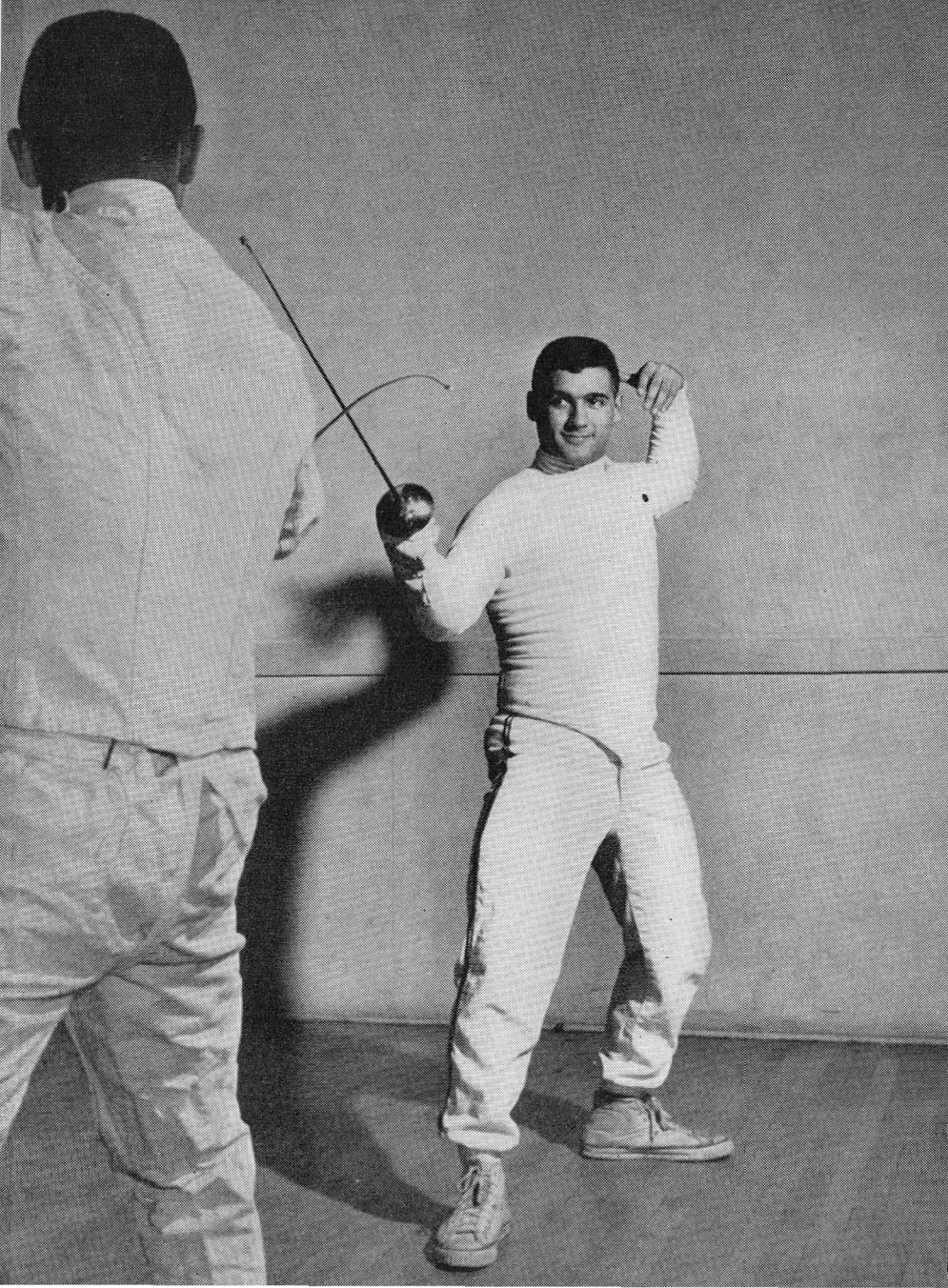


# Fencing



## **Championship History**

The National Collegiate Fencing Championships were established in 1941 as one of the regular Championship events conducted by the NCAA.

