

WEST POINT FENCERS LEAD.

Harvard Second and Annapolis Third
in Intercollegiate Meet.

West Point's team of fencemen won the thirteenth annual championship of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association last night, while two of the Military Academy cadets, Capt. Forrest E. Williford and O. A. Dickinson, tied for the individual honors. The bouts were held in the gymnasium of the New York Athletic Club, and were attended by a fashionable gathering. Harvard University finished second to West Point, while the Naval Academy, Annapolis, was third.

In the point scoring West Point won 31 bouts with 11 defeats; Harvard won 23 bouts and lost 19, while Annapolis won 22 and lost 20.

The final chapter in the careless management of the championship occurred when Williford and Dickinson were ordered out to fence off for the individual trophy by Dr. Graeme M. Hammond. Although it had been known to the scorers for some time previous that the two cadets had tied, they had been allowed to don their ordinary attire. Dr. Hammond, as referee, was much chagrined, but consented to allow the cadets to fence their bout for the individual championship at their convenience. Lack of anything like systematic supervision was noticeable throughout the meeting, and there was considerable disappointment expressed by the contestants.

Heckheimer, Captain of the Cornell team, fresh from his triumph of the much-disputed bout which the judges were unable to decide upon after more than an hour's wrangling at 1 A. M. yesterday, was first out in the evening finals. He was smarting under the injustice of being forced to repeat his bouts, and he made short work of Frederico Lage of Columbia and the champion of last year. The failure of the judges to render proper decisions, despite their being graduate fencers, led to several acrimonious squabbles, which were straightened out before the evening bout, after a most unsatisfactory ending to the championship series had been threatened.

The spectators were more interested and evinced enthusiasm over the fencing of the dapper West Pointers and the sturdy Annapolis Middles. Dickinson was the first to score for the West Pointers, and the followers of the Army became jubilant as he scored over Burdick of Annapolis. But Brandt of the naval team turned matters about when he signally defeated Capt. Williford of West Point. Brandt possessed a long reach and a sure, adroit lunge.

By all the skill at their command the naval cadets endeavored to overcome the lead that the West Pointers had established in the preliminary bouts. Brandt, who was actually a substitute for Capt. G. C. Dickman of Annapolis, who was taken ill, worked like a Trojan. He scored cleanly, and in rapid succession won from Heckheimer of Cornell, Humphreys of West Point, and Kehrlein, Captain of the Columbia team.

Capt. F. E. Williford and O. A. Dickinson of West Point finished their bouts somewhat early in the evening. Both tied for the individual championship with twelve victories and two defeats. The former's best work was his meeting with Heckheimer of Cornell, while the latter displayed his greatest flash of brilliancy during the bout in which he overcame Kehrlein of Columbia.

Seven universities were represented in the championship this year, Pennsylvania and Princeton being eliminated during the preliminary bouts. Pennsylvania tied with Harvard, but the latter won by five wins to three in the fence-off during the afternoon.