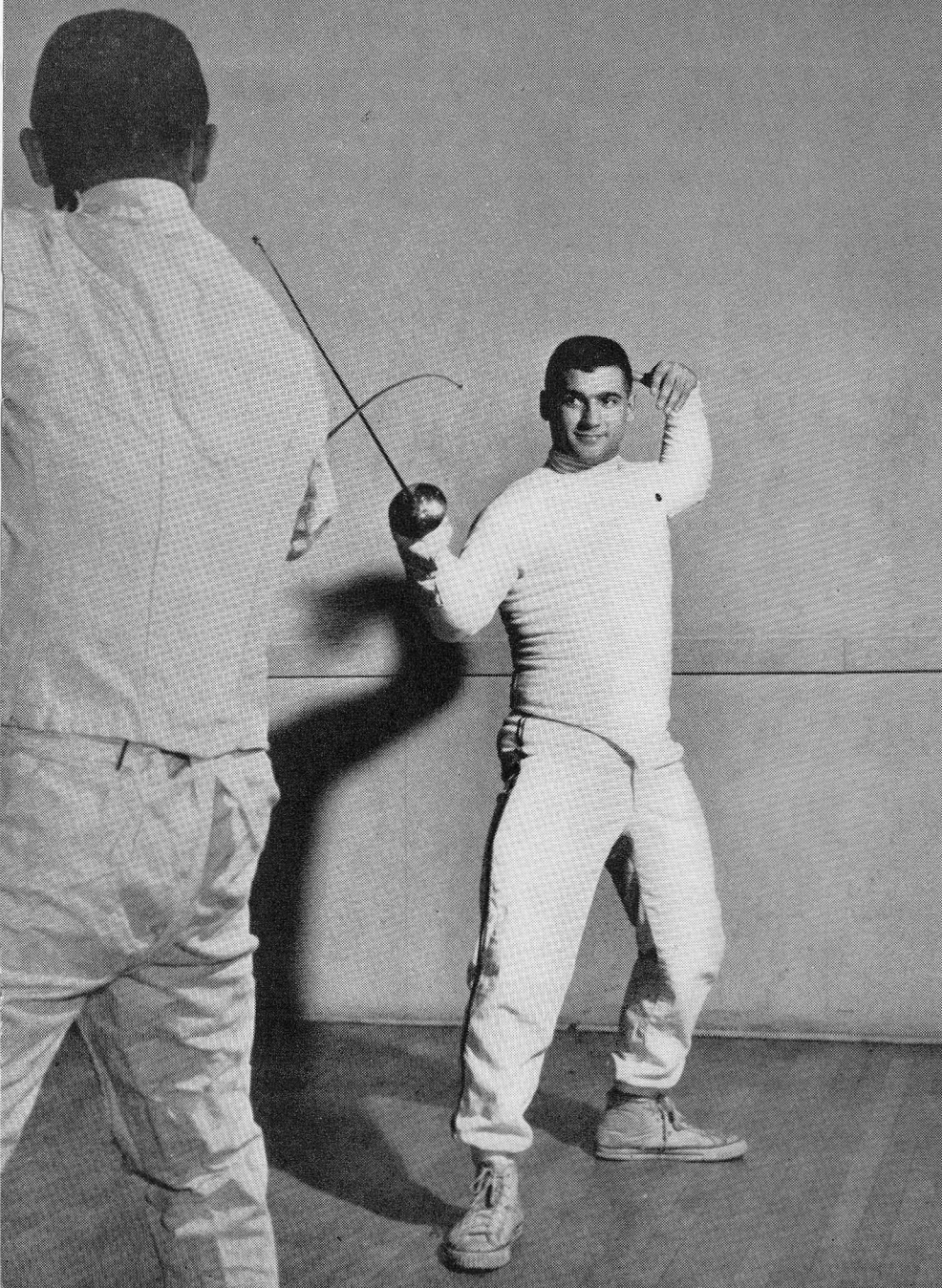


Fencing



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 15 years of the tournament. Seventeen institutions have shared the 45 individual championships awarded over that span.

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

MIGUEL DECAPRILES, New York University, *Chairman*
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Sixteenth Annual Championships

**University of Illinois, Champaign
April 1-2, 1960**

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
1959	Navy	Navy	72	N.Y.U.	65

Number of Team Championships

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

NOTE: The above table includes co-championships.

