

Fencing

Team

Richard Grassy
John Burdsall
Max Popernik
Phil Green
Robert Lance
Vance Spencer
Frank Kroeger

Fencing at the University of Cincinnati is fast gaining popularity with the students. The art of smooth co-ordination of eye and muscle besides the finesse of dueling places fencing among the leading collegiate sports.

Mr. Hutchings, fencing mentor at the Bearcat school, began the season with five veterans from last year's squad. With the addition of two more men Varsity was ready to meet their scheduled opponents with a competent squad composed of Grassy, Burdsall, Popernik, Green, and Lance, foils; Popernik and Grassy, epee; Grassy, Spencer, and Kroeger, saber.

Of the six meets scheduled for the 1933 season, the Red and Black duelists won three and lost three. The aggregate results were gratifying, however, for the defeats all hinged upon one or two points, while the victories were won by such wide margins as to leave no doubt of Cincinnati's superiority.

In the first match Cincy fell victim to the Wittenberg *touche* 8 to 9. Popernik and Grassy succeeded in attaching the epee event, but the foil and saber contests were lost. Ohio Northern then duplicated the Wittenberg score of 9 to 8 to defeat U. C. at the foils. The honors were divided equally with the epee and saber. In the return match at Springfield Wittenberg again outwitted the McMicken swordsmen and scored 10 points against 7 made by Cincy. The Bearcat guardsmen tied the saber event and lost the epee and foil matches.

With half the season over, the Varsity fencers found their pace, and the remainder of the schedule was completed in triumph. Ohio Northern fell, easy victim to the Cincinnati foil and epee, 9 to 1. Then the Fenn College duelists were conquered 14 to 3, Cincy taking all events by superior swordplay. The final meet was a counterpart of the previous match when Case collapsed in a 14 to 3 combat with the Red and Black swordsmen.

