

# PRINCETON'S FENCERS TAKE N. C. A. A. LEAD

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—Princeton's team took a slim lead today as eastern squads dominated the first half of the two-day N.C.A.A. fencing tournament at Wayne University.

Princeton, with 36½ points, was just half a point up on Rutgers, co-champion with Army in the 1949 competition. The cadets, however, were far down the list, ranking seventeenth in a field of thirty-three schools.

New York University was third with 34 points, and Navy and Penn tied for fourth with 32½ each.

Only Wayne and Notre Dame, tied for seventh with 30 points, and Michigan State, tied with Cornell for tenth, represented Midwestern teams in the first ten. Other Eastern schools in the select company were Columbia and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the individual competition, Columbia's Robert Nielson and William Lacey of Michigan State tied for first in the foil division. Each had 15 points.

Dick Watson of the host school upset defending champion Alex Treves of Rutgers to take the saber lead. Navy's Thomas Stuart topped the epee competition as the first day's matches were completed.

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