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Semester One Newsletter 2024

THE POINT

The Bowdoin Fencing Newsletter



**BOWDOIN
FENCING**



Elizabeth fencing foil
Henry fencing foil



THE BIG ONE 2024

The annual season opener event “The Big One” at Smith College took place this year on November 2nd, 2024.

This was the first competition for many of our team members as new fencers.

We are very proud of everyone who competed and put everything they had into their bouts!

Enjoy some photos from the competition.



Sabrina fencing saber



Ava fencing saber (top left)
Sam fencing foil (top right)
Martine fencing saber (bottom)





The team at the Big One! From back to front and left to right: Sam, Pinto, Henry, Liam, Jed, Silas, Preston Carlos, Riley, Cindy, Abigail, Martine, Elizabeth, Ava, Bailey, Maya, Hunter, Lauren, Guilherme, Alex, Adelaide, and Sabrina.

POST COMPETITION THOUGHTS:

At this competition, there were many victories large and small among the team, with many fencers earning their first competition bout win, and several moving on to the direct elimination round. Huge kudos to everyone who was competing for their first time collegiately and did so well in a chaotic and competitive environment.

We are very proud of everyone and their growth since the beginning of the season. We cant wait to see where everyone goes from here!



COMPETITION #2- NIEFC #1 @ UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

This competition was in a different style, where groups of three (with alternates) per gender and weapon face off against those from other schools, where the aim was to win the majority of the 6 total bouts per round.

Due to the nature of the competition, we were not able to do our usual photography as everyone was fencing all day. So please enjoy these squad photos.



Men's Foil



Men's Saber



Women's Saber



Women's Foil



Men's Epee



Women's Epee



Team Photo

FINAL THOUGHTS:

For only our second competition of the year, there was huge improvement in terms of both confidence and performance from all of our fencers! It is a nice change of pace to be able to fence right side by side with our team mates and support and cheer each other on! We are very proud of our performance and of number of participants!

TENTATIVE UPCOMING COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

2/1/2025 - Tufts NFC Competition @Tufts University
2/23/2025 - NEIFC Championship @Mount Holyoke
Spring 2025 - Senior Meet v UNH @Bowdoin
Spring 2025 - Maine State Meet @Bucksport

MERCH UPDATE:

The Bowdoin College Fencing Team will soon be releasing team merchandise! While we have had a little difficulty finding a supplier so far, as soon as everything is nailed down we will send out order forms. Anyone who wants to purchase some is encouraged to, be you a fencer, family member, or just want to support!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Riley and Pinto for taking the photos included in this issue.
Thank you for reading and supporting your fencers.