

# WOMEN'S FENCING

**First Match:** Dec. 2, 1988 (at Navy)

*Updated May 1998*

**All-Time Record:** 91-71-0 (.562)

**Head Coaching Register:**

	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
Michel Sebastiani (1988-present)	91	71	0	.562

**Ivy League Championships (1): 1999**

**National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) Championship (2): 1993, 1994**

## Quick Facts:

- Women's fencing attained full varsity status in 1988.
- In the program's fifth varsity season, the 1992-93 squad was responsible for a number of "firsts." The team had its first winning season and brought home Princeton's first NIWFA championship, making Michel Sebastiani the first coach to win the title at three institutions. (He previously won at Cornell and New York University.) In addition, Susan Ginn '95 won the first épée championship in NIWFA history — women previously had competed only in foil. The team went on to finish sixth at the NCAA Championships and helped Princeton (combined men and women) to an overall finish of fifth place, its best in 10 years.
- Before 1993, Sandy Hill '86 was the team's last participant in the NCAA Championships, competing in the event in 1986 when it was held at Princeton. At the time, women's fencing was a club sport.
- Princeton won the program's first Ivy title during the 1998-99 season. The Tigers were co-champions with Columbia and Yale.
- In 1999 the women combined with the men to win the program's first IFA 5-weapon championship.

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## Letterwinners

### 1988-89

Wen-Ting W.C. Chen '91  
Ulana M.S. Legedza '92  
Samantha Pearson '91  
Andrea A. Vag '92  
Victoria A. Wut†

### 1989-90

Elizabeth A. Briggs '93  
Wen-Ting W.C. Chen '91  
Louise M. Collins '93  
Lauren E. Reister '93  
Linda F. Shearer '91  
Andrea A. Vag '92†

### 1990-91

Ayden W. Adler '93  
Elizabeth A. Briggs '93  
Wen-Ting W.C. Chen '91†  
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Mary L. Shank '94  
Linda F. Shearer '91  
J. Hunter Woodman '94

### 1991-92

Elizabeth A. Briggs '93†  
Susan Lee Ginn '95  
Mary L. Shank '94  
Ellen Sohee '95  
J. Hunter Woodman '94

### 1992-93

Susan Lee Ginn '95  
E. Sohee Lee '95  
Nina R. Lightdale '95  
Lisa J. Picken '96  
Adrienne Y. Toy '96  
J. Hunter Woodman '94†

### 1993-94

Kerren B. Berger '97  
Kristin L. Bratzler '97  
Amy E. Freund '94  
E. Sohee Lee '95  
Nina R. Lightdale '95  
Lisa J. Picken '96  
Mary L. Shank '94  
Adrienne Y. Toy '96  
J. Hunter Woodman '94†  
Kara M. Wortman '97

### 1994-95

Kristin L. Bratzler '97  
Susan L. Ginn '96  
Nina R. Lightdale '96  
Lisa J. Picken '96†  
Abigail E. Rosen '98  
Adrienne Y. Toy '96†  
Jessica M. Vasquez '98  
Paula E. Wasley '97

### 1995-96

Kristin L. Bratzler '97  
Jamie M. Flynn '99  
Susan L. Ginn '96  
Nina R. Lightdale '96  
Lisa J. Picken '96†  
Caitlin C. Rich '99  
Abigail E. Rosen '98  
Adrienne Y. Toy '96†  
Barrett L. Williams '99

### 1996-97

Kristin L. Bratzler '97  
Jamie M. Flynn '99  
Jennifer A. Johns '00  
Alison R. Noble '99  
Nicole J. Polanichka '00  
Caitlin C. Rich '99†  
Kate G. Snedeker '99  
Orsolya E. Szotyory-Grove '00

