

NAVAL ACADEMY

FENCERS IN LEAD

Midshipmen and West Pointers Best Foilsman in Inter- collegiate Bouts.

As a result of the first night's fencing in the round robin tournament for the intercollegiate fencing championship at the Hotel Astor last night the navy foils-men led their rivals for the honor. The Middies annexed a total of 10 victories against 5 defeats. West Point was second with the score 9 to 6, Pennsylvania third with 8 to 7, and Cornell brought up the rear guard with a poor showing of 3 to 12.

The four contestants of last night were the survivors of the elimination matches held at West Point and Annapolis a week ago, in which Yale, Harvard, Columbia, and Princeton were defeated. Thirty bouts were fenced last night, and the remainder of the fifty-four scheduled will be held at the Hotel Astor this afternoon and evening.

The race for the individual championship thus far lies between N. Scott of Annapolis and H. F. Wendel of Pennsylvania. Each won all of his five bouts of last evening. Wendel showed remarkable form, which, however, was not unlooked for, as he had come through the preliminary round without a defeat. In one bout last night he defeated R. N. Cocroft of Annapolis, who was tied with one of his teammates last year for the individual championship. The victory of last night was thus taken as an indication that Wendel would likely win this honor, and may go through the tournament with a clean slate.

The strong fencing of the Quakers was the surprise of the evening. While it was expected that they might cause the others some trouble, it was not anticipated that they would as a team end the first night's session only two bouts behind the leaders. The team, however, has only had three bouts with the Annapolis combination, and two of these were lost. The remaining six will probably see a majority of defeats registered against the Philadelphians.

Cornell was unable to put forth even a creditable showing, with the winning of only three of the fifteen bouts in which the team participated. Espindola, the Spanish fencer, of whom much was expected, owing to his good showing in the elimination round, failed utterly to maintain his mark, winning only one bout and losing four. With each of the other two

Cornellians this was also the score. A peculiar feature of the Ithacans' work was that two of the victories were pulled away from the Middies. Allison defeated Merrill and Roos took the measure of Hall.

The competition between the army and the navy showed the Middies the better. Six bouts were fought between the representatives of the two institutions, and four were taken by the embryo Admirals. Cocroft was the only army fencer who could win from the navy. He defeated both Merrill and Hall. The summary:

R. T. Merrill, 2d, Annapolis, defeated D. Espindola, Cornell; R. P. Hall, Annapolis, defeated P. W. Allison, Cornell; H. F. Wendel, Pennsylvania, defeated O. N. Sohlberg, West Point; R. N. Cocroft, West Point, defeated J. B. Parker, Pennsylvania; R. T. Merrill, 2d, Annapolis, defeated O. N. Sohlberg, West Point; H. F. Wendel, Pennsylvania, defeated D. Espindola, Cornell; J. B. Parker, Pennsylvania, defeated P. W. Allison, Cornell; R. N. Cocroft, West Point, defeated R. P. Hall, Annapolis; C. F. Peterson, Pennsylvania, defeated D. G. Roos, Cornell; N. Scott, Annapolis, defeated H. E. Dargue, West Point; P. W. Allison, Cornell, defeated R. T. Merrill, Annapolis; H. F. Wendel, Pennsylvania, defeated R. N. Cocroft, West Point; H. E. Dargue, West Point, defeated J. B. Parker, Pennsylvania; D. G. Roos, Cornell, defeated

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The officials were:

Mat A: Director—Dr. G. M. Hammond, New York Athletic Club. Judges—Charles Ta'ham, Fencers' Club; D. Schlinkmann, Baltimore Athletic Club; Paul Bonzenberg, Turn Verein; J. L. Ewing, Fencers' Club, and George Reimherr, Turn Verein.

Mat B: Directors—John Allaire and Anton Rleth Turn Verein. Judges—M. R. Kernochan, Fencers' Club; George K. Breed, Fencers' Club; Dr. T. A. Buys, Fencers' Club; A. Strauss, Turn Verein, and H. A. Hirsch, Fencers' Club.