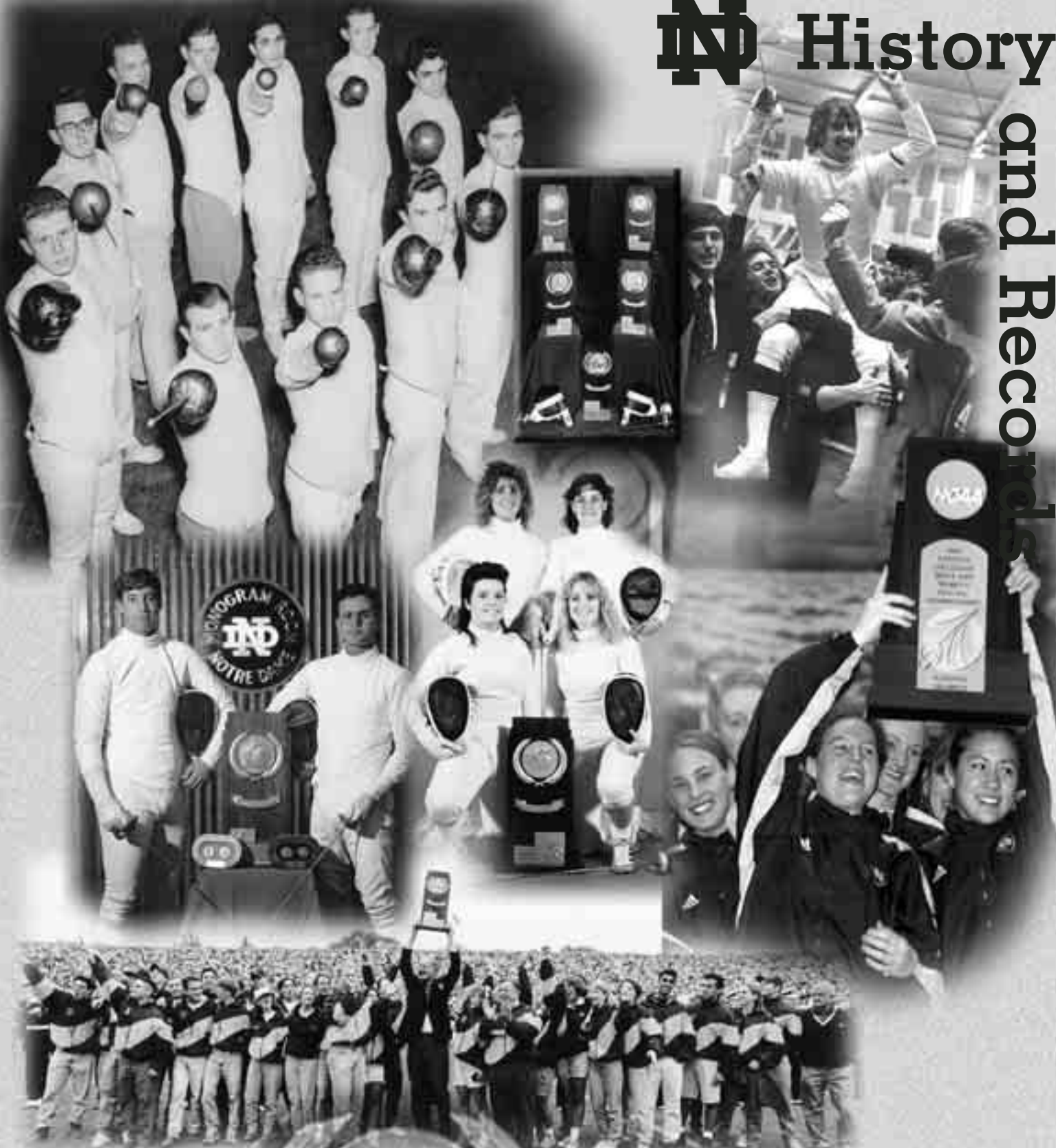


# ND History

# and Records



**Notre Dame fencing began in the mid 1930s, with Pat Gerard's foil win giving the Irish the first of back-to-back NCAA titles in 1977 while Charles Higgs-Coulthard and Yehuda Kovacs (middle left) helped Notre Dame claim the '86 title, followed by the 1987 women's championship and combined titles in 1994 (bottom) and 2003 (middle right).**

The Notre Dame fencing team's 2003-04 season - which began two months earlier than usual - ended with another run at the NCAA title, but the Irish were unable to overcome having just 11 entries while seeing another top fencer replaced due to injury.

The Irish squads hit the ground running with undefeated starts at the Northwestern Duals, including wins for the women over the host Wildcats (15-12) and Temple (18-9). Freshman sabre **Valerie Providenza** joined junior foilist **Andrea Ament** and senior epeeist **Kerry Walton** in going 3-0 vs. Northwestern.

Junior foilist **Derek Snyder** and freshman epeeist **Aaron Adjemian** then turned in 3rd-place finishes at the Penn State Open while freshman sabre **Matt Stearns** took 4th. On the women's side, junior foilist **Alicja Kryczalo** beat Ament in the 15-11 final for her third title at the Penn State Open. Walton edged PSU's Katarzyna Trzopek ('03 NCAA champ) but dropped a 15-14 title bout to eventual '04 NCAA champ Anna Garina of Wayne State. Providenza added a 3rd-place finish after besting her classmate **Angela Vincent** (15-10).

Two weeks later, Notre Dame returned for the Penn State Duals. Both squads posted 14-13 wins over the Nittany Lions but snowstorms prevented four other teams from participating. The men nearly blew a 12-10 lead before winning the final two bouts, as junior epeeist **Michal Sobieraj** topped Alexander Bruscke (5-2) and Adjemian rallied past Ryan Wangner. Adjemian trailed 3-1 with 0:50 left in regulation but quickly scored his second touch before

Results	Men (24-1)	Women (26-0)
Johns Hopkins	W, 23-4	-
Lawrence	W, 26-1	W, 24-3
Northwestern	W, 25-2	W, 15-12
Temple	-	W, 18-9
Fairleigh Dickinson	-	W, 18-9
Penn State	W, 14-13	W, 14-13
Columbia	W, 14-13	W, 14-13
St. John's	L, 18-9	W, 18-9
Yale	W, 21-6	W, 21-6
NYU	W, 18-9	W, 24-3
Stanford	W, 17-10	W, 24-3
Cleveland State	W, 24-3	W, 26-1
Air Force	W, 21-6	W, 21-6
Ohio State	W, 15-12	W, 14-13
Duke	W, 19-8	W, 18-9
UC San Diego	W, 20-7	W, 21-6
Cal State Fullerton	W, 21-6	W, 21-6
Lawrence	W, 26-1	W, 25-2
Northwestern	W, 21-6	W, 18-9
Detroit	W, 27-0	W, 26-1
Wayne State	W, 18-9	W, 20-7
Detroit	W, 27-0	W, 23-4
Michigan	W, 19-8	W, 21-6
Chicago	W, 19-8	W, 21-6
Purdue	W, 25-2	W, 24-3
Michigan State	W, 24-3	W, 22-5
Wisconsin	W, 23-4	W, 24-3
<b>Totals: m. 525-150 (.778), w. 535-167 (.702)</b>		



**Men's Foil (183-42/813)**

Frank Bontempo	.....44-16/733
Matt Castellani	.....29-3/906
Jack Goetz	.....0-0/ n/a
Johannes Masserer	.....7-4/636
Eamon Murphy	.....22-5/815
Derek Snyder	.....38-6/864
Forest Walton	.....43-8/843

**Men's Epee (166-59/738)**

Aaron Adjemian	.....28-16/636
Craig Brede	.....5-3/625
North Carey	.....25-17/595
Chris Castellan	.....6-1/857
Patrick Gettings	.....9-6/600
Jesse Laeuchli	.....13-2/867
Mike Macaulay	.....13-5/722
T.J. McNally	.....10-2/833
Nick Schumacher	.....9-2/818
Michal Sobieraj	.....41-3/932
Matthew Terreault	.....7-2/778

**Men's Sabre (166-59/738)**

Nicholas Diacou	.....19-12/613
Brian Dosal	.....23-9/719
John Espinosa	.....21-8/724
Patrick Ghattas	.....36-4/900
Brendan Prendergast	.....20-10/667
Alex Schumacher	.....12-7/632
Matthew Stearns	.....35-9/795

**Women's Foil (172-62/735)**

Andrea Ament	.....42-4/913
Beth Emilian	.....21-8/724
Maggie Jordan	.....26-17/605
Alicja Kryczalo	.....49-5/907
Monica Real	.....8-7/533
Colleen Walsh	.....26-21/553

*Italics indicate non-returners for 2005 (Walsh is studying overseas)*

**Women's Epee (169-65/722)**

Natalie Bustamante	.....20-14/588
Rebecca Chimchusky	.....39-19/672
Marielle Connor	.....21-7/1750
Jocelyn Landgraf	.....1-1/500
Amy Orlando	.....49-13/790
Kerry Walton	.....39-11/780

**Women's Sabre (194-40/829)**

Danielle Davis	.....32-2/941
Maggie Jordan	.....4-0/1000
Natalia Mazur	.....23-2/920
Destanie Milo	.....40-12/769
Tiffany Muller	.....2-1/667
Valerie Providenza	.....39-6/867
Natalie Tenner	.....13-7/650
Angela Vincent	.....41-10/804

tying the bout at 0:21 and winning in overtime.

Snyder went 3-0 while Stearns had a huge win over Marten Zagunis (5-3) and freshman sabre **Patrick Ghattas** added a 5-2 win over club teammate Ian Farr (6-6 team score). Freshman foilist **Frank Bontempo's** 5-4 win over Ian Schlaepfer and Stearns' clutch 5-2 bout with Farr evened the score again (9-9) - and a Ghattas win over Amir Rahimi (5-3) suddenly yielded an 11-9 lead.

The Irish women raced ahead 5-1 and led 13-9 before the hosts won four straight - but Walton defeated Case Szarwark (5-1), with Milo and Providenza sweeping their bouts. Early marquee matchups included Ament rallying to beat Marta Grochal (5-4) and Milo over Heather Brosnan (5-2). Kryczalo (5-4) and Ament (5-1) added wins over Anna Donath while Providenza posted a 5-4 win over Brosnan.

A break from NCAA competition saw Ament take 3rd and Walton 5th at the North American Cup in Palm Springs, with Ghattas, Providenza and freshman epeeist **Amy Orlando** adding 10th-place finishes. Earlier that week, both Notre Dame teams had claimed No. 1 in the national polls.

The Notre Dame fencers returned for the spring semester and headed to the familiar NYU Duals. Fourth-ranked St. John's (18-9) upset the Irish men, halting the program's longest winning streak in 16 seasons (90 dual matches, dating to 2000), but both Irish teams edged tough Columbia, 14-13. The women also topped 7th-ranked SJU (18-9) and both squads added easy wins over Yale, NYU and Stanford. Sobieraj (14-1) and Ghattas (11-1) turned in strong days, as did Kryczalo (13-1), Ament (11-1) and Orlando (13-0).

The Irish men held an 8-6 lead but 5th-ranked Columbia forged an 8-8 tie and the teams traded the next 10 bouts. Ghattas (0-3) then rallied to beat Alexander Krul for the decisive 5-3 win. The women nearly squandered a 9-4 lead vs. the 4th-ranked hosts (9-8), with Milo registering the clincher vs. Christina Robinson (5-4).

Other key wins included fifth-year foilist **Forest Walton** beating SJU's Nitai Kfir (5-3) and Yale's Cory Werk (5-2), Vincent's sweep of

SJU's Christina Crane (5-2, also lost 5-0 to Milo) and Julia Gelman (5-4), Ament's 5-1 win over Stanford's Eva Petschnigg (5-1) and Ghattas besting SJU's Darin Whitmer (5-4).

A show down with 2nd-ranked Ohio State awaited at the Notre Dame Duals and the Irish men won 15-12 while the women survived, 14-13. Junior epeeist

**Natalie Bustamante** upset Alexandra Shklar in a key 5-4 bout while Notre Dame held a 7-2 edge in women's foil and 5-4 in sabre. Top wins included Ament over Metta Thompson (5-1) and a sweep of Marguerite Plekhanov by Milo (5-3), Providenza (5-2) and Vincent (5-4). Providenza ended up the hero by defeating Syvenna Siebert in the 5-3 clincher.

Sobieraj, Snyder and Ghattas all went 3-0 vs. OSU while Bontempo delivered a key win over Nathan Weir for a 10-8 lead. The match was up in the air (13-12) when Sobieraj edged Spencer Jones, 5-4. A final spirited bout saw Snyder jump ahead on eventual NCAA champ Boaz Ellis (4-1) and hold on, 5-4.

The men added a 21-6 win over 8th-ranked Air Force and the women bested 5th-ranked Northwestern (18-9), thanks to big edges in sabre (7-2) and foil (6-3). Milo, Kryczalo and Ament each registered sweeps to help deliver the Irish women's seventh win of the season over a top-10 opponent.

Ghattas (15-12 final vs. Krul) and Providenza both won the 2004 Junior Olympics in



Foilist Derek Snyder's emotional win over eventual NCAA champion Boaz Ellis capped Notre Dame's win over Ohio State.





Michal Sobieraj (left) nearly returned to the NCAA epee final, ultimately finishing third to cap a stellar 2004 season.

Ohio State edged Notre Dame to sweep the Midwestern Conference team titles at the Joyce Center (490-485 women; 540-475 men), with the Irish failing to overcome the absence of Snyder and Kerry Walton. O S U survived a show down with ND in the women's sabre final (5-3), with Providenza and Louise Bond-

Notre Dame (96) and OSU (97) were in a virtual dead-heat after the women's bouts. Kryczalo (21-2 round-robin) and Ament (19-4) swept NU's Florendo and Julia Foldi while combining for a 3-1 mark vs. OSU's Thompson twins.

Walton (17-6) also reached the semifinals - thanks to a sweep of OSU's Shklar and Brendler and PSU's Trzopek and Szarwark - while Providenza's 18-4 showing included key wins over PSU's Brosnan and a sweep of OSU (5-1 vs. Bond-Williams, 5-3 vs. Marguerite Plekhanov).

Notre Dame then became the first team ever to send a fencer to the finals in all three women's weapons. Kryczalo rallied to beat Princeton's Jacqueline Leahy in a 15-14 semifinal (avenging 5-4 loss earlier in the day) while Ament survived a rare overtime foil bout, staging her own comeback from a 5-1 deficit to beat OSU lefthander Hanna Thompson (7-6). Walton also won her semifinal in OT (9-8 vs. Cornell's Meghan Phair) and Providenza added her own drama by patiently overcoming a 13-10 deficit to beat Bond-Williams (15-14).

Kryczalo won her third NCAA title in a 15-7 bout vs. Ament (reprising the '02 final) while Providenza handled PSU converted foilist fencer Sophia Hiss in her 15-8 final. Walton ended just shy of repeating her '02 title, losing 15-10 to the 6-foot-1 Garina.

In addition to becoming the first Notre Dame student-athlete ever to be a three-time NCAA champion, Kryczalo also became just the second Div. I women's fencer ever to win three-plus NCAA titles (seven men also have completed that feat. Providenza joined Kryczalo as one of five all-time Notre Dame fencers ever to win the NCAA title as a freshman (she is the only one to do so in sabre).

Bontempo stepped in for an injured Snyder (broken hand) but the Irish men were unable to stay with champion Ohio State (194), while Penn State edged Notre Dame in the final tally (160-153).

Sobieraj (18-5) nearly returned to the epee final, losing a 15-13 semifinal to SJU's Benjamin Bratton before avenging a round-robin loss vs. OSU's Denis Tolkachev in the 15-8 bronze-medal match.

Ghattas and Orlando both went 13-10 for All-America 10th-place finishes. Orlando notched several impressive wins, including a sweep of OSU, a 3-2 bout vs. Garina and a 5-1 win over Szarwark.

Stearns (14th, 10-13) knocked off Krul and Zagunis but ended two spots shy of All-America honors while Vincent (8-15), Forest Walton (9-14) and Bontempo (7-16) rounded out the Notre Dame contingent at the NAAs.

Cleveland while Orlando's 3rd-place finish clinched her spot on the U.S. Junior National Team.

Notre Dame's final team event was the West-vs.-Central Duals. The women closed out their sixth unbeaten season (26) and first since 1995 while pushing their regular-

Williams waiting in the wings for what would have been the championship-deciding ninth bout. The Irish also dropped close finals vs. the Buckeyes in women's foil (5-4) and men's epee (5-3).

Sobieraj took home the MFC men's epee trophy - besting Wayne State's Marek Petraszek in a 15-9 final - while Irish fencers reached the final in four others weapons. Bontempo made an impressive run to the foil final (losing 15-5 to Ellis) while Ghattas dropped a 15-6 sabre final to defending NCAA champ Adam Crompton of Ohio State. Kryczalo nearly claimed her third MFC title (12-15 vs. Hanna Thompson) and Providenza lost to Bond-Williams in the sabre final (8-15).

