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WSU a cut above in Michigan Open

Fencers from Wayne State captured all three women's titles and two of three men's titles in the Istvan Danosi/Michigan Open on Sunday at the Matthaei Center on the WSU campus.

WSU seniors Anna Garina (epee) and Lindsey Howard (foil) each won her fourth consecutive Michigan Open title, and sophomore Kasia Kuzniak (sabre) won her second straight.

In epee, Garina defeated Justyna Konczalska, 15-10, in the final, and Wayne State's Alyse Schneider defeated Michigan's C. Laurion in the third-place bout, 15-6. Howard defeated U-M's Colleen Campbell, 15-3, in the foil final, and U-M's Diane Fiander beat Michigan State's Laura Chapin, 15-11, for third. In sabre, Kuzniak defeated Detroit Mercy's Roberta Sims, 15-3, in the final, and Sarah Hancher defeated fellow Wolverine Jing Zhao, in the third-place bout, 15-11.

In the men's epee final, Wayne State's Slava Zingerman beat U-M's Drew Harroun, 15-3, and Dan Weckstein defeated Bill Kolodzey, 15-7, in an all-Michigan third-place bout. In men's foil, Detroit's Craig Budzynski won his second straight Michigan Open title, defeating fellow Titan Jamie Gawecki, 15-12. U-M's Sean O'Brien won the third-place bout, 15-11, over Justin Johnson of MSU. In the men's sabre, Wayne State's Bobby Smith won his fourth consecutive Michigan Open title, beating UDM's Jarek Jelinek, 15-11, in the final. U-M's Leif Knag took third, 15-12, over UDM's Doug Sollman.