### 1997-98

Matilde E. Acerra '01  
Kristiina J. Hurme '01  
Jennifer A. Johns '00  
Amanda C. Jones '01  
Lisa M. Leslie '01  
Nicole J. Polanichka '00†  
Kate G. Snedeker '99  
Orsolya E. Szotyory-Grove '00  
Marisa A. Van Geysel '01

### 1998-99

Matilde E. Acerra '01  
Karen M. Bratzler '02  
Lindsay K. Campbell '02  
Alexa Zhan-Neng Chew '01  
Mary J. Dunlop '02  
Katharine S. Gilbert '02  
Kristiina J. Hurme '01  
Amanda C. Jones '01  
Maya A. Lawrence '02  
Lisa M. Leslie '01  
Nicole J. Polanichka '00  
Caitlin C. Rich '99  
Kate G. Snedeker '99  
Orsolya E. Szotyory-Grove '00  
Allison K. Toy '02  
Marisa A. Van Geysel '01

## Women's Fencing Award

### The Wanda P. Sieja Award

Presented each year to that woman varsity fencer who best exemplifies good training, sportsmanship and loyalty and who through dedication and perseverance contributed outstanding service to the team.

1975 ..... Janet A. Neutze '76  
1976 ..... Jaye Pershing '79  
1977 ..... Dana J. Lieberman '79  
                    Ricki R. Rogers '77  
1978 ..... Lisa A. Vienna '81  
1979 ..... Victoria R. Bengualid '80  
1980 ..... Bonnie L. Bermas '82  
1981 ..... Diana L. Hoadley '81  
1982 ..... Sandra E. Hill '85  
1983 ..... Sandra E. Hill '85  
1984 ..... Wendy E. Soll '83  
1985 ..... Sandra E. Hill '85  
1986 ..... Elizabeth B. Zenowich '88  
1987 ..... Elizabeth B. Zenowich '88  
1988 ..... Elizabeth B. Zenowich '88  
1989 ..... Victoria Anne Wu '89  
1990 ..... Weng-Ting Chen '91  
1991 ..... Elizabeth Ann Briggs '93  
1992 ..... Elizabeth Ann Briggs '93  
1993 ..... Adrienne Y. Toy '96  
1994 ..... Mary L. Shank '94  
1995 ..... Lisa Joy Picken '96  
1996 ..... Lisa Joy Picken '96  
1997 ..... Caitlin C. Rich '99  
1998 ..... Matilde E. Acerra '01  
1999 ..... Matilde E. Acerra '01

# Results

## 1988-89

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: Victoria A. Wu  
 Overall: 5-13; Ivy:: 0-5

Navy	L	5-11
New York University	W	* 8-8
Penn State	L	2-14
Wisconsin @	W	12-4
Duke @	L	8-9
Fairleigh Dickinson @	L	5-11
North Carolina @	L	5-11
Northwestern @	L	7-9
AIR FORCE	L	7-9
HARVARD	L	3-13
HUNTER	W	15-1
Pennsylvania	L	1-15
ARMY	W	11-5
BROWN	L	6-10
CORNELL	L	6-10
ST. JOHN'S	W	12-4
COLUMBIA	L	2-41
Yale	L	1-15

\* = Princeton won match on indicators  
 @ = at State College, Pa.

## 1989-90

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: Andrea A. Vag  
 Overall: 2-11; Ivy:: 0-5

NAVY	L	4-12
NEW YORK UNIV.	L	3-13
Brown	L	6-10
Mass. Inst. of Technology	L	6-10
Brandeis	W	12-4
Harvard	L	6-10
PENNSYLVANIA	L	0-16
Cornell	L	7-9
St. John's	L	7-9
Columbia	L	1-15
RUTGERS	W	* 8-8
YALE	L	3-13
NOTRE DAME	L	2-14

\* = Princeton won match on indicators

## 1990-91

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: Wen-Ting Cheng  
 Overall: 5-9; Ivy: 2-3