Kryczalo advanced to the final with a semifinal win over Ament (15-8) while Orlando nearly battled her way into the epee final, losing to Garina in a 14-11 semifinal. Stearns was unable to overcome Crompton in his semifinal (11-15).

The Irish ultimately secured 11 of 12 possible NCAA berths after competing at Northwestern's Crown Sports Pavilion in the Midwest Regional. Snyder (10-0 round-robin) and Kryczalo (10-1, beat NU's Jessica Florendo in 5-3 fenceloff) won their respective Regional competitions while Sobieraj and Vincent were runner-ups, Bontempo continued his surge (3rd) and Ghattas and Stearns tied for 4th. Ament (3rd) clinched a return to the NAAs while Forest Walton placed 4th and his sister Kerry was 6th. Providenza and Milo tied for 5th to complete a competitive season for the Irish women's sabre unit. Adjemian had a solid 4th-place finish but still ended up shy of an NCAA bid.

Ohio State and Penn State qualified 12 for the NAAs and both ended up ahead of the Irish after four days of competition at the Brandeis University Gosman Center in Waltham, Mass.



Valerie Providenza's stunning comeback versus Ohio State's Louise Bond-Williams helped propel her to the NCAA sabre title.

season winning streak to 40 matches, third-longest in the program's history. The men capped a 24-1 season while falling behind St. John's in the national poll.

The final regular-season weekend included a 7-2 record by senior foilist **Maggie Jordan**, the second Notre Dame fencer ever to post 80-plus wins in multiple weapons (also sabre). Kryczalo (49-5) and Ament (42-4) combined to win 91% of their bouts in '04 (91-9) while Providenza (39-6) and Vincent (41-10) won 81% and Orlando closed with a 45-5 record. Sobieraj (.932, 41-3) completed the 4th-best season win pct. in ND men's epee history, Walton ended up second on the Irish charts for career men's foil wins (158), and Ghattas (36-4) and Stearns (35-9) added their own strong debut (combined 85%).



(from left) 2004 NCAA foil champion Alicia Kryczalo, epee runner-up Kerry Walton, coaches Janusz Bednarski and Zoltan Dudas, foil runner-up Andrea Ament and sabre champion Valerie Providenza.



**2004 NCAA Championship Team Standings (at Brandeis)**

Team	MS	MF	ME	WS	WF	WE	Total
1. Ohio State	35 (2nd)	34 (2nd)	28 (2nd)	33 (1st)	37 (2nd)	27 (3rd)	194
2. Penn State	35 (2nd)	22 (5th)	19 (6th)	32 (2nd)	29 (3rd)	23 (4th)	160
<b>3. Notre Dame</b>	<b>23 (5th)</b>	<b>16 (7th)</b>	<b>18 (7th)</b>	<b>26 (5th)</b>	<b>40 (1st)</b>	<b>30 (1st)</b>	<b>153</b>
4. St. John's	36 (1st)	37 (1st)	36 (1st)	20 (6th)	20 (6th)	-	149
5. Columbia/Barnard	29	30 (3rd)	27 (3rd)	29	18	13	146
6. Pennsylvania	9	27	-	32 (2nd)	15	21	104
7. Princeton	-	16	15	11	26	11	79
8. Harvard	12	16	10	4	19	12	73
9. Wayne State	6	-	27 (3rd)	-	-	29 (2nd)	62
10. Stanford	21	10	12	-	17	-	60
11. Northwestern	-	-	-	16	27	7	50
12. Duke	-	10	10	13	-	15	48
13. Rutgers	18	13	13	-	-	-	44
Yale	-	16	6	-	9	13	44
15. Cal State Fullerton	-	18	-	10	7	-	35
16. Air Force	3	-	22	3	-	6	34
17. Brandeis	-	4	14	-	-	10	28
18. Temple	-	-	-	9	7	9	25
19. Cornell	-	-	-	8	-	15	23
20. New York	14	5	-	-	-	-	19

Others: Brown 17 (2 MF, 15 WE), Haverford 14 (9 MS, 5 WS), Drew 12 (ME), M.I.T. 12 (4 WF, 8 WE), Tufts 11 (WS), North Carolina 11 (5 MS, 6 WE), Vassar 8 (MS), Johns Hopkins 7 (ME), Cal Tech 6 (WE), N.J. Institute of Technology 6 (MS), UC San Diego 6 (MS), Hunter 1 (MS), Sacred Heart 1 (WF).

**Men's Foil**

- Boaz Ellis, Ohio State
- Cory Werk, Yale
- Nitai Kfir, St. John's
- Jeremy Zinkin, Columbia
- Enoch Woodhouse, Harvard
- Henry Kennard, St. John's
- Ian Schlaepfer, Penn State
- Andy Radu, Pennsylvania
- Michael Galligan, Pennsylvania
- Jesse Schibilia, Rutgers
- Nathan Weir, Ohio State
- Calvin Chen, Columbia
- Eric Stodola, Princeton
- Florian Reichling, Stanford
- Benjamin Hendricks, Duke
- Roland Breden, Cal State Fullerton
- Forest Walton, Notre Dame**
- Jake Clark, Penn State
- Frank Fraser, Cal State Fullerton
- Frank Bontempo, Notre Dame**
- Alejandro Bras, Princeton
- Willy Chang, NYU
- Benji Rostoker, Brandeis
- Jeremy Zeitlin, Brown

**Men's Epee**

- Árpád Horváth, St. John's
- Benjamin Bratton, St. John's
- Michal Sobieraj, Notre Dame**
- Denis Tolkachev, Ohio State
- Adam Wiercioch, Penn State
- William Verigan, Columbia
- Marek Petraszek, Wayne State
- Jason Henderson, Rutgers
- Dana Sanford, Drew
- Spenser Jones, Ohio State
- Jason Stockdale, Air Force
- Wojciech Dudek, Wayne State
- Martin Lee, Stanford
- Michael Yablon, Columbia
- Kai Keller, Brandeis
- Tim French, Air Force
- Julian Rose, Harvard
- Nathan Bragg, Duke
- Ben Solomon, Princeton
- Matthew Bouloubasis, Johns Hopkins
- Fenil Ghodadra, Princeton
- James Rohrbach, Yale
- Andrew Sofer, Brandeis
- Alex Bruske, Penn State

**Men's Sabre**

- Adam Crompton, Ohio State
- Sergey Isayenko, St. John's
- Benjamin Igoe, Rutgers
- Marten Zagunis, Penn State
- Ian Farr, Penn State
- Alexander Krul, Columbia
- Darrin Whitmer, St. John's
- Andrew Magee, NYU
- Jason Paul, Ohio State
- Patrick Ghattas, Notre Dame**
- Paul Reyfman, Columbia
- David Jakus, Harvard
- Curtis Andrus, Stanford
- Matt Stearns, Notre Dame**
- Christian Flanders, Haverford
- Robert Owens, Stanford
- Mark Kindrachuk, Pennsylvania
- Justin Bernstein, Vassar
- Bret Martin, UC San Diego
- Phil Dolata, N.J. Inst. Tech.
- Bobby Smith, Wayne State
- Wesley Newkirk, North Carolina
- Sam Barton, Air Force
- Randy Brasil, Hunter

**Women's Foil**

- Alicja Kryczalo, Notre Dame**
- Andrea Ament, Notre Dame**
- Hannah Thompson, Ohio State
- Jacqueline Leahy, Princeton
- Metta Thompson, Ohio State
- Eva Petschnigg, Stanford
- Anna Donath, Penn State
- Julia Földi, Northwestern
- Meredith Chin, Penn State
- Cassidy Luitjen, Columbia/Barnard
- Chloe Stinetorf, Harvard
- Erzsebet Garay, St. John's
- Jessica Florendo, Northwestern
- Alisa Mendelsohn, Yale
- Amy Delahanty, St. John's
- Christina Kaneshige, Pennsylvania
- Sara Jew-Lim, Princeton
- Emmanuelle Humblet, Pennsylvania
- Jenna Remmert, Temple
- Senta Breden, Cal State Fullerton
- Anne Austin, Harvard
- Kathleen Reckling, Columbia/Barnard
- Susannah Dorfman, M.I.T.
- Leanda Ferland, Sacred Heart

**Women's Epee**

- Anna Garina, Wayne State
- Kerry Walton, Notre Dame**
- Anne Kerckmar, Duke
- Meghan Phair, Cornell
- Ruth Schneider, Brown
- Katarzyna Trzopek, Penn State
- Kaela Brendler, Ohio State
- Alexandra Shklar, Ohio State
- Holly Buechel, Pennsylvania
- Amy Orlando, Notre Dame**
- Erica Korb, Yale
- Alexie Rubin, Columbia/Barnard
- Jasmine McGlade, Harvard
- Erin McGarry, Princeton
- Jessica Lewis-Turner, Brandeis
- Anna Vinnikov, Wayne State
- Sara Forsythe, Temple
- Case Szarwark, Penn State
- Lucy Mendel, M.I.T.
- Livia Rurarz-Huygens, Pennsylvania
- Sharon Sullivan, Northwestern
- Apphia Taylor, Air Force
- Courtney Krolikoski, North Carolina
- Katherine Harvard, Cal Tech

**Women's Sabre**

- Valerie Providenza, Notre Dame**
- Sophia Hiss, Penn State
- Louise Bond-Williams, Ohio State
- Emma Baratta, Columbia/Barnard
- Annika Eiremo, Pennsylvania
- Christina Crane, St. John's
- Katelyn Sherry, Pennsylvania
- Heather Brosnan, Penn State
- Ibtihaj Muhammad, Duke
- Marguerite Plekhanov, Ohio State
- Mina Morova, Princeton
- Rachel Leibing, Cal State Fullerton
- Aziza Hassan, Temple
- Lauren Van Gieson, Northwestern
- Christian Robinson, Columbia/Barnard
- Angela Vincent, Notre Dame**
- Ivana Zgaljic, Cornell
- Mai Van Vu, Northwestern
- Katherine Zouein, Tufts
- Abigail Burma, Haverford
- Louisa May Zouein, Tufts
- Julia Gelman, St. John's
- Eunice Yi, Harvard
- Marisa Romero, Air Force







## Forest Walton

Senior in 2004  
Foil • Londonderry, New Hampshire  
2001 All-American

Three-time NCAA participant and 2001 All-American who returned to team in '02-'03, after not fencing in '01-'02 while studying in Rome as part of five-year architecture curriculum ... an ambitious competitor and powerful fencer, with good tactics and defensive anticipation ... combined with sister Kerry ('02 NCAA epee champ) as first Notre Dame brother-sister combination ever to earn All-America honors (in any sport) ... his mother Yvonne won bronze medal at '02 Veteran World Championships (foil) while his cousins Kevin (foil, Columbia) and Scott (epee, Pennsylvania) Eriksen also were All-Americans ... finished career ranked 2nd in ND history for men's foil wins (158-35, 9th among all men's weapons) ... named ND men's fencing team MVP for '03-'04 season, after posting 43-7 regular-season record, advancing to Midwest Fencing Conference quarterfinals, placing 4th at Midwest Regional and competing in NCAAs (17th, 9-14) ... beat pair of top fencers - Yale's Cory Werk (5-2) and Nitai Kfir of St. John's (5-3) - at '04 NYU Duals ... earlier was member of '03 senior class that combined for nearly 1,300 career wins and 20 All-America finishes ... received ND's John Crikelair men's foil leadership award in '01 and again in '03, after posting 45-9 regular-season record (MFC semifinals, 2nd at Regional) ... was 1st alternate for '03 NCAAs, when ND claimed team title ... his All-America season in '01 included 36-12 regular-season record, MFC runner-up (behind teammate Ozren Debic) and 3rd at regional before rallying at NCAAs with 7-2 finish for 9th-place (13-10) ... top wins at '01 NCAAs came vs. his cousin Kevin Eriksen (Columbia) and SJU's Jon Tiomkin (5-0) ... had 34-7 record as freshman in 2000, dropping 15-11 MFC title bout to Debic before placing 3rd at Regional and 14th at NCAAs (13-10) ... ranked among top-20 U.S. junior foilists and captained U.S. under-17 junior national team ('97 gold medalists) ... attended Londonderry HS and trained with Seacoast Fencing ... son of Michael and Yvonne Walton ... full name is Forest Erik Walton ... born July 7, 1980, in Manchester, N.H.

### WALTON'S CAREER RECORD

Year	W-L (Pct.)	NCAAs
2000	34-7 (.821)	14th
2001	36-12 (.955)	9th
2002	studied abroad	
2003	45-9 (.833)	
2004	43-7 (.860)	17th
<b>Career</b>	<b>158-35 (.819)</b>	



## Destanie Milo

Senior in 2004  
Sabre • Knox, Indiana  
2003 All-American

Four-year regular on sabre squad and two-year captain who made three trips to the NCAAs ... her 6th-place finish played key role in ND winning '03 NCAA title (held at Air Force) ... quick fencer and fierce competitor, with wide variety of technical moves and smooth combination attacks ... ended career ranked 14th on ND women's fencing list for wins among all weapons (166-36), also ranking 19th with .822 career win pct. ... three-time recipient of ND fencing program's Bednarski Award for women's sabre leadership ... closed with 40-12 record in '03-'04 regular season before placing 5th at Midwest Fencing Conference meet and Midwest Regional (7-4) ... her senior season highlights included going 3-0 to help Irish win at Penn State (14-13) and another 3-0 effort vs. Northwestern at the ND Duals ... also placed 10th at Penn State Open in fall of '03 (4th in '02, 18th in '01, 5th in '00) ... earned All-America honors with 6th-place NCAA finish in '03 (16-7 record, 5-2 in one-touch bouts) ... posted 40-5 record in '03 regular season (.889) before placing 5th at MFC and 4th at Midwest Regional ... her top wins at the '03 NCAAs came vs. Julia Gelman of St. John's (5-4) Penn State's Heather Brosnan (5-3), Northwestern's Emily Pasternak (5-4) and eventual NCAA champ Alexis Jemal of Rutgers (5-4) - plus 5-0 bout with PSU's Austin O'Neill to help seal team's NCAA title ... had strong '02 regular season (45-8) before reaching MFC semifinals and matching seed with 2nd-place finish at Regional (in Cleveland), behind OSU's Louise Bond-Williams ... had 5-4 win over '01 NCAA runner-up Marisa Mustilli (SJU), at NYU Duals ... finished 18th at '02 NCAAs (8-15, at Drew) ... led sabre squad with 41-11 record in '01 regular season (MFC semifinals, 3rd at Regional) ... placed 17th at '01 NCAAs (8-15) ... served as president of ND's Student-Athlete Advisory Council ... trained at Indiana Fencing Academy ... placed 17th at '01 Junior Olympics and 3rd at under-19 summer nationals ... multi-sport athlete at Culver Academy (also golf and softball) ... daughter of Max and Angeliqne Milo ... born Nov. 24, 1981, in Valparaiso, Ind. ... graduated from Notre Dame as a sociology and computer applications major.

### MILO'S CAREER RECORD

Year	W-L (Pct.)	NCAAs
2001	41-11 (.788)	17th
2002	45-8 (.849)	18th
2003	40-5 (.889)	6th
2004	40-12 (.769)	
<b>Career</b>	<b>166-36 (.822)</b>	

# Graduated

# All-Americans



## Natalia Mazur

Senior in 2004  
Sabre • Summit, New Jersey  
2001 All-American

Emotionally-charged sabre who returned to Notre Dame program in 2003 after not fencing in 2002 due to illness (she did not compete in any '03 bouts with the Irish) ... went on to post 23-2 record in '03-'04 season, completing her career with 11th-best win pct. (.881, 111-15) in ND women's fencing history (all weapons) ... placed 6th at the annual Penn State Open in fall of '03 (matching her result from the '99 event) ... posted impressive All-America season in 2000, followed by another solid season in '01 ... a strong and physical performer capable of executing difficult combinations ... compiled 39-9 record in '01 regular season ... rallied to All-America honors at 2000 NCAAs, posting 6-3 record on the second day to vault from 15th to 10th (13-10 overall) ... her 49-4 regular-season mark in '00 included 5th-place at Midwest Fencing Conference Championships and 3rd at Midwest Regional (7-4) ... drawn to fencing in one of the sport's hotbeds (New Jersey) due to her Polish heritage (she moved to the U.S. with her family in '86) ... trained at National Fencers Club ... placed 13th at '99 World Cup ... lettered in fencing (foil and epee) and lacrosse at Oak Knoll School ... daughter of Wieslaw and Grace Mazur ... full name is Natalia Anna Mazur ... born Aug. 14, 1981, in Dabrona, Gornicza (Poland) ... graduated from Notre Dame with degrees in political science and history.

