

WEST POINT FENCERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Harold A. Raynor of Winning Team Goes Through Tourna- ment Without a Defeat.

West Point's trio of foilsmen scored a comparatively easy victory in the ninth annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, which closed last evening at the Hotel Astor. Fifty-four bouts were held during the afternoon in the belvedere, and the last eighteen bouts were held last evening in the grand ballroom of the hotel. West Point also furnished the individual champion in Harold A. Raynor, 1912, who went through the entire tournament without losing a bout. This feat was accomplished only once before in the history of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, that being in 1903, when F. W. Honeycutt of West Point performed the feat.

The tournament consisted of a round-robin series of 135 bouts with three-men teams entered from West Point, Annapolis, Cornell, Harvard, Columbia, and Pennsylvania. Each individual fencer had to contest with each member of the other five teams, making fifteen bouts for each contestant and forty-five for each team. West Point went through the tournament with only four defeats in their forty-five games. Raynor had a clean slate, and each of his team mates—W. H. Wilbur and J. H. Hinemon—scored thirteen victories against two defeats. M. W. Larimer of the navy and H. H. Loomis of Harvard were the two who defeated Wilbur, while Hinemon's two defeats were at the hands of Larimer and E. W. Broadbent, both Annapolis fencers.

Annapolis took second honors in the tournament with a record of 29 victories and 16 defeats. To their West Point rivals the Navy boys are partly indebted for their clear title to this position, and the victory of Hinemon of West Point over Sibert of Cornell in the final bout of the tournament spoiled Cornell's last chance of tying the Navy. Had Sibert won this bout the two teams would have been tied. From the start Cornell and the Navy had a close battle for second place, and the lead changed often. Cornell was second at the close of the fencing Friday night, but Annapolis did better work yesterday. From the start West Point held first place, forging ahead at a steady pace, and there was no doubt about the outcome after the tournament had been half completed.

Harvard, with only 17 victories and 28 defeats, took fourth place, Columbia and Pennsylvania following in order. The two last named put up the weakest kind of a fight and were counted out early. Jagendorf of Columbia went through the tournament with 15 successive defeats, failing to win one game. McPherson and Van Buskirk of Pennsylvania were also weak members, each winning only 2 bouts.

M. W. Larimer of Annapolis gave Raynor a hard fight for the individual honors before he was counted out. Larimer was the runner-up for the individual title last year, losing to Roos of Cornell in the fence-off after the pair had tied in the regular tournament. The eighth game last night brought Raynor and Larimer together, and the bout proved all that might be expected from two such exponents of the game. At the close of the regular four-minute period the score was tied at 7 touches, and an extra two-minute period was ordered. This resulted in another tie, each getting four touches. The second extra period was also close, and Raynor carried off the honors by a single touch, the score being 4 to 3. Larimer needed this game to tie Raynor, as he had been defeated by James of Cornell on the opening night of the tournament.

Larimer finished with a record of thirteen victories and two defeats, the same as was made by Wilbur and Hinemon of West Point. As only one individual prize had been offered, there was no fence-off to decide positions. James of Cornell, with ten victories and five defeats, was the only other contestant to reach the double figures in victories.

The committee in charge ran off the tournament with a promptness that was remarkable with so many bouts to be held. Three strips were used in the belvedere, and two in the grand ballroom bouts. There were no accidents this year, but the crowd at the bouts yesterday afternoon was alarmed when the blade of Van Buskirk's foil broke in a bout with Clough of Columbia, and penetrated the New Yorker's jacket. That was the extent of the damage.

At the close of the competition last night, Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, who acted as master of ceremonies throughout the tournament, presented medals to each member of the winning West Point team, and also the individual trophy to Raynor of West Point. Dr. Hammond took occasion to commend Raynor highly for his remarkable work during the tournament.

The officials of the closing bouts were: Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, Master of Ceremonies and Director of Strip 1; William L. Bowman and Charles Tatham, Directors of Strip 2. Judges—J. B. B. Parker, New York Athletic Club; Sherman Hall, Fencers Club; H. G. Knox, Annapolis; Lieut. Frost Williford, West Point; Paul Meylan, Fencers Club, and Lieut. A. A. Dickinson, West Point.

Each contestant figured in eight bouts yesterday, the result being as follows:

CORNELL.

James defeated Clough, Columbia, 8-8; G. B. Wilbur, Harvard, 14-10; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 17-4; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 9-8. Lost 4.

O'Connor defeated Northrop, Columbia, 8-3;

Broadbent, Navy, 10-7; Boyd, Harvard, 11-7; G. B. Wilbur, Harvard, 11-2; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 8-5. Lost 4. Sibert defeated Jagendorf, Columbia, 10-5; Loomis, Harvard, 10-5; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 16-6; Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 7-5. Lost 4.

COLUMBIA.

Clough defeated G. B. Wilbur, Harvard, 7-6; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 8-3; Boyd, Harvard, 8-5. Lost 5. Northrop defeated Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 8-7; Loomis, Harvard, 9-7. Lost 6. Jagendorf lost eight bouts.

ANNAPOLIS.

