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NORTHWESTERN WOMEN'S FENCING ROSTER

NAME	EVENT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Marta Amador Molina	Epée	So.	Madrid, Spain
Justine Banbury	Foil	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Alexandra Banin	Foil	Jr.	New York, N.Y.
Adelle Berdichevsky	Epée	Jr.	Pelham, N.Y.
Alexis Browne	Saber	So.	New City, N.Y.
Yvonne Chart	Foil	Sr.	Truro, UK
Alyssa Chen	Foil	Fy.	San Diego, Calif.
Sharon Chen	Foil	Sr.	Diamond Bar, Calif.
Maddy Curzon	Saber	Sr.	Portland, Ore.
Doreen Du	Epée	Fy.	Shanghai, China
Julia Falinska	Epée	Fy.	Warsaw, Poland
Sarah Filby	Foil	So.	Edina, Minn.
Ashley Gomerman	Saber	So.	Melville, N.Y.
Ananya Gupta	Epée	Fy.	Chicago, Ill.
Pauline Hamilton	Epée	Jr.	Colorado Spings, Colo.
Jacqueline Hua	Saber	So.	Princeton, N.J.
Amy Jia	Foil	Jr.	Houston, Texas
Natalie Kim	Epée	Fy.	Glenview, Ill.
Jerrica Liao	Foil	Fy.	Saratoga, Calif.
Ella Lombard	Epée	Sr.	Amherst, Mass.
Shirley Luong	Epée	Jr.	Arcadia, Calif.
Isabella Min	Saber	So.	Cresskill, N.J.
Elina Moon	Foil	Fy.	Duluth, Ga.
Dhruthi Reddy	Foil	Fy.	Dayton, N.J.
Emma Scala	Epée	Fy.	San Francisco, Calif.
Sofia Simontov	Foil	So.	Seattle, Wash.
Maggie Snider	Epée	Fy.	Solon, Iowa
Robyn Song	Saber	Fy.	Irvine, Calif.
Abigail Swallow	Saber	Fy.	Seattle, Wash.
Abby Tartell	Saber	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
Emine Yücel	Saber	Gr.	Istanbul, Turkey
Zhesi Zhuang	Saber	So.	Aliso Niguel, Calif.

COACHING STAFF

Zach Moss	Head Coach
Eric Momberg	Assistant Coach
Paul Englund	Volunteer Assistant Coach
Alisha Gomez-Shah	Operations Assistant

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2018-19 SCHEDULE AND STATISTICS

OCTOBER

12-15 USA Fencing NAC Milwaukee, Wis.

20-21 Remenyik Open Evanston, Ill.

NOVEMBER

10 Vassar Invitational Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

17-18 Elite Invitational Columbus, Ohio

JANUARY

1-4 USA Fencing NAC Charlotte, N.C.

13 Western Invitational Colorado Springs, Colo.

20 Philadelphia Invitational Philadelphia, Penn.

FEBRUARY

2-3 Northwestern Duals Evanston, Ill.

10 Duke Meet Durham, N.C.

15-18 Junior Olympics Denver, Colo.

23-24 