### MAZUR'S CAREER RECORD

Year	W-L (Pct.)	NCAAs
2000	49-4 (.923)	10th
2001	39-9 (.813)	
2002-03	did not fence	
2004	23-2 (.920)	
<b>Career</b>	<b>111-15 (.881)</b>	



# Notre Dame Fencing Springs From Modest Beginnings To National Prominence

*Irish fencers have combined for six NCAA team titles, 20 individual gold medals and 202 All-America honors.*

The storied history of Notre Dame fencing includes six national titles, more than 200 All-Americans and an .897 all-time winning percentage. The program's highlights span moments of high-pressure performances, displays of pure domination and memorable upsets by Irish fencers not to be denied.

And to think that one of Notre Dame's great sport dynasties can trace its genesis to an accident.

Pedro DeLandro grew up at the turn of the century in Guadalajara, Mexico, graduating from Notre Dame in 1911 before returning to his homeland. Some 20 years later, with revolution in Mexico, DeLandro returned to Notre Dame as a Spanish professor – but a 1934 automobile accident left him with a dilemma. Doctors prescribed rehabilitation through swimming while DeLandro suggested fencing. Nearly 70 years later, Notre Dame owes many thanks to his love of fencing – and to his aversion of the water.

DeLandro founded a small fencing club that became Notre Dame's eighth varsity sport in 1936. He returned to Mexico and handed the program to language professor Walt Langford, who set Notre Dame on course as a fencing power. Langford coached two stretches from 1940-61, with former Irish fencer Herb Melton serving as the program's coach from 1947-50.

The final spark was provided in 1962, when Mike DeCicco began his 34-year run as the leader of Notre Dame fencing. DeCicco had fenced at Notre Dame in the late 1940s, returning in 1954 as an engineering teacher and assistant fencing coach. Three decades later, he had become one of the great coaching legends in Notre Dame history.

Beginning with a third-place finish in 1975, Notre Dame has claimed six NCAA titles and 24 other top five finishes, including 11 runner-up and 10 third-place efforts. All told, the Notre Dame men and women finished 1st-5th at 31 of 38 NCAA events from 1975-2004 (the women held their own NCAAAs from '82-'89).

Notre Dame made some noise at the 1955 NCAAAs, when unknown Don Tadrowski claimed the epee title (22-4). Suddenly, the fencing program – which made its NCAA debut in '47 – had gained credibility. Tadrowski repeated as an All-American in 1956, epeeist Dennis Hemmerle was the '57 NCAA runner-up, and the sixth-place '58 team was led by epeeist Ron Farrow (3rd) and foilist Jim Russamano (4th).

That remained the top Irish finish until 1964, when one team's loss was another's gain. Bill Ferrance had hopes of making the basketball team but was cut in December of 1963. Ferrance stopped by fencing practice, under the bleachers of the Notre Dame Fieldhouse, where class-



*Pedro DeLandro (left) founded the Notre Dame fencing team in the mid-1930s, with the program growing to be one of the most successful in Notre Dame and NCAA history.*

mate Sam Crimone was the top sabreman. Just months later, Ferrance parlayed his athleticism and competitive spirit into a stunning fourth-place finish at the 1964 NCAA foil competition – with Crimone and epeeist Dick Marks placing eighth to give the Irish a fifth-place finish (Ferrance also placed fifth in '65).

Notre Dame added women's fencing in 1974 and the Irish men returned to the national picture by claiming third at the 1975 NCAAAs, led by All-Americans Tim Glass (epee), Mike McCahey (foil) and Sam DiFiglio (sabre).

Talented sabre Mike Sullivan (3rd place) and Glass (4th) then were up to the task in



*Pat Gerard's (left) historic foil bout in the 1977 NCAAAs gave Notre Dame its first national title in a thrilling fence-off.*







Three-time All-Americans Andrzej Bednarski (left), and Gabor Szelle are part of Notre Dame's dominant tradition in men's sabre.

electric atmosphere encircling the strip, Gerard jumped ahead 3-0 versus Tom Valjasic (they split earlier 5-4 bouts) and closed out the title, 5-0, before being mobbed by the Irish faithful. Glass (fourth) never had to compete in the fence-off, where he would have faced champion Hans Wieselgren. The day concluded with DeCicco being named coach of the year, an honor he also received in '66, '75 and '92.

The 1978 season saw epeeist Bjorn Vaggo (30-2) combine with Sullivan (41-0) and Gerard (31-3) for a record of 102-5. Sullivan then won all 23 bouts to repeat as the NCAA champion, Vaggo also picked up a gold medal and Gerard was second (he lost in the final :02), as Notre Dame ran away with the 1978 NCAA title at Wisconsin-Parkside.

Philadelphia and put the third-place Irish in contention for the 1976 NCAA title.

Plenty of drama was waiting one year later at the Joyce Center (the Irish also hosted in '70, '82, '85, '87, '90, '92, '95 and '98). Sullivan (20-2) ran away with the sabre title while foilist Pat Gerard (18-4) posted his own gold-medal finish. Unlikely results – Sullivan's loss to Clemson's Steve Renshaw and a loss by NYU's Miklos Benedek to Navy's Robert Richards – left Notre Dame and NYU tied at 114. Three previous ties had led to co-champs but a new NCAA format called for a tiebreaker.

Sabre was contested first and Benedek took a 3-2 lead before Sullivan rallied, 5-3. With an

Notre Dame, led by NCAA foil champ Andy Bonk, added a runner-up finish in 1979, with Sullivan losing in his final. A six-year, 122-match winning streak ended in 1980 but the Irish were back in the title hunt in '83, nipped by Wayne State 86-80, with epeeist Ola Harstrom (29-2) becoming the Irish program's seventh national champ.

Two years later, Wayne State edged Notre Dame (141-140) for the 1985 title but the Irish won their third NCAA title at Princeton in '86, behind foilists Yehuda Kovacs (runner-up) and Charles Higgs-Coulthard (3rd), epeeists Mike Gostigian (3rd) and Christian Scherpe (4th), and sabres Don Johnson (6th) and John Edwards.

The 1986 season marked the addition of women's head coach Yves Auriol and sophomore foilist Molly Sullivan claimed the NCAA title to help the Irish women finish second. Sullivan placed third in 1987 but Notre Dame won the team title, with Janice Hynes, Kristin Kralicek and Anne Barreda rounding out the winning effort.

Sullivan returned to Princeton's Jadwin Gym and won her second NCAA title (equaled by just four other ND student-athletes), with Barreda finishing third to match the team's finish. Sullivan lost four previous bouts versus Wayne State's Loredana Ranza but she won the 9-7 title bout, with the Irish men placing second.

The 1990 season saw the men's 98-match win streak end while Jubba Beshin won the NCAA epee title, assisted by teammate David Calderhead's quarterfinal win over top seed Jim Marsh of Penn State. Beshin, foilist Noel Young and sabre Leszek Nowosielski were runner-ups at the 1991 NCAAAs, with a foil title from Heidi Piper (the '90 runner-up) helping Notre Dame repeat at third place in the combined NCAAAs.

Following fourth and sixth-place finishes in '92 and '93, Notre Dame won the 1994 NCAA title at Brandeis – despite totaling just three All-Americans (foilist Jeremy Siek, sabre Chris Hajnik and epeeist Rakesh Patel). The team-scoring format saw Notre Dame finish third in women's foil, first in men's foil and fourth in men's sabre – leaving it up to men's epee, which rallied from a 4-2 deficit to beat Air Force in pool-play (5-4 wins from Grzegorz Wozniak, Rian Girard and Patel). A 5-1 semifinal win over Wayne State clinched the title, leaving Penn State stunned at the sudden change.

Notre Dame was third at the 1995 NCAAAs, under a format emphasizing individual results, with sabre Bill Lester and foilist Maria Panyi capturing silver medals. The Irish then were runner-up to Penn State in each of the next five NCAAAs, with near-misses in 1997 (1,530-1,470), 1998 (149-147) and 2000 (175-171).

The Irish women pushed their win streak to 75 matches in 1996, when foilist Sara Walsh posted her first of two NCAA runner-up finishes. Women's epeeist Magda Krol was crowned the 1997 NCAA champ, as were men's sabres Luke La Valle (1998) and Gabor Szelle (2000) – followed by women's epeeist Kerry Walton and foilist Alicja Kryczalo at the 2002 NCAAAs.

Kryczalo repeated as NCAA champ in 2003 while the Irish edged Penn State (182-179) for the team title, at Air Force (see pp. 54-55). Kryczalo then became just the second women's fencer ever to win three or more NCAA titles (in '04) while freshman Valerie Providenza won the '04 sabre title and Walton was the epee runner-up.

Notre Dame's '04 squad was the first in NCAA history to produce NCAA finalists in all three women's weapons but the Irish placed third in the combined standings, due in large part to an injury that sidelined two-time All-America foilist Derek Snyder.



Head coach Yves Auriol saw his 2002 women's squad turn in an impressive performance at the NCAAAs, with sophomore Kerry Walton (far left) winning the epee title while Alicja Kryczalo (far right) defeated fellow freshman Andrea Ament (second from left) in the foil title bout.



The fencing program has played a leading role in Notre Dame's storied athletic history, which has produced 21 student-athletes who have been four-year All-Americans. More than half of those four-year All-Americans have come from the Irish fencing program, including eight men's fencers and four women's fencers (plus three women's soccer players, four distance runners, one men's basketball player and a baseball player).

Cross country runner **Oliver Hunter** became the first Notre Dame student-athlete to be All-America

four times ('40-'43) and basketball's **Kevin O'Shea** ('47-'50) then joined him in that distinction. Sabre **Mike Sullivan** was Notre Dame's next four-time All-American ('76-'79) and three fencers followed suit in the 1980s, led by potent men's foilists **Charles Higgs-Coulthard** ('84-'87) and **Yehuda Kovacs** ('86-'89) and women's foilist **Molly Sullivan** ('85-'88). The early 1990s saw men's sabre **Leszek Nowosielski** ('88-'91) and cross country runner **Mike McWilliams** ('90-'93) join the list, followed by men's foilist **Jeremy Siek** ('94-'97).

Notre Dame's class of 1999 produced a quartet of student-athletes who collected their fourth All-America honors: soccer midfielder **Holly Manthei** and three members of the '99 fencing squad that nearly won the NCAA title (sabre **Luke La Valle** and the

women's foil duo of **Myriah Brown** and **Sara Walsh**). The next two academic years each produced a pair of four-year All-Americans, with soccer defender **Jen Grubb** ('96-'99) preceding women's epeeist/foilist **Magda Krol** ('97-'00), followed by soccer midfielder **Anne Makinen** (1997-2000) and baseball pitcher **Aaron Heilman** (1998-2001) – with the most recent of the four-year All-Americans including 2003 fencing classmates **Ozren Debic** (foil) and **Jan Viviani** (epee) and distance runners **Ryan Shay** ('97-'02) and **Luke Watson** ('98-'03).

Prior to freshman eligibility, foilist **Jim Russamano** ('58-'60) was the Notre Dame fencing program's only three-year All-American.

### Mike Sullivan • Sabre



**NCAAs:** '76 - 3rd (22-5)  
'77 - 1st (20-2)  
'78 - 1st (23-0)  
'79 - 2nd (30-2)  
**Career:** 95-9 (.913)



Driven competitor and classic battler who refused to lose – and rarely did, with 278-13 combined record (.955) in regular-season and NCAA round-robin bouts ... repeated as both NCAA sabre champ and member of team champs, in '78 ... Peabody, Mass.

### Molly Sullivan • Foil



**NCAAs:** '85 - 5th (11-3)  
'86 - 1st (15-0)  
'87 - 3rd (13-2)  
'88 - 1st (15-0)  
**Career:** 54-5 (.915)

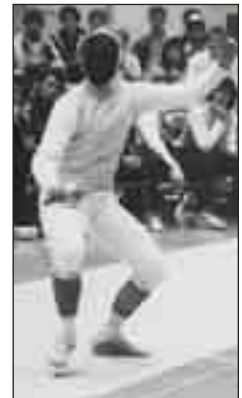


Technically and psychologically dominant with few peers, going 160-14 in regular-season and 54-5 in NCAAs ('86 and '88 foil champ, plus '87 team title) ... she and Alicja Kryczalo ('02-'04) are ND women's only repeat NCAA champs ... North Andover, Mass.

### Charles Higgs-Coulthard • Foil



**NCAAs:** '84 - 1st (13-6)  
'85 - 4th (14-4)  
'86 - 3rd (14-5)  
'87 - 4th (15-5)  
**Career:** 56-20 (.737)



Classic and complete foilist who showed technical mastery of all offensive and defensive actions, with versatility and awareness to make needed adjustments and counter any opponent's strengths ... '84 NCAA foil champ, member of '86 team champs ... Boxford, Mass.

### Yehuda Kovacs • Foil



**NCAAs:** '86 - 2nd (14-6)  
'87 - 5th (14-4)  
'88 - 4th (13-6)  
'89 - 7th (11-6)  
**Career:** 52-22 (.703)



Intense everyday competitor whose thorough preparation and drive to make things happen were byproducts of his background in the Israeli army ... his runner-up foil finish led Irish to 1988 NCAA team title ... posted 146-11 record (.930) in regular-season ... Hosharon, Israel.

### Leszek Nowosielski • Sabre



**NCAAs:** '88 - 4th (14-4)  
'89 - 5th (15-3)  
'90 - 3rd (14-5)  
'91 - 2nd (16-1)  
**Career:** 59-13 (.819)



Tactical sabreman with potential to dominate, owning best regular-season win pct. (.980, 97-2) in ND history ... joins Mike Sullivan, Molly Sullivan, Charles Higgs-Coulthard, Sara Walsh and Ozren Debic as only ND fencers to finish in top-five at four NCAAs ... Ottawa, Ontario.

### Jeremy Siek • Foil



**NCAAs:** '88 - 4th (14-4)  
'95 - 12th (16-12)  
'96 - 9th (15-7)  
'97 - 6th (17-6)  
**Career:** 59-27 (.686)



Highly intelligent student-athlete who went on to earn prestigious NCAA post-graduate scholarship ... an extra coach on the strip, due to his great fencing knowledge and personal skills ... his 5th-place foil finish helped win '94 NCAA team title ... Newmarket, N.H.





**MEN'S FOIL** (24 individuals/44 times) - Nick Scalera ('50), Jack Mooney ('53), Dick Hull ('54), Jim Waters ('55), Jim Russomano ('58-'60), Bill Ferrence ('64, '65), John Bishko ('66), John Crikelair ('67, '68), Bob Babineau ('69), Mike Cornwall ('73), Mike McCahey ('75), Pat Gerard ('77, '78), Andy Bonk ('79, '80), Ray Benson ('81), Marc DeJong ('83), Charles Higgs-Coulthard ('84-'87), Mike Van der Velden ('85), Yehuda Kovacs ('86-'89), Noel Yong ('90, '91), Stanton Brunner ('93), Jeremy Siek ('94-'97), Ozren Debic ('00-'03), Forest Walton ('01), Derek Snyder ('02, '03).

**MEN'S EPEE** (33/51) - Ralph Dixon ('50), Brian Duff ('52), John McGinn ('53), Rod Duff ('54), Don Tadrowski ('55, '56), Dennis Hemmerle ('57), Ron Farrow ('58), Pete Giaimo ('60), John Donlon ('61), Dan Kenney ('62), Dick Marks ('63, '64), Steve Donlon ('67), Jeff Pero ('68), Rick Deladrier ('70, '71), Ed Fellows ('74), Tim Glass ('75-'77), Bjorn Vaggo ('78), Rich Daly ('81, '82), Ola Harstrom ('83), Andy Quaroni ('84, '85), Mike Gostigian ('86), Christian Scherpe ('86), Todd Griffiee

('87, '88), Ted Fay ('89), Jubba Beshin ('90, '91), David Calderhead ('90, '91), Geoff Pechinsky ('93), Rakesh Patel ('94, '95), Carl Jackson ('95, '98), Brian Stone ('98), Brian Casas ('99, '01), Jan Viviani ('00-'03), Michal Sobieraj ('02, '03, '04).

**MEN'S SABRE** (33/54) - Bob Schlosser ('50), Charlie Daschle ('51), Gerry Finney ('53, '54), Tom Dorwin ('55), Tom Lee ('59), Ted DeBaene ('60), Tom Shipp ('62), Ralph DeMatteis ('63), Sam Crimone ('64), Mike Dwyer ('65), John Klier ('66), Mike Daher ('68), Bob Mendes ('69), Doug Daher ('71), Ron Sollito ('72), Sam DiFiglio ('74, '75), Mike Sullivan ('76-'79), Chris Lyons ('80), Greg Armi ('81), Don Johnson ('84-'86), John Edwards ('85), Kevin Stoutermire ('87), Leszek Nowosielski ('88-'91), James Taliaferro ('90, '92), Ed Bague ('92), Chris Hajnik ('94), Bill Lester ('94-'96), Luke La Valle ('96-'99), Andrzej Bednarski ('98, '00, '01), Gabor Szelle ('99, '00, '03), Andre Crompton ('01, '02), Matt Fabricant ('03) and Patrick Ghattas ('04).

