

NAVY TAKES LEAD IN FENCING TOURNEY

Midshipmen Qualify With Epee and Foils in Intercollegiate Bouts.

YALE ALSO SHOWS POWER

Blue Team Reaches Finals in Sabres and Foils Events at Hotel Astor.

West Point, Annapolis, Pennsylvania and Harvard were the qualifying teams with the epees yesterday in the opening bouts of the intercollegiate fencing championships at the Hotel Astor. The Army representatives won eleven matches and lost five, the Middies won ten and lost six, the Pennsylvanians won eight and lost four, and the Crimson swordsmen won six and lost the same number.

The first two teams are in strip No. 1 and the other two are in strip No. 2. In gaining representation for their college in the semi-finals, the winning team members at the same time qualified for the individual semi-finals, along with a single representative from Yale.

John Mark Pesek of the Army was the winner of the greatest number of bouts with the epee. As there were five teams in this strip and but four in the other, he and every other man in his section fenced eight bouts, whereas in the other strip each man was called up but six times. Pesek won six of his eight matches and looks to be one of the strongest contenders for individual honors. His teammate, E. H. Price, was only slightly less formidable, winning five of his bouts and losing three. J. S. Keating and C. H. Calloway, the Navy pair, were almost on a par with their traditional rivals, each winning five and losing three bouts.

Cadets Win Against Navy.

In the first skirmishes between the service schools the Cadets had the better of it. Price defeated both Calloway and Keating, and Pesek defeated Keating, making the score 3 to 1 in the Army's favor in this private engagement between the two. Harold Boulton of Yale was the one other to qualify for individual honors in this strip. He also won five of his bouts and lost three. As he scored one of his victories over Pesek he will be taken seriously in the matches to come.

In the second strip Donald Thomson of Pennsylvania was the outstanding performer. He won five bouts out of six, losing only to Donald Kittell of Hamilton College in a very prettily played match. Hamilton is one of the newcomers to the intercollegiate ranks, but that fact has not prevented her from putting some strong fencers into the field. The three other men to qualify in this strip each won three and lost three matches. They were David F. Cavers, Thomson's teammate, and John King Watson and Clarence J. Shearn Jr. of Harvard.

Navy, Yale and Harvard qualified for the final of the foils in the preliminary matches that took a three-cornered turn, with the following trios engaging in round-robins:—Navy, Army and Pennsylvania, Yale Columbia and Hamilton, and Harvard, Dartmouth and M. I. T.

In the first strip the Navy won 12 bouts, the Army 11 and Pennsylvania 4. In the second strip Yale won 17, Columbia 8, Hamilton 2. In the third Harvard captured 13, Dartmouth 10 and M. I. T. 4. The three teams finishing second in the three divisions were fencing off at an early hour this morning to determine the fourth qualifier for the final. The finalists for individual honors with the foils will be determined on the basis of strength shown in the team matches.

Dartmouth's followers felt a bit disgruntled over the fact that the Green defeated both Harvard and M. I. T. at 5 to 4 and yet failed to qualify. This was due to the fact that Dartmouth's margin of victory over each opponent was but 1 point, whereas Harvard defeated M. I. T. 9 bouts to 0, giving the Crimson a big margin in points, on which the awards were made.

Kernan Leads With Sabre.

Competition in the sabre class was begun in the second strip. Yale and Hamilton qualified teams, and Yale, Hamilton and Dartmouth will be represented in the individual semi-finals. William Kernan of Yale was the most capable performer in his section. In six bouts he lost only to John W. G. Ogilvie of Hamilton, and this match was lost only after the closest competition at 7-5. Seth Hastings, Kernan's teammate, won three matches and lost three. The three victories were sufficient with the other's five to qualify Yale as a team, but they did not suffice to keep Hastings in the running for individual honors without his fencing off the tie between himself and Ogilvie, who likewise won and lost three. The two men faced each other late in the afternoon, when the room was almost completely deserted by the spectators. The bout was marked by terrific thrusting and was so close that it was anybody's guess as to who should win, Yale or Hamilton. Hastings sent his point home for the deciding touch, winning at 7-5.

William Johnson of Hamilton and Robert Hertzberg of Dartmouth were the two other men to qualify with the sabres. Each won four bouts and lost two. Johnson's four, with Ogilvie's three, gave Hamilton a total of 7 victories, to but 5 for Dartmouth. Hawley, Hertzberg's teammate, won but one match out of six.

The summaries:

Epee.

