

### **Daniel Magay**

Born in Szeged, Hungary, Daniel Magay trained under Ferenc Marki and made the individual saber finals at the 1954 World Championships at just 22 years old. He went on to win gold as a member of the Hungarian Saber Team at both the 1954 World Championships and 1956 Olympic Games before defecting to the United States with Coach George Piller and his Olympic Teammates, Eugene Hamori and Attila Keresztes. Magay settled in the San Francisco Bay area where he attended UC Berkeley and competed for the Pannonia Athletic Club. Magay continued competing in the United States, winning National Championship titles as an individual in 1957, 1958 and 1961 and taking the silver medal in 1962 and 1966. He also helped lead Pannonia to team golds at the 1957 and 1961 National Championships. For the 1958 World Championships in Philadelphia he was one of two US-based fencers selected to compete as a “stateless” athlete in the individual saber event. Unfortunately, acute appendicitis kept him out of the competition. In 1962, Magay represented the United States at the World Championships in Buenos Aires and he would go on to be named first alternate to the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team in men’s saber.