

Men's & Women's Fencing
2007-08



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MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown/High School
Patrick Alvarado	Jr.	Epee	Newark, NJ/Trenton Central
Phil Brilliant	Fr.	Foil	East Orange, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep
Michael Davis	Fr.	Foil	Farmington, CT/Farmington
Dan DeValve	Fr.	Epee	Monmouth Junction, NJ/South Brunswick
Gary Dishuk	So.	Foil	Oakland, NJ/Indian Hills
Zachary Hvizdak	So.	Epee	Scotch Plains, NJ/Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Andrew Kirk	Fr.	Epee	Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills
Paul Lorenz	So.	Epee	Belleville, NJ/Belleville
Amrit Ramjattan	Fr.	Foil	Englewood, NJ/Teaneck
Tyler Sells	Fr.	Sabre	Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck
Rob Tani	Sr.	Sabre	Clifton, NJ/Clifton
Javier Vasques	So.	Foil	Cedar Grove, NJ/St. Peter's Prep

WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown/High School
Nicole Fagundo	So.	Sabre	Avenel, NJ/Colonia
Vanessa Jorge	Fr.	Sabre	Carteret, NJ/Carteret
Ece Kulaksiz	Fr.	Foil	Lyndhurst, NJ/Lyndhurst

2007-08 MEN'S & WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Site	Opponents	Time
December				
2	Sun.	Stevens	at Stevens (M)	10 am
			vs. Hunter (M)	10 am
			vs. Johns Hopkins (M)	10 am
			vs. Yeshiva (M)	10 am
2	Sun.	Army	NIFWA Christmas Invitational(W)	All Day
9	Sun.	Sacred Heart	at Sacred Heart (M/W)	10 am
			vs. Yeshiva (M/W)	10 am
			vs. Hunter (M/W)	10 am
January				
20	Sun.	Army	at Army (W)	10 am
			vs. Stevens (W)	10 am
27	Sun.	Johns Hopkins	at Johns Hopkins (M)	10 am
			vs. St. John's (MD) (M)	10 am
			vs. Maryland (M)	10 am
			vs. North Carolina (M)	10 am
			vs. Virginia (M)	10 am
			vs. Virginia Tech (M)	10 am
			vs. William & Mary (M)	10 am
February				
10	Sun.	NJIT	vs. DREW (M)	10 am
			vs. HUNTER (M)	10 am
			vs. LAFAYETTE (M)	10 am
			vs. ARMY(M)	10 am
23	Sat.	Hunter	NIFWA Championships (W)	All Day
24	Sun.	Army	MACFA Conference Tourn.	9 am
March				
8	Sat.		NCAA Regionals	9 am

Head Coach: Yefim Litvan

Assistant Coach: Donovan Holtz

Bold/CAPS denotes Home Events at Fleisher Athletic Center

TOP RETURNERS

JAVIER VASQUES

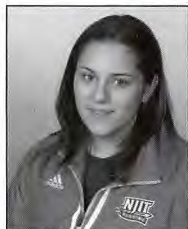
Sophomore • Foil • 5-9 • Cedar Grove, NJ/St. Peter's Prep

2006-07: Competed in both foil and epee ... NJIT's top finisher at MACFA Championships, recording five victories ... **Prior to NJIT:** Fenced for coach Abdelahiz at St. Peter's Prep ... **Personal:** Javier Vasques ... son of Johny and Grace Vasques ... computer science/computer engineering major. ... born 6/17/88 in Secaucus, NJ.



NICOLE FAGUNDO

Sophomore • Sabre • 5-0 • Avenel, NJ/Colonia HS



2006-07: Only woman to compete in every meet ... at the 79th Annual NIWFA Championships, Fagundo fenced all 14 women on the B-strip finishing 2-12 ... **Prior to NJIT:** Standout soccer player at Colonia High ... **Personal:** Nicole Fagundo. ... daughter of Marie and Alvaro Fagundo. ... architecture major. ... born 3/15/88 in Woodbridge, NJ.