First Strip—Blake, M. I. T., defeated Nahon, Columbia; Price, West Point; Riley, Yale. Won 3, lost 4. Stolte, M. I. T., defeated Nahon, Columbia; C. H. Callaway, Annapolis. Won 2, lost 6. Huber, Columbia, defeated Blake, M. I. T.; Stolte, M. I. T., defeated Callaway, Annapolis. Won 3, lost 5. Nahon, Columbia, defeated Price, West Point. Won 1, lost 7. Pesek, West Point, defeated Huber, Columbia; Riley, Yale; Nahon, Columbia; Stolte, M. I. T.; Blake, M. I. T.; Keating, Annapolis. Won 6, lost 2. Price, West Point, defeated Boulton, Yale; Riley, Yale; Stolte, M. I. T.; Callaway, Annapolis; Keating, Annapolis. Won 5, lost 3. Boulton, Yale, defeated Pesek, West Point; Huber, Columbia; Nahon, Columbia; Blake, M. I. T.; Stolte, M. I. T. Won 5, lost 3. Riley, Yale, defeated Huber, Columbia; Nahon, Columbia; Stolte, M. I. T. Won 3, lost 5. Keating, Annapolis, defeated Blake, M. I. T.; Stolte, M. I. T.; Riley, Yale; Nahon, Columbia; Pesek, West Point. Won 5, lost 3. Callaway, Annapolis, defeated Blake, M. I. T.; Boulton, Yale; Riley, Yale; Huber, Columbia; Nahon, Columbia. Won 5, lost 3. Posek, Price, Boulton, Keating and Callaway qualify individually; Navy and West Point qualify as teams.

Second Strip—Watson, Harvard, defeated Cavers, Pennsylvania; Kittell, Hamilton; Liao, Dartmouth. Won 5, lost 3. Shearn, Harvard, defeated Kittell, Hamilton; Stevens, Hamilton; Liao, Dartmouth. Won 3, lost 3. Thomson, Pennsylvania, defeated Watson, Harvard; Shearn, Harvard; Liao, Dartmouth; Laidlaw, Dartmouth; Stevens, Hamilton. Won 5, lost 1. Cavers, Pennsylvania, defeated Shearn, Harvard; Laidlaw, Dartmouth; Stevens, Hamilton. Won 3, lost 3. Kittell, Hamilton, defeated Liao, Dartmouth; Thomson, Pennsylvania. Won 2, lost 4. Stevens, Hamilton, defeated Watson, Harvard; Laidlaw, Dartmouth. Won 2, lost 4. Laidlaw, Dartmouth, defeated Watson, Harvard. Won 1, lost 5. Thomson, Watson, Shearn and Cavers qualify individually. Harvard and Pennsylvania qualify as teams.

Sabre.

Second Strip—Kernan, Yale, defeated Hertzberg, Dartmouth, 7-5; Hawley, Dartmouth, 7-5; Brown, Pennsylvania, 7-5; Gutman, Pennsylvania, 7-4; William W. Johnson, Hamilton, 7-2. Won 5, lost 1. Hastings, Yale, defeated Hawley, Dartmouth, 7-5; Gutman, Pennsylvania, 7-3; Johnson, Hamilton, 7-4. Won 3, lost 3. Hertzberg, Dartmouth, defeated Hastings, Yale, 7-4; Brown, Pennsylvania, 7-4; Gutman, Pennsylvania, 7-0; Ogilvie, Hamilton, 7-3. Won 4, lost 2. Hawley, Dartmouth, defeated Brown, Pennsylvania, 7-0. Won 1, lost 5. Brown, Pennsylvania, defeated Hastings, Yale, 7-3; John W. G. Ogilvie, Hamilton, 7-2. Won 2, lost 4. Gutman, Pennsylvania, defeated Hawley,

Dartmouth, 7-8; Ogilvie, Hamilton, 7-6. Won 2, lost 4. Ogilvie, Hamilton, defeated Kernan, Yale, 7-4; Hastings, Yale, 7-5; Hawley, Dartmouth, 7-1. Won 3, lost 3. Johnson, Hamilton, defeated Hertzberg, Dartmouth, 7-6; Hawley, Dartmouth, 7-8; Brown, Pennsylvania, 7-3; Gutman, Pennsylvania, 7-5. Won 4, lost 2. Kernan, Hertzberg and Johnson qualified. Hastings and Ogilvie in fence-off to determine fourth man. Hastings won, 7-5, and qualified.

Foils.

