

# **COLUMBIA IN FRONT IN N. C. A. A. FENCING**

**EAST LANSING, Mich., March 25 (AP)—**Columbia fought its way into the position of early favorite in the first day's competition in the national collegiate fencing championships at Michigan State College today.

Columbia had the early team high of 40 points going into Saturday's finals. Cornell was next with 38. Navy was third with 34. Illinois followed with 32 and Pennsylvania was fifth with 31.

Columbia's Nyles Ayers was high man in the epee with 15 points. The Lions Barry Pariser, with 12 points, shared a three-way tie for the lead in the saber with Walter Farber of Pennsylvania and Lee Fallieres of Detroit.

Herman Velasco of Illinois was the point leader in the foil with 14. But Ralph DeMarco of Columbia was right behind him in a tie for second with John Gonzales of Navy and Philippe Mocquard of Cornell, all with 13 points.

Others placing high in the team competition were: 6, tie between Ohio State and Detroit, 29 points; 8, Princeton, 28; 9, Notre Dame, 27; 10, Yale, 26.

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