Home of the Ivy League Champions 2010

The Tigers ended the 2009-2010 season on a high note, boasting twin Ivy League Championships for both the men's and women's teams. Both teams remained undefeated at the end of the competition, and the titles were the first for both men and women since 2001. Princeton also came out of the competition with the most All-Ivy honorees. On the men's team, Alexander Mills '12, Jonathan Yergler '13, and Graham Wicas '11 all received first-team All-Ivy honors.

The women's first-team All-Ivy honorees included Brianna Martin '13, Lucile Jarry '12, and Susannah Scanlan '12. The second-team All-Ivy team honorees included Thomas Abend '10, David Mandle '12, Eliza Stone '13, and Phoebe Caldwell '13.

The team hopes to repeat last season's victories at this year's Ivy Championships, which will be hosted at Princeton's Jadwin Gym on February 12th and 13th. Join us in cheering on the team if you're in the area!

Tigers Set Record at NCAA Finals 2010

Princeton's results at last season's NCAA Finals was an unparalleled success for the Tigers. For the first time, the team clinched the maximum twelve bids to the tournament at Harvard. Women's fencers Eliza Stone '13, Brianna Martin '13, and Susannah Scanlan '12 earned All-America honors. On the men's side, Thomas Abend '10, Alexander Mills '12, and Jonathan Yergler '13 finished with All-America status. Princeton's results were the team's best finish since 2003. This year's NCAA finals will be at Ohio State University on March 24-27.
Rimgailene, a former world champion but then lost to Lithuanian Rasa against a higher seeded Japanese fencer in the round 8. Adams went 4-1 in his pool losing only to Enrico Antinoro of Italy. In the round of 16 he defeated the number 8 seed, Marin Ivanov of Bulgaria. Next he upset the number 1 seed, Eric Louiseau of France, dominating him 10-4. In the semi-finals he again faced Antinoro and exacted his revenge defeating the Italian 10-5. In the finals he lost to Vittorio Carrera of Italy 10-5. After the medal presentation and the raising of an American flag for Anthony’s second place finished, Anthony opened his fencing jacket to reveal his Princeton Fencing t-shirt.

On the third day Leighton fenced the 50-59 women’s epee. She went 3-2 in her pool losing to Kate Smith of Great Britain and Karen Jansen of Germany. Both these fencers made the final 8. Louise won her first bout against a higher seeded Japanese fencer but then lost to Lithuanian Rasa Rimgailene, a former world champion (Limoges, France, 2008).

Pat Lawrence also fenced on the third day in the 60-69 women’s sabre. She was ably coached by her daughter, Maya ‘02. Lawrence won one bout in her pool, defeating Annegret Hamann of Germany 5-4. She then lost her first direct elimination bout to Margo Myers of Great Britain, 10-7, finishing 15th.

On the fourth day both Baker and Adams competed. Baker fenced the 60-69 sabre event. He was 3-2 in his pool losing to Ricardo Carmina of Italy and Akira Shinki of Japan. In the round of 16 Keith lost to Gianni Ferraro of Italy 10-8. Adams went through his pool undefeated and was seeded first in the direct elimination round. He defeated an American teammate in the round of 16, a British fencer in the round of 8 and another American teammate. This took him to the raised strip for the

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Fencers Welcome the Class of 2014:

8 Rookies Boost Team Rankings

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Alumni in Veteran World Championships

[continued from Page 2] gold medal bout against Peter Bucher of Switzerland who was also undefeated for the day. Adams wore bright orange shoe laces to announce his Princeton legacy. He lost the gold medal bout 10-4.

On the fifth day, both Adams and Pavlovich competed in their respective foil events. Adams went 2-2 in his pool and then won his first bout in the direct elimination round. In the round of 8 he faced defending champion Gari Aftandilov of Russia. Adams led 6-4 at the 3 minute break but could not hold the lead and lost 10-8 in a close and tough bout. Aftandilov successfully defended his title easily winning his next two bouts.

Pavlovich won four of five pool bouts, losing only to Martin Broodbakker of the Netherlands. He was not, however, able to follow up on this strong beginning and lost his first direct elimination bout to Yutaka Yamazaki of Japan whom he had defeated in the pool, 5-2.

On Sunday evening Adams was also presented with a certificate to recognize his presence at 10 world championships.

Adams followed up this successful tournament two weeks later. At the annual veterans dinner in Cincinnati (at the next national veterans tournament) he was honored by the US Fencing Association and the Veterans Committee by being named Male Veteran Fencer of the Year.

Congratulations to all these Tigers for a fine showing at the World Championships.

A message from

Steven A. Caputo '75, P01, 03

Dear Fencing Friends & Alumni:

You probably are aware that over the past few years the University has transitioned to a development program where the athletic department raises funds from alumni and friends from July 1 through December 31 and the Annual Giving Program solicits funds from January 1 through June 30. Coaches receive regular updates as to the total dollars raised and the participation rates achieved.

