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UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location Columbus, Ohio (pop. 1.5m)
 Founded 1870
 Enrollment 52,568 (Columbus campus)
 60,347 (all campuses)
 Nickname Buckeyes
 Colors Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)
 Mascot Brutus Buckeye
 President Gordon Gee
 Director of Athletics Eugene Smith
 Faculty Representative John Bruno
 Conference Big Ten (1913)

FENCING HISTORY

First Year 1924
 National Team Championships 3 (2008, 2004, 1942)
 NCAA Individual Champions Men-9, Women-1
 All-Americans Men-42, Women-45
 Midwest Collegiate Championships Men-12, Women-15
 Big Ten Championships (-1995) Men's Team-6
 Women's Team-4, Men-17, Women-2
 Academic All-Big Ten Selections 120
 OSU Scholar-Athletes 215
 Facility Steelwood Athletic Training Facility

TEAM FACTS

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 Record at Ohio State (Yrs.) Men 166-31
 Women 172-45
 Assistant Gia Abashidze, 8th year
 Assistant Alexander Smerdin, 9th year
 Volunteer Assistant..... Louise Bond-Williams, 5th year
 Volunteer Assistant..... Christian Rivera, 2nd year
 2007-08 Men's Overall Record..... 16-1
 2007-08 Women's Overall Record 17-1
 National Finish..... First

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Please direct all credential requests to Alissa Clendenen in the athletics communications office. Credentials may be picked up in the athletics communications office in Room 124 St. John Arena prior to the meet. All remaining credentials will be placed at the media pass gate and will be available one hour prior to the beginning of the meet. The media pass gate is located at the middle set of doors on the west side of St. John Arena in the walkway between French Field House and St. John Arena. Proper identification is required to obtain credentials. Credentials are for adult use only and are non-transferrable.

COACH & PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Head coach Vladimir Nazlymov and his staff can best be reached during the morning hours, when in town, in the fencing office at 614-292-1489. Media wishing to conduct interviews with any member of the Ohio State fencing team should contact Stried at least one day in advance to allow setup time.

ROAD REQUESTS

Please direct all credential requests for Ohio State away matches to the host school's sports information director (see opponent information on page 3).

TRAINING

The Buckeyes practice Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Steelwood Athletic Training Facility located at 1160 Steelwood Road.

WEEKLY RELEASE

The weekly release, which includes notes and statistics, is available on the official Ohio State Athletics Department web site at: ohiostatebuckeyes.com. Releases are not mailed.

MEET DAY MEDIA SERVICES

Team notes will be made available to the media prior to each meet. Results will be distributed about 20 minutes following each meet. Any additional requests should be directed to a member of the Athletics Communications staff.

PHOTO REQUESTS

All still photography requests of Ohio State players and coaches must be faxed or e-mailed to Diana Sabau. She can be reached at 614-688-0664 or electronically at sabau.2@osu.edu.

POST-MATCH PROCEDURES

No formal press conference is held after each meet. Special requests should be made to Alissa Clendenen prior to the end of the meet. Requested interviews will begin approximately 10 minutes after the meet ends. Fencers and coaches will be available on the floor or in a designated media area. A member of the Ohio State Athletics Communications staff will assist with interviews.

VIDEO SERVICES

For information regarding video services and game footage (if available), contact Mark Smith, manager of video services at 614-688-5359.

PHONE LINES

Broadcast radio personnel need to order phone lines at least one week prior to the meet. To do so, call University Phone Services at 614-292-8648.

RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTS

Any member of the media wishing to broadcast Ohio State games should contact the Athletics Communications office at least 48 hours prior to the meet.

OHIOSTATEBUCKEYES.COM

This is the official web site of the Ohio State Athletics Department. Ohio State fencing releases as well as a wide variety of athletics department information can be found on the web, including links to all 36 varsity sports.

2008-09 OHIO STATE FENCING SCHEDULE		
Nov.	1	
Nov.	7-10	OSU DUALS ¹
Dec.	12-14	at Junior North American Cup
Jan.	16-19	at North American Cup
Jan.	24-25	at North American Cup
Jan.-Feb.	31-1	at New York University Duals
Feb.	7-8	at Northwestern Duals
Feb.	13-16	at Notre Dame Duals
Feb.-March	28-1	at Junior Olympics
March	7-8	at Midwest Conference Championships
March	19-22	REGIONAL QUALIFIERS ²
		at NCAA Championships
		Columbus, Ohio
		St. Louis, Mo.
		Colorado Springs, Colo.
		Louisville, Ky.
		New York, N.Y.
		Evanston, Ill.
		South Bend, Ind.
		Albuquerque, N.M.
		South Bend, Ind.
		Columbus, Ohio
		State College, Pa.