2006-07 MEN'S RESULTS (1-14)

Day	Date	Site	Opponent	Result
Sun.	Nov. 19	Stevens	at Stevens	W, 14-13
			vs. Hunter	L, 1-26
			vs. Yeshiva	L, 7-20
Sun.	Jan. 21	Army	at Army	L, 2-25
			vs. Hunter	L, 5-22
			vs. Stony Brook	L, 2-25
Sun.	Jan. 28	St. John's (MD)	at St. John's (MD)	L, 6-21
			vs. William & Mary	L, 0-27
			vs. Maryland	L, 5-22
			vs. Virginia	L, 11-14
			vs. Virginia Tech	L, 10-17
Sun.	Feb. 11	NJIT	vs. ARMY*	L, 2-25
			vs. CORNELL*	L, 2-25
			vs. HAVERFORD*	L, 0-27
			vs. LAFAYETTE*	L, 6-21

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* Denotes Home Event at Maplewood, NJ

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NJIT fencing received a boost in May 2006, with hiring of world-class coach Yefim Litvan to lead the program full-time. Litvan coached for the United States in two Olympic Games and led Rutgers to 13 NCAA appearances in 13 seasons as coach of the Scarlet Knights.

He will assume leadership of a sport with one of the longest, richest traditions at the school, with records dating back to 1935-36 on the men's side. A separate women's program was founded in 1982-83 and competed until 1990-91. The women's program was re-established in 2003-04 and continues as a Highlander varsity sport.

The person most identified with fencing at NJIT is the late Paul Hausser, who was a beloved teacher and coach at the school until his retirement in 1991. He headed the fencing program from 1953-54 through 1984-85, compiling more than 200 wins while winning more than 78 percent, including two North Atlantic regional championships. Professor Hausser was widely respected in fencing circles and served on numerous advisory boards for the sport, including the NCAA Fencing Committee.

The Highlanders practice and host meets in the **Fleisher Multi-Purpose Room**. This area is equipped with the latest in electrical strips and speed targets.

The teams also have access to all of the other facilities in the **Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center**. These include three gymnasias, the fitness area (containing computer-controlled biking equipment, Cybex resistance units, and an indoor track), two weight rooms (free-weight and hammer-strength), four racquetball courts, a martial arts center, a six-lane swimming pool, and four lighted outdoor hardcourt tennis courts.

2006-07 WOMEN'S RESULTS (0-10)

Day	Date	Site	Opponent	Result
Sun.	Jan. 21	Army	at Army	L, 3-24
			vs. FDU	L, 1-26
			vs. Hunter	L, 3-24
Sun.	Feb. 4	Johns Hopkins	at Johns Hopkins	L, 1-26
			vs. Army	L, 2-25
			vs. FDU	L, 3-24
			vs. Stevens	L, 2-25
Sun.	Feb. 10	Drew	at Drew	L, 2-25
			vs. Temple	L, 1-26
			vs. FDU	L, 2-25

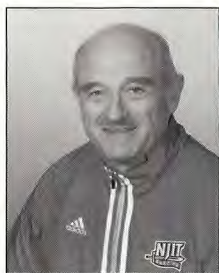
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PROGRAM HISTORY