**WOMEN'S FOIL** (14/32) - Susan Valdiserri ('82), Pia Albertson ('84), Molly Sullivan ('85-'88), Janice Hynes ('86, '89), Anne Barreda ('88, '90), Kristin Kralicek ('89, '90), Heidi Piper ('90-'92), Maria Panyi ('95), Sara Walsh ('96-'99), Myriah Brown ('96-'99), Magda Krol ('00), Liza Boutsikaris ('00), Alicja Kryczalo ('02, '03, '04), Andrea Ament ('02, '03, '04).

**WOMEN'S EPEE** (7/17; since '95) - Claudette de Bruin ('95, '96), Magda Krol ('97-'99), Nicole Mustilli ('98, '99), Anna Carmick ('00-'02), Meegan Call ('00, '01, '03), Kerry Walton ('02, '03, '04), Amy Orlando ('04).

**WOMEN'S SABRE** (4; since '00) - Natalia Mazur ('00), Carianne McCullough ('02), Destanie Milo ('03), Valerie Providenza ('04).

**Myriah Brown • Foil**



**NCAAs:** '96 - 8th (15-8)  
'97 - 5th (16-7)  
'98 - 8th (17-6)  
'99 - 10th (13-10)  
**Career:** 61-31 (.663)



Wiry battler who ranks third in Notre Dame record book for career wins and fourth in win percentage (.912, 291-28) ... hometown talent who trained throughout her youth with future Notre Dame classmate and fellow

four-time foil All-American Sara Walsh ... Mishawaka, Ind.

**Luke La Valle • Sabre**



**NCAAs:** '96 - 4th (18-5)  
'97 - 5th (15-8)  
'98 - 1st (17-6)  
'99 - 11th (12-11)  
**Career:** 62-30 (.674)



Clever and talented sabreman who combined with women's foilists Myriah Brown and Sara Walsh as Notre Dame's first classmates to be four-year All-Americans (matched by Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani in '03) ... won NCAA sabre title as member of 1998 squad that finished two points shy of team title (147-149 to Penn State) ... New York, N.Y.

**Sara Walsh • Foil**



**NCAAs:** '96 - 2nd (21-2)  
'97 - 2nd (19-4)  
'98 - 3rd (21-2)  
'99 - 5th (19-4)  
**Career:** 80-12 (.870)



Tremendous athlete and fiery sparkplug who used small frame for quickness and cat-like elusiveness ... two-time NCAA runner-up whose .970 career win pct. (231-7) in regular-season bouts ranks second in ND women's fencing history (as does her .870 NCAAs mark) ... Mishawaka, Ind.

**Magda Krol • Epee/Foil**



**NCAAs:** '97 - 1st (18-5)  
'98 - 6th (16-7)  
'99 - 8th (14-9)  
'00 - 5th (16-7, foil)  
**Career:** 64-28 (.696)



Classic sportswoman who was respected - by teammates and opponents alike - for both her athletic dominance ('97 NCAA epee champ) and her warmth of personality ... hard worker and smart competitor who remains ND's only two-weapon All-American (also foil) ... Vancouver, B.C.

**Ozren Debic • Foil**



**NCAAs:** '00 - 2nd (20-3)  
'01 - 5th (17-6)  
'02 - 4th (18-5)  
'03 - 4th (18-5)  
**Career:** 73-19 (.794)



Took place among program's elite all-time fencers, with four top-5 finishes and second-most NCAA wins (73-19) in ND men's fencing history ... also ranks third with .952 regular-season win pct. (157-8) ... matched natural athleticism with a tireless work rate ... Zagreb, Croatia.

**Jan Viviani • Epee**



**NCAAs:** '00 - 3rd (17-6)  
'01 - 3rd (17-6)  
'02 - 5th (17-6)  
'03 - 10th (12-11)  
**Career:** 63-29 (.685)



First ND epeeist to be four-time All-American, also owning top career regular-season win pct. (.890, 162-20) in ND men's epee history ... third at '00 and '01 NCAAs and member of '03 team champs ... known for physical, quick-striking style ... Haworth, N.J.



In 1992, the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association retroactively classified as first team All-Americans first- through fourth-place finishers in the NCAA Championships, second team All-Americans fifth- through eighth-place finishers, and third-team All-Americans ninth- through 12th-place finishers.

## Men's First Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
Greg Armi	Sabre	1981 (3rd)
Jubba Beshin	Epee	1990 (2nd), 1991 (1st)
Andy Bonk	Foil	1979 (1st), 1980 (2nd)
David Calderhead	Epee	1990 (3rd), 1991 (3rd)
Ozren Debic	Foil	2000 (2nd), 2002 (4th), 2003 (4th)
Steve Donlon	Epee	1967 (3rd)
Ron Farrow	Epee	1958 (3rd)
Bill Ferrance	Foil	1964 (3rd)
Gerry Finney	Sabre	1954 (3rd)
Pat Gerard	Foil	1977 (1st), 1978 (2nd)
Tim Glass	Epee	1975 (3rd), 1977 (3rd)
Mike Gostigian	Epee	1986 (3rd)
Todd Griffee	Epee	1988 (2nd)
Ola Harstrom	Epee	1983 (1st)
Denny Hemmerle	Epee	1957 (2nd)
Charles Higgs-Coulthard	Foil	1984 (1st), 1985 (4th), 1986 (3rd), 1987 (4th)
Don Johnson	Sabre	1984 (3rd)
Yehuda Kovacs	Foil	1986 (2nd), 1988 (4th)
Luke LaValle	Sabre	1996 (4th), 1998 (1st)
Bill Lester	Sabre	1995 (2nd), 1997 (3rd)
Leszek Nowosielski	Sabre	1988 (4th), 1990 (3rd), 1991 (2nd)
Andy Quaroni	Epee	1985 (3rd)
Jim Russomano	Foil	1958 (3rd)
Nick Scalera	Foil	1950 (3rd)
Christian Scherpe	Epee	1986 (3rd)
<b>Michal Sobieraj</b>	<b>Epee</b>	<b>2003 (2nd), 2004 (3rd)</b>
Brian Stone	Epee	1998 (4th)
Mike Sullivan	Sabre	1976 (3rd), 1977 (1st), 1978 (1st), 1979 (2nd)
Gabor Szelle	Sabre	1999 (2nd), 2000 (1st)
James Taliaferro	Sabre	1992 (3rd)
Don Tadrowski	Epee	1955 (1st)
Bjorn Vaggo	Epee	1978 (1st)
Jan Viviani	Epee	2000 (3rd), 2001 (3rd)
Noel Young	Foil	1990 (3rd), 1991 (2nd)



Epeeist Ralph Dixon placed fifth at the 1950 NAAs, combining with foilist Nick Scalera and sabre Bob Schlosser as Notre Dame's first fencing All-Americans.

## Men's Second Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
Andrzej Bednarski	Sabre	2000 (5th)
John Bishko	Foil	1966 (6th)
Brian Casas	Epee	1999 (8th), 2001 (7th)
John Crikelair	Foil	1967 (8th)
Sam Crimone	Sabre	1964 (8th)
Andre Crompton	Sabre	2001 (7th), 2002 (5th)
Doug Daher	Sabre	1971 (8th)
Mike Daher	Sabre	1968 (5th)
Rich Daly	Epee	1982 (6th)
Ted DeBaene	Sabre	1960 (7th)
Ozren Debic	Foil	2001 (5th)
Marc DeJong	Foil	1983 (5th)
Rich Deladrier	Epee	1970 (6th), 1971 (6th)
Ralph Dixon	Epee	1950 (5th)
John Donlon	Epee	1961 (5th)
Tom Dorwin	Sabre	1955 (7th)
John Edwards	Sabre	1985 (5th)
Matt Fabricant	Sabre	2003 (6th)
Ed Fellows	Epee	1974 (6th)
Bill Ferrance	Foil	1965 (5th)
Gerry Finney	Sabre	1953 (6th)
Pete Giaino	Epee	1960 (7th)
Tim Glass	Epee	1976 (6th)
Carl Jackson	Epee	1995 (6th)
Don Johnson	Sabre	1986 (6th)
Yehuda Kovacs	Foil	1987 (5th), 1989 (7th)
Luke LaValle	Sabre	1997 (5th)
Bill Lester	Sabre	1996 (6th)
Chris Lyons	Sabre	1980 (6th)
Dick Marks	Epee	1964 (8th)
Mike McCahey	Foil	1975 (7th)
John McGinn	Epee	1953 (8th)
Bob Mendes	Sabre	1969 (8th)
Leszek Nowosielski	Sabre	1989 (5th)
Rakesh Patel	Epee	1995 (8th)
Andy Quaroni	Epee	1984 (6th)
Jim Russomano	Foil	1959 (6th), 1960 (6th)
Jeremy Siek	Foil	1994 (5th), 1997 (6th)
Derek Snyder	Foil	2002 (7th), 2003 (5th)
Ron Solliitto	Sabre	1972 (7th)
Kevin Stoutermire	Sabre	1987 (6th)
James Taliaferro	Sabre	1990 (7th)
Mike Van der Velden	Foil	1985 (8th)
Jan Viviani	Epee	2002 (5th)

## Men's Third Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
Bob Bobineau	Foil	1969 (9th)
Ed Baguer	Sabre	1992 (11th)
Andrzej Bednarski	Sabre	1998 (11th), 2001 (10th)
Ray Benson	Foil	1981 (12th)
Stan Brunner	Foil	1993 (11th)
Mike Cornwall	Foil	1973 (11th)
John Crikelair	Foil	1968 (11th)
Rich Daly	Epee	1981 (12th)
Charles Daschle	Sabre	1950, 1951
Ralph DeMatteis	Sabre	1963 (9th)
Sam DiFiglio	Sabre	1974 (10th), 1975 (11th)
Brian Duff	Epee	1952 (12th)
Rod Duff	Epee	1954 (12th)
Mike Dwyer	Sabre	1965 (10th)
Ted Fay	Epee	1989 (12th)
<b>Patrick Ghattas</b>	<b>Sabre</b>	<b>2004 (10th)</b>
Todd Griffee	Epee	1987 (12th)
Chris Hajnik	Sabre	1994 (10th)
Dick Hull	Foil	1954 (9th)
Carl Jackson	Epee	1998 (11th)
Don Johnson	Sabre	1985 (9th)
Dan Kenney	Epee	1962 (10th)
John Klier	Sabre	1966 (10th)
Luke LaValle	Sabre	1999 (11th)
Tom Lee	Sabre	1959 (11th)
Dick Marks	Epee	1963 (10th)
Jack Mooney	Foil	1953 (12th)
Rakesh Patel	Epee	1994 (12th)
Geoff Pechinsky	Epee	1993 (9th)
Jeff Pero	Epee	1968 (9th)
Bob Schlosser	Sabre	1950 (11th)
Tom Shipp	Sabre	1962 (12th)
Jeremy Siek	Foil	1995 (12th), 1996 (9th)
<b>Michal Sobieraj</b>	<b>Epee</b>	<b>2002 (10th)</b>
Gabor Szelle	Sabre	2003 (11th)
Don Tadrowski	Epee	1956 (9th)
Jan Viviani	Epee	2003 (10th)
Forest Walton	Foil	2001 (9th)
Jim Waters	Foil	1955 (10th)



Todd Griffee placed 12th in the 1987 NCAA epee competition before surging to first team All-America honors with his runner-up showing at the 1988 NAAs.



Claudette de Bruin ('93-'96) is one of 14 Notre Dame student-athletes ever to earn each of the following honors: All-America, Academic All-America and Notre Dame's Byron Kanaley Award (see p. 53).





### Women's First Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
<b>Andrea Ament</b>	<b>Foil</b>	<b>2002 (2nd), 2003 (3rd), 2004 (2nd)</b>
Anne Barreda	Foil	1988 (3rd)
Claudette de Bruin	Epee	1995 (3rd), 1996 (3rd)
Magda Krol	Epee	1997 (1st)
<b>Alicja Kryczalo</b>	<b>Foil</b>	<b>2002 (1st), 2003 (1st), 2004 (1st)</b>
Nicole Mustilli	Epee	1998 (4th)
Maria Panyi	Foil	1995 (2nd)
Heidi Piper	Foil	1990 (2nd), 1991 (1st), 1992 (4th)
<b>Valerie Providenza</b>	<b>Sabre</b>	<b>2004 (1st)</b>
Molly Sullivan	Foil	1986 (1st), 1987 (3rd), 1988 (1st)
Sara Walsh	Foil	1996 (2nd), 1997 (2nd), 1998 (3rd)
<b>Kerry Walton</b>	<b>Epee</b>	<b>2002 (1st), 2004 (2nd)</b>

### Women's Second Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
Anne Barreda	Foil	1990 (8th)
Myriah Brown	Foil	1996 (6th), 1997 (5th), 1998 (6th)
Meagan Call	Epee	2001 (5th)
Janice Hynes	Foil	1989 (6th)
Kristin Kralicek	Foil	1990 (7th)
Magda Krol	Epee/Foil ('00)	1998 (6th), 1999 (8th), 2000 (5th)
Destanie Milo	Sabre	2003 (6th)
Nicole Mustilli	Epee	1999 (5th)
Molly Sullivan	Foil	1985 (5th)
Sara Walsh	Foil	1999 (5th)
<b>Kerry Walton</b>	<b>Epee</b>	<b>2003 (5th)</b>

**Bold** indicates current fencers

Note: see p. 51 for list of All-Americans sorted by weapon.



**Bill Lester**, Notre Dame's career leader in men's fencing wins (231-38), was recognized during a 1996 Notre Dame football game for his status as an Academic All-American (second team in 1996, first team in '97). Lester is one of 48 all-time Notre Dame student-athletes to earn Academic All-America and All-America in the same year (he finished second in the sabre competition at the 1995 NCAAs, sixth in '96, third in '97). Of those 48, he is one of 14 who also received Notre Dame's prestigious Kanaley Award - as are women's fencers Heidi Piper ('92) and Claudette de Bruin ('96), football players George Kunz ('68), John Krimm ('81) and Tim Ruddy ('93), tracksters Errol Williams and Mike Brown (both '98), basketball players Bob Arnzen ('68), Pat Garrity ('98) and Ruth Riley ('01), softball's Jarrah Myers ('02), soccer's Jen Renola ('97) and tennis player Jen Hall ('99).

### Women's Third Team All-Americans

Name	Weapon	Years
Pia Albertson	Foil	1984 (10th)
Liza Boutsikaris	Foil	2000 (12th)
Myriah Brown	Foil	1999 (10th)
Meagan Call	Epee	2000 (12th), 2003 (10th)
Anna Carnick	Epee	2000 (9th), 2001 (12th), 2002 (10th)
Janice Hynes	Foil	1986 (11th)
Kristin Kralicek	Foil	1989 (10th)
Carianne McCullough	Sabre	2002 (12th)
Natalia Mazur	Sabre	2000 (10th)
<b>Amy Orlando</b>	<b>Epee</b>	<b>2004 (10th)</b>
Susan Valdiserri	Foil	1982 (10th)

### Major National Academic Awards

#### CoSIDA Academic All-America

Winners are selected from voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Fencing is included in the fall/winter at-large category, with winners selected from nominees from eight different sports.

1991 .....	Heidi Piper (2nd Team)
1992.....	Heidi Piper (3rd Team)
1996.....	Claudette de Bruin (2nd Team)
1996 .....	Bill Lester (2nd Team)
1997 .....	Bill Lester (1st Team)

#### NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Recipients are selected from a highly-competitive pool of nominees of college senior student-athletes and are awarded scholarships to be used for postgraduate studies.

1967 .....	Jack Haynes
1968.....	Mike Daher
1975 .....	Paul Angelo
1992 .....	Heidi Piper
1997.....	Jeremy Siek



## All-Americans

## Major Awards



Foilist Kristin Kralicek earned All-America honors in 1989 and '90.

### Byron V. Kanaley Award

The most prestigious honor awarded to a Notre Dame student-athlete, the Byron V. Kanaley Award has been presented since 1927 to senior monogram athletes who have been exemplary as students and leaders. The awards are named in honor of a 1904 graduate who was a member of the Notre Dame baseball team, went on to a successful banking career in Chicago and served as a lay trustee from 1915 until his death in 1960. Nine members of the men's fencing team and four women's fencers have received the award:

1952 .....	James Walsh
1967 .....	Jack Haynes
1971 .....	Doug Daher
1973.....	Richard Waugh
1974 .....	John Hathaway
1975 .....	Paul Angelo
1987 .....	David Lennert
1992.....	Heidi Piper
1994.....	Maura Gallagher, Grzegorz Wozniak
1995.....	Elizabeth Caruso
1996.....	Claudette de Bruin
1997 .....	Bill Lester

### Did You Know?

Fencer Bill Lester is one of just 14 ND student-athletes to couple All-America, Academic All-America and Kanaley Award honors.



