Men's fencing cops N.E. championship

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New England fencer champion Alan Williams '85 combined with Rex Kochanski '85 for first place. Williams went on to take the individual title, with Kochanski right behind in second.

Soffe was particularly pleased with Kochanski, Kim, and Toney, all three of whom first began fencing in his physical education classes.

The crowd, which had cheered each previous touch, held its collective breath, unable to choose one MIT flier as favorite over the other.

Hoitz won unchallenged and Meiser lost only one of his bouts, as full early favorite.

The two former New England champions met in the first bout of the final, and Meiser came away the victor. The defending New England champions lost the bout, however, setting up the final four-off between the two teams.

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The remaining favorists, directors, and support personnel gathered around the strip to watch. Hoitz and Meiser assumed the en garde position, and the director called out, "Fencer!"

The crowd was unwilling to root for Hoitz or Meiser, so it cheered every touch and showered encouragement to the one scored against. At 4-4, however, the cheering stopped.

The two scored briefly. An arm moved. A point made contact. The red lights on the scorer's table went on. The crowd pounded as if willing the superb display of fencing skill to continue.

The director's word "Fence!" broke the spell, and a cheer went up for Hoitz, who had reclaimed the New England foil crown by a single touch.

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