This action resulted from a survey conducted by the NCAA Fencing Rules Committee to determine the interest in collegiate fencing and the possibilities of conducting a national championship event in the sport.

The first Championships were held March 29, 1941, at Ohio State University, with a total of 19 colleges and universities and 76 individual contestants entered.

The Championships have been held annually with the exception of the war years, 1943-46, and 10 institutions have been able to win outright or share team titles during the 14 years of the tournament. Seventeen institutions have shared the 42 individual championships awarded over that span.

The Fencing Championships are conducted under the direction of the six-man NCAA Fencing Rules Committee composed of:

ALVAR HERMANSON, University of Chicago, *Chairman*  
ELWYN BUGGE, Stanford University  
MIGUEL DECAPRILES, New York University  
CHARLES R. SCHMITTER, Michigan State University  
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### ***Fifteenth Annual Championships***

**U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland  
March 27-28, 1959**

PHOTOGRAPH. *Herman Velasco, University of Illinois, 1955  
National Collegiate foil champion.*

**Championship Results**

Year	Site	Champion	Pts.	Runner-Up	Pts.
1941	Ohio State	Northwestern	28½	Illinois	27
1942	Washington (Mo.)	Ohio State	34	St. John's	33½
1943-46	No meets held				
1947	Chicago	N.Y.U.	72	Chicago	50½
1948	Navy	C.C.N.Y.	30	Navy	28
1949	Army	Army, Rutgers	63	C.C.N.Y.	62
1950	Wayne	Navy	67½	N.Y.U., Rutgers	66½
1951	Illinois	Columbia	69	Pennsylvania	64
1952	Yale	Columbia	71	N.Y.U.	69
1953	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	94	Navy	86
1954	Chicago	Columbia, N.Y.U.	61	Cornell (NY)	59
1955	Michigan State	Columbia	62	Cornell (NY)	57
1956	Navy	Illinois	90	Columbia	88
1957	Detroit	N.Y.U.	65	Columbia	64
1958	Texas Tech	Illinois	47	Columbia	43

**Number of Team Championships**

Columbia	4	C.C.N.Y.	1	Ohio State	1
N.Y.U.	3	Navy	1	Pennsylvania	1
Illinois	2	Northwestern	1	Rutgers	1
Army	1				

NOTE: The above table includes co-championships.

**Number of Individual Championships, All-Time**

Columbia	8	Rutgers	3	Northwestern	1
Navy	5	Wayne	3	Notre Dame	1
N.Y.U.	4	C.C.N.Y.	2	Ohio State	1
Illinois	3	Army	1	St. John's	1
Pennsylvania	3	Brooklyn	1	Temple	1
Princeton	3	Dartmouth	1		

**Number of Individual Championships, One Year**

Two Titles			
Columbia, 1951, 1956	N. Y. U., 1947	Rutgers, 1949	
Navy, 1948	Pennsylvania, 1953		

**Most Individual Titles, One Year**

Two Titles	
Abraham Balk, N.Y.U., 1947	
Foil	
Epee	

**Most Individual Titles, Career**

Two Titles	
Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.	Robert Nielsen, Columbia
Foil—1947	Foil—1950, 1951
Epee—1947	Alex Treves, Rutgers
Bruce Davis, Wayne	Saber—1949, 1950
Foil—1957, 1958	

**Repeat Champions**

Two-Time	
Bruce Davis, Wayne	Alex Treves, Rutgers
Foil—1957, 1958	Saber—1949, 1950
Robert Nielsen, Columbia	
Foil—1950, 1951	

**Illinois Memorial Trophy Winners**

The Illinois Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the "Fencer of the Year" selected from participants in the National Collegiate Championships. The Trophy is awarded on the basis of sportsmanship and conduct on the strip, attitude and dress, and past performances in the Championships and in over-all intercollegiate competition. Three men are nominated in each weapon classification by participants. Final balloting is completed by a special committee composed of fencing coaches. The first award was made in 1951.