# NOTRE DAME 2003 NCAA CHAMPIONS



**N**otre Dame's 2003 NCAA fencing title truly was a team effort, with all 12 fencers contributing in a condensed two-day format due to storms in the Colorado Springs area. The Irish rode an unprecedented 11 All-Americans to edge Penn State (182-179), followed by St. John's (171) and Ohio State (167). Alicja Kryczalo (19-4 round-robin) repeated as women's foil champ while Michal Sobieraj - who was 10th in '02 - nearly won men's epee, posting the top round-robin mark (20-3) and losing an overtime title bout.

Foilist Ozren Debic (18 wins) and epeeist Jan Viviani (12) logged their fourth All-America finishes while sabre Gabor Szelle (12) and epeeist Meagan Call (13) earned their third. Kerry Walton (15) was short of repeating as women's epee champ while foilists Andrea Ament (19) and Derek Snyder (17) again were All-Americans. Senior sabres Matt Fabricant (15) and Destanie Milo (16) provided clutch wins in their first All-America finishes, with sabre Maggie Jordan (6) adding key wins for the narrow victory.



**Alicja Kryczalo** (So.; Gdansk, Poland) **Andrea Ament** (So.; Gates Mill, OH)  
NCAA Champion (19-4) 3rd-Place (19-4)

### Women's Foil

Combined for key sweeps of PSU's Anna Donath and Meredith Chin, and SJU's Elizabeth Thottham. Kryczalo added sweep of OSU's Hannah and Metta Thompson, with Ament posting win over Hannah. Kryczalo's clincher over Stanford's Iris Zimmerman was preview of title bout (pictured).



### NOTRE DAME FENCING

(sitting, from left) Tiffany Muller, Natalie Tenner, Jocelyn Landgraf, Beth Emilian, Rebecca Chimahusky, Jill Inghram, Anna Carnick and senior manager Natalie Ortiz ... (second row, from left) Natalie Bustamante, Andrea Ament, Liza Boutsikaris, Colleen Walsh, Destanie Milo, Danielle Davis, Maggie Jordan, Kerry Walton, Meagan Call and Alicja Kryczalo ... (third row, from left) head coach Janusz Bednarski, Alex Schumacher, Sean Donovan, North Carey Derek Snyder, Matt



**Ozren Debic** (Sr.; Zagreb, Croatia) **Derek Snyder** (So.; Chatsworth, CA)  
4th-Place (18-5) 5th-Place (17-6)

### Men's Foil

The Notre Dame tandem combined for a number of key sweeps, over PSU's Chris Miller, OSU's Nathan Weir and Matt Carbone, and Stanford's Florian Reichling and Steve Gerberman. Snyder added top wins over Yale's Cory Werk and Penn's Yale Cohen, with Debic also beating Cohen.



**Meagan Call** (Sr.; Eugene, OR) **Kerry Walton** (Jr.; Londonderry, NH)  
10th-Place (13-10) 5th-Place (15-8)

### Women's Epee

Both Notre Dame fencers bested OSU's Sherice Gearhart, with Walton adding key wins over OSU's Alexandra Shklar and Megan Phair of Cornell while Call registered a huge win over PSU's Jessie Burke and added a quality victory over regional rival Anna Vinnikov of Wayne State.



**Michal Sobieraj** (So.; Krakow, Poland)  
NCAA Runner-Up (20-3)

### Men's Epee

Sobieraj's top round-robin mark came over Penn State's Adam Wiercioch and sweep of Princeton's Spencer Jones and Princeton's Spencer Jones and Princeton's Spencer Jones - with Viviani's key wins over Cornell's Horvath and Air Force's Steve Gerberman vs. Sobieraj).





**2003 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

Fabricant, Ozren Debic, Nick Schumacher, Johannes Masserer, volunteer administrative assistant M.D. McNally and assistant coach Zoltan Dudas ... (back row, from left) Gabor Szelle, Jack Goetz, Jan Viviani, T.J. McNally, Adam Harvey, Michal Sobieraj, Forest Walton, Matt Castellan, Brian Dosal and Mike Maccaulay (not pictured: Brendan Prendergast)



**Jan Viviani**  
(Sr.; Haworth, NJ)  
10th-Place (12-11)



**Maggie Jordan**  
(Jr.; Maplewood, NJ)  
21st-Place (7-16)

**Destanie Milo**  
(Jr.; Knox, IN)  
6th-Place (16-7)



**Gabor Szelle**  
(Sr.; Budapest, Hungary)  
11th-Place (12-11)

**Matt Fabricant**  
(Sr.; Elizabeth, NJ)  
6th-Place (15-8)

**Men's Epee**

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**Women's Sabre**

Milo (pictured) had key late sweep of PSU's Heather Brosnan and Austin O'Neill, with other top wins over SJU's Julia Gelman, OSU's Maguerite Plekhanov and NCAA champ Alexis Jemal (Rutgers). Jordan added early win over Northwestern's Emily Pasternak and huge late victory over O'Neill.

**Men's Sabre**

The veteran duo had timely sweep of SJU's Serhiy Isayenko, with both adding noteworthy wins over Columbia's Andrew Sohn and Brown's Paul Friedman. Fabricant (pictured) combined with women's sabre Destanie Milo for major jumps from previous NAAs.



**1977 NCAA Men's Champions**

(from left) Fourth-place epeeist Tim Glass (16-7), foil champion Pat Gerard (18-4) and sabre champ Mike Sullivan (20-2) celebrate Notre Dame's first NCAA fencing title with two legends (head coach Mike DeCicco and athletic director Moose Krause).

The Irish finished the round-robin at the Notre Dame Joyce Center tied with NYU for first place (at 114), with the new fenceloff tiebreaker used to declare a winner. Sullivan rallied to beat Miklos Benedek in the first bout (5-3) and an electric atmosphere encircled the strip as Gerard shut out Tom Valjasic (5-0, after splitting earlier 5-4 bouts) before being mobbed by the Notre Dame faithful. Glass never had to compete in the fenceloff and DeCicco picked up his third of four national coach-of-the-year awards.



**1978 NCAA Men's Champions**

(from left) Sabre champ Mike Sullivan (23-0), coach Mike DeCicco, foil runner-up Pat Gerard (19-3; last-second final loss) and epee champ Bjorn Vaggo (19-4) remain one of the most dominant teams in NCAA history – delivering the program's second consecutive title as the Irish ran away from the field at Wisconsin-Parkside (the power trio also was 102-5 in the regular season).



**1986 NCAA Men's Champions**

Notre Dame's contingent that won the 1986 NCAA title – besting Columbia, 151-141, at Princeton – included (from left, on podium steps) sabre Don Johnson (9th place), foil runner-up Yehuda Kovacs and Charles Higgs-Coulthard (3rd), sabre John Edwards (17th) and epeeists Christian Scherpe (4th) and Mike Gostigan (3rd). They were joined in the celebration by (bottom row, from left) sabre captain Tony Consoli, assistant coach Yves Auriol, foil captain Mike Van der Velden, head coach Mike DeCicco and epee captain Tim Vaughan.

**1987 NCAA Women's Champions**

(kneeling from left) Anne Barreda and Kristin Kralicek combined with (standing, from left) Janice Hynes and third-place finisher Molly Sullivan (13-2) to help win the 1987 NCAA women's title, with the competition held at Notre Dame's Joyce Center.



**1994 NCAA Combined Champions**

The Irish won the combined NCAA title in 1994 at Brandeis, under the team-scoring format that saw Notre Dame place third in women's foil, first in men's foil and fourth in men's sabre – with men's epee rallying to beat Air Force in pool-play before besting Wayne State in the semifinals for the clinching points. Top performers included All-Americans Jeremy Siek (5th in foil), Chris Hajnik (10th in sabre) and Rakesh Patel (12th in epee).



**2003 NCAA Combined Champions**

(seated, from left) Sabre Destanie Milo (6th), epeeist Meagan Call (10th), foilist Andrea Ament (3rd), sabre Maggie Jordan (21st), foilist Alicja Kryczalo (1st) and epeeist Kerry Walton (5th); (standing, from left) sabres Gabor Szelle (11th) and Matt Fabricant (6th), foilist Derek Snyder (5th), epeeist Michal Sobieraj (2nd), foilist Ozren Debic (4th) and epeeist Jan Viviani (10th) combined for 182 points, edging Penn State (179) for the 2003 title at the U.S. Air Force Academy (also see pp. 54-55 for details).







Notre Dame's first varsity women's fencing team (1976-77) included (front row, from left) coach Mike DeCicco, Cathy Buzard, Kathy Valdiserri, Pat Farro, Karen Lacity and coach Tom Coye; (back row, from left) Chris Marciniak, Joan Richtmeier, Chris Simony, Debbie Valentino and Terri Foley.

### Women's Series Records

School	Record
Air Force	26-6
Boston College	2-0
Bowling Green	7-1
Brandeis	2-0
Brockport	1-0
Brown	4-0
California (Pa.)	1-0
Cal State Fullerton	3-0
UC San Diego	5-0
Carnegie-Mellon	1-0
Case Western Reserve	15-0
Chicago	13-0
Clemson	1-0
Cleveland State	26-0
Columbia	7-3
Cornell	5-1
Culver Military Academy	4-0
Detroit	28-0
Duke	13-0
Eastern Michigan	9-0
Fairleigh-Dickinson	6-1
Florida	1-0
Harpeth Hall	1-0
Harvard	4-0
Haverford	2-0
Hollins	1-0
Illinois	1-0
Illinois-Chicago	2-1
Indiana	2-1
James Madison	4-0
Johns Hopkins	3-0
Kent State	1-0
Lawrence	26-0
Long Beach State	6-0
M.I.T.	6-0
Miami (Ohio)	6-0
Michigan	18-0
Michigan-Dearborn	10-0
Michigan State	21-0
Milwaukee Tech	8-0
Minnesota	13-1
Mount Mary	1-0
NYU	14-0
North Carolina	16-0
North Carolina State	4-0
Northwestern	28-7
Oakland	4-0
Oberlin	3-2
Ohio State	24-9
Pennsylvania	2-3
Penn State	3-6
Princeton	7-0
Purdue	35-0
Rutgers	7-0
St. John's	9-2
St. Louis	1-0
St. Mary's	0-2
Stanford	10-1
Temple	6-4
Tri-State	22-0
Vanderbilt	2-1
Washington (Mo.)	3-0
Wayne State	21-17
Winnipeg	2-0
Wisconsin	9-9
Wisconsin-Parkside	9-2
Yale	3-1

**Bold** indicates 2004-05 opponents

### Year-by-Year Women's All-Time Results

Year	Team		Individual		Captains	Coach
	W	L	W	L		
<b>(Non-Varsity Seasons)</b>						
1972	2	3	22	41	None	Richard Hosinski
1973	3	2	26	19	None	Richard Hosinski
1974	13	2	125	54	Cathy Schoendiens	Richard Hosinski
1975	8	5	61	68	Cindy Rebholz	Richard Hosinski
1976	8	6	74	71	Pat Ferro, Kathy Valdiserri	Tim Taylor
<b>(Varsity Seasons)</b>						
1977	13	1	72	44	Kathy Valdiserri	Tom Coye
1978	8	3	59	40	Kathy Valdiserri	Tom Coye
1979	14	3	132	63	Karen Lacity	Mike DeCicco
1980	11	2	118	67	Dodee Carney	Mike DeCicco
1981	16	4	128	77	Susan Valdiserri	Mike DeCicco
1982	11	8	130	112	Susan Valdiserri	Mike DeCicco
1983	17	6	210	126	Susan Valdiserri	Mike DeCicco
1984	13	5	207	93	Sharon DeNicola, Mary Shilts	Mike DeCicco
1985	12	7	168	106	Janet Sullivan	Mike DeCicco
1986	23	0	309	59	Vittoria Quaroni	Yves Auriol
1987	19	0	257	47	Cindy Weeks	Yves Auriol
1988	17	2	253	51	Molly Sullivan	Yves Auriol
1989	18	1	225	51	Janice Hynes	Yves Auriol
1990	22	1	297	69	Anne Barreda	Yves Auriol
1991	19	0	244	50	Lynn Kadri	Yves Auriol
1992	11	2	154	54	Heidi Piper	Yves Auriol
1993	17	3	237	83	Dinamarie Garcia	Yves Auriol
Year	W	L	W	L	Captains (epee, foil, sabre)	Coach
1994	23	0	304	64	Marit Fischer, Dinamarie Garcia,	Yves Auriol
1995	32	0	799	209	Claudette de Bruin, Maria Panyi	Yves Auriol
1996	31	1	832	192	Claudette de Bruin, Mindi Kalogera	Yves Auriol
1997	30	1	792	168	Anne Hoos, Rose Sacri	Yves Auriol
1998	24	1	619	181	Anne Hoos, Myriah Brown	Yves Auriol
1999	19	4	521	215	Nicole Mustilli, Nicole Paulina	Yves Auriol
2000	18	2	393	147	Kim DeMaio, Magda Krol, Cari McCullough	Yves Auriol
2001	21	4	484	196	Kim DeMaio (e), Cari McCullough (s)	Yves Auriol
2002	20	2	442	151	Anna Carnick, Liza Boutsikaris, Cari McCullough	Yves Auriol
2003	22	2	530	118	Anna Carnick, Liza Boutsikaris, Destanie Milo	Janusz Bednarski
2004	26	0	535	167	<b>Kerry Walton, Alicja Kryczalo, Destanie Milo</b>	Janusz Bednarski
<b>Total</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(.871)</b>			

### Women's Coaching Records

Name	Years (Seasons)	W	L	T	Pct.
Richard Hosinski	1972-75 (4, non-varsity)	26	12	0	.684
Tim Taylor	1976 (1, non-varsity)	8	6	0	.571
Tom Coye	1977-78 (2)	21	4	0	.840
Mike DeCicco	1979-85 (7)	94	35	0	.729
Yves Auriol	1986-2002 (17)	364	24	0	.938
Janusz Bednarski	2003- (2)-	48	2	0	.960
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33 Seasons</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.871</b>

### Women's Win Streaks

Rank	Wins	Year(s)
1	75	1993-1996
2	42	1986-1988
<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2003-present</b>
4	38	1997-1998
5	35	1990-1992
6	21	1989-1990
7	19	1996-97
8	18	2001
9	16	1988-1989
10	13	1977-1978



**Men's Series Records**  
(since 1936)

School	Record
Air Force	26-6
Army	1-1
Baruch	3-0
Boston College	1-0
Bowling Green	5-0
Brandeis	3-0
Brown	4-0
Buffalo State	22-1
California (Pa.)	1-0
Cal State Fullerton	3-0
UC-San Diego	5-0
Carnegie-Mellon	1-0
Case Western Reserve	55-0
Chicago	56-8
Cincinnati	17-0
Clemson	2-0
Cleveland State	49-1
Columbia	11-0
Cornell	6-0
Culver Military Academy	1-0
Detroit	58-6
Duke	15-0
Eastern Michigan	6-0
Florida	1-0
Harper	1-0
Harvard	5-0
Haverford	2-0
Hobart	1-0
Illinois	37-13
Illinois-Chicago	15-0
Illinois Tech	3-0
Indiana	28-0
Indiana Tech	15-0
John Hopkins	2-0
Kent State	1-0
Kentucky	4-0
Lawrence	31-0
LePanche Fencers	1-0
Long Beach State	7-0
Louisville	2-0
Marquette	5-0
Maryland	1-0
M.I.T.	6-0
Miami (Ohio)	8-0
Michigan	19-0
Michigan-Dearborn	8-0
Michigan State	63-10
Milwaukee Tech	15-0
Minnesota	14-0
Missouri-Kansas City	1-0
Navy	3-1
NYU	11-3
North Carolina	15-0
North Carolina State	4-0
Northwestern	45-4
Oakland	4-0
Oberlin	19-0
Ohio State	57-11
Oklahoma City	1-0
Pennsylvania	6-1
Penn State	6-4
Princeton	7-2
Purdue	49-2
Rutgers	8-0
St. John's	7-4
St. Louis	1-0
St. Thomas	1-0
Stanford	11-1
SUNY-Binghamton	1-0
Syracuse	8-0
Temple	1-0
Tri-State	30-0
Vanderbilt	5-0
Washington (Mo.)	14-0
Wayne State	48-15
Western Reserve	9-0
William & Mary	2-0
William Paterson	1-0
Winnipeg	2-0
Wisconsin	42-10
Wisconsin-Parkside	18-0
Wittenberg	1-0
Windsor	1-0
Yale	4-0



