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# BINDER WINS GOLD IN EUROPE



*Sylvie Binder lifts her prize in Europe recently.*

Sylvie Binder, 15, won the gold medal at the Tauberbischofsheim Cadet European Cup in Germany on Nov. 30.

She led the USA's sweep of the top three spots with her teammates Morgan Partridge (Swansea, Mass.) and Stefani Deschner (Mechanicsville, Va.) coming in second and third respectively.

The Tauberbischofsheim Cadet European Cup attracted over 200 fencers from across Europe and Asia in addition to a delegation of 20 top fencers from the USA.

It is known as a challenging test of fencing because the competition is held over two grueling days with multiple rounds of elimination.

In addition, fencing is very popular in Germany, a country that has historically produced multiple Olympic champions in the sport.

Binder's gold medal is her second medal of the international season. In Oct. she earned a bronze medal in the Gyor Cup in Hungary. As a result of this win, Binder has now climbed to No. 2 in the USA National Point Standings for the Cadet level (16 and under) behind Partridge and ahead of Deschner.



At the end of the season in Feb., the top three ranked fencers will represent the United States at the World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in April.

Binder trains at the Darien Fencing Club and at the Fencing Academy of Westchester under the coaching of Anya Katkova and Slava Grigoriev.

She began fencing at the age of seven.