Number of Individual Championships, All-Time

Columbia	8	Rutgers	3	Northwestern	1
Navy	8	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

Three Titles

Navy, 1959

Two Titles

Columbia, 1951, 1956
Navy, 1948

N. Y. U., 1947
Pennsylvania, 1953

Rutgers, 1949

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.
Foil—1947
Epee—1947

Robert Nielsen, Columbia
Foil—1950, 1951

Alex Treves, Rutgers
Saber—1949, 1950

Bruce Davis, Wayne
Foil—1957, 1958

Roland Wommack, Navy
Epee—1958, 1959

Repeat Champions

Two-Time

Bruce Davis, Wayne
Foil—1957, 1958

Alex Treves, Rutgers
Saber—1949, 1950

Robert Nielsen, Columbia
Foil—1950, 1951

Roland Wommack, Navy
Epee—1958, 1959

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	1956 Norfleet Johnston, Princeton
1952 Richard Berry, Michigan State	1957 Frank Tyrrell, Wisconsin
1953 Frank Zimolzak, Navy	1958 John Norton, Yale
1954 Philippe Moquard, Cornell (NY)	1959 Roland Wommack, Navy
1955 John Gonzales, Navy	

Coaches of Team Champions

1941 Henry Zettleman, Northwestern	1953 Lajos Csaszar, Pennsylvania
1942 Frank A. Riebel, Ohio State	1954 Irving De Koff, Columbia
1947 J. Martinez Castello, N.Y.U.	Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.
1948 James Montague, C.C.N.Y.	1955 Irving DeKoff, Columbia
1949 Servando Velarde, Army	1956 Maxwell R. Garret, Illinois
Donald Cetrulo, Rutgers	1957 Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.
1950 Joseph Fiems, Navy	1958 Maxwell R. Garret, Illinois
1951 Servando Velarde, Columbia	1959 Andre Deladrier, Navy
1952 Servando Velarde, Columbia	

1959 Championships

(Results of 15th annual meet, U. S. Naval Academy, March 27-28)

1959 TEAM STANDINGS

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1.	Navy	72	4
2.	N.Y.U.	65	11
3.	Columbia	63	13
4.	Illinois	56	20
5.	Penn	56	20
6.	Wayne State	54	22
7.	Wisconsin	51	25
8.	Notre Dame	47	29
9.	Princeton	46	30
10.	Yale	43	33
11.	C.C.N.Y.	42	34
12.	Michigan State	40	36
13.	Detroit	39	37
14.	Rochester	34	42
15.	Buffalo	32	44
16.	Chicago	29	47
17.	Brooklyn	27	49
18.	Stevens Tech	27	49
19.	Iowa	26	50
20.	Case	25	51
21.	Oberlin	24	52
22.	Ohio State	20	56
23.	Harvard	17	35
24.	Kansas	17	35
25.	Fenn	12	14
26.	Texas Tech	12	64
27.	George Washington	11	15
28.	North Carolina	8	68
29.	Johns Hopkins	7	17

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Foil					
Place	Name	Team	Won	Lost	Points Against
1.	Joe Paletta	Navy	25	1	
2.	Gene Glazer	N.Y.U.	24	2	
3.	Bruce Davis	Wayne State	23	3	
4.	Ben Janowski	Columbia	22	4	67
5.	Abbey Silverstone	Illinois	22	4	71
6.	Jim Russomano	Notre Dame	21	5	
7.	Richard Green	Wisconsin	19	7	
8.	Dave Micahnik	Pennsylvania	18	8	
9.	John Coe	Princeton	16	10	
10.	Terry Glimm	Michigan State	15	11	85
11.	Al Johnson	C.C.N.Y.	15	11	89
12.	Robert Venegas	Chicago	15	11	96
13.	John Capurso	Rochester	13	13	
14.	Angelo DeVito	Stevens Tech	12	14	
15.	Henry Powell	Yale	11	15	93
16.	Tom McDonald	George Washington	11	15	104
17.	Martin Lefkowitz	Buffalo	10	16	
18.	William Vaile	Oberlin	9	17	
19.	Mike Gundzik	Case	8	18	108
20.	William Trebilcock	Harvard	8	18	112
21.	Gerry Hirschberg	Ohio State	7	19	108
22.	Dick Comar	Detroit	7	19	112
23.	Robert Zussman	Brooklyn	6	20	

Epee						
Place	Name	Team	Won	Lost	Points Against	Points For
1.	Roland Wommack	Navy	24	2		
2.	Stephen Buchman	Columbia	21	5	70	
3.	Jay Powell	Yale	21	5	72	
4.	Dave Kennedy	Illinois	20	6	73	118
5.	Greg Bradshaw	Pennsylvania	20	6	73	112
6.	Chris Pascal	N.Y.U.	20	6	74	
7.	Ellsworth Miller	Wayne State	17	9		
8.	Charles Schmitter	Michigan State	15	11	88	
9.	Mike Bruce	Detroit	15	11	94	110
10.	Robert Peterson	Buffalo	15	11	94	103
11.	Robert Chapman	Princeton	15	11	102	
12.	Larry Southwick	Case	14	12	82	
13.	Herb Robbins	Wisconsin	14	12	88	
14.	Jerry Old	Kansas	14	12	95	
15.	Jim Jock	Notre Dame	13	13		
16.	Edgar Price	Fenn	12	14	85	
17.	Alex Levy	Brooklyn	12	14	102	
18.	Tom Vincent	Iowa	10	16		
19.	Derry Mounse	Rochester	9	17	100	
20.	W. Bennett	Harvard	9	17	106	
21.	Robert Melworm	C.C.N.Y.	9	17	111	
22.	Hugh Tucker	Oberlin	7	19		
23.	Carl Jones	Ohio State	6	20	108	