1951 Chamberless Johnston, Princeton	1955 John Gonzales, Navy
1952 Richard Berry, Michigan State	1956 Norfleet Johnston, Princeton
1953 Frank Zimolzak, Navy	1957 Frank Tyrrell, Wisconsin
1954 Philippe Moquard, Cornell (NY)	1958 John Norton, Yale

**Coaches of Team Champions**

1941 Henry Zettleman, Northwestern	1952 Servando Velarde, Columbia
1942 Frank A. Riebel, Ohio State	1953 Lajos Csiszar, Pennsylvania
1947 J. Martinez Castello, N.Y.U.	1954 Irving De Koff, Columbia
1948 James Montague, C.C.N.Y.	Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.
1949 Servando Velarde, Army	1955 Irving DeKoff, Columbia
Donald Cetrulo, Rutgers	1956 Maxwell R. Garrett, Illinois
1950 Joseph Fiems, Navy	1957 Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.
1951 Servando Velarde, Columbia	1958 Maxwell R. Garrett, Illinois

**1958 Championships**

(Results of 14th annual meet, Texas Technological College, March 21-22)

**1958 TEAM STANDINGS**

Place	Team	Foil	Epee	Saber	Total
1.	Illinois	14	12	21	47
2.	Columbia	10	14	19	43
3.	Yale	14	13	15	42
4.	Navy	12	16	13	41
5.	N.Y.U.	13	6	17	36
6.	Notre Dame	13	13	9	35
7.	Wayne State	15	8	12	35
8.	Wisconsin	13	7	12	32
9.	Buffalo	7	12	11	30
10.	Iowa	5	10	13	28
11.	Detroit	5	8	14	27
12.	Texas A&M	9	8	6	23
13.	Texas Tech	10	3	10	23
14.	Michigan State	0	0	15	15
15.	Oklahoma	2	3	10	15
16.	Rice	3	9	1	13
17.	Fenn	0	11	0	11
18.	Princeton	0	10	0	10
19.	North Carolina	0	5	5	10
20.	Texas	0	0	9	9
21.	Chicago	0	0	8	8
22.	Kansas	2	3	3	8
23.	Houston	0	0	7	7
24.	Arizona	6	0	0	6
25.	Nebraska	0	0	1	1

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Saber				
Name	Team	Wins	TA	TF
1. Art Schankin	Illinois	21	42	105
2. Frank Parisi	Columbia	19	44	101
3. Mike DeSaro	N.Y.U.	17	54	96
4. Don Reese	Yale	15	61	91
5. Darold McCalla	Michigan State	15	61	90
6. Bill Giovan	Detroit	14	62	90
7. F. A. Estap	Navy	13	72	88
8. Tom Brown	Iowa	13	72	86
9. John Cartwright	Wisconsin	12	71	86
10. Conrad Gniewick	Wayne State	12	79	79
11. Robert Sawyer	Buffalo	11	80	79
12. Delano McLain	Texas Tech	10	80	76
13. Jerry Moore	Oklahoma	10	88	73
14. Richard Fagon	Notre Dame	9	78	79
15. Carey Lively	Texas	9	81	73
16. Ken Nordin	Chicago	8	88	66
17. Bruce Martin	Houston	7	86	59
18. Len Layne	Texas A&M	6	86	63
19. W. C. Mudd	North Carolina	5	93	52
20. Marvin Pratt	Kansas	3	99	54
21. Frank Tirro	Nebraska	1	102	46
22. William Rogers	Rice	1	104	38