Strip No. 1—Army (Conner, Stebbins, Tasher) vs. Navy (Scott, Ginn, Grandfield, Stubbs) vs. Penn (Hettinger, Cavers, Thomson)—Conner defeated Ginn, 7-3. Stubbs 7-3, Grandfield 7-5, Hettinger 7-2. Cavers 7-5; Tasher defeated Stubbs 7-5. Thomson 7-6, Cavers 7-4, Conner 7-6. Stebbins defeated Cavers 7-3, Thomson 7-6; Ginn defeated Stebbins 7-4, Tasher 7-4, Hettinger 7-6, Cavers 7-5; Stubbs defeated Stebbins 7-4, Thomson 7-5. Hettinger 7-6; Grandfield defeated Stebbins 7-4, Tasher 7-6, Hettinger 7-8, Thomson 7-6, Cavers 7-0; Hettinger defeated Stebbins 7-3; Cavers defeated Stubbs 7-4; Thomson defeated Ginn 7-6, Cavers 7-5; final score—Navy 12, Army 11, Penn 4.

Strip No. 2—Columbia (Bloomer, Barrett, Fuertes) vs. Yale (Davenport, Huntington, Oliver) vs. Hamilton (Scott, Kittell, Erick, Scovel)—Bloomer defeated Scott 7-1, Kittell 7-2, Scovel 7-1; Barrett defeated Scott 7-4, Kittell 7-5, Scovel 7-2; Fuertes defeated Scovel 7-3, Kelsey 7-5; Scott defeated Fuertes 7-5; Kittell defeated Fuertes 7-5; Davenport defeated Scott 7-3, Kittell 7-1, Bloomer 7-6; Pacher (substitute for Scovel) 7-2, Fuertes 7-5, Barrett 7-5; Huntington defeated Kittell 7-5, Scott 7-5, Pacher 7-2, Bloomer 7-6, Barrett 7-6, Fuertes 7-6; Kelsey (substitute for Oliver) defeated Pacher (substitute for Scovel) 7-3, Kittell 7-2, Scott 7-4, Barrett 7-3; Oliver defeated Bloomer 7-6. Final score: Yale, 17; Columbia, 8; Hamilton, 2.

Strip No. 3—Harvard (E. H. Lane, E. L. Lane, Fleer) vs. Dartmouth (Hertzberg, Liao, Hawley) vs. M. I. T. (Walker, Ferris, Elkins)—Hertzberg defeated Walker 7-3, Ferris 7-4, Elkins 7-6, E. L. Lane 7-5, Fleer 7-5; Liao defeated Ferris 7-4, Fleer 7-5, E. H. Lane 7-3; Hawley defeated Walker 7-2, Fleer 7-6; Walker defeated Liao 7-6; Ferris defeated Hawley 7-6; Elkins defeated Liao 7-5; Hawley 7-6; E. H. Lane defeated Hertzberg 7-8, Walker 7-1, Hawley 7-3, Elkins 7-5, Ferris 7-8; E. L. Lane defeated Ferris 7-2, Liao 7-6; Hawley 7-4, Walker 7-2; Fleer defeated Elkins 7-4, Ferris 7-0, Walker 7-3. Final score—Harvard 13, Dartmouth 10, M. I. T. 4.

FARLEY IS WINNER OF FENCING MEDAL

Columbia Student Takes James B. Clemens Prize for Novice Foils Competition.

Donald Farley of Columbia University won the James B. Clemens medal for novice foils competition yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Astor in the annual tournament that was put on as a prelude to the intercollegiate fencing championships. Thirty-six contenders from fourteen institutions competed for the title, which is open to men who have never fenced on a varsity team or taken a medal in any open tournament. H. H. Brown of Yale won the silver medal for second place, and the bronze medal went to A. S. McDill of the United States Naval Academy.

Farley won three straight bouts in the final round. Brown and McDill each won one and lost two. The Yale fencer was awarded second prize on the point system with a mark of 50, to 47 for McDill. J. G. Speir, also of the Naval Academy, the fourth man to qualify for the finals; lost his first two bouts and then defeated McDill in the final bout of the tournament. This match was thrown out, the judges believing that McDill had allowed it to go to his schoolmate, so that strictly, Speir lost two and won none and McDill won one and lost one. The officials declared the two Annapolis men disqualified, and Brown automatically won second prize. The disposition of the third prize was held up and for a while it seemed that no award would be made, but the judges changed heart at the last moment and presented it to McDill, who received it with tears in his eyes. Speir had a percentage of 44.

