

# COLUMBIA FENCERS LEAD WITH SABRES

## Take Seven of Nine Bouts in Title Tourney—Navy Ex- cels with Foils.

E. T. Stelle, a young Columbia University fencer, went a long distance on the road to the intercollegiate sabre title in the first day's fencing of the intercollegiate championships in the Belvedere Room of the Hotel Astor yesterday. The New York collegian, after a disastrous start in the preliminary sabre round, recovered in time to win four of his five bouts, leading E. G. Fullinwider of the Naval Academy and G. M. Reaves, also of Columbia, by one bout.

The Naval Academy representatives had little trouble in walking off with the majority of the foils bouts in the evening competition. The midshipman team, which was composed of E. F. Smellie, J. C. Van Cleve and A. L. Becker, was victorious in twenty-one of its twenty-four matches. Each of the three members of the aggregation carried off seven clashes and each as a result will be a contender for the individual title which will be decided this evening.

Despite the Navy's impressive victory as a team, it was a Yale University fenceman who led in individual scores at the end of the evening. J. F. Leicester, Jr., went through his program of eight bouts with a clean slate, defeating every one of his rivals by a safe margin. Second to the Eli representative was Smellie, Van Cleve and Becker of the Navy and Forster of Columbia, each of these fencers winning seven out of eight matches. Unless Leicester should continue his flawless work this evening a double or triple tie for first place in the individual foils competition is likely to result.

The final team score in the foils contests was as follows: Naval Academy, 21 out of 24; Harvard, 14 out of 24; Columbia, 13 out of 24; Penn, 12 out of 24; Yale, 12 out of 24; M. I. T., 0 out of 24. Eight of Yale's twelve triumphs were gained through the excellent work of Leicester.

Six Eastern colleges, Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Penn, the Naval Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are the contestants for the collegiate honors. These institutions, members of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, entered teams in each of the three classes—foils, sabre and épée. Three men represent each college in the foils competition, two in the sabre and one in the épée. Both team and individual honors will be decided tonight in the foils, but only the individual title is at stake in the other two weapons.

Columbia had things its own way in the sabre matches, winning seven out of the nine bouts. The Navy, which had two of its men meeting each other in last year's finals, was a poor second, the midshipmen splitting even in eight matches. Penn was third, with three victories and two downfalls, and Yale trailed far in the ruck, with one triumph out of eight attempts. Harvard and M. I. T. were not represented.

The railroad strike was the indirect cause of one of the leading contestants being among the missing when the roll was called yesterday afternoon. Just before the sabre matches were scheduled to get under way, it was discovered that J. C. Sebright was the lone Penn representative in that particular competition. Later tidings conveyed the information that M. J. Hess, the Red and Blue sabre captain, had enlisted in the cause and was laboring valiantly in one of the Quaker City's railroad stations.

The afternoon competition, which saw the beginning of the sabre matches, resulted in spirited rivalry between Stelle and Fullinwider. The Columbian began the festivities disastrously by losing his initial encounter with J. C. Sebright of Penn, who won the bout from the New Yorker, 7 to 4. Fullinwider meanwhile had registered a decisive victory against P. E. Miles of Yale, who was able to score only two touches to the midshipman's seven.

After this bad start, however, Stelle had a comparatively easy time with the

remainder of the field. He showed his mettle by defeating Fullinwider in his second match, 7 to 4, the latter being outclassed by the Blue and White collegian. Stelle then proceeded further on his victorious path, gaining the verdict against Miles, C. J. Walker, a team mate of Fullinwider; and J. Stickler of Yale.

When the afternoon sabre round had been completed the Columbia fencer was leading by one bout. He had four matches to his credit, while Fullinwider had been able to amass only three. Reaves, also of Columbia, was deadlocked with the Naval Academy representative, with three victories each. Sebright of Penn was within striking distance, his total being three triumphs out of five.

The summaries:

### SABRE.

Contestants—E. T. Stelle and G. M. Reaves, Columbia; E. G. Fullinwider and C. J. Walker, the Naval Academy; P. E. Miles and J. Stickler, Yale; J. C. Sebright, Penn.