Epee				
Name	Team	Wins	TA	TF
1. R. R. Womack	Navy	16	47	82
2. Steve Buchman	Columbia	14	49	83
3. Ronald Farrow	Notre Dame	13	52	69
4. Jay Powell	Yale	13	54	80
5. Robert Peterson	Buffalo	12	58	76
6. Lee Sentman	Illinois	12	59	69
7. Guy Pinter	Fenn	11	55	77
8. Paul Levy	Princeton	10	68	69
9. Dave Dittmer	Iowa	10	71	71
10. Dave Dillehay	Rice	9	67	69
11. Pat McDonald	Detroit	8	64	68
12. Robert Laundroche	Wayne State	8	72	68
13. Joe Elliott	Texas A&M	8	72	64
14. Paul Mortenson	Wisconsin	7	74	72
15. Ronnie Allison	N.Y.U.	6	82	64
16. Carroll Raver	North Carolina	5	78	58
17. Royce Bruce	Texas Tech	3	84	43
18. Harry Old	Kansas	3	86	51
19. Max Ray	Oklahoma	3	87	43

Foil				
Name	Team	Wins	TA	TF
1. Bruce Davis	Wayne State	15	36	78
2. John Norton	Yale	14	35	80
3. Abbey Silverstone	Illinois	14	42	77
4. Jim Russomano	Notre Dame	13	44	78
5. Gerald Bodner	Wisconsin	13	49	78
6. Martin Davis	N.Y.U.	13	49	76
7. F. W. Larson	Navy	12	41	72
8. Tom Moshange	Columbia	10	54	76
9. Frank Griffin	Texas Tech	10	59	60
10. Joe Spurlock	Texas A&M	9	58	62
11. Aaron Ament	Buffalo	7	58	57
12. George Clovis	Arizona	6	66	52
13. Joe Szymanski	Detroit	5	66	44
14. Harry Northy	Iowa	5	70	41
15. Mike Simmons	Rice	3	73	43
16. Richard Weaver	Oklahoma	2	79	29
17. Orin Grover	Kansas	2	82	23
18. M. B. Conry	North Carolina	0	85	17

All-Time Individual Champions

Foil		Saber	
1941	Edward McNamara, Northwestern	1941	William Meyer, Dartmouth
1942	Byron Kreiger, Wayne	1942	Andre Deladrier, St. John's
1947	Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.	1947	Oscar Parsons, Temple
1948	Albert Axelrod, C.C.N.Y.	1948	James Day, Navy
1949	Ralph Tedeschi, Rutgers	1949	Alex Treves, Rutgers
1950	Robert Nielsen, Columbia	1950	Alex Treves, Rutgers
1951	Robert Nielsen, Columbia	1951	Chamberless Johnston, Princeton
1952	Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y.	1952	Frank Zimolzak, Navy
1953	Ed Nober, Brooklyn	1953	Robert Parmacek, Pennsylvania
1954	Robert Goldman, Pennsylvania	1954	Steve Sobel, Columbia
1955	Herman Velasco, Illinois	1955	Barry Pariser, Columbia
1956	Ralph DeMarco, Columbia	1956	Gerald Kaufman, Columbia
1957	Bruce Davis, Wayne	1957	James Balaban, N.Y.U.
1958	Bruce Davis, Wayne	1958	Art Schankin, Illinois

Epee	
1941	G. H. Boland, Illinois
1942	Dan Burt, Ohio State
1947	Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.
1948	William Bryan, Navy
1949	Richard C. Bowman, Army
1950	Thomas Stuart, Navy
1951	Daniel Chafetz, Columbia
1952	James Wallner, N.Y.U.
1953	Jack Tori, Pennsylvania
1954	Henry Kolowrat, Princeton
1955	Donald Tadrawski, Notre Dame
1956	Kimmont Hoitsma, Princeton
1957	James Margolis, Columbia
1958	R. R. Womack, Navy

