

# N. C. A. A. FENCING WILL BEGIN TODAY

## 41 Colleges to Seek Crown in 2-Day Meet at Harvard

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**CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 19** — Forty-one colleges from the East, Middle West, South, Southwest and Pacific Coast, a record entry, will compete in the 20th fencing championships of the National Collegiate Athletic Association starting tomorrow at Harvard.

Beginning at 8 A.M., more than 2,000 bouts are scheduled to be fenced by Saturday afternoon. Individual champions in épée, foil and saber will be established and the college making the best showing with the three weapons will be crowned team champion.

There will be one representative for each college with each weapon, as compared with three representatives at the Intercollegiate Fencing Association of the Eastern College Athletic Conference competition at Navy last week.

Columbia is the defending team champion, as it was at the Naval Academy. Navy wrested team honors from the Lions last week and Rutgers, City College and New York University shared the individual titles.

Navy won the team championship in foil, tied with City in saber and was third in épée. Rutgers won the épée crown. Columbia, second in épée, third in foil and fourth in saber, was the runner-up to Navy for the three-weapon trophy. The Lions are the Ivy League champions.

Navy was the runner-up to Columbia in the N.C.A.A. team championship last year with 50 points to the Lions' 55. The Air Force Academy scored 47, New York University 46 and Princeton 42.

The East is expected to dominate again. The Air Force, Illinois—the Big Ten champion—and Wayne State are rated among the strongest teams from beyond the East.

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