Navy	L	7-9
CORNELL	W	9-7
HARVARD	W	10-6
NOTRE DAME	L	2-14
BROWN	W	12-5
ST. JOHN'S	L	7-9
NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	11-5
DUKE	W	9-7
NEW YORK UNIV.	L	7-9
NORTH CAROLINA	L	4-12
Pennsylvania	L	3-13
RUTGERS	L	6-10
COLUMBIA	L	4-12
Yale	L	4-12
NIWFA Championships #	Second	

# = at New York, N.Y.

## 1991-92

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: Elizabeth A. Briggs  
 Overall: 4-6; Ivy: 0-5

NAVY	W	10-6
Columbia	L	6-10
Brown	W	16-0
Brandeis	W	13-3
Mass. Inst. of Technology	L	5-11
Harvard	L	6-10
PENNSYLVANIA	L	1-15
Cornell	L	5-11
Rutgers	W	10-6
Yale !	L	3-13

! = at Piscataway, N.J.

## 1992-93

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: J. Hunter Woodman  
 Overall: 10-3; Ivy: 3-2

Navy	W	10-6
COLUMBIA	L	7-9
Brandeis	W	9-7
Brown @	W	14-2
Mass. Inst. of Tech. @	W	11-5
NOTRE DAME	L	5-11
Pennsylvania	W	11-5
CORNELL	W	13-3
DUKE	W	12-4
HARVARD	W	10-6
NEW YORK UNIV.	W	14-2
Yale	L	! 8-8
Rutgers #	W	13-3
NIWFA Championships @	First	
NCAA Championships \$	Fifth	

! = Princeton lost match on indicators

@ = at Waltham, Mass.

# = at New Haven, Conn.

\$ = at Detroit, Mich.

## 1993-94

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captain: J. Hunter Woodman  
 Overall: 11-6; Ivy: 2-2

Columbia	W	10-6
Harvard	L	5-11
Penn State	L	2-14
Duke	W	11-5
Fairleigh Dickinson	L	6-10
North Carolina	W	12-4
Northwestern	W	12-4
Stanford	W	9-7
JOHNS HOPKINS	W	14-2
PENNSYLVANIA	L	5-11
Brandeis %	L	8-8
Air Force	W	13-3
Brown	W	12-4
Mass. Inst. of Technolgy	W	16-0
New York University	W	15-1
Notre Dame	L	6-10
YALE	W	11-5
NIFWA Championships #	First	
NCAA CHampionships \$	Fourth	

! = Princeton lost match on indicators

# = at Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$ = at Waltham, Mass.

## 1994-95

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captains: Lisa J. Picken, Adrienne Toy  
 Overall: 8-8; Ivy: 2-3

CORNELL	W	23-9
HARVARD	W	19-13
COLUMBIA	L	13-19
Duke #	W	19-13
Cleveland State #	W	19-13
North Carolina #	W	19-13
Penn State	L	10-22
Pennsylvania	L	12-20
Notre Dame @	L	15-17
Brandeis @	W	18-14
Northwestern @	L	13-19
Brown @	W	21-11
St. John's @	L	15-17
MIT @	W	22-10
Yale ^	L	! 16-16
Rutgers	L	13-19
NCAA Championships \$	Fifth	

! = Princeton lost match on indicators

# = at University Park, Pa.

@ = at Waltham, Mass.

\$ = at South Bend, Ind.

## 1995-96

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captains: Lisa J. Picken, Adrienne Y. Toy  
 Overall: 12-2; Ivy: 3-2

Harvard	W	19-13
Columbia#	L	12-20
Cornell#	W	28-4
HUNTER	W	31-1
N. HAMPSHIRE	W	29-3
HAVERFORD	W	28-4
UMASS	W	30-2
VASSAR	W	25-7
ST. JOHN'S	W	19-13
NYU	W	21-11
Yale	L	15-17
Rutgers\$	W	18-14
PENNSYLVANIA	W	17-15
N. CAROLINA	W	24-8
NCAA Championships \$	Fourth	

# = at Cambridge, Mass.

\$ = at New Haven, Conn.

