

# HARVARD'S FENCERS WIN COLLEGE TITLE

**Capture Foils Team Championship in Final Round, Winning 17 of 27 Bouts.**

## ARMY IN DOUBLE VICTORY

**Cadets Take Team and Individual Honors With Both Epee and Sabre.**

Fencers representing Harvard University won the intercollegiate foils team championship at the Hotel Astor last night in the final round of the intercollegiate championship tournament. Harvard won 17 bouts and lost 10. The Crimson did not win without a struggle, however, for the Yale foilsmen pressed them closely throughout the competition. Yale scored 16 victories and was defeated in 11 bouts. In winning the championship, Harvard captured the Colonel Robert M. Thompson Cup emblematic of the intercollegiate team fencing championship.

It was the first victory of a Harvard team with the foils in the intercollegiate since 1899, when a team from Cambridge captained by George H. Breed, now a prominent member of the Fencers' Club, won the Thompson trophy. Everett Hale Lane captained last night's team and played a big part in the victory, winning eight of the seventeen bouts. His brother, E. L. Lane, won seven, and Roland Fleer, the third member of the team, accounted for the other two.

E. L. Lane defeated his brother in the competition for individual foils honors and tied with S. G. Huntington of Yale. Each won seven bouts and lost one. In the fence-off, which was one of the prettiest bouts ever seen in an intercollegiate championship, Huntington won by the close score of 7 to 5.

### Large Crowd is Present.

The Grand Ballroom of the hotel was crowded throughout the evening with the relatives and friends of the swordsmen, who came to see the bouts and to enjoy the dancing which annually winds up the two days' tournament. The fencing program for the night was much too long to be crowded into the time allotted, and as a consequence, it was not until long after 2 o'clock this morning that those who had not lost heart and left heard the first strains of the orchestra. At that hour the bouts in the final round robin of the sabre championship were still going on.

John Mark Pesek of the United States Military Academy won the intercollegiate epee championship when he defeated C. H. Callaway of the United States Naval Academy, winner of the title last year, in the fence-off between the two after they had tied in the final round in this competition.

West Point also took the team honors with a total of nine bouts won and five lost. Annapolis won eight and lost six, Pennsylvania won four and lost ten, and Harvard won three and lost eleven.

Army won the team sabre championship, capturing eleven bouts. Lawrence V. Castner, captain of the cadet team, captured individual honors. He won nine straight bouts and was the only man who went through the entire day's competition without losing a bout.

Army, by taking first in the sabres and epee events and fourth in the foils, won the new three weapon trophy offered this year by the Intercollegiate Fencing Association for all-around efficiency.

Reinhold F. Hertzberg of Dartmouth took second honors to Castner with the sabre, winning six bouts and losing one. He was the only fencer to qualify for the finals in both sabres and foils.

Pesek's victory in the fence-off was a reversal of the decision of the match between the two in the regular round-robin, which Callaway won. Three minutes were required to decide the tie between them. Callaway, who is much taller than Pesek, rushed in to make his thrust. His point reached its mark, but Pesek counted also, and the judges decided that the latter's touch was made first.

### Nine Contenders for the Title.

There were nine contenders for the individual title, and four pairs competing for team honors. Harold Boulton of Yale was the extra man. He won five bouts and lost three. E. H. Price of the Military Academy won four and lost the same number and J. S. Keating of the Naval Academy won three and lost five, C. J. Shearn Jr., Harvard, Donald Thomson and D. F. Cavers of Pennsylvania each won two and lost six, and J. K. Watson, Harvard, won one out of eight. Boulton's matches counted only in the individual competition.

Pesek and Callaway each won six out of eight matches. The success of the service fencers was not unexpected, as both are swordsmen of known ability and had shown the worth of their steel in the qualifying round. Boulton of Yale was a dangerous man throughout the final round and might have tied with the other two for first place had the scales balanced the slightest bit more the other way in any one of his three matches lost, all of which were close. He won one of his matches from Callaway. The Eli, according to one of his opponents, as good as wins most of his matches when he takes his side position stand.

The summaries:

### Epee.

Final Round—The contestants were Harold Boulton, Yale; J. M. Pesek, Army; E. H. Price, Army; J. S. Keating, Navy; C. H. Callaway, Navy; J. K. Watson, Harvard; C. J. Shearn Jr., Harvard; Donald Thomson, Pennsylvania; D. F. Cavers, Pennsylvania. Boulton defeated Watson, Shearn, Cavers, Callaway, Thomson. Won 5, lost 3. Pesek defeated Boulton, Keating, Watson, Price, Thomson and Cavers. Won 6, lost 2. Price defeated Keating, Thomson, Watson and Shearn. Won 4, lost 4. Keating defeated Boulton, Watson and Cavers. Won 3, lost 5. Callaway defeated Pesek, Price, Watson, Shearn, Keating and Thomson. Won 6, lost 2. Watson defeated Cavers. Won 1, lost 7. Shearn defeated Keating, Caven. Won 2, lost 6. Thomson defeated Watson, Shearn. Won 2, lost 6. Cavers defeated Price and Callaway. Won 2, lost 6. Pesek and Callaway tied for first place with 6 victories and 2 defeats each. Pesek won the fence-off in three minutes.

### Foils.

Fence-off to determine fourth team to qualify for the final round of foils competition. The teams were: Army (S. L. Conner, A. K. Stebbins and H. P. Tasker); Columbia (Harold Bloomer, Elliott Barrett and Juan Fuertes) and Dartmouth (R. F. Hertzberg, E. G. Hawley and H. F. Liao). Conner defeated Bloomer 7-6, Barrett 7-5, Fuertes 7-2, Liao 7-5, Hawley 7-5; Tasker defeated Fuertes 7-5; Stebbins defeated Barrett 7-2, Bloomer 7-4, Fuertes 7-2, Hertzberg 7-5, Liao 7-2. Army won eleven bouts.

Bloomer defeated Tasker 7-4, Hawley 7-2; Barrett defeated Tasker 7-3, Liao 7-2; Fuertes defeated Hawley 7-2, Liao 7-3. Columbia won six bouts.

Hertzberg defeated Conner 7-6, Barrett 7-5; Hawley defeated Tasker 7-5. Dartmouth won three bouts and had seven to go when play was stopped, as the Army had first place clinched.

### Sabre.

First Strip—The contestants were F. J. Clarke and William Castner, Army; H. R. Carson and E. L. Woodyard, Navy; F. W. Huber and H. E. Bierschenk, Columbia, and G. F. Ferreyra and H. Serrano, M. I. T. Clarke defeated Carson, 7-3; Woodyard, 7-5; Huber, 7-3; Bierschenk, 7-4; Ferreyra, 7-5; Serrano, 7-4. Won 6, lost 0. Castner defeated Carson, 7-1; Huber, 7-5; Bierschenk, 7-5; Serrano, 7-6. Won 4, lost 2.

Carson defeated Bierschenk, 7-6; Serrano, 7-1. Won 2, lost 4; Woodyard defeated Castner, 7-6; Huber, 7-3; Bierschenk, 7-6; Ferreyra, 7-6; Serrano, 7-1. Won 5, lost 1; Huber defeated Carson, 7-6. Won 1, lost 4.

Bierschenk defeated Ferreyra, 7-6. Won 1, lost 5.

Ferreyra defeated Castner, 7-6; Carson, 7-3; Huber, 7-6. Won 3, lost 3.

Serrano defeated Bierschenk, 7-4. Won 1, lost 4. Clarke, Castner, Woodyard and Ferreyra qualified.