

# COLUMBIA IN TIE WITH NAVY:

## Intercollegiate Fencing Title Series Opens with Close Bouts.

The annual intercollegiate fencing championship tournament began at the Hotel Astor last night with some of the closest bouts in years. The fencers of the United States Naval Academy, present holders of the title, managed to end the evening still in the running and with a likely chance of defending successfully their laurels won last year after an interesting dual competition with the fencers of Columbia University. These two teams progressed through the preliminary bouts practically on even terms, and a victory by R. T. Gallemore of the navy in the final bout of the evening enabled the midshipmen to tie the score in the team standing with Columbia, both teams having a total of eleven victories and seven defeats.

Harvard fencers finished third with eleven victories and eight defeats, and Yale was fourth, having won ten and lost eight bouts. The representatives of Pennsylvania were hopelessly out of the running practically all the way, and their standing at the conclusion of the night's competition was three victories and fifteen defeats.

A touch of the war was seen in the failure of the Cornell fencers to compete. The action of the Ithacans' Athletic Board, in declaring off all sports, caused the team to cancel the engagement at the last moment.

The outstanding individual feature of the tournament was the performance of Stanton W. Allison, the Columbia fencer, who went through the competition winning all six of the bouts in which he contested. Second individual honors went to C. Icaza of Yale, who won five and lost one bout. T. P. Jeter and R. T. Gallemore of the navy tied for fourth honors.

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