¹French Fieldhouse; ²RPAC

2008 olympians



hannah thompson



jason rogers



siobhan byrne

national champions



2008 national champion team



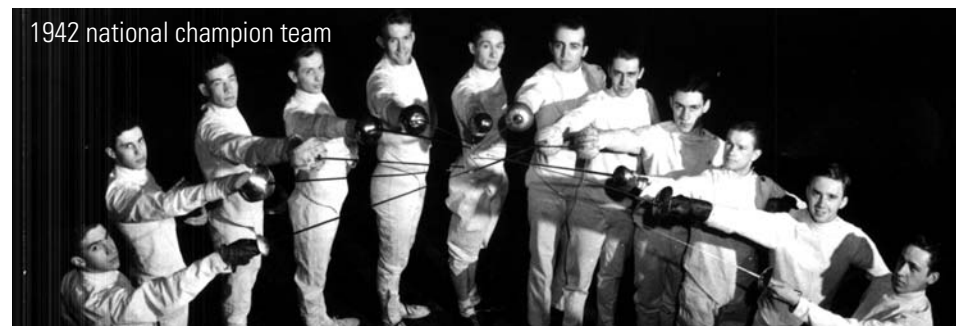
ben burtt



2004 national champion team



adam crompton



1942 national champion team



yelina kalkina



boaz ellis



andras horanyi

season outlook [08-09]



andras horanyi



After winning its second NCAA Championship in five seasons in 2007-08, the 2008-09 edition of the Ohio State fencing team will look to the future and try to bring home another title for the Scarlet and Gray. That effort will be boosted by the return of seven fencers from last year's championship squad, including five from the men's side.

>> THE MEN'S TEAM

With two-consecutive individual foil national championships to his name, senior Andras Horanyi will return once more and try to become just the third Buckeye fencer to win three individual titles. Last season, Horanyi's 25-3 regular season record and first place finishes at the Midwest Conference Championships and Midwest Regional Qualifier paced Ohio State on its way to the national championship.

Ben Parkins, who finished ninth in the nation as a freshman in foil, will join Horanyi and be the second half of one of the nation's most formidable foil tandems. Parkins came on strong down the stretch last season, finishing fourth at the Midwest Regional to earn a bid into the NCAA Championships.

Also returning for his senior campaign is sabre specialist Mike Momtselidze, who has twice advanced to the round of four at the NCAA Championships, although he has never claimed an elusive national championship. His gold medal performance at the Midwest Conference Championships highlighted a brilliant regular season performance in which he went 25-4 against varsity opponents. He was even stronger at the NCAA Championships, winning a championship-high 22 matches.

The third Buckeye senior returning from the championship team is epee specialist Jason Pryor, who is second only to Horanyi in active career wins with 87. A critical piece of the championship team last year, it was Pryor who locked up the national title for Ohio State with a 5-3 win over Teddy Sherrill of Harvard in the seventh round of competition. Joining Pryor on the epee strip is championship-veteran Sean Harder, who as a junior went 27-17 against varsity opponents.

Other Buckeyes looking to make an impact this season are Max Stearns and John Friend, who will both back up Momtselidze in sabre. Colin Sutter will look to build on a solid freshman season that saw him record Top-10 finishes at both the Midwest Conference Championships and the Midwest Regional Qualifier. Igor Tolkachev will look to follow his brother, former Buckeye standout Denis Tolkachev (2004-06), in epee success at Ohio State.

>> THE WOMEN'S TEAM

Although the women's team returns only two of six competitors from last season's national championship team, the talent is there for another championship run. Gone are seniors Eileen Grench, Siobhan Byrne, Aleksandra Obrzцова and Kaela Brendler, who combined for 494 regular season victories over varsity opponents and 12 All-American considerations.

The foil team returns intact, headed by NCAA runner-up Oksana Dmytruk, who was electrifying down the stretch of last season's championship run. Her 44 regular season wins were the most of any Buckeye in 2007-08 and her first place performances at the Midwest Conference Championships and Midwest Regional Qualifier were keys to team success.

Junior Lindsay Knauer fills out the second half of the foil unit following a breakout sophomore season in which she finished sixth in the nation. After recording 38 regular season wins over varsity opponents, Knauer helped lead the Buckeyes to a sixth-consecutive Midwest Conference Championship with a bronze medal performance.

Sophomore Falencia Miller and freshman Margarita Tschomakova will step into the top sabre spots vacated by Byrne and Grench. Miller went 37-12 last season against varsity opponents and finished fifth at the Midwest Conference Championship. Freshman Emily Cheng will also add valuable depth to the unit.

The epee unit will see a familiar face in a new place as junior Julia Tikhonova makes the switch from foil. A veteran of the NCAA Championships in 2006-07, Tikhonova will be a veteran presence on a squad filled with youth. Freshman Miriam Baranov and sophomores Mary Pozydaev and Elyse Gurnowski will all contribute in what should be a key weapon for the Buckeyes this season.

>> THE ROAD AHEAD

The 2008-09 schedule will present many challenges for the defending champs, starting with an appearance at the Detroit Duals Jan. 10 to begin the spring schedule. Two weekends later the Buckeyes will make a New York City circuit, starting with the St. John's Duals Jan. 24 and the NYU Duals Jan. 25. Ohio State travels to Evanston, Ill. the following weekend for the Northwestern Duals and the final dual meet of the regular season.

