

ANNAPOLIS FENCERS TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP

Cornell Second in Intercollegiate Meet—Van Buskirk Wins Individual Honors.

The Naval Academy fencers last night, at the Hotel Astor, won the intercollegiate fencing championship, with a record of thirty victories and fifteen defeats. Cornell finished in second place, two points behind the Middies, and Pennsylvania was third, with a score of twenty-two wins and twenty-three defeats. Harvard was fourth, with twenty and twenty-five, and Columbia, the winner of last season's competition, could not do better than to finish fifth, with a score of eighteen victories and twenty-seven defeats. Last place in the championship was taken by Yale, the New Havenites finishing one point behind the Blue and White. In reality the Navy scored a double victory for in the sabres, the newly added event to the intercollegiate championship, R. de S. Horn of Annapolis defeated his academy mate, C. de V. Headlee, after the two had been tied for first place at the completion of the regular bouts, the score in the fence off being 7 to 2 in favor of Horn. J. G. Bartol of Pennsylvania was third in this competition and O. M. de Costa of Cornell fourth.

The anticipation that the race for the individual foil championship might prove close was dispelled early in the evening when H. J. White, of the Navy, defeated the Columbia aspirant, L. Mouquin. This practically assured the honor to Harold Van Buskirk of Pennsylvania, and he clinched the title by defeating Mouquin in one of the later bouts of the night. Van Buskirk came through the competition with a remarkable record and the strange thing is that the one defeat that was registered against him came as a result of the superior sword play of P. De Lima of Cornell, whom Mouquin had defeated easily. The latter won over the new champion by a score of 5 to 3 in the afternoon fencing. Second place in the individual championship brought a tie between five of the collegians, L. Mouquin of Columbia, C. Chapman of Cornell, T. Putnam of Harvard, P. Glennon of Annapolis, and N. Partello of Annapolis. There was no fence off to decide a choice between these five.

The Navy showed a remarkably consistent record against the other teams. With Columbia the victory for Annapolis was by a 7 to 2 margin. Cornell, Harvard, and Pennsylvania were each defeated by a score of 6 to 3, and Yale made the best showing but had to admit a defeat of 5 to 4.

The fencing during the afternoon brought the championship down to a tie between Cornell and Annapolis, each having won twenty-five bouts and lost fourteen. Harvard had dropped seven bouts behind the leaders and Pennsylvania trailed in fourth place. Columbia was in fifth place and Yale brought up the rear. The poor place of the Morningside collegians was due largely to the continuous defeat of H. Hotchkiss, who did not win a bout in the first two sessions of the championship. Lauber, too, was not overstrong, and the brunt of holding the Blue and White somewhere near the leaders was too heavy for Mouquin to bear alone.

The latter, who was considered as a possibility for the individual championship, fought one of the most peculiar bouts with C. Chapman of Cornell that probably has ever marked a fencing tournament in this city. When the two came to the strip early in the afternoon they were both cautious, and the tendency to play on the defensive kept them so widely apart that there was not a point secured by either for the regular period of four minutes. In fact, there was not one evidence of a desire to attack, the men standing with uplifted blade at their respective stations on the strip as if they were posing for a picture. An extra period of two minutes showed a touch against each, and a third period was necessary. This, too, failed to decide the issue, and after a fourth period Chapman won by a score of 8 to 4. The total time of the bout was just a half hour. This defeat and one by Glennon of the navy, which was entirely unexpected, somewhat shattered Mouquin's hope of victory for the individual trophy, though it by no means placed him out of the running.

Warning to A. A. U. Athletes.

Jacob W. Stumpf, Chairman of the Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association Amateur Athletic Union, has sent out a note of warning to athletes. Starting with today twenty-six registrations will expire during the month of April and almost the same number in May. Unless these are renewed the holders are liable to suspension. The numbers and dates follow:

April 1, 10,566; 2, 10,576; 3, 10,601; 4, 10,635; 6, 10,667; 7, 10,692; 8, 10,724; 9, 10,743; 10, 10,780; 11, 10,775; 13, 10,808; 14, 10,857; 15, 10,886; 16, 10,901; 17, 10,952; 18, 11,000; 20, 11,041; 21, 11,120; 22, 11,168; 23, 11,268; 24, 11,332; 25, 11,390; 27, 11,487; 28, 11,522; 29, 11,550; 30, 11,577.
May 1, 11,592; 2, 11,605; 4, 11,613; 5, 11,632; 6, 11,678; 7, 11,703; 8, 11,718; 9, 11,748; 11, 11,767; 12, 11,781; 13, 11,802; 14, 11,823; 15, 11,849; 16, 11,857; 18, 11,888; 19, 11,912; 20, 11,917; 21, 11,931; 22, 11,949; 23, 11,960; 25, 11,981; 26, 12,003; 27, 12,015; 28, 12,029; 29, 12,050.