

# COLUMBIA CAPTURES TEAM FOILS TITLE

Blue and White Fencers Take  
Intercollegiate Honors,  
With Navy Second.

## BECKER LEADS FOILSMEN

Individual Championship Goes to  
Midshipman—Malstrom Is Sabre  
Winner—Hunter Epee Victor.

Columbia University's crack fencing team last night captured the intercollegiate foils fencing title in the annual tournament at the Hotel Astor. The Blue and White collegians, competing against representatives of five rival colleges and universities, scored a total of thirty-three victories and suffered but twelve defeats in a schedule of forty-five bouts. The Naval Academy foilsmen, winners of the title last year, finished runners up to the Columbia fencers, with a total of thirty victories and fifteen defeats.

Harvard finished third with twenty-seven successes and eighteen setbacks. Yale was fourth, having won twenty-two bouts and lost twenty-three. Dartmouth won sixteen bouts and dropped twenty-nine, finishing fifth, and Pennsylvania was sixth with a record of eight victories and thirty-seven defeats.

The individual foils title went to A. I. Becker of the Navy. The Annapolis student registered fourteen victories in a series of fifteen bouts. A. P. Walker Jr. of Yale and D. Bencoe of Columbia tied for runner-up laurels on the original competition, each with twelve victories and three defeats. On the fence-off, however, Bencoe was returned the victor of the second medal.

### Malstrom Sabre Winner.

In the sabres competition the title was captured by A. L. Malstrom, of the Navy. Malstrom was deadlocked with J. W. Guider, a fellow-student on the original series of bouts, but on the fence-off Malstrom was returned the winner.

The épée title was won by G. P. Hunter of the Navy.

The evening matches brought out a large gallery of men in evening dress and beautiful girls in evening gowns—for the tournament was followed by the Fencers' annual ball—and it will be a matter the judges will never be able to settle as to whether a fencer's eye did not now and again stray toward the blue and pink apparition there to cheer him on, to the detriment of his swordsmanship. And it must be admitted that said apparitions in pink and blue and green and orange did a lot of cheering—vocally as well as with encouraging glances.

It was practically a certainty, before the strips were occupied in the closing foils bouts, that Columbia would win the team championship and bring back to Morningside Heights the bronze statuette of the victorious swordsman which traveled last year to sojourn at Annapolis.

Columbia had rested after the matinée session with thirty victories on the credit side of the ledger while the Navy counted twenty-seven on the same side. Each team had four bouts on the closing card and only a slump on the part of the Blue and White fencers could upset the prognostication. Columbia did not slump, and three of the encounters in the night bracket were taken easily, clinching the coveted title. Both Columbia and the Navy made substitutions for the evening bouts, Nahon replacing Loundes on the Blue and White team and Grandfield, who Friday won the Clemens Medal in novice foils, replacing Vose for Navy.

It was noticeable during the afternoon matches that several of the fencers on the foils teams were suffering from strain, and it was not to be wondered at, considering the number of times each man was up on the strip.

The fight between Columbia and the Navy for first place was the feature throughout. The team score stood 24 won by Columbia, with 8 lost, and 23 won by Navy, with 9 lost, when Bencoe of Columbia and Becker, Navy, faced each other. The Columbia and the Navy fencers were tied for first place in the individual score column at 10 bouts won by each.

### Two Matches for Midshipman.

Becker, in spite of his lame knee, took an early lead, and at the turn had 6 points to Bencoe's 2. In a quick direct attack after the turn the midshipman won 2 points, giving him the advantage of 6 points and the bout, without the necessity of going the full time of four minutes for the encounter. This success, coupled with the defeat for Bencoe later by Weld, probably clinched the title for Becker.

Becker soon after that faced Rhodes, of Pennsylvania, and the match went to 7 all at full time, the Quaker showing an unusual burst of speed and skill. On the resumption of the encounter, which was a story of fouls and ties, the fencing ran to two extra periods before Becker pulled off the battle.