## 1996-97

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
 Captains: Caitlin C. Rich  
 Overall: 10-7; Ivy: 1-4

HUNTER	W	31-1
COLUMBIA	L	14-18
DUKE	W	22-10
FDU-TEANECK	W	24-8
ST. JOHN'S	W	17-15
HAVERFORD	W	25-7
TEMPLE	L	14-18
VASSAR	W	23-9
CORNELL	W	16-16
PENN STATE	L	7-25
RUTGERS	L	8-24
JAMES MADISON	W	22-10
CCNY	W	27-5
NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	28-4
PENNSYLVANIA	L	11-21

Yale	L	8-24
Harvard #	L	6-26
NCAA Championships \$		10th

# = at New Haven, Conn.  
\$ = at Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### 1997-98

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
Captain: Nicole J. Polanichka  
Overall: 12-4; Ivy: 3-2

PENNSYLVANIA	W	* 16-16
RUTGERS	W	* 16-16
NORTH CAROLINA	W	24-8
NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	30-2
CITY COLLEGE OF N.Y.	W	30-2
HUNTER	W	30-2
COLUMBIA	L	! 16-16
St. John's #	L	14-18
Temple #	L	9-23
Fairleigh-Dickinson #	W	28-4
Cornell	W	26-6
James Madison \$	W	26-6
HARVARD	W	19-13
YALE	L	13-19
VASSAR	W	24-8
FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSON	W	25-7
IFA Championships %		Sixth
NCAA Championships &		Eighth

\* = Princeton won match on indicators  
! = Princeton lost match on indicators  
# = at New York, N.Y.  
\$ = at Ithaca, N.Y.  
% = at Cambridge, Mass.  
^ = at Harrisonburg, Va.  
& = at South Bend, Ind.

#### 1998-99

Coach: Michel Sebastiani  
Captain: Caitlin C. Rich '99  
Overall: 12-2; Ivy: 4-1 (co-champions)

Penn State#	L	18-14
New York University#	W	28-4
North Carolina#	W	22-10
HUNTER	W	33-1
CCNY	W	44-4
COLUMBIA	W	18-14
RUTGERS	W	22-10
ST. JOHN'S	W	25-7
FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSON	W	29-3
CORNELL	W	24-8
Pennsylvania	W	22-10
Johns Hopkins*	W	30-2
Harvard \$	W	22-10
Yale \$	L	18-14
IFA Championships ^		Second
NCAA Championships %		Fourth

# = at University Park, Pa.  
\$ = at Cambridge, Mass.  
\* = at Philadelphia, Pa.  
^ = at Ithaca, N.Y.  
% = Waltham, Mass.

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# Records

## Team

### Most wins in a season

12 ..... 1995-96 (12-2)  
              1997-98 (12-4)  
              1998-99 (12-2)  
11 ..... 1993-94 (11-6)  
10 ..... 1992-93 (10-3)  
              1996-97 (10-7)

### Most losses in a season

13 ..... 1988-89 (5-13)  
11 ..... 1989-90 (2-11)  
9 ..... 1990-91 (5-9)

### Fewest wins in a season

2 ..... 1989-90 (2-11)  
4 ..... 1991-92 (4-6)  
5 ..... 1988-89 (5-13)  
              1990-91 (5-9)

### Fewest losses in a season

2 ..... 1995-96 (12-2)  
              1998-99 (12-2)  
3 ..... 1992-93 (10-3)  
4 ..... 1997-98 (12-4)  
6 ..... 1991-92 (4-6)  
              1993-94 (11-6)

### Longest winning streak

12 ..... 1998-99  
8 ..... 1995-96  
6 ..... 1997-98  
5 ..... 1992-93

### Longest losing streak

6 ..... 1988-89  
              1990-91  
5 ..... 1989-90