1935 Notre Dame men's fencing team

**Year-by-Year Men's Team Won-Loss Records**

Year	Team		Individual		Captains	Coach
	W	L	W	L		
1934	3	5	59	76	David Ryan (e)	Pedro DeLandro
1935	7	0	73	41	Carlos DeLandro (s)	Pedro DeLandro
1936	9	0	94	58	Carlos DeLandro (s), Kevin Kehoe (all)	Pedro DeLandro
1937	5	3	89	63	Telmo DeLandro (f)	Pedro DeLandro
1938	7	2	111	87	John Zerbst (s)	Pedro DeLandro
1939	7	2	110	69	Salvatore Scarlata (s)	Pedro DeLandro
1940	5	4	102	95	Robert Sayia (f/e)	Walter Langford
1941	7	2	132	90	John Gaither (f)	Walter Langford
1942	5	3	106	100	Frank Veit (e)	Walter Langford
1943	2	4	75	77	James Madigan (f)	Walter Langford
1944-46	No Fencing Due to World War II					
1947	4	3	105	83	Ventura Gonzalez (f), Alfredo Ortiz (s)	Herb Melton
1948	9	1	170	111	Lou Burns (f)	Herb Melton
1949	8	1	150	93	Ralph Witucki (f)	Herb Melton
1950	9	0	187	55	Bob Schlosser (s)	Herb Melton
1951	8	2	161	109	Nick Scalera (f), Dan Parisi (f)	Walter Langford
1952	9	2	190	107	James Walsh (f)	Walter Langford
1953	13	1	243	135	Jack Mooney (f)	Walter Langford
1954	12	1	239	112	Rod Duff (e)	Walter Langford
1955	12	3	146	159	Jim Waters (f), Tom Dorwin (s)	Walter Langford
1956	15	2	291	168	Don Tadrowski (e)	Walter Langford
1957	14	1	259	146	Jack Ryan (f), Dennis Hemmerle (e)	Walter Langford
1958	16	0	293	139	Dick Fagon (s)	Walter Langford
1959	13	2	262	143	Jim Johnson (e), Joe Klein (s)	Walter Langford
1960	14	2	273	160	Jim Russomano (f), Jerry Johnson (f)	Walter Langford
1961	10	6	241	191	Mike Curtin (f), John Donlon (e)	Walter Langford
1962	7	8	222	183	Dan Kenney (e), Tim Shipp (s)	Mike DeCicco
1963	14	2	266	166	John Wagner (e), Ralph DeMattis (s)	Mike DeCicco
1964	15	2	303	156	Jack Joyce (f), Sam Crimone (s)	Mike DeCicco
1965	15	2	285	174	Joe McQuade (f), Mike Dwyer (s)	Mike DeCicco
1966	17	4	259	208	Jack Haynes (e), Joe Malone (s)	Mike DeCicco
1967	18	0	344	142	Jack Haynes (e), Pat Korth (s)	Mike DeCicco
1968	20	1	379	188	John Crikelair (f), Tom Sheridan (f), Steve Donlon (e)	Mike DeCicco
1969	16	1	323	135	Lou Emerson (f), Bob Mendes (s)	Mike DeCicco

**Men's Coaching Records**

Name	Years (Seasons)	W	L	T	Pct.
Pedro DeLandro	1934-39 (6)	38	12	2	.684
Walt Langford	1940-43, 1951-61 (15)	155	35	0	.816
Herb Melton	1947-50 (4)	30	5	0	.857
Mike DeCicco	1962-95 (34)	680	45	0	.938
Yves Auriol	1996-2002 (7)	161	9	0	.947
Janusz Bednarski	2003- (2)	48	1	0	.980
<b>Totals</b>	<b>68 Seasons</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.911</b>





## Year-by-Year Team Won-Loss Records

Year	Team		Individual		Captains (epee, foil, sabre)	Coach
	W	L	W	L		
1970	20	2	402	192	John Albright (e), Roger Holzgrafe (s)	Mike DeCicco
1971	21	3	458	195	Rich Deladrier, John Lyons, Doug Daher	Mike DeCicco
1972	19	2	408	159	Tim Taylor, Mike Cornwall, Matt Fruzynski	Mike DeCicco
1973	15	3	328	158	Mike Matranga, Mike Cornwall, Dan Mulligan	Mike DeCicco
1974	22	1	446	175	Mike Matranga, Jim Mullinix, Roy Seitz	Mike DeCicco
1975	23	2	465	202	Tom Coye (f)	Mike DeCicco
1976	26	0	550	135	Tim Glass, Terry McConville, Mike Szadnanoff	Mike DeCicco
1977	23	0	468	153	Tim Glass, Terry McConville, Tim Mulligan	Mike DeCicco
1978	18	0	392	94	Bill Kica, Pat Gerard, Mike Sullivan,	Mike DeCicco
1979	20	0	412	128	Mike Carney, Steve Salimando, Mike Sullivan	Mike DeCicco
1980	19	1	395	144	Thom Cullum, Andy Bonk, Chris Lyons	Mike DeCicco
1981	21	2	453	175	Kevin Tindell, Ray Benson, Greg Armi	Mike DeCicco
1982	20	1	411	179	Rich Daly, Jim Thompson, Sal D'Allura,	Mike DeCicco
1983	23	2	418	189	Rich Daly, Marc DeJong, Joel Tietz	Mike DeCicco
1984	19	1	449	112	Andy Quaroni, Chris Grady, Mike Janis	Mike DeCicco
1985	23	0	439	148	Andy Quaroni, Mike Van der Velden, Mike Janis	Mike DeCicco
1986	26	0	568	134	Tim Vaughan, Mike Van der Velden, Tony Consoli	Mike DeCicco
1987	22	0	486	108	Tim Vaughan, Charles Higgs-Coulthard, Kevin Stoutermire	Mike DeCicco
1988	24	1	538	137	Todd Griffiee, Yehuda Kovacs, Tim Collins	Mike DeCicco
1989	21	0	481	86	Ted Fay, Joel Clark, Tim Collins	Mike DeCicco
1990	24	1	534	140	Mark Gugel, Joel Clark, Chris Baguer	Mike DeCicco
1991	23	0	504	100	David Calderhead, Phil Leary, Chris Baguer	Mike DeCicco
1992	14	0	305	75	David Calderhead, Jeff Piper, Chris Baguer,	Mike DeCicco
1993	23	1	463	186	Grzegorz Wozniak, Jeff Piper, James Taliaferro	Mike DeCicco
1994	21	0	394	173	Grzegorz Wozniak, Rian Girard, Chris Hajnik	Mike DeCicco
1995	28	2	601	209	Rakesh Patel, Stanton Brunner, Chris Hajnik,	Mike DeCicco
1996	29	3	606	249	Jeremy Siek (f), Bill Lester (s)	Yves Auriol
1997	24	2	566	163	Phil Lee, Jeremy Siek, Bill Lester	Yves Auriol
1998	25	1	522	170	Brian Stone, Stephane Auriol, Luke La Valle	Yves Auriol
1999	22	1	482	139	Tim Monahan, Stephane Auriol, Luke La Valle	Yves Auriol
2000	18	2	427	113	James Harris (f), Clay Morton (s)	Yves Auriol
2001	25	0	509	166	Jan Viviani (e), Ozren Debic (f)	Yves Auriol
2002	18	0	395	91	Jan Viviani, Ozren Debic, Andre Crompton	Yves Auriol
2003	24	0	518	130	Jan Viviani, Ozren Debic	Janusz Bednarski
2004	24	1	515	160	Forest Walton (f), Brian Dosal (s)	Janusz Bednarski
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>107-2</b>	<b>(.911)</b>			

### Did You Know?

The Notre Dame men have not lost more than three dual matches in a season since 1966, including 15 unbeaten, 12 one-loss and eight two-loss seasons in that 38-year stretch.

### Men's Win Streaks

Rank	Wins	Year(s)
1	122	1975-1980
2	98	1984-1988
3	90	2000-2004
4	50	1990-1993
5	46	1989-1990
6	37	1997-1998
7	37	1993-1995
8	31	1967-1968
9	26	1973-1974
10	25	1957-1959
11	23	1999-2000
12	23	1981-1982
13	22	1983-1984
14	21	1981
<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2004-present</b>
	19	1955-1956
17	18	1995-1996
	18	1971-1972
	18	1968-1969
20	17	1952-1953
	17	1934-1936

## Notre Dame's Midwest Championship History

The below results indicate Notre Dame's finish in the Great Lakes Championship (1974-91), the Midwest Intercollegiate ('92-'98) and the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships ('99-'04). Teams in parentheses refer to the teams ahead of Notre Dame (Detroit, Wayne State, Northwestern).

Year	Men	Women	Year	Men	Women
1968	1st		2001	1st	2nd (Northwestern)
1969	2nd (Wayne State)		2002	1st	1st
1970	1st		2003	2nd (Ohio State)	1st
1971	2nd (Detroit)		2004	2nd (Ohio State)	2nd (Ohio State)
1972	3rd (Detroit, Wayne State)		<b>Conference Champions</b>		
1973	3rd (Detroit, Wayne State)		1971	John Crikelair (MF)	
1974	2nd (WS)	1st	1974	Kathy Valdiserri (WF)	
1975	1st	5th	1976	Mike Sullivan (MS), Tim Glass (ME)	
1976	1st	4th	1977	Pat Gerard (MF), Tim Glass (ME)	
1977	1st	1st	1978	Mike McCahey (MF), Mike Sullivan (MS)	
1978	1st	4th	1980	Andy Bonk (MF)	
1979	2nd (Wayne State)	4th	1981	Rich Daly (ME)	
1980	2nd (Wayne State)	2nd (WS)	1982	Marc DeJong (MF)	
1981	2nd (Wayne State)	4th	1983	Ola Harstrom (ME)	
1982	2nd (Wayne State)	2nd (Wayne State)	1984	Mike Janis (MS), Pia Albertson (WF)	
1983	2nd (Wayne State)	2nd (Wayne State)	1985	Charles Higgs-Coulthard (MF), Molly Sullivan (WF)	
1984	1st	2nd (Wayne State)	1986	Yehuda Kovacs (MF), Molly Sullivan (WF)	
1985	1st	2nd (Wayne State)		Christian Scherpe (ME)	
1986	1st	1st	1987	Yehuda Kovacs (MF), Janice Hynes (WF)	
1987	1st	1st	1988	Leszek Nowoliewski (MS), Todd Griffiee (ME)	
1988	1st	2nd (Wayne State)	1989	Leszek Nowoliewski (MS), David Calderhead (ME)	
1989	1st	1st	1990	James Taliaferro (MS), Jubba Beshin (ME)	
1990	1st	1st	1991	James Taliaferro (MS), Anne Barreda (WF)	
1991	1st	1st		Jubba Beshin (ME)	
1992	1st (combined)		1992	David Calderhead (ME)	
1993	1st (combined)		1993	Heidi Piper (MF)	
1994	1st (combined)		1994	Jeremy Siek (MF), Bill Lester (MS), Maria Panyi (WF)	
1995	1st (combined)				
1996	1st (combined)		1995-98:	No individual championships contested.	
1997	1st (combined)				
1998	1st (combined)				
1999	1st	1st			
2000	1st	2nd (NW)			

### Conference Champions (cont.)

1999	James Gaither (ME), Nicole Mustilli (WE), Gabor Szelle (MS), Sara Walsh (WF)
2000	Ozren Debic (MF), Anna Carnick (WE), Ozren Debic (MF)
2001	Brian Casas (ME), Andre Crompton (MS), Ozren Debic (MF)
2002	Jan Viviani (ME), Ozren Debic (MF), Kerry Walton (WE), Alicja Kryczalo (WF)
2003	Ozren Debic (MF), Alicja Kryczalo (WF)
2004	Michal Sobieraj (ME)



Ozren Debic, four-time MFC foil champion





Rian Girard received Notre Dame's 1994 Walter Langford Leadership Award.

### Walt Langford Memorial Award

Recognizing sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork

1961	John Donlon
1962	Tom Shipp
1963	Ralph DeMatteis
1964	Sam Crimone
1965	Joe McQuade
1966	John Bishko, John Klier
1967	Jack Haynes
1968	John Crikelair
1969	Lou Emerson, Bob Mendes
1970	Roger Holzgrave
1971	Rich Deladrier, John Lyons
1972	Matt Fruzynski, Tim Taylor
1973	Mike Cornwell
1974	Roy Seitz
1975	Tom Coye
1976	Sam DiFiglio
1977	Tim Glass
1978	Bill Kica
1979	Steve Salimando, Mike Sullivan
1980	Chris Lyons
1981	Greg Armi
1982	Sal D'Allura
1983	Scott Rutherford
1984	Chris Grady
1985	Mike Janis, Andy Quaroni
1986	Tony Consoli, Mike Van der Velden
1987	Charles Higgs-Coulthard
1988	Gary Galizewski
1989	Ted Fay
1990	Mark Gugel
1991	Anne Barreda
1992	Chris Baguer, David Calderhead
1993	Per Jonhsson, Jeff Piper
1994	Rian Girard
1995	Stan Brunner
1996	Mindi Kalogera
1997	Phil Lee, Phil Magyes
1998	Anne Hoos
1999	Tim Monahan, Nicole Paulina
2000	Magda Krol
2001	Kim DeMaio
2002	Andre Crompton, Carianne McCullough
2003	Ozren Debic, Jan Viviani
2004	Kerry Walton

### National Monogram Club Fencing Team MVP Award

Men	Women
1982	Susan Valdiserri
1983	Susan Valdiserri
1984	Pia Albertson
1985	Molly Sullivan
1986	Janice Hynes
1987	Janice Hynes
1988	Molly Sullivan
1989	Janice Hynes
1990	Heidi Piper
1991	Heidi Piper
1992	Heidi Piper
1993	Kathleen Vogt
1994	Maria Panyi
1995	Maria Panyi
1996	Sara Walsh
1997	Magda Krol, Sara Walsh
1998	Nicole Mustilli, Sara Walsh
1999	Nicole Mustilli
2000	Magda Krol
2001	Meagan Call
2002	<b>Alicja Kryczalo</b>
2003	<b>Alicja Kryczalo</b>
2004	<b>Alicja Kryczalo</b>

### Men's Foil MVP

1978	Pat Gerard
1979	Andy Bonk
1980	Andy Bonk
1981	Ray Benson
1982	Marc De Jong
1983	Marc De Jong
1984	Charles Higgs-Coulthard
1985	Charles Higgs-Coulthard
1986	Yehuda Kovacs
1987	Derek Holeman
1988	Phil Leary
1989	Derek Holeman
1990	Joel Clark
1991	Noel Young
1992	Jeff Piper
1993	Stan Brunner
1994	Conor Power
1995	Jeremy Siek
1996	Jeremy Siek
1997	Jeremy Siek
1998	John Tejada
1999	Stephane Auriol
2000	Ozren Debic
2001	Ozren Debic
2002	Ozren Debic
2003	Ozren Debic
2004	Forest Walton

### Men's Sabre MVP

1978	Chris Lyons
1979	Chris Lyons
1980	Greg Armi
1981	Sal Muoio
1982	Mike Janis
1983	John Edwards
1984	Mike Janis
1985	John Edwards
1986	Don Johnson
1987	Tim Collins
1988	Leszek Nowosielski
1989	Leszek Nowosielski
1990	Chris Baguer
1991	Leszek Nowosielski
1992	Ed Baguer
1993	Chris Hajnik
1994	Chris Hajnik
1995	Bill Lester
1996	Luke La Valle
1997	Bill Lester
1998	Luke La Valle
1999	Luke La Valle
2000	Gabor Szelle
2001	Andre Crompton
2002	Andre Crompton
2003	Matt Fabricant
2004	<b>Patrick Ghattas</b>

### Men's Epee MVP

1978	Bjorn Vaggo
1979	Mike Schermoly
1980	Rich Daly
1981	Kevin Tindell
1982	Rich Daly
1983	Ola Harstrom
1984	Andy Quaroni
1985	Christian Scherpe
1986	Christian Scherpe
1987	Todd Griffiee
1988	Todd Griffiee
1989	Ted Fay
1990	Jubba Beshin
1991	David Calderhead
1992	David Calderhead
1993	Geoff Pechinsky
1994	Grzegorz Wozniak
1995	Carl Jackson
1996	Brice Dille
1997	Brian Stone
1998	Brian Stone
1999	Carl Jackson
2000	Jan Viviani
2001	Jan Viviani
2002	Jan Viviani
2003	Jan Viviani
2004	<b>Michal Sobieraj</b>

### Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award

Recognizing seniors with the highest grade-point average

Men	Women
1981	Jim Gunshinan
1982	Chuck Konzelman
1984	Joe Roveda
1985	Ted Dore
1986	Sean Reardon
1987	Dave Lennert
1988	Chris Reardon
1989	Steve Rawlings
1990	Joel Clark
1991	Leszek Nowosielski
1992	Tom Clare
1993	Brian Ray
1994	Greg Ripple
1995	Chris Hajnik
1996	Phil Lee
1997	Phil Lee
1998	Matt Hysell
1999	Tim Monahan
2000	Steve Kane
2001	George Viamontes
2002	Neal Salisian
2003	Adam Harvey
2004	Brendan Prendergast

### Women's Foil MVP

1978	Karen Lacity
1979	Dodee Carney
1980	Liz Bathon
1981	Denise Haradem, Kathy McCann
1982	Susan Valdiserri
1983	Charlotte Albertson
1984	Pia Albertson
1985	Molly Sullivan
1986	Molly Sullivan
1987	Kristin Kralicek
1988	Anne Barreda
1989	Kristin Kralicek
1990	Kristin Kralicek
1991	Heidi Piper
1992	Heidi Piper
1993	Claudette de Bruin
1994	Maria Panyi
1995	Maria Panyi
1996	Sara Walsh
1997	Myriah Brown
1998	Sara Walsh
1999	Sara Walsh
2000	Magda Krol
2001	Liza Boutsikaris
2002	<b>Alicja Kryczalo</b>
2003	<b>Andrea Ament, Alicja Kryczalo, Andrea Ament, Alicja Kryczalo</b>
2004	

### Women's Epee MVP

1994	Maura Gallagher
1995	Claudette de Bruin
1996	Claudette de Bruin
1997	Magda Krol
1998	Nicole Mustilli
1999	Nicole Mustilli
2000	Anna Carnick
2001	Anna Carnick
2002	<b>Kerry Walton</b>
2003	Meagan Call
2004	<b>Kerry Walton</b>

### Women's Sabre MVP

1999	Carianne McCullough
2000	Carianne McCullough
2001	Carianne McCullough
2002	Carianne McCullough
2003	Maggie Jordan
2004	<b>Danielle Davis, Valerie Providence</b>

Note: Women's sabre was an NCAA exhibition weapon in 1999.