Year	W-L	Coach	Captain(s)	MVP
1935-36	4-6			—
1936-37	4-6			—
1937-38	9-1			—
1938-39				—
1939-40	7-1			—
1940-41	6-2			—
1941-42	7-0			—
1942-43		no team - World War II		
1943-44		no team - World War II		
1944-45		no team - World War II		
1945-46		no team - World War II		
1946-47	3-1	Smith		—
1947-48	5-4	Smith (8-5)		—
1948-49	5-0	Pelegriano Ringi		—
1949-50	9-0	Pelegriano Ringi		—
1950-51	8-0	Pelegriano Ringi		—
1951-52	8-1	Pelegriano Ringi	Hamilton Bowser,	—
1952-53	7-1	Pelegriano Ringi (37-2)		—
1953-54	7-1	Paul Hausser		—
1954-55	5-3	Paul Hausser		—
1955-56	6-2	Paul Hausser		—
1956-57	8-1	Paul Hausser		—
1957-58	7-2	Paul Hausser		—
1958-59	6-2	Paul Hausser		—
1959-60	8-2	Paul Hausser		—
1960-61	7-1	Paul Hausser		—
1961-62	10-3	Paul Hausser		—
1962-63	8-5	Paul Hausser		—
1963-64	7-5	Paul Hausser		—
1964-65	6-5	Paul Hausser		—
1965-66	7-6	Paul Hausser		Stan Karamanol
1966-67	7-6	Paul Hausser	Bruce Killy, Oleg Moiseenko	Oleg Moiseenko
1967-68	7-6	Paul Hausser		Len Teslenko
1968-69	8-3	Paul Hausser		Mike Morse
1969-70	7-6	Paul Hausser		George Martinez
1970-71	8-4	Paul Hausser		Greg Soriano
1971-72	11-1	Paul Hausser		Garbor Hauer
1972-73	7-7	Paul Hausser		Gary Marso
1973-74	4-8	Paul Hausser		Jay Haase
1974-75	6-6	Paul Hausser		Jay Haase
1975-76	3-8	Paul Hausser		Jerry Spiesback
1976-77	6-6	Paul Hausser		Bob Lynch
1977-78	5-4	Paul Hausser		Peter Wessner
1978-79	3-7	Paul Hausser		Bob Lynch
1979-80	4-7	Paul Hausser		Bob Lynch
1980-81		Paul Hausser		Steve Colucci
1981-82		Paul Hausser	Steve Colucci	Steve Colucci
1982-83		Paul Hausser		Peter An
1983-84		Paul Hausser		Ron Heisler
1984-85	1-8	Paul Hausser		Ron Heisler
1985-86	2-9	Bob Lynch	Ernie DeRosa	Ernie DeRosa
1986-87	1-9	Bob Lynch	Ernie DeRosa	David Cruz
1987-88	1-9	Bob Lynch		Saul Cruz
1988-89	1-9	Bob Lynch	Chris Kaplonski	Chris Kaplonski
1989-90	2-10	Bob Lynch	Mohammed Shafaie	Wayne Holness
1990-91	4-11	Bob Lynch (11-57)	Stephen Mucione	Mohammed Shafaie
1991-92*	10-4	George LaTorre	Patrick Clune, Fabian Herrera	Patrick Clune
1992-93*	11-6	George LaTorre (21-10)	P. Clune, J. Javier, F. Herrera	Patrick Clune
1993-94		Vladimir Lilov		Jeff Day
1994-95	5-10	Craig Garretson		David Johnson
1995-96	5-10	Craig Garretson	Geovani Morales	Edwin Herrera
1996-97		Craig Garretson	Idan Mandelbaum	Idan Mandelbaum
1997-98	4-12	Craig Garretson	Idan Mandelbaum	Hans Gangwar
1998-99	6-11	Craig Garretson		George Lane
1999-2000	5-11	Idan Mandelbaum		Thomas Nemeth
2000-01	2-16	Idan Mandelbaum (7-27)		Ian LaFond
2001-02	3-15	J. Mlynek/W. Rak	Chris Aliprantis	Ian LaFond
2002-03	9-5	Janusz Mlynek	Chris Aliprantis, Ian LaFond	Phil Dolata
2003-04	5-8	Janusz Mlynek	P. Dolata, M. Edzenga, I. LaFond	Phil Dolata
2004-05	6-11	Janusz Mlynek	Matt Edzenga, Michael Goldsmith	—
2005-06	0-12	Mac Shaker	Rob Tani, Michael Konchalski	Rob Tani
2006-07	1-14	Janusz Mlyneck	Rob Tani	Rob Tani
* IAC Champion				
Women				
1982-83		Bob Lynch		Miya Fennar
1988-89	—	Bob Lynch	none	Sarah Rees
1989-90	0-??	Bob Lynch		Ana Sofia Nolau
1990-91	0-??	Frank Wadas		Ellen Duffy
2003-04	1-9	Janusz Mlynek	Crystal Cooper	Deepti Sanjai
2004-05	1-10	Janusz Mlynek	Michelle Paulter	Deepti Sanjai
2005-06	1-10	Mac Shaker	Deepti Sanjai, Nyakiyo Kairu	Deepti Sanjai
2006-07	0-10	Janusz Mlynek	Jennifer Olstzyn	Jennifer Olstzyn

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YEFIM LITVAN

Head Coach

Yefim Litvan, who has coached internationally for the United States in two Olympic Games and who recently completed a highly successful tenure as a college head coach at Rutgers University, is the new head coach of the men's and women's fencing teams at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Litvan, who was honored as 2007 Coach of the Year by the United States Fencing Association, entered college coaching in 1990. Since then, he has guided championship-level teams and individuals in both men's and women's fencing and in all three weapons of the sport—sabre, foil and epee.

An émigré from the former Soviet Union, Litvan became an assistant at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990, remaining there until being named head coach at Rutgers in New Brunswick, NJ, in June 1994. He was head coach of Rutgers until April 2007 before joining the NJIT staff.