Some of us who were around during the Stan Sieja days can describe how Stan used to squirrel away money for the future. He had a tattered bank book that he kept in an ancient volume in his library at home. Every time I visited he showed me the bank book and he told me that it contained the protection against the University getting rid of the fencing program. He made me promise each time that when I graduated I would support Princeton Fencing and make sure that it continued forever. It is with that image in mind that I write this letter to you, having recently agreed to spearhead the Fencing Team’s alumni giving efforts.

I am asking you to make a generous contribution to Princeton Fencing this year and for the next four years. Last year our giving percentage was very low, around 8.7%, for a total of only $13,000. We need to shoot for a participation percentage of around 65% overall, a figure that is more than reasonable if you consider how much affinity all of us have for the fencing program and all of the good memories we share. The Friends of Fencing is charged each year with covering basic annual operating budget costs including but not limited to: out of region travel, equipment, technology, recruiting, and other program enhancements.

To boost our efforts an anonymous member of the Friends of Fencing has offered to create a matching fund to be used as an incentive. Every time a gift is made, this alumnus has agreed to make a new $25 gift to Princeton Fencing. At the present time the alum has pledged $10,000.00 which would cover 400 gifts, and is willing to consider increasing this ceiling if the Fencing community rises to the challenge.

We are seeking volunteers to work on our fund raising efforts. Please email me if you are interested in working on either project. In the meantime please mail your donations payable to Princeton Fencing to the following address: Princeton University, P.O. Box 5357, Princeton, NJ 08543-5357.

Finally, I encourage you to visit the Stan Sieja fencing room, newly refurbished through your generous contributions, and get to know the Princeton fencers and the coaching staff, Zoltan, Hristov, and Szilvia. We have the combination of talented fencers and coaches at one of the most desirable schools in the country. The coaching staff creates a competitive environment for the fencers while exhibiting a personal warmth that pays off in team loyalty and recruiting. Their champion fencing technique is important since there are currently three Olympic contenders on our women’s team. Fencing alumni, old timers and more recent grads will be thrilled by the quality of their coaching!
On November 13th and 14th, the Princeton Tigers competed at the 39th annual Pennsylvania State Garret Open. The competition was an individual event, but the Tigers performed excellently as a team, walking away with spectacular results. Topping the list of women’s finishes was freshman foilist Eve Levin, who earned a silver medal in her event out of a field of 62 competitors. Junior foilist Lucile Jarry earned a 4th place finish in the same event. In women’s epee, sophomore Phoebe Caldwell took 8th place and Hannah Safford took 13th. In women’s Saber, sophomore Eliza Stone and freshman Diamond Wheeler both placed in the top 8, taking 5th and 8th places respectively. Sophomore Joanna Cichomski took 15th place.

The men’s team results were equally promising. Junior captain Alexander Mills took the silver in the men’s foil event and sophomore Robbie Malcolm took 13th place. In epee, sophomore Edward Kelley battled his way to a bronze medal. In saber, John Stogin earned 5th place. Freshman sabreist Phil Dershwitz took 9th place and junior Craig Limoli took 17th.

Overall, the tournament was a success. 9 of the teams that finished in the top 20 at last year’s NCAA tournament took part in the tournament, including Penn State, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Harvard, and the University of Pennsylvania. The Tigers thrived at the high-level competition, which consisted of a series of pools with cuts follow by 15 touch direct elimination bouts. The Tigers will begin their meet schedule on December 5th, when they travel to Sacred Heart duals.
Princeton Fencing Team
2010-2011 Roster

MEN’S TEAM

EPEE: John Burford ‘12, Michael Elfassy ‘11, Cooper Gegan ‘12, Edward Kelley ‘13, Graham Wicas ‘11, Jonathan Yergler ‘12


SABRE: Phil Dershwitz ‘14, Spencer Koo ‘14, Craig Limoli ‘12, Stephen Moch ‘14, John Stogin ‘11, Robert Stone ‘14

WOMEN’S TEAM

EPEE: Phoebe Caldwell ‘13, Eunice Chan ‘12, Hannah Safford ‘13, Susannah Scanlan ‘12


Share Your Fencing Memories with Us!

We’d love to hear your memories and stories with the Princeton Fencing Team. If you have memorable anecdotes with Coaches Sieja, Sebastiani, Dudas, or your teammates from during or after Princeton, please share them with us! We would love to include stories or any pictures you might have in upcoming newsletters and our team website (www.princeton.edu/~tigerfen).

Please email any memories, notes, or feedback to Eunice Chan (eschan@princeton.edu) and pictures to David Mandle (dmandle@princeton.edu).