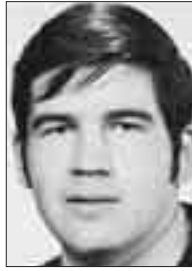
The following six awards – the Donlon, Crikelair, Mulligan, DeCicco/Auriol, Langford and Bednarski Awards – are presented to fencers from specific weapons who best represent the fencing program and the University of Notre Dame ... “both on and off the strip.”



Steve Donlon



John Crikelair



Dan Mulligan

**Steve Donlon  
Men's Epee  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of All-American and epee captain Steve Donlon '68, who was killed in a tragic automobile accident during the summer of 1967.*

- 1978 ..... John Strass
- 1979 ..... Mike Carney
- 1980 ..... Thomas Cullum
- 1981 ..... Rich Daly
- 1982 ..... Kevin Tindell
- 1983 ..... Rich Daly
- 1984 ..... Andy Quaroni
- 1985 ..... Andy Quaroni
- 1986 ..... Mike Gostigian
- 1987 ..... Tim Vaughan
- 1988 ..... Doug Dudinski
- 1989 ..... Ted Fay
- 1990 ..... Mark Gugel
- 1991 ..... Jubba Beshin
- 1992 ..... Grzegorz Wozniak
- 1993 ..... Grzegorz Wozniak
- 1994 ..... Grzegorz Wozniak
- 1995 ..... Rakesh Patel
- 1996 ..... Brian Stone
- 1997 ..... Brice Dille
- 1998 ..... Carl Jackson
- 1999 ..... Brian Casas
- 2000 ..... Brian Casas
- 2001 ..... Scott Gabler
- 2002 ..... Brian Casas
- 2003 ..... Nick Schumacher
- 2004 ..... Michael Macaulay

**John Crikelair  
Men's Foil  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of All-American and foil captain John Crikelair '68, who was killed during a Vietnam War firefight while serving with the U.S. Army.*

- 1978 ..... Mike McCahey
- 1979 ..... Steve Salimando
- 1980 ..... Andy Bonk
- 1981 ..... Jim Sullivan
- 1982 ..... Jim Thompson
- 1983 ..... Marc de Jong
- 1984 ..... Chris Grady
- 1985 ..... Mike Van der Velden
- 1986 ..... Charles Higgs-Coulthard
- 1987 ..... Yehuda Kovacs
- 1988 ..... Gary Galizewski
- 1989 ..... Yehuda Kovacs
- 1990 ..... Colin Gumbs
- 1991 ..... Phil Leary
- 1992 ..... Ed LeFevre
- 1993 ..... Jeff Piper
- 1994 ..... Stan Brunner
- 1995 ..... Conor Power
- 1996 ..... Paul Capobianco
- 1997 ..... Jeremy Siek
- 1998 ..... Stephane Auriol
- 1999 ..... Charles Hayes
- 2000 ..... Jim Harris
- 2001 ..... Forest Walton
- 2002 ..... Steve Mautone
- 2003 ..... Forest Walton
- 2004 ..... Matt Castellan

**Dan Mulligan Men's Sabre  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of sabre captain Dan Mulligan '73, who was killed in 1976 during a simulated bombing run while training as a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force.*

- 1978 ..... Mike Sullivan
- 1979 ..... Mike Sullivan
- 1980 ..... Chris Lyons
- 1981 ..... Greg Armi
- 1982 ..... Sai D'Allura
- 1983 ..... Joel Tietz
- 1984 ..... Tony Consoli
- 1985 ..... Mike Janis
- 1986 ..... John Edwards
- 1987 ..... Kevin Stoutemire
- 1988 ..... Jim Reilly
- 1989 ..... Tim Collins
- 1990 ..... Dan Yu
- 1991 ..... Chris Baguer
- 1992 ..... Ed Baguer
- 1993 ..... Bernard Baez
- 1994 ..... Chris Hajnik
- 1995 ..... Chris Hajnik
- 1996 ..... Bill Lester
- 1997 ..... Jeff Wartgow
- 1998 ..... Andrzej Bednarski
- 1999 ..... Steve McQuade
- 2000 ..... Andrzej Bednarski,  
Andre Crompton
- 2001 ..... Andrzej Bednarski
- 2002 ..... Andrzej Bednarski
- 2003 ..... Brian Dosal
- 2004 ..... Brian Dosal

**Bold** indicates current fencers.

**Polly DeCicco/  
Georgette Auriol  
Women's Epee  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of the wives of former Notre Dame coaches Mike DeCicco and Yves Auriol.*

- 1994 ..... Marit Fischer
- 1995 ..... Claudette de Bruin
- 1996 ..... Ashley Shannon
- 1997 ..... Anne Hoos
- 1998 ..... Magda Krol
- 1999 ..... Magda Krol
- 2000 ..... Kim DeMaio
- 2001 ..... Meagan Call
- 2002 ..... Anna Carnick
- 2003 ..... Anna Carnick,  
**Kerry Walton**
- 2004 ..... **Kerry Walton**

**Alice Langford  
Women's Foil  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of the wife of former Notre Dame head coach Walt Langford.*

- 1977 ..... Kathy Valdiserri
- 1978 ..... Kathy Valdiserri
- 1979 ..... Karen Lacity
- 1980 ..... Elizabeth Bathon
- 1981 ..... Denise Haradem,  
Kathy McCann
- 1982 ..... Sharon DiNicola
- 1983 ..... Susan Valdiserri
- 1984 ..... Mary Shilts
- 1985 ..... Janet Sullivan
- 1986 ..... Janet Sullivan
- 1987 ..... Cindy Weeks
- 1988 ..... Molly Sullivan
- 1989 ..... Janice Hynes
- 1990 ..... Kristin Kralicek
- 1991 ..... Lynn Kadri
- 1992 ..... Rachel Haugh
- 1993 ..... Dinamarie Garcia
- 1994 ..... Kim Arndt,  
Corinne Dougherty
- 1995 ..... Maria Panyi
- 1996 ..... Mindi Kalogera
- 1997 ..... Rose Saari
- 1998 ..... Ameer Appel
- 1999 ..... Myriah Brown
- 2000 ..... Aimee Kalogera
- 2001 ..... Katie Flanagan
- 2002 ..... Liza Boutsikaris
- 2003 ..... Liza Boutsikaris
- 2004 ..... **Alicja Kryczalo**

**Janusz Bednarski  
Women's Sabre  
Leadership Award**

*Named in honor of the current Notre Dame head coach.*

- 2000 ..... Katie Flanagan
- 2001 ..... Donna Mowchan
- 2002 ..... Destanie Milo
- 2003 ..... Destanie Milo
- 2004 ..... Destanie Milo



Carianne McCullough ('99-'02) is the only Notre Dame fencer ever to receive the DeCicco/Langford Award (inspiration), the Langford Award (leadership) and the Rockne Student-Athlete Award – in addition to receiving four women's sabre MVP awards.

**DeCicco/  
Langford Award**

*Recognizing inspiration and dedication*

- 1981 ..... Jim Sullivan
- 1982 ..... Mike Mollinelli
- 1983 ..... Rowland Francis
- 1984 ..... Jim Hickey
- 1985 ..... David Stabrawa
- 1986 ..... Bob Walsh
- 1987 ..... Vittoria Quaroni
- 1988 ..... Dan Fabian
- 1989 ..... Tim Collins
- 1990 ..... Derek Holeman
- 1991 ..... Phil Leary,  
Leszek Nowosielski
- 1992 ..... David Calderhead,  
Mary Westrick
- 1993 ..... Tim Quenan
- 1994 ..... Dinamarie Garcia,  
Greg Ripple
- 1995 ..... Elizabeth Caruso
- 1996 ..... John Tejada
- 1997 ..... Manolo Galinanes
- 1998 ..... Jason Boron
- 1999 ..... Gina Couri
- 2000 ..... Clay Morton
- 2001 ..... Carianne McCullough
- 2002 ..... Michelle Sutton
- 2003 ..... Matt Castellan  
Adam Harvey
- 2004 ..... **Amy Orlando**

**Yves Auriol Award**

*Recognizing fencers who have shown the most improvement*

- 1994 ..... Marit Fischer
- 1995 ..... Monica Wagner
- 1996 ..... Phil Lee
- 1997 ..... John Scherpereel
- 1998 ..... Gina Couri,  
Steve McQuade
- 1999 ..... Michelle Marafino,  
George Viamontes
- 2000 ..... Kelly Orsi,  
Scott Gabler
- 2001 ..... Erin Riley,  
Michelle Sutton
- 2002 ..... Mike Macaulay
- 2003 ..... **Danielle Davis,**  
**Colleen Walsh**
- 2004 ..... **Rebecca Chimahusky,**  
**John Espinosa**



# Michael DeCicco

*Legendary coach led Irish to five national championships during his 34 years as head coach.*



Michael DeCicco is the man who built the Notre Dame fencing team into the perennial power that it is today and has been for nearly 50 years. He retired from the school after the 1995 season with 41 years of service to Notre Dame. In four decades at Notre Dame, he served in various avenues, always giving of himself unconditionally out of love for his alma mater.

DeCicco – a 2002 inductee into the Italian-American Athletic Hall of Fame – arrived at Notre Dame from Newark, N.J., in 1945 as a freshman. Fencing resumed competition in 1947 after a three-year hiatus because of the war and DeCicco starred for the Irish as he compiled a 63-20 career record. He fenced foil, sabre and epee during his career, the last Notre Dame fencer to compete in all three weapons. His 29-1 record in foil as a junior earned him a spot in the NCAA championships. His 45-4 career foil record (.918) still ranks third on Notre Dame's all-time list for career foil winning percentage.

"When I first came to Notre Dame, I had no idea they even had a fencing team," DeCicco says.

"Thanks to Walter Langford, who kept fencing at Notre Dame alive after the war, I was given the opportunity to fence for Notre Dame. Coming to Notre Dame as a student and then as a fencer was a happy experience and is something that I'm very proud of."

Following his graduation in 1949, DeCicco returned to New Jersey to work on his master's degree and his doctorate. In 1954, he accepted an offer to return to Notre Dame to finish his doctoral studies.

DeCicco took a teaching position in the engineering department and became Langford's assistant coach.

"I first came here to teach but it was also a special opportunity to work with my mentor as an assistant coach," says DeCicco.

In 1962, after serving as assistant to Langford, DeCicco became the fourth head coach in the 30-year history of the fencing program.

DeCicco began his head coaching career with a modest start, a 7-8 record in 1962. But the best was most definitely to come as the 1962 team marked his only losing season as a head coach. None of his other teams ever finished with more than four losses. After that 1962 season, DeCicco's teams won

almost 95 percent of their matches and he finished with a staggering 680-45 (.938) career coaching record.

The list of accomplishments by Notre Dame fencing teams under the brilliant guidance of DeCicco is almost endless: five national championship teams, eight NCAA individual champions, a 122-match winning streak spanning six seasons (four consecutive undefeated seasons), 12 undefeated and nine one-loss campaigns, almost 100 All-Americans and four national coach-of-the-years selections. In addition to his collegiate accomplishments, DeCicco also left his mark on the national and international levels, coaching and representing the United States in numerous Olympic and World Championship events.

For DeCicco, more important than his impressive resume of fencing feats were the athletes behind them. He always took great pleasure in getting to know all of his fencers, despite the vast number that came and went through the program in his 34 years as a coach.

"Fencing gave me a unique opportunity to work with some 700 athletes, forming close relationships with them virtually every afternoon at practice. This always has been very special to me," says DeCicco.

Among his more proud accomplishments is the development of the women's team as one of Notre Dame's first varsity sports for women in 1977. DeCicco was able to form a solid foundation for the women's team that he coached until 1986, when Yves Auriol took over and built on that foundation.

Another of his pet projects was the academic advising program that DeCicco founded in 1964 after executive vice president Rev. Edmund Joyce, C.S.C., had asked him to start the program from scratch. The advising program was the first of its kind.

"With the help of a lot of people, we were able to start an academic advising program that has become a model around the country," says DeCicco. "Father Hesburgh and Father Joyce were 10 years ahead of everyone else when they saw the need for this program."

DeCicco headed the Office of the Academic Advisor for Athletes until 1990, with the department now known as Academic Services for Student-Athletes. DeCicco rapidly expanded the program to include all student-athletes and initiated the tutorial assistance program, class monitoring program and degree progress reports that remain the foundation of the office.

In his time as coach and advisor, DeCicco truly made a difference for the Notre Dame family. The love and total commitment he showed for Notre Dame were as much as any individual could possibly give an institution.

"All of our accomplishments never would have been possible if I were coaching at some other school," says DeCicco. "Notre Dame made that possible. For that I will be eternally grateful."

Notre Dame is equally grateful.







### **Pedro DeLandero**

*Head Coach  
1934-39  
38-12-2 (75.0 percent)*

Pedro DeLandero started the fencing program at Notre Dame in 1934 as a club sport. DeLandero, a Spanish professor at the University at the time, began fencing in his younger years while living in Mexico, as a form of rehabilitation for leg injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

DeLandero noted student interest on campus and started a fencing club for students. He coached the 1935 and '36 teams to perfect records and witnessed the elevation of fencing to varsity status in 1936.

After coaching the Irish to 7-2 records in both 1938 and '39, DeLandero decided to return to his native Mexico and turned the reins over to a colleague in the foreign language department, Walt Langford. DeLandero's sons, Carlos and Telmo, both fenced at Notre Dame under their father's tutelage.

DeLandero was a 1911 graduate of Notre Dame and returned to the University in 1933 to teach Spanish. He also coached the varsity tennis team to a 16-26-1 record (.386) from 1935-39. DeLandero passed away in 1943, at the age of 55 in Mexico City.



### **Walt Langford**

*Head Coach  
1940-43, 1951-61  
155-35 (81.6 percent)*

Walt Langford took control of the Notre Dame fencing and tennis programs in 1940, when Pedro DeLandero returned to Mexico. Langford – who also taught Spanish – coached the Irish to a 19-13 record before the fencing program was suspended after the 1943 season due to a lack of weapons created by World War II. Future Irish coach Herb Melton fenced sabre under Langford in 1941-43.

After the war, Langford turned the head coaching position over to Melton. Langford became head coach again in 1951 (after Melton left the University) and coached the Irish to eight NCAA top-10 finishes while seeing six of his fencers earn All-America honors. Don Tadrowski became Notre Dame's first individual champion, winning the 1955 epee title.

Langford also coached the Irish to an undefeated (16-0) record in 1958. He left Notre Dame in 1961 to head the Peace Corps in Chile and turned the coaching job over to coach Mike DeCicco. He also coached the Irish tennis squad to a 95-30-1 (.758) record between 1940 and 1953, leading the Irish to the 1944 national intercollegiate championship.

