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**Fencers beat Brown, Wheaton**

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Editor’s note: Amelia Phillips is a number of the women’s fencing team.

Several fencing meets have occurred in the past week, the first on Thursday, February 8th, against Brown University at Brown, which the women’s varsity won 11-5.

Saturday afternoon, the varsity suffered a slight embarrassment when they unexpectedly demolished Wheaton College 16-0. It was not predicted to be such an overwhelming victory especially as the coach was allowing no substitutions. This was evident by the number of touches against our team being 24 compared to Wheaton’s 8. Each person on the varsity lineup that night had a strong point and put it to good use.

Sayuri Kuo ’81 led the way with her strong determination and quick parry-ripostes. Next in line came Nancy Robinson ’81 with a winner’s smile on her face and deftly crisp blade action. Julia Shinjoaka ’80 followed with floor-footed attacks and blinding disengages. Michelle Pfeisterman ’79 captain, finished it off with her flying lunges and slashing coups.

Following suit, the JV performed similarly and defeated Wheaton 14-2 with the total number of touches against them was 28 vs. Wheaton’s 73. Helen Frey ’80 started the action by winning a bout 5 to 0. Linda Price ’81, Marion Stein ’80, and Amelia Phillips ’81 also did well that evening. The two substitutes, Brenda Bell ’82 and Charlotte Nozara ’79, did their share as well, each winning a bout.

The team finished up the day by defeating Trinity 13-3. As Trinity brought only one team, half the bouts were done by the varsity starters and the other half by the JV starters.

Monday saw the JV going against Tufts’ varsity with a result of 12-4. Debbie Barnes ’80, who has been out with injuries, led the way that night with strong parries and attacks. It was chronic, however, who gave the spirit to the evening as she exploded on her opponents with the speed and skill of an energetic “killer.” Stein also made short work of them by using quick and versatile wrist action. Suzanne Hirschman ’82 sub-scribed and beat her opponents by use of a fast retreat and good manipulation of the blade. Helen Fray also made good use of the opponent’s weaknesses.

The next meet will be at home in the fencing room at Dupont. It will be a foursome meet with the MIT team going against Stevens Institute of Technology, Brandeis, and Wellesley. Starting time is 1pm, this Saturday.