Stelle defeated Fullinwider 7 to 4, Miles 7 to 5, Walker 7 to 5, Stickler 7 to 3; Reaves defeated Walker 7 to 3, Stickler 7 to 2, Miles 7 to 4; Fullinwider defeated Miles 7 to 2, Sebright 7 to 4, Reaves 7 to 5; Walker defeated Stickler 10 to 8; Miles defeated Sebright 7 to 4; Stickler failed to win a bout; Sebright defeated Stelle 7 to 4, Stickler 7 to 4, Walker 7 to 4.

Recapitulation—Stelle won four bouts out of five; Reaves, three out of four; Fullinwider, three out of four; Walker, one out of four; Miles, one out of four; Stickler, none out of four; Sebright, three out of five.

### FOILS.

Contestants—Herbert W. Forster, Dennis Bencoe and Philip Farley, Columbia; E. F. Smellie, J. C. Van Cleve and A. L. Becker, the Naval Academy; L. F. Bishop, Jr.; J. F. Leicester, Jr., and A. P. Walker, Jr., Yale; M. P. Charnock, Victor Rambo and E. D. Rhodes, Pennsylvania; R. H. Snow, S. H. Ordway and G. P. Howard, Harvard; K. B. White, Erling Skabo and A. T. Canzanelli, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Forster defeated Snow, 6 to 5; Charnock, 9 to 6; Skabo, 6 to 0; Walker, 8 to 6; Howard, 12 to 11; Rhodes, 6 to 5; White, 8 to 3. Bencoe defeated Canzanelli, 9 to 5; Becker, 6 to 9; Skabo, 12 to 6. Farley defeated Rhodes, 11 to 4; White, 9 to 6; Canzanelli, 10 to 8. Van Cleve defeated Walker, 5 to 4; Skabo, 9 to 3; Snow, 6 to 5; Forster, 11 to 7; Charnock, 10 to 9; Canzanelli, 8 to 3; Ordway, 8 to 2. Becker defeated Bishop, 10 to 9; Canzanelli, 9 to 6; Ordway, 12 to 10; Walker, 7 to 1; Rambo, 9 to 7; White, 6 to 0; Howard, 6 to 1. Smellie defeated White, 7 to 1; Howard, 9 to 5; Farley, 11 to 7; Rhodes, 10 to 5; Bishop, 9 to 6; Skabo, 6 to 4; Snow, 10 to 7. Charnock defeated Skabo, 9 to 6; Walker, 12 to 6; Canzanelli, 10 to 5; Bencoe, 6 to 5; Bishop, 6 to 4. Rambo defeated Canzanelli, 6 to 4; Bencoe, 9 to 7; White, 6 to 3; Farley, 8 to 7. Rhodes defeated White, 6 to 3; Skabo, 13 to 9; Walker, 7 to 6. Walker defeated Skabo, 9 to 3. Bishop defeated Rambo, 11 to 5; Canzanelli, 10 to 4; Bencoe, 7 to 6. Leicester defeated Smellie, 7 to 4; Howard, 9 to 1; Rhodes, 11 to 6; White, 7 to 1; Farley, 8 to 2; Van Cleve, 8 to 7; Snow, 8 to 6; Rambo, 6 to 3. Snow defeated Walker, 4 to 3; Charnock, 8 to 6; Skabo, 6 to 5; Bencoe, 7 to 4. Ordway defeated Bencoe, 10 to 5; Bishop, 5 to 4; Rambo, 10 to 7; Canzanelli, 7 to 5; Farley, 11 to 7; Walker, 10 to 8. Howard defeated Farley, 9 to 3; Rhodes, 10 to 5; White, 7 to 1; Bishop, 12 to 6. Skabo, Canzanelli and White failed to win any of their bouts.

Recapitulation—The Naval Academy won 21 bouts; Harvard, 14; Columbia, 13; Yale, 12; Penn, 12; M. I. T., 0. Leicester won 8 bouts; Smellie, 7; Becker, 7; Forster, 7; Van Cleve, 7.