All-Time Standings

1941	Northwestern	23½	M.I.T.	16½	N.Y.U.	58
	Illinois	27	Wayne	11	Chicago	48
	Washington (Mo.)	26½	Ohio State	8	Yale	48
	Yale	26	Detroit	7	Princeton	47
	Rutgers	26	Princeton	7	Brooklyn	46
	Ohio State	20	Notre Dame	6	Illinois	45
	Chicago	17	Colorado	4	Ohio State	44
	Michigan State	13	Colgate	2	Wayne	44
	Kentucky	11½			Columbia	42
	Case	10½			Michigan State	42
	Wayne	10	1948		Cornell (NY)	41
	Wisconsin	10	C.C.N.Y.	30	Pennsylvania	41
	Notre Dame	9	Navy	28	Haverford	33
	Dartmouth	9	Army	27	Buffalo	30
	Lawrence	6	Chicago	27	M.I.T.	30
	Ohio U.	4	N.Y.U.	26	Wesleyan	30
	Oberlin	2	Northwestern	25	Trinity College	27
	Washington (Mo.)	1	Wayne	24	Boston University	26
			Brooklyn	23	Temple	26
			Cornell (NY)	22	Notre Dame	25
			Princeton	22	Stevens	23
			Yale	22	Wisconsin	22
			Michigan State	21	Fordham	19
			Detroit	21	Colorado	16
			Notre Dame	21	Northwestern	13
			Illinois	20		
			Rutgers	19	1950	
			Ohio State	18	Navy	67½
			Harvard	16	N.Y.U.	66½
			Temple	16	Rutgers	66½
			Trinity College	15	C.C.N.Y.	65½
			Buffalo	13	Columbia	64½
			Penn State	12½	Princeton	63
			Wesleyan	11½	Notre Dame	61½
			Western Reserve	11	Pennsylvania	60
			Stevens	8	Cornell (NY)	59½
			Haverford	7	Yale	58½
			M.I.T.	7	Wayne	55½
			Boston University	5	Michigan State	53½
			Lehigh	3	Wisconsin	46½
					Trinity College	45½
					Army	43½
					Illinois	42
					Ohio State	40
					Chicago	39
					Harvard	39

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Fenn	35
Oberlin	33
Wesleyan	32
Kentucky	30
Detroit	29½
Northwestern	29½
Stevens	27½
Brooklyn	27
Buffalo	25
Bowdoin	20
Colorado	20
Western Reserve	15
Iowa	13½

## 1951

Columbia	69
Pennsylvania	64
Navy	61
N.Y.U.	60
Illinois	56
Yale	50
Michigan State	47
Wisconsin	43
Wayne	42
Notre Dame	41
Stevens	40
Northwestern	39
M.I.T.	36
Johns Hopkins	34
Kentucky	34
Haverford	33
Buffalo	33
Chicago	32
Ohio State	31
Texas Tech	31
Virginia	26
Princeton	25
C.C.N.Y.	24
Iowa	24
San Francisco	24
Fenn	23
Trinity College	22
Wesleyan	22
Brooklyn	20
Boston University	19
Harvard	18
Illinois Tech	17
Indiana	16
Arizona	6

## 1952

Columbia	71
N.Y.U.	69
Pennsylvania	66
Navy	66
Michigan State	62
Brooklyn	61
Illinois	58
Rutgers	54
Yale	50
C.C.N.Y.	45
Johns Hopkins	44
Princeton	42
Harvard	41
Wisconsin	41
Notre Dame	40
Kentucky	38
Texas Tech	35
Stevens	34
Virginia	34
M.I.T.	33
Wayne	30
Buffalo	29
Wesleyan	29
Boston University	28
Haverford	24

St. Peter's	24
Lafayette	23
Chicago	21
Trinity College	54
St. Lawrence	15
Lehigh	13
Ohio State	8
G. Washington	7

## 1953

Pennsylvania	94
Navy	86
Yale	73
Columbia	72
N.Y.U.	72
Illinois	70
Notre Dame	67
Rutgers	67
Brooklyn	65
Wisconsin	61
Wayne	60
Princeton	58
Army	57
Lehigh	57
Michigan State	55
Trinity College	54
Texas Tech	52
Lafayette	51
Boston University	49
St. Peter's	49
Ohio State	43
Temple	42
Chicago	40
Stevens	39
Johns Hopkins	38
M.I.T.	34
Case	34
Haverford	31
Louisville	31
Iowa	31
Buffalo	30
N. C. State	24
St. Lawrence	19
Indiana	17
Northwestern	14
G. Washington	10
Miami (Fla.)	9

