

Columbia Retains Fencing Crown



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Gary Pepper of Columbia, right, during match with José Mateo of Princeton. Mateo won bout at Princeton, 5-3.

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 6 — Columbia University clinched its 14th Ivy League fencing title in the last 16 years today by defeating Princeton, 16-11. The Lions finished their season with an over-all record of 9-1, won-lost. They are 5-0 in league competition.

As league champion, Co-

lumbia will go to the Eastern tournament next Friday and Saturday at West Point. The three best Lion fencers will then take part in the National Collegiate title meet in Denver.

Bruce Soriano, who won two matches in today's meet, is scheduled to defend his Eastern and N.C.A.A. crowns in the upcoming events.

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