The final bouts were extremely exciting, so close was the competition and so often were the judges at variance in their decisions as to whether touches had been scored or not. The bout between Speir and Brown was the most thrilling of the day. So evenly matched were the two that two extra periods were required before they had fenced to a decision. A liberal sprinkling of the wearers of the Blue and Gold cheered on Speir in the manner that reminded one of football days, except that the volume was missing.

The summaries:

FIRST GROUP.

Strip No. 1—A. S. McDill, Navy, defeated M. W. Brown, Dartmouth, 7-5; S. E. Little, N. Y. M. A., 9-4; H. Finney, Harvard, 14-1. Brown defeated Little, 9½-5. Little defeated Finney, 2-0; Finney defeated Brown, 6-3. McDill qualified.

Strip No. 2—J. D. Gregory, Hamilton, defeated N. Morse, Harvard, 8-6; Van Winkle, Columbia, 7-4; M. Spitz, N. Y. M. A., 6-4. Spitz defeated Morse, 6½-1; Van Winkle, 6-2½. Van Winkle defeated Morse, 7½-5. Gregory qualified.

Strip No. 3—R. D. Elwell, Yale, defeated J. D. Weiss, Cooper Union, 4-1; R. Stieminski, N. Y. M. A., 7-3; K. C. Hawthorne, M. I. T., 6-3. Hawthorn defeated Weiss, 5-4; Stieminski, 7-6½. Weiss defeated Stieminski, 3-1. Elwell qualified.

SECOND GROUP.

Strip No. 1—J. G. Wolf, Yale, defeated T. S. Dunning, Paterson High School, 7-3½; L. L. Huxtable, Columbia, 7-6. Dunning defeated Huxtable, 5-3; H. T. Hollowell, Yonkers Y. M. C. A., 7-5. Huxtable defeated Hollowell, 5½-5. Hollowell defeated Wolf, 9-4. Wolf qualified on point system.

Strip No. 2—J. G. Speir, Navy, defeated F. B. Laidlaw, Dartmouth, 6-5; L. Naranjo, J. Sanford Saltus Fencing Club, 7-1; R. G. Robischon, Columbia, 11-1. Naranjo defeated Laidlaw, 6-5; Robischon, 8-5. Laidlaw defeated Robischon, 4-2. Speir qualified.

Strip No. 3—A. L. Michel, Yale, defeated L. F. Ansbacher, Columbia, 7-6; J. D. Wester, N. Y. Turn Verein, 5-4; R. W. McCormick, Navy, 4-2. McCormick defeated Ansbacher, 5-4; Wester, 11-8. Ansbacher defeated Wester, 6-3. Michel qualified.

THIRD GROUP.

Strip No. 1—Donald Farley, Columbia, defeated L. Fuertes, N. Y. M. A., 10-3; R. Allen, Harvard, 9-5. Allen defeated Fuertes, 5-2; H. Perkins, Yale, 7-8½. Fuertes defeated Perkins, 6-4. Perkins defeated Farley, 11½-9½. Farley qualified on point system.

Strip No. 2—W. Packer, Hamilton, defeated E. A. Fildangue, Columbia, 10-1; R. Silva, Riverdale, 10-6; M. A. Santa Ana, M. I. T., 9-3. Fildangue defeated Silva, 7-6. Santa Ana, 6-5. Santa Ana defeated Silva, 5-4. Packer qualified.

Strip No. 3—H. H. Brown, Yale, defeated E. Waldorf, Columbia, 6-5; M. Smyth, Riverdale, 10-7; B. Silverblat, Columbia, 8-6. Waldorf defeated Smyth, 6-5. Silverblat defeated Smyth, 6-5. Brown qualified.

SEMI-FINALS.

First Group—H. H. Brown defeated McDill, 4-3; Elwell, 9-7; Gregory, 10-6. McDill defeated Elwell, 9-7; Gregory, 7-0. Brown and McDill qualified for final round.

Second Group—Speir defeated Wolf, 6½-3; Farley, 7-6½; Packer, 4½-4. Farley defeated Wolf, 10-6; Michel, 8-6; Packer, 8-5½. Michel defeated Wolf, 6-1; Speir, 3½-1. Packer defeated Wolf, 4½-4; Michel, 7-4½. Speir and Farley qualified.

FINAL BOUTS.

Farley defeated Speir, 5½-5; McDill, 12-12 (extra period); H. H. Brown, 9-7. Brown defeated Speir, 16½-13½ (two extra periods). McDill defeated Brown, 6½-5½. Speir defeated McDill, 5-4; bout thrown out.