Larimer defeated Sibert, Cornell, 11-8; Clough, Columbia, 10-6; Wilbur, Harvard, 8-3; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 12-6; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 10-2; Hinemon, West Point, 8-7; Northrop, Columbia, 10-9. Lost 1. Dodd defeated James, Cornell, 12-9; Northrop, Columbia, 6-5; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 5-2; Jagendorf, Columbia, 14-3. Lost 4. Broadbent defeated Jagendorf, Columbia, 14-3; Loomis, Harvard, 9-4; Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 7-4; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 6-3; Clough, Columbia, 6-4; Hinemon, Army, 4-3. Lost 2.

HARVARD.

Boyd defeated Sibert, Cornell, 13-7; Northrup, Columbia, 12-8; Dodd, Navy, 14-11; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 13-7, and Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 10-8. Lost 3. Loomis defeated James, Cornell, 10-9; Jagendorf, Columbia, 9-3; W. H. Wilbur, West Point, 3-2, and Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 7-6. Lost 4. G. B. Wilbur, 2d, defeated Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 12-10, and Jagendorf, Columbia, 13-6. Lost 6.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Dalsheimer defeated O'Connor, Cornell, 11-10, and Dodd, Navy, 9-6. Lost 6. McPherson defeated Jagendorf, Columbia, 9-7, and Wilbur, Harvard, 7-6. Lost 6. Van Buskirk defeated Loomis, Harvard, 5-3. Lost 7.

WEST POINT.

Wilbur defeated Sibert, Cornell, 10-4; Clough, Columbia, 10-9; Northrup, Columbia, 8-1; Broadbent, Navy, 6-2; McPherson, Pennsylvania, 11-3; Dodd, Navy, 7-5, and O'Connor, Cornell, 3-2. Lost 1. Hinemon defeated James, Cornell, 8-7; Jagendorf, Columbia, 9-3; Clough, Columbia, 6-5; Wilbur, Harvard, 5-1; Van Buskirk, Pennsylvania, 7-1, and Sibert, Cornell, 8-3. Lost 1. Raynor defeated O'Connor, Cornell, 9-2; Jagendorf, Columbia, 13-5; Clough, Columbia, 8-6; Dodd, Navy, 9-4; Boyd, Harvard, 10-7; Dalsheimer, Pennsylvania, 9-3; James, Cornell, 9-7, and Larimer, Navy, 4-3.

The team scores of the six competitors follow:

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
West Point.....	41	4	.911
Annapolis.....	29	16	.644
Cornell.....	28	17	.622
Harvard.....	17	28	.378
Columbia.....	11	34	.244
Pennsylvania.....	9	36	.200

The individual scores were as follows:

West Point—Raynor, won 15, lost 0; Wilbur, won 13, lost 2; Hinemon, won 13, lost 2. Annapolis—Larimer, won 13, lost 2; Dodd, won 7, lost 8; Broadbent, won 9, lost 6. Cornell—James, won 10, lost 5; O'Connor, won 9, lost 6; Sibert, won 9, lost 6. Harvard—Boyd, won 7, lost 8; Loomis, won 7, lost 8; G. B. Wilbur, 2d, won 3, lost 12. Columbia—Northrop, won 6, lost 9; Clough, won 5, lost 10; Jagendorf, won 0, lost 15. Pennsylvania—Dalsheimer, won 5, lost 10; McPherson, won 2, lost 13; Van Buskirk, won 2, lost 13.

WESLEY HOUSE TEAM WINS.

Manhattan Boys Beat Poly Prep In Interscholastic Fencing.

The Wesley House School of East Fifty-eighth Street was successful in its first fencing tryout yesterday, winning the interscholastic championship of the Amateur Fencers' League of America, defeating the Poly Prep of Brooklyn, which has held the title for two years. The fact that this year's event was brought down to a dual competition between these two schools was explained by the conflict of dates with the intercollegiate tournament, in which many of the school-boy foilsmen are interested.

Although the tournament was decided in the first seven bouts, of which Wesley House won five, the round robin was completed, the newcomers winning 6 to 3. J. Fraas, Jr., of last year's Brooklyn school team securing all the credit for his side by capturing the three bouts credited to the losers, showing marked superiority over his rivals and his associates, May and Smith, who lost every bout.

Each member of the new championship team, S. Montgomery, J. Riedl, and S. Bosco, won their clashes on points, the clever defensive work put up by Montgomery enabling him to defeat May and Smith by one point margins.

The title won yesterday by Wesley House was held last year by J. Fraas, Jr., R. Von Nardoff, and A. Cronkhite, Fraas being the only survivor on this year's team. The summary:

J. Riedl (W. H.) beat J. May, (Poly,) 4-3; J. Fraas (Poly) beat S. Montgomery, (W. H.), 4-0; S. Bosco (W. H.) beat C. Smith, (Poly,) 4-2; S. Montgomery (W. H.) beat J. May, (Poly,) 4-3; J. Riedl (W. H.) beat C. Smith, (Poly,) 4-1; J. Fraas (Poly) beat S. Bosco, (W. H.), 4-1; S. Montgomery (W. H.) beat C. Smith, (Poly,) 4-3; S. Bosco (W. H.) beat J. May, (Poly,) 4-1; J. Fraas (Poly) beat J. Riedl, (W. H.), 4-1.

The dueling sword team championship for the J. S. Saltus Trophy will be held to-morrow night, with teams from Boston, Philadelphia, and New York competing.