## 1954

Columbia	61
N.Y.U.	61
Cornell	59
Navy	58
Pennsylvania	54
Princeton	53
Rutgers	53
Wisconsin	52
Illinois	52
Notre Dame	52
Yale	51
C.C.N.Y.	43
Ohio State	40
Kentucky	39
Detroit	39
Fenn	38
Wayne	37
Buffalo	36
Iowa	34
Texas A&M	27
Chicago	25
Boston University	25
Texas Tech	25
Northwestern	25
Michigan State	24
Indiana	23
St. Peters	19
Trinity	18

Nebraska	17
Brooklyn	15
Iowa State	15
Louisville	15
Johns Hopkins	9

## 1955

Columbia	62
Cornell	57
Navy	55
Pennsylvania	54
Illinois	51
Princeton	49
Notre Dame	48
Ohio State	43
Yale	43
Detroit	36
Boston University	33
N.Y.U.	33
C.C.N.Y.	33
Michigan State	31
Buffalo	30
Texas A&M	30
Wisconsin	30
Chicago	29
Iowa	27
Johns Hopkins	27
Case	26
Wayne	26
Northwestern	25
Fenn	14
Indiana	13
Louisville	13
Kentucky	10
Syracuse	4

## 1956

Illinois	90
Columbia	88
Navy	87
Princeton	81
Yale	72
Wisconsin	71
Ohio State	69
N.Y.U.	68
Pennsylvania	66
Cornell (NY)	66
Temple	64
C.C.N.Y.	63
Michigan State	60
Iowa	57
Notre Dame	53
Detroit	52
Buffalo	49
Rutgers	49
Johns Hopkins	48
Rice	48
Harvard	46
Case	45
Northwestern	41
Lehigh	41
Chicago	40
Brooklyn College	40
Syracuse	37
Fenn	35
Texas Tech	33
Kentucky	32
Wayne	31
Indiana	27
Brooklyn Poly.	18
Stevens Institute	18
Stanford	16
George Wash.	16
Fordham	15
Boston University	13
St. Lawrence	10

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## 1957

N.Y.U.	65
Columbia	64
Wisconsin	60
Navy	60
Yale	56
Illinois	55
Pennsylvania	55
Princeton	53
Notre Dame	52
Chicago	50
Wayne	48
Buffalo	47
Harvard	42
C.C.N.Y.	40
Detroit	38
Texas Tech	35
Temple	34

Case	33
Stevens Tech	33
Iowa	32
Michigan State	32
Syracuse	28
Johns Hopkins	27
Indiana	23
Cincinnati	21

## 1958

Illinois	47
Columbia	43
Yale	42
Navy	41
N.Y.U.	36
Notre Dame	35

Wayne State	35
Wisconsin	32
Buffalo	30
Iowa	28
Detroit	27
Texas A&M	23
Texas Tech	23
Michigan State	15
Oklahoma	15
Rice	13
Fenn	11
Princeton	10
North Carolina	10
Texas	9
Chicago	8
Kansas	8
Houston	7
Arizona	6
Nebraska	1

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Bruce Davis, Wayne State, became the third man in National Collegiate Fencing Championships history to win two successive titles when he repeated as foils champion in 1958. Others are: Robert Nielsen, Columbia, foil in 1950 and 1951, and Alex Treves, Rutgers, saber in 1949 and 1950.

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Columbia has been National Collegiate fencing champion or runner-up seven of the past eight National Collegiate Fencing Championships and placed fourth the other year. The Lions won the title in 1951, 1952, 1954 and 1955, and have placed second the past three years.

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Nine of the 14 National Collegiate Fencing Championships have been settled with two points or less separating the national champion and runner-up. The most hotly-contested finish was 1942, when Ohio State edged St. John's for the title by one-half point. Three others have been decided by a one-point margin.

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N.Y.U.'s Abraham Balk is the only fencer to win two National Collegiate titles in a single year—and will hold that distinction until the rules for the Championships are changed. Balk won the foil and epee events in the 1957 National Collegiate Fencing Championships. Two years later, the rules were altered to limit participants to competition in one weapon only.