



MEN'S & WOMEN'S FENCING

2008-09



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MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown/High School
Patrick Alvarado	Sr.	Epee	Trenton, NJ/Trenton Central
Peter Besada	Fr.	Sabre	Rutherford, NJ/Rutherford
Greg Biondo	Fr.	Sabre	Mount Arlington, NJ/Roxbury
Phil Brilliant	So.	Foil	East Orange, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep
Michael Capiro	Fr.	Sabre	Branchburg, NJ/Somerville
Matthew DeVenjo	Fr.	Foil	Little Falls, NJ/Passaic Valley
Zachary Hvizdak	Jr.	Epee	Scotch Plains, NJ/Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Andrew Kirk	So.	Epee	Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills
Paul Lorenz	Jr.	Epee	Belleville, NJ/Belleville
Paul Maranski	Fr.	Sabre	Iselin, NJ/Kolbe Immaculata
Eric Oliver	Fr.	Foil	Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo/UMass-Amherst
Amrit Ramjattan	So.	Foil	Englewood, NJ/Teaneck
Tyler Sells	So.	Sabre	Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck
Tony Sorgi	Fr.	Foil	Glen Gardner, NJ/Voorhees
Javier Vasques	Jr.	Foil	Cedar Grove, NJ/St. Peter's Prep

WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown/High School
Sherry Edwards	Fr.	Epee	West Milford, NJ/West Milford
Vanessa Jorge	So.	Sabre	Carteret, NJ/Carteret
Laurabeth Maldonado	Fr.	Epee	Newark, NJ/Barringer
Maria Nosova	Fr.	Sabre	West Paterson, NJ/Passaic Valley
Jennifer Ramos	Fr.	Epee	Newark, NJ/Benedictine Academy
Kaitlyn Sena	Fr.	Foil	Iselin, NJ/JFK Memorial
Sophia Sobers	Fr.	Sabre	Budd Lake, NJ/Mt. Olive

2008-09 MEN'S & WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Site	Opponent	Time
November				
	9	Haverford	at Haverford (M)	10:00am
			vs. UNC (M)	10:00am
			vs. Virginia (M)	10:00am
			vs. Virginia Tech (M)	10:00am
			vs. William & Mary (M)	10:00am
			vs. Johns Hopkins (M)	10:00am
December				
	4	Thu.	NJIT	QUEENS (W) 6:00pm
	7	Sun.	Cobra Fencing Club	NIWFA Christmas Invitational All Day
January				
	11	Sun.	Penn	Penn Invitational (M) 10:00am
	18	Sun.	Army	Army Invitational (W) 10:00am
	25	Sun.	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart Invitational (M/W) 10:00am
	31	Sun.	Wellesley	Wellesley Invitational (W) 10:00am
February				
	1	Sun.	Stevens	at Stevens (M) 10:00am
			vs. Cornell (M)	10:00am
			vs. Army (M)	10:00am
			vs. Stony Brook (M)	10:00am
	8	Sun.	NJIT	DREW (M) 10:00am
			HUNTER (M)	10:00am
			LAFAYETTE (M)	10:00am
			ST. JOHN'S, MD (M)	10:00am
			MARYLAND (M)	10:00am
			RUTGERS (M)	10:00am
	22	Sun.		MACFA Championships (M) 10:00am
	28	Sun.		NIWFA Championships (W) 10:00am
March				
	7-8	Sat.-Sun.		NCAA Regionals (M/W) 10:00am
	19-22	Thu.-Sun.		NCAA Finals (M/W) 10:00am

Bold/CAPS denotes Home Events at Fleisher Athletic Center

TOP RETURNERS

AMRIT RAMJATTAN

Sophomore • Foil • 5-10 • Englewood, NJ/Teaneck

2007-08: In his NJIT debut, Amrit won all three of his bouts sweeping NJIT's wins in the foil competition against Yeshiva on Dec. 2 ... posted the best record on the team against varsity squads last season and qualified for the NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South Regional held at Drew last March ... **Personal:** Amrit Ramjattan ... son of Claire and Daran Ramjattan ...majoring in electrical & computer engineering. born 9/28/89.



ANDREW KIRK

Sophomore • Epee • 6-1 • Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills

2007-08: As a freshman Kirk picked up three wins sweeping Virginia in the epee competition on Jan. 27... at the NJIT Invitational on Feb. 11, he picked up wins in the epee competition against Lafayette ... **Prior to NJIT:** fenced for coach Barbra Lynch at Morris Hills HS ... member of the soccer and lacrosse teams ... **Personal:** Andrew Nathaniel Kirk ... son of Maria and Ed Ludwig, Thomas Kirk ... mathematical biology major. ... born 2/1/89.



2007-08 MEN'S RESULTS

Day	Date	Site	Opponent	Result
December				
2	Sun.	Stevens	at Stevens	L, 7-20
			vs. Hunter	L, 8-14
			vs. Johns Hopkins	L, 1-26
			vs. Yeshiva	L, 12-15
9	Sun.	Sacred Heart	at Sacred Heart	L, 2-25
			vs. Yeshiva	W, 16-11
			vs. Hunter	L, 8-14
January				
27	Sun.	Johns Hopkins	vs. St. John's (MD)	L, 11-16
			vs. Maryland	L, 4-23
			vs. North Carolina	L, 1-26
			vs. Virginia	L, 11-16
			vs. Virginia Tech	L, 8-19
			vs. William & Mary	L, 1-26
February				
10	Sun.	NJIT	DREW	L, 3-24
			LAFAYETTE	L, 12-15
			HAVERFORD	L, 1-26
			ARMY	L, 6-21
21	Thu.	NJIT	PRINCETON	L, 0-9

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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.

2007-08 WOMEN'S RESULTS

Day	Date	Site	Opponent	Result
December				
	2	Sun.	Army	NIFWA Christmas Invitational
	9	Sun.	Sacred Heart	at Sacred Heart
			vs. Yeshiva	L, 3-25
				L, 0-9
February				
	23	Sat.	Hunter	NIFWA Championships
				All Day



2008-09 Fencing Team: Top Row (l-r): Head Coach Yefim Litvan, Patrick Alvarado, Andrew Kirk, Jennifer Ramos, Sherry Edwards, Laurabeth Maldonado, Michael Caprio, Peter Besada, Assistant Coach Donovan Holtz Middle Row (l-r): Greg Biondo, Kaitlyn Sena, Maria Nosova, Sophia Sobers, Vanessa Jorge, Tyler Sells Bottom Row (l-r): Michael Hamfeldt, Tony Sorgi, Eric Oliver

CREDITS

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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 Muccione	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
2007-08	1-17	Yefim Litvan	Javier Vasques	--
* 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 Paultier	Deepti Sanjai
2005-06	1-10	Mac Shaker	Deepti Sanjai, Nyakiyo Kairu	Deepti Sanjai
2006-07	0-10	Janusz Mlynek	Jennifer Olszyn	Jennifer Olszyn
2007-08	0-2	Yefim Litvan	Nicole Fagundo	--

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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, enters his second season as 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)
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Director of Athletics	Lenny Kaplan
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Head Coach:.....	Yefim Litvan
NJIT record	Men 1-17 (1); Women 0-2 (1)
Career record	13 NCAA berths in 13 seasons at Rutgers
E-Mail	Litvan@njit.edu
Men's Captain	Zachary Hvizdak
Women's Captain	Vanessa Jorge
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.
2007-08 Records	Men 1-17; Women 0-2
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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.