Saber						
Place	Name	Team	Won	Lost	Points Against	Points For
1.	Al Morales	Navy	23	1		
2.	Mike Dasaro	N.Y.U.	21	3		
3.	Stewart Reuter	Columbia	20	4		
4.	Ronald Lemieux	Wisconsin	18	6	60	
5.	Phil Robinson	Pennsylvania	18	6	73	
6.	Andy Kemamy	C.C.N.Y.	18	6	74	
7.	Jerry Surowiec	Detroit	17	7		
8.	Stephen Nagy	Princeton	15	9		
9.	Ron Shopka	Illinois	14	10	79	97
10.	John Miller	Wayne State	14	10	79	80
11.	Tom Lee	Notre Dame	13	11	81	
12.	Ralph Sauer	Iowa	13	11	87	
13.	Bill Sreeter	Rochester	12	12		
14.	Don Reese	Yale	11	13		
15.	Stephen Arnest	Michigan State	10	14		
16.	Barry Smith	Brooklyn	9	15	95	
17.	Bill Blackburn	Stevens Tech.	9	15	101	
18.	Ken Nordin	Chicago	8	16	99	
19.	Sheldon Miller	Oberlin	8	16	105	
20.	Staford Scher	Buffalo	7	17	101	
21.	Leo Appel	Johns Hopkins	7	17	104	
22.	Ronald Weaver	Ohio State	7	17	105	
23.	Don Myrick	Texas Tech	4	20		

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	Bernie Balaban, N.Y.U.
1958	Bruce Davis, Wayne	1958	Art Schankin, Illinois
1959	Joe Paletta, Navy	1959	Al Morales, Navy

Epee	
1941	G. H. Boland, Illinois
1942	Dan Burr, 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 Tadrwski, Notre Dame
1956	Kinmont Hoitsma, Princeton
1957	James Margolis, Columbia
1958	Roland Wommack, Navy
1959	Roland Wommack, Navy

All-Time Standings

1941		Wayne	11	Yale	48
Northwestern	28½	Ohio State	8	Princeton	47
Illinois	27	Detroit	7	Brooklyn	46
Washington (Mo.)	26½	Princeton	7	Illinois	45
Yale	26	Notre Dame	6	Ohio State	44
Rutgers	26	Colorado	4	Wayne	44
Ohio State	20	Colgate	2	Columbia	42
Chicago	17			Michigan State	42
Michigan State	13			Cornell (NY)	41
Kentucky	11½	1948		Pennsylvania	41
Case	10½	C.C.N.Y.	30	Haverford	33
Wayne	10	Navy	28	Buffalo	30
Wisconsin	10	Army	27	M.I.T.	30
Notre Dame	9	Chicago	27	Wesleyan	30
Dartmouth	9	N.Y.U.	26	Trinity College	27
Lawrence	6	Northwestern	25	Boston University	27
Ohio U.	4	Wayne	24	Temple	26
Oberlin	2	Brooklyn	23	Notre Dame	25
Washington (Mo.)	1	Cornell (NY)	22	Stevens	23
		Princeton	22	Yale	22
		Yale	22	Wisconsin	22
		Michigan State	21	Fordham	19
		Detroit	21	Colorado	16
		Notre Dame	21	Northwestern	13
		Illinois	20		
		Chicago	21½	1950	
		Rutgers	19	Navy	67½
		Ohio State	18	N.Y.U.	66½
		Harvard	16	Rutgers	66½
		Temple	16	C.C.N.Y.	65½
		Trinity College	15	Columbia	64½
		Buffalo	13	Princeton	63
		Penn State	12½	Notre Dame	61½
		Yale	11½	Pennsylvania	60
		Western Reserve	11	Cornell (NY)	59½
		Stevens	8	Yale	58½
		Haverford	7	Wayne	55½
		M.I.T.	7	Michigan State	53½
		Boston University	5	Wisconsin	46½
		Lehigh	3	Trinity College	45½
				Army	43½
				Illinois	42
				Ohio State	40
				Chicago	39
				Harvard	39
				Fenn	35
				Oberlin	33
				Wesleyan	32

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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
Army	58
Illinois	54
Rutgers	51
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	47
Ohio State	47
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
Harvard	39
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

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
Iowa	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	39
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

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

1959

Navy	72
N.Y.U.	65
Columbia	63
Illinois	56

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Navy is the only team in the 15-year history of the National Collegiate Fencing Championships to win all three individual titles. The Midshipmen did it in 1959, as Roland Wommack won the epee, Joe Paletta the foil and Al Morales the saber events.

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A total of 1,023 individual bouts were contested in the 1959 National Collegiate Fencing Championships to decide the team winner and three individual champions.

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Wayne State's Bruce Davis lost only three of 44 bouts in winning the 1957 and 1958 National Collegiate foils championship. Trying for a record third title at the 1959 National Collegiate Fencing Championships at Navy, Davis lost three in his first day of competition and finished third in the final competition.

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Roland Wommack of Navy established a first in National Collegiate Fencing Championships history by repeating as epee champion in the 1959 tournament. While competitors had been successful in defending saber and foils titles, this was the first time such was achieved in the epee event.