean score of victories until he met Dichman of the Naval Academy. The young cadet from Annapolis made short work of Lage, defeating him with an unexpected ease that was the surprise of the night.

Seven teams were represented in the preliminary bouts, including Annapolis, West Point, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Harvard, and Princeton. A team was entered from Yale, but serious academic conditions barred one of the best of the men and caused the team to withdraw at the last moment from the competition. The series will be finished to-night, when both individual and team championships will be awarded.

The bouts of three minutes each were rapidly run off. The schedule of the evening contained eighty-four of these bouts, but long before they were completed the West Pointers had demonstrated their superiority in no uncertain way. There were three men on each team, and a new method of competition was used, by which the leaders of each met the other leaders, the second men the second on opposing teams, and so on. Humphreys lost the only bout scored against the West Point team. He was defeated by Rousset of Pennsylvania, who wielded a cunning foil, which found the inside of Humphreys's guard, much to the discomfiture of the cadet. On the Columbia team, Kehrlein caused considerable surprise by his splendid showing, which was better than he has ever before demonstrated in previous tournaments. Kehrlein won all five of his bouts without ever being hard pressed.

One of the most spirited bits of fencing was that which occurred in the bout between Dichman of Annapolis and Bowman of Harvard. The latter tied with the naval cadet on the first bout. Then they faced each other a second time, and Dichman won by a single touché. The summary:

United States Naval Academy winners—Dichman beat Beltrami, University of Pennsylvania; Burdick beat Howard, Cornell; Dichman beat Bowman, Harvard; Crenshaw beat McLeod, Harvard; Burdick beat Miller, Columbia; Dichman beat Lage, Columbia.

United States Military Academy winners—Dickinson beat Delcasse, Cornell; Williford beat Fleischer, Pennsylvania; Dickinson beat Dichman, Military Academy; Williford beat Burdick, Naval Academy; Humphreys beat Crenshaw, Naval Academy; Dickinson beat Delcasse, Cornell; Williford beat Howard, Cornell; Dickinson beat Bowman, Harvard; Williford beat Tyng, Harvard; Humphreys beat McLeod, Harvard; Dickinson beat Auerbach, Princeton; Williford beat McAlpin, Princeton; Humphreys beat Breckenridge, Princeton.

Columbia University winners—Lage beat Bowman, Harvard; Kehrlein beat McLeod, Harvard; Lage beat Beltrami, Pennsylvania; Kehrlein beat Rousset, Pennsylvania; Lage beat Auerbach, Princeton; Miller beat McAlpin, Princeton; Kehrlein beat Breckenridge, Princeton; Lage beat Delcasse, Cornell; Kehrlein beat Crenshaw, Naval Academy; Kehrlein beat Heckhelmer, Cornell.

Cornell University winners—Heckhelmer beat Crenshaw, Naval Academy; Heckhelmer beat Humphreys, Military Academy; Howard beat Miller, Columbia.

University of Pennsylvania winners—Rousset beat Humphreys, Military Academy; Fleischer beat Miller, Columbia; Fleischer beat McAlpin, Princeton; Rousset beat McLeod, Harvard.

Harvard University winners—Tyng beat Miller, Columbia; Tyng beat McAlpin, Princeton; Tyng beat Burdick, Naval Academy; Bowman beat Beltrami, Pennsylvania; Tyng beat Fleischer, Pennsylvania.

Princeton University winners—Auerbach beat Bowman, Harvard; Breckenridge beat McLeod, Harvard; Auerbach beat Beltrami, Pennsylvania; Breckenridge beat Rousset, Pennsylvania.