He joined the United States National Team program in 1995 and was a coach in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. Litvan, who also coached in the World University Games and in the Pan American Games, was on the US coaching staff for the fencing World Championships from 1995 to 1999.

In addition to his college and national team work, Litvan has coached at the New York Athletic Club since 1995 and worked with three fencers who have combined to compete in five Olympic Games, while combining to win six United States national championships.

In 13 years as coach at Rutgers, Litvan led his teams to 13 berths in the NCAA national championships. The teams consistently finished in the top 15 and made the top 10 in seven NCAA tournaments.

In the March 2007 NCAA national championships, Litvan guided his team to a 12th-place finish. It was the final varsity fencing competition for Rutgers, which announced in 2006 that it was eliminating six varsity intercollegiate sports, including fencing.

In 2003, under his tutelage, women's fencer Alexis Jemal, who had not competed interscholastically prior to college, captured the individual NCAA championship in the women's sabre. In 1996, Litvan's Rutgers team won the NCAA team championship in another weapon of fencing, the epee.

In four years at Penn, Litvan coached three All-Americans and two Ivy League team champions. The Penn women's team was second in the 1994 NCAA championship and the Penn sabre team was second at the NAAs in 1993 and third in 1994.

Litvan's coaching career began in the former Soviet Union in 1959, when he was based in Ukraine. Before immigrating to the United States, more than 20 of his protégés achieved the rank of Master of Sports in the former USSR.



DONOVAN HOLTZ

Assistant Coach

Donovan Holtz, a resident of Montclair, NJ, is an undergraduate student majoring in mechanical engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

An accomplished fencer, he is helping coach the NJIT men and women in his weapon, the epee.

Previously, he attended Rutgers University, where he was coached by new NJIT head coach Yefim Litvan. Competing in the epee, Holtz racked up impressive accomplishments in a brief career.

In one and a half years at Rutgers, he won the regional championship, held at Drew, in 2002 and then placed seventh at the NCAA Championships that same year, also at Drew.

In 2001, he placed first out of 66 competitors in competition hosted by Temple and he was fifth out of 36th fencers in the Penn State Open. He also won the 2002 national team championship in the epee and the junior team championship in the epee.

NJIT FENCING FACTS

Location	Newark, NJ 07102
Founded	1881
Undergraduate Enrollment	5,380
Nickname	Highlanders
Colors	Red and White (Navy accent)
President	Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch
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NJIT record	First season
Career record	13 NCAA berths in 13 seasons at Rutgers
E-Mail	Litvan@njit.edu
Men's Captains	Javier Vasques
Women's Captain	Nicole Fagundo
First Year of Program	Men 1935-36; Women 1982-83
Home Arena	Fleisher Multi-Purpose Room
Affiliation	NCAA National Collegiate
Men's Conference	Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association
Women's Conference	National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Assoc.
2006-07 Records	Men 1-15; Women 0-10
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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



New Jersey Institute of Technology, the state's public technological research university, enrolls more than 8,000 students in bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in 92 degree programs offered by six colleges: Newark College of Engineering, New Jersey School of Architecture, College of Science and Liberal Arts, School of Management, Albert Dorman Honors College, and College of Computing Sciences. NJIT is renowned for expertise in architecture, applied mathematics, wireless communications and networking, solar physics, advanced engineered particulate materials, nanotechnology, neural engineering and e-learning. In 2006, Princeton Review named NJIT among the nation's top 25 campuses for technology and top 150 for best value. U.S. News & World Report's 2007 Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges ranked NJIT in the top tier of national research universities.

NJIT's history spans from the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age. Newark was a factory town when the tuition-free evening school was founded in 1881 to support local industries. From the early days, science and technology have been the engines fueling the university's development.

Over time, the university both anticipated and responded to change by expanding its curriculum and mission. By 1975, NJIT offered a broad range of undergraduate and graduate degrees. All programs included significant research and public service components with the goal of providing an academic environment that fostered intellectual depth and breadth, as well as social responsibility.

Today, continuing a fourfold mission of instruction, research, economic development and public service, NJIT is among the leading comprehensive technological universities in the nation, with state-of-the-art facilities on its 45-acre campus in Newark and a solar observatory in Big Bear, California.



The clock tower and carillon sit in a European-style plaza adjacent to the Campus Center.