The make-up of the teams is as follows: Columbia, foils—D. Bencoe, P. F. Farley, S. Loundes; sabre—G. M. Reaves, P. Ferrara; épée—C. Contreras, G. M. Reaves. Dartmouth, foils—L. H. Weld, R. Hertzberg, H. Lialo; sabre—G. W. Cooke; épée—L. H. Weld, G. W. iows. Columbia, foils—D. Bencoe, P. Cooke; Harvard, foils—S. H. Ordway Jr., M. R. Brewster, J. S. Barss and (substitute) B. Boyce; sabre—S. H. Ordway Jr., B. Boyce. Navy, foils—A. L. Becker, C. C. Shears, H. G. Chandler and (substitutes) W. L. Ware, F. B. Vose; sabre—A. I. Malstrom, J. W. Guider and (substitute) J. R. Rhamstine; épée—G. P. Hunter, G. C. Shears. Pennsylvania foils—E. G. Rhodes, V. C. Rambo, H. Hettinger and (substitute) D. F. Cavers; sabre—H. O. Walton, J. G. Sebright; épée—D. F. Cavers. Yale, foils—A. P. Walker Jr., L. F. Bishop Jr., L. L. Mackenzie and (substitutes) W. M. Morris, W. C. Briggs; épée—C. M. De Land Jr., H. H. Plumley.

The summaries:

### FOILS.

#### Afternoon Bouts.

Columbia—Bencoe defeated Hertzberg, 12-7; Hettinger, 6-4; Walker, 5-4, and Boyce, 6-0. Farley defeated Lialo, 10-9; Rhodes, 8-2; Shears, 8-5, and Ordway, 10-8. Loundes defeated Rambo, 5-3; Mackenzie, 5-2; Vose, 14-11, and Lialo, 8-3.

Navy—Becker defeated Bishop, 8-7; Hertzberg, 10-8; Bencoe, 8-2; Rhodes, 14-13, and Mackenzie, 6-4. Shears defeated Mackenzie, 7-6; Lialo, 8-5; Brewster, 5-3, and Rambo, 9-8.

Harvard—Boyce defeated Rambo, 9-6; Mackenzie, 10-12; Vose, 30-28; Lialo, 10-6, and Rhodes, 6-5. Ordway defeated Hettinger, 7-5; Becker, 10-6, and Rambo, 5-4. Brewster defeated Rhodes, 8-7; Bishop, 15-9; Hertzberg, 10-8, and Loundes, 9-7.

Yale—Walker defeated Vose, 10-8; Ordway, 10-8; Rhodes, 7-1; Hertzberg, 13-8 and Shears, 19-18. Bishop defeated Farley, 3-2; Rambo, 13-12 and Lialo 9-8. Mackenzie defeated Hettinger, 6-3.

Dartmouth—Weld defeated Loundes, 16-15; Vose, 12-11; Rhodes, 10-4; Ordway, 8-6; Mackenzie, 8-2 and Bencoe, 10-9. Lialo defeated Hettinger, 9-6. Hertzberg defeated Rambo, 11-8.

Pennsylvania—Hettinger defeated Chanler, 13-12, finishing for Vose and Brewster 5-2.

#### Evening Bouts.

Columbia—Loundes defeated Rhodes, 13-11; Bencoe defeated Rambo, 9-7; Farley defeated Hettinger, 6-3. And on fence-off for second place for individual medal, Bencoe defeated Walker, Yale.

Navy—Shears defeated Weld, 11-7; Becker defeated Lialo, 6-0; Grandfield (substituted for Vose) defeated Bishop, 11-10.

Harvard—Ordway defeated Bishop, 9-3; Brewster defeated Mackenzie, 7-4.

Yale—Walker defeated Boyce, 14-10.

Dartmouth—Hertzberg defeated Grandfield, Navy (substituted for Vose), 10-8, and Nahon, Columbia (substituted for Loundes), 15-11.

### SABRE AND EPÉE.

Semi-final Sabre Bouts—Sebright defeated Ferrara, 7-5; Reaves defeated McCay, 7-1, and Walten, 7-1; Davenport defeated Chapman (substituted for Cooke) 7-2; Guider defeated Reaves, 9-7; Malstrom defeated Reaves, 7-3.

Final Bout—Malstrom defeated Guider, 7-4.

Semi-final Epée Bouts—Huber defeated Contreras, Boyce defeated Ordway, DeLand defeated Plumley, Hunter defeated Shears, Cavers defeated Boyce.

Final Bout—Hunter defeated Cavers.

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