N.Y.U. Leads Penn

In Eastern Fencing

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 5—New York University, the defending team champion, held a narrow 53-52 lead over the University of Pennsylvania at the end of the first day of competition in the 79th annual Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships at the United States Naval Academy.

The Violets captured the épée team competition for the fourth consecutive year, amassing 26 points, one more than the Quakers. The two teams then tied for the team championship in foil with 27 points apiece. M.I.T. had been the foil champion the last two years. Princeton held down third place in the team standings with 45 points, followed by Navy, 44; Rutgers 43; Cornell 42; Harvard 41; Columbia 41; M.I.T. 30; Yale 27; City College 21; Army 18, and Dartmouth 11.

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