

Biography for Paul Apostol:



Paul Apostol started fencing at NYU and won the NCAA championship in 1966 as a junior and the IFA Championship in 1968. He was All-American in both years. His NYU Team won the NCAA Championship both years. Sports Illustrated named him Athlete of the Week and he was inducted into the NYU Athletic Hall of Fame.

He fenced in two Olympics, Munich 1972 (8th), and Montreal 1976 (13th). At the 1973 Pan American Games he was a member of the US Team that won the silver medal. Apostol won the US Division 1 National Championship in 1973. His New York Fencers Club sabre team won the National Team Championship in 1972 and 73.

He fenced for the US on World Championship Teams in 1973, 1974 and 1975. He was a finalist at the 1973 Luxardo World Cup.

Apostol retired from fencing for 28 years but came back to the sport in 2002 as Boys Fencing Coach of Ramapo H.S. He resumed fencing himself in 2005, winning the US National Veterans Championship (50-59 age) that year, and again in 2007 (60+). He went on to win the Veterans National Championship in 2010, his fourth time as National Champion.

He returned to international fencing in 2006 when he won the World Veterans Championship (60+) in Bath, England and repeated in 2007, winning the World Veterans Championship in Sydney, Australia, the first sabre fencer to win twice in a row in this age group. In 2008 he finished second in Limoges, France, the first Veterans fencer to medal three times in a row. He trained at the Manhattan Fencing Center with Olympic Coach Yury Gelman until a shoulder injury forced him to give up fencing in 2012.