The McAllen, Texas, native graduated from Notre Dame in 1930 and began teaching in the language department a year later. He was named department chairman in 1946 and held that position until his departure in 1961.

Langford died in St. Louis on Feb. 28, 2001, at the age of 92.



### **Herb Melton**

*Head Coach  
1947-1950  
30-5 (85.7 percent)*

Herb Melton became Notre Dame's fencing coach in 1947, when the program was restarted after being suspended due to World War II. Melton fenced sabre for the Irish between 1941 and 1943 and participated in the 1941 NCAA Championships.

The Paducah, Ky., native, returned to Notre Dame after the war to attend law school and coached the fencing team for four seasons. Melton led the 1950 Irish to an undefeated 9-0 mark on the way to finishing sixth in the NCAA tournament, with foilist Nick Scalera and epeeist Ralph Dixon became Notre Dame's first All-Americans.

Future Notre Dame head coach Mike DeCicco fenced all three weapons between 1947 and 1950 and also competed in the 1948 NCAA tournament during Melton's head coaching tenure.

Melton – a 1943 Notre Dame graduate – left the University in 1950 to practice law in Paducah. He maintained a keen interest in fencing until his death in 1996.



### **Yves Auriol**

*Head Women's Coach  
1986-2002  
364-24 (93.8 percent)*

*Head Men's Coach  
1996-2002  
161-9 (94.7 percent)*

Yves Auriol announced his retirement prior to the 2002 season, his 18th year as head coach of the Irish women's team and seventh as men's coach. During Auriol's tenure, Notre Dame fencers combined for 69 All-America honors (eight NCAA champions), plus five Academic All-America citations. His 1987 squad claimed the NCAA women's fencing title while his '94 women's squad helped Notre Dame win the NCAA combined title. In seven other seasons under Auriol, Irish teams finished as the NCAA runner-up – including every year from 1996-2000.

Auriol was named the national coach of the year following the '01 and '02 seasons. The 2001 squad produced six men's All-Americans while the 2002 team included 10 total All-Americans (both unprecedented in ND history). Auriol's teams won 94 percent of their matches (525-33), including 364-24 (.938) by the women and 161-9 (.947) by the men.

A native of France, Auriol graduated in 1955 from Lycee de Toulouse and earned a degree as a fencing master from the Institute National du Sport in Paris. He moved in 1972 to Portland, Ore., where he formed the Salle Auriol Fencing Club and spent some time as Portland State's women's fencing coach ('75-'85). He served as a U.S. coach at the 1980-88 Olympic Games and coached U.S. fencers at various world championship events in the 1970s.

Auriol – presented with an honorary monogram by the Notre Dame National Monogram Club in 2001 – and his wife, Georgette, are parents of a son, Stephane, a foilist on the Notre Dame fencing team from 1996-99.



Individual Career Win Leaders



Sabre Mike Janis ('82-'85) ranks ninth all-time in Notre Dame men's fencing wins (161-27) and was a two-time NCAA participant.



Mike Van der Velden ('83-'86) owns the 25th-most wins in Notre Dame men's fencing history (137-41; 10th among foilists) and earned All-America honors in '85.

Pl.	Name, Weapon	Years	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Bill Lester, Sabre	1994-97	213	38	.849
2.	Luke La Valle, Sabre	1996-99	200	20	.909
3.	Jeremy Siek, Foil	1994-97	191	21	.901
4.	Mike Sullivan, Sabre	1976-79	183	4	.979
	Brian Stone, Epee	1995-98	183	81	.693
6.	Gabor Szelle, Sabre	1999-2001, '03	182	13	.933
7.	Carl Jackson, Epee	1995, '97-'99	174	58	.750
8.	Jan Viviani, Epee	2000-03	162	20	.890
9.	Mike Janis, Sabre	1982-85	161	27	.856
10.	Tim Glass, Epee	1974-77	160	26	.860
11.	Forest Walton, Foil	2000-01, '03-04	158	35	.819
12.	Ozren Debic, Foil	2000-03	157	8	.952
13.	Brian Casas, Epee	1999-2002	156	55	.739
14.	Grzegorz Wozniak, Epee	1991-94	154	48	.762
	Stephane Auriol, Foil	1996-99	154	53	.744
16.	Andrzej Bednarski, Sabre	1998, 2000-02	152	32	.826
17.	Matt Fabricant, Sabre	2000-03	151	21	.878
18.	Andre Crompton, Sabre	1999-2002	150	19	.888
19.	Chris Hajnik, Sabre	1993-95	147	54	.731
20.	Yehuda Kovacs, Foil	1986-89	146	11	.929
	Pat Gerard, Foil	1975-78	146	19	.884
22.	Charles Higgs-Coulthard, Foil	1984-87	145	17	.895
23.	Terry McConville, Foil	1974-77	142	44	.763
24.	Mike McCahey, Foil	1975-78	138	21	.868
25.	Mike Van der Velden, Foil	1983-86	137	41	.800
	Steve Mautone, Foil	1999-2002	137	59	.698
27.	Ed Fellows, Epee	1974-77	136	38	.781
28.	Andy Quaroni, Epee	1982-85	133	23	.853
29.	David Calderhead, Epee	1989-92	131	32	.804
30.	Sam DiFiglio, Sabre	1974-76	130	23	.850
31.	Chris Bagger, Sabre	1988-92	129	17	.884
	Mike Matranga, Epee	1971-74	129	31	.806
	Stanton Brunner, Foil	1993-95	129	37	.777
34.	Phil Leary, Foil	1988-91	126	18	.889
	Don Johnson, Sabre/Foil	1983-86	126	34	.787
	Rian Girard, Foil-Epee	1991-94	126	42	.750
37.	Rich Daly, Epee	1980-83	123	29	.809
	Jeff Wartgow, Sabre	1994-97	123	62	.665
39.	John Edwards, Sabre/Foil	1983-86	121	20	.858
40.	Charles Hayes, Foil	1997-99	119	36	.768
41.	Todd Griffie, Epee	1986-89	118	26	.819
42.	Andy Bonk, Foil	1977-80	117	14	.890
43.	Jeff Piper, Foil	1991-93	116	18	.866
44.	Mike Cornwall, Foil	1970-73	115	45	.719
45.	Greg Armi, Sabre	1977-81	114	31	.786
<b>46.</b>	<b>Michal Sobieraj, Epee</b>	<b>2002-</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.933</b>
	Derek Holeman, Foil/Epee	1987-90	111	19	.854
	John Strass, Epee	1975-78	111	42	.725
	Jim Mullenix, Foil	1971-74	111	44	.716
	Tom Coye, Foil	1972-75	111	45	.711
51.	Kevin Stoutermire, Sabre	1984-87	108	14	.885
	Chris McQuade, Sabre	1992, '94-'96	108	53	.671
53.	Marc DeJong, Foil	1979-83	107	27	.799
54.	Dan Yu, Sabre	1987-88, '90-'91	106	18	.855
55.	Derek Snyder, Foil	2002-04	104	19	.846
56.	Chris Lyons, Sabre	1978-79	102	22	.830
57.	James Taliaferro, Sabre	1990-93	101	17	.856
58.	Ed Bagger, Sabre	1989-92	100	9	.917
	Steve Salimando, Foil	1976-78	100	17	.855
	Jim Russomano, Foil	1958-60	100	17	.855

**BOLD** indicates current fencers

**Did You Know?**

Current senior Michal Sobieraj's .933 career win pct. is well ahead of the ND men's epee record, held by his former teammate Jan Viviani (.890).





## Individual Career Winning Percentage

Pl.Name, Weapon	Years	Pct.	Won	Lost
1. Leszek Nowosielski, Sabre	1988-91	.980	97	2
2. Mike Sullivan, Sabre	1976-79	.979	183	4
3. Ozren Debic, Foil	2000-03	.952	157	8
4. David Kirby, Sabre	1988-93	.943	66	4
5. Gabor Szelle, Sabre	1999-2001, '03	.933	182	13
<b>Michal Sobieraj, Epee</b>	<b>2002-</b>	<b>.933</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>8</b>
7. Yehuda Kovacs, Foil	1986-89	.930	146	11
8. Ed Baguer, Sabre	1989-92	.917	100	9
9. Luke La Valle, Sabre	1996-99	.909	200	20
10. Jeremy Siek, Foil	1994-97	.901	191	21
11. Gerry Finney, Sabre	1952-54	.897	61	7
12. Charles Higgs-Coulthard, Foil	1984-87	.895	145	17
13. Andy Bonk, Foil	1977-80	.893	117	14
14. Jan Viviani, Epee	2000-03	.890	162	20
15. Joel Clark, Foil	1987-90	.889	96	12
16. Andre Crompton, Sabre	1999-2002	.888	150	19
17. Kevin Stoutermire, Sabre	1984-87	.885	108	14
18. Pat Gerard, Foil	1975-78	.884	146	19
Chris Baguer, Sabre	1988-92	.884	129	17
20. Matt Fabricant, Sabre	2000-03	.878	151	21
21. Phil Leary, Foil	1988-91	.875	126	18
Mike Bathon, Sabre	1984-86	.875	42	6
23. Noel Young, Foil	1990-91	.870	60	9
24. Mike McCahey, Foil	1975-78	.868	138	21
25. Jeff Piper, Foil	1990-93	.866	116	18
26. Ola Harstrom, Epee	1981-83	.861	93	15
27. Tim Glass, Epee	1974-77	.860	160	26
28. James Taliaferro, Sabre	1990-93	.856	101	17
29. Dan Yu, Sabre	1987-91	.855	106	18
Steve Salimando, Foil	1976-79	.855	100	17
Jim Russomano, Foil	1958-60	.855	100	17
32. Derek Holeman, Foil/Epee	1987-90	.854	111	21
33. Mike Janis, Sabre	1982-85	.853	157	27
Andy Quaroni, Epee	1982-85	.853	133	23
-- <b>Patrick Ghattas, Sabre</b>	<b>2004-</b>	<b>.900</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>

Minimum 40 career wins and two seasons. **Bold** indicates current fencers.



Sabre Kevin Stoutermire ('84-'87) is one of 60 Notre Dame men's fencers ever to post 100-plus wins (108-14) while his .885 career-winning percentage ranks 17th in the Irish record book (among all weapons).



1988 Notre Dame captains (from left) foilist Yehuda Kovacs, epeeist Todd Griffie and sabre Tim Collins.



Notre Dame's dominant 1978 NCAA championship threesome combined for a 102-5 regular-season record, including 41-0 from sabre Mike Sullivan (far left), 31-3 by foilist Pat Gerard (second from right) and a 30-2 mark from epeeist Bjorn Vaggo (far right).

## Team Records

### Single-Season Wins

1. 1996	29-3
2. 1995	28-2
3. 1986	26-0
1976	26-0
5. 2001	25-0
6. 2003	24-0
2004	24-1
1990	24-1
1988	24-1
1997	24-2

### Single-Season Winning Percentage

1. 2003 (24-0), 2002 (18-0), 2001 (25-0), 1986 (26-0), 1976 (26-0), 1991 (23-0), 1985 (23-0), 1977 (23-0), 1987 (22-0), 1994 (21-0), 1989 (21-0), 1979 (20-0), 2002 (18-0), 1978 (18-0), 1967 (18-0), 1958 (16-0), 1992 (14-0), 1936 (9-0), 1950 (9-0), 1935 (7-0)	1.000
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### Single-Season Bouts Won

1. 1996	606
2. 1995	601
3. 1986	568
4. 1997	561
5. 1976	550
6. 1988	538
7. 1990	534
8. 2003	517
9. 2004	515
10. 2001	508

### Single-Season Bout Winning Percentage

1. 1989 (481-86)	.848
2. 1991 (504-100)	.834
3. 1987 (486-108)	.818
4. 2002 (395-91)	.813
4. 1986 (568-134)	.809
5. 1978 (392-94)	.807
6. 1976 (550-135)	.803
7. 1992 (305-75)	.802
8. 1984 (449-112)	.800
9. 2003 (492-129)	.799
10. 1988 (538-137)	.797

### Did You Know?

The Notre Dame men's fencing team compiled a 93-1 record in regular-season bouts from 2001-04.





Conor Power was a two-year monogram winner and NCAA competitor for the Irish, compiling an 89-23 (.795) foil record from 1994-95 while helping Notre Dame win the 1994 NCAA title.



Foilist Stephane Auriol ('96-'99) owns the 14th-most career wins (154-53) in Notre Dame men's fencing history, among all weapons (fourth among foilists).

**Single-Season Wins** (all weapons)

Pl.	Name (weapon)	Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Bill Lester (sabre)	1996	67	7	.905
2.	Jeremy Siek (foil)	1996	66	6	.917
3.	Luke La Valle (sabre)	1996	64	8	.889
4.	Chris Hajnik (sabre)	1995	57	19	.750
	Brian Stone (epee)	1995	57	19	.750
6.	Gabor Szelle (sabre)	1999	56	2	.966
	Conor Power (foil)	1995	56	12	.824
	Carl Jackson (epee)	1995	56	17	.767
9.	Bill Lester (sabre)	1995	55	7	.887

**Single-Season Win Pct.** (all weapons)

Pl.	Name (weapon)	Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Mike Sullivan (sabre)	1978	41	0	1.000
	Ed Baguer (sabre)	1992	30	0	1.000
3.	Mike Sullivan (sabre)	1976	53	1	.981
4.	Mike Sullivan (sabre)	1977	47	1	.979
5.	Ozren Debic (foil)	2003	43	1	.977
6.	Yehuda Kovacs (foil)	1987	34	1	.971
7.	Gerry Finney (sabre)	1954	32	1	.970
8.	Yehuda Kovacs (foil)	1989	31	1	.969
9.	Gabor Szelle (sabre)	1999	56	2	.966
10.	Kevin Stoutermire (sabre)	1987	46	2	.958

Minimum 30 wins

**Foil Career Wins**

Pl.	Name	Years	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Jeremy Siek	'94-'97	191	21	.901
2.	Forest Walton	'00-'01, '03-'04	158	35	.819
3.	Ozren Debic	'00-'03	157	8	.952
4.	Stephane Auriol	'96-'99	154	53	.744
5.	Pat Gerard	'75-'78	146	19	.884
	Yehuda Kovacs	'86-'89	146	11	.930
7.	Charles Higgs-Coulthard	'84-'87	145	17	.895
8.	Terry McConville	'74-'77	142	44	.763
9.	Mike McCahey	'75-'78	138	21	.868
10.	Steve Mautone	'99-'02	137	59	.698
	Mike Van der Velden	'83-'86	137	41	.770

**Foil Career Winning Percentage**

Pl.	Name	Years	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Ozren Debic	'00-'03	157	8	.952
2.	Yehuda Kovacs	'86-'89	146	11	.930
3.	Mike DeCicco	'47-'49	45	4	.918
4.	Jeremy Siek	'94-'97	191	21	.901
5.	Charles Higgs-Coulthard	'84-'87	145	17	.895
6.	Andy Bonk	'77-'80	117	14	.891
7.	Joel Clark	'87-'90	96	12	.889
8.	Pat Gerard	'75-'78	146	19	.884
9.	Phil Leary	'88-'91	126	18	.889
10.	Derek Holeman	'87-'90	109	16	.872

Minimum 40 wins and two seasons



Foilist Paul Capobianco helped Notre Dame win the 1994 NCAA championship while posting an 85-34 career record.

**Foil Single-Season Wins**

Pl.	Name	Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Jeremy Siek	1996	66	6	.917
2.	Conor Power	1995	56	12	.824
3.	Jeremy Siek	1995	53	7	.883
4.	Rian Girard	1993	51	11	.823
5.	Paul Capobianco	1996	50	20	.714
6.	Stanton Brunner	1995	48	15	.762
7.	Jeff Piper	1993	45	6	.882
	Stanton Brunner	1993	45	11	.804
	Steve Mautone	1999	45	17	.726
10.	Jim Mullinix	1974	44	7	.863
	Charles Hayes	1997	44	12	.786
	Stephane Auriol	1999	44	13	.772
	Stephane Auriol	1998	44	13	.772
	John Tejada	1998	44	14	.759

**Foil Single-Season Win Percentage**

Pl.	Name	Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1.	Ozren Debic	2003	43	1	.977
2.	Yehuda Kovacs	1987	34	1	.971
3.	Yehuda Kovacs	1989	31	1	.969
4.	Ozren Debic	2001	42	2	.955
	Jeremy Siek	1997	42	2	.954
6.	Pat Gerard	1977	36	2	.947
7.	Ozren Debic	2002	30	2	.938
8.	Ozren Debic	2000	42	3	.933
	Charles Higgs-Coulthard	1985	33	2	.933
10.	Jeremy Siek	1996	66	6	.917
	Derek Holeman	1987	33	3	.917

Minimum 30 wins



**Did You Know?**

Sabre Mike Sullivan's career included an undefeated regular season in 1978, plus two one-loss seasons and a 42-2 mark in 1979.

