FENCING TITLE AT STAKE.

Six Colleges to Meet in Eastern Tournament Starting Today.

Preliminary bouts in the intercollegiate team and individual fencing championships will begin at 2:30 this afternoon in the Belvedere Room of the Hotel Astor. Six Eastern colleges, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, the Naval Academy, Penn and M. I. T., comprising the Intercollegiate Fencing League, will compete for the titles. The trial matches in the three weapons, foils, sabre and épée will be held today and tomorrow afternoon, paving the way for the final tomorrow evening.

The most spirited rivalry in many years is expected to attend the annual championship tournament, which is likely to determine the intercollegiate foilsmen who will accompany the American Olympic fencing team to Antwerp this Summer. The winner of the individual foils title tomorrow evening will probably receive the coveted honor. The proceeds from the tournament and from the ball which will follow the last bout will be donated to the American

Olympic Fund.

Following is the schedule for the two-day competition: At 2:30 this afternoon, preliminary sabre bouts; 8 this evening and 2 tomorrow afternoon, preliminary foils and épéc bouts; 8 tomorrow evening, finals in all three weapons. The finals will be held in the Grand Ball Room, the preliminaries in the Belvedere Room.

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