The Buckeyes then turn to the Midwest Conference Championships Feb. 28-March 1 in Notre Dame, Ind., where they will look to extend their record to seven-consecutive titles. They will stay in Columbus for the Midwest Regional Qualifier, March 7, and look to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the NCAA Championships March 22-25 in State College, Pa., on the Penn State campus.



OHIO STATE HAS / **8** / ALL-AMERICA HONOREES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

mike momtselidze



[2008-09 OHIO STATE FENCING ROSTER]

Men's Squad	Weapon	Yr.	Hometown	High School/Club
Daniel Bass	Foil	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	University City H.S./Parkway F.C.
Alexander Delaney	Epee	Jr.	Maplewood, N.J.	Columbia/New Jersey Fencing Alliance
Joe Doherty	Foil	So.	San Leandro, Calif.	Piedmont/San Francis Fencers Club
Robert Douville	Sabre	So.	Fayetteville, Ga.	Fayette County H.S./Nelya Fencers Club
John Friend	Sabre	So.	Kansas City, Mo.	Rockhurst Jesuit Prep/KC Fencing Center
Eric Gurnowski	Epee	Fr.	Hackettstown, N.J.	Hackettstown
Sean Harder	Epee	Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Mira Costa/Los Angeles International F.C.
Grant Holzen	Sabre	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Univ. of Dayton/AFAD
Andras Horanyi	Foil	Sr.	Boulder, Colo.	Boulder/Northern Colorado Fencers
Bishara Korkor	Epee	So.	Hartland, Wis.	Arrowhead/Wisconsin Fencing Academy
Cameron Lasota	Sabre	Fr.	Larkspur, Calif.	Redwood
Trent Lundquist	Sabre	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.	University of Detroit Jesuit
Zach McRae	Epee	So.	San Francisco, Calif.	School of the Arts/Halberstadt Fencer Club
Mikhail Momtselidze	Sabre	Sr.	Overland Park, Mo.	Whetstone (Columbus)/Fencing Alliance of Ohio
Ben Parkins	Foil	So.	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands
Jason Pryor	Epee	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Charles F. Brush/Alcazar
Avinash Somir	Epee	So.	East Northport, N.Y.	Commack/Island Fencing Academy
Max Stearns	Sabre	Fr.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Minneapolis South
Joe Streb	Foil	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Upper Arlington/Columbus Fencers Club
Colin Sutter	Foil	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Alexander Smith Academy/Salle Mavro
Igor Tolkachev	Epee	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Russia	College of Olympic Reserve
Dylan Walrond	Epee	Fr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	Rocky Mountain H.S.
Dexter Wilde	Sabre	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Lincoln Park/Midwest Fencing Alliance
William Woods	Epee	Fr.	Bay Village, Ohio	Bay Village H.S.
Women's Squad	Weapon	Yr.	Hometown	High School/Club
Miriam Barana	Epee	Fr.	Powell, Ohio	Olentangy Liberty
Ingrid Biederman	Foil	Sr.	Worthington, Ohio	Thomas Worthington
Isabella Bonello	Foil	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio	Fort Hayes
Emily Cheng	Sabre	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.	Rio Americano
Elyse Gurnowski	Epee	Jr.	Hackettstown, N.J.	Hackettstown/Medeo Fencing Club
Victoria Harris	Sabre	Fr.	Lincolnshire, Ill.	Stevenson H.S.
Allison Henrick	Foil	Fr.	San Francisco, Calif.	Drew School
Larissa Kenney	Sabre	Fr.	La Jolla, Calif.	La Jolla Country Day
Lindsay Knauer	Foil	Jr.	Medford, N.J.	Home School/Fencing Academy of South Jersey
Holly McKibben	Foil	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Graham/Fencing Alliance of Ohio
Falencia Miller	Sabre	So.	Decatur, Ga.	Tucker/Nellya Fencers Club
Kiara Moore	Sabre	Fr.	Summit, N.J.	Oak Knoll
Mary Pozydaev	Epee	So.	Fairview Park, Ohio	Fairview/Hooked on Fencing
Sarah Smith	Foil	So.	Smyrna, Ga.	Woodward Academy/Athletic Club Northeast
Julia Tikhonova	Epee	Jr.	Jerusalem, Israel	Vizo School of Arts/Hapoal Haifa
Margarita Tschomakov	Sabre	Fr.	Bonn, Germany	Beethoven Gymnasium
Alyssa Wootton	Sabre	So.	Boca Raton, Fla.	The Culver Academies

[PRONUNCIATION GUIDE]

Momtselidze: mom-see-LAY-zay	Biederman: bee-DER-man
Horanyi: hor-AN-yee	Wootton: WOOT-en
Tikhonova: tik-HO-nova	Pozydaev: po-zee-DAE-ev
Tschomakov: show-MA-cove	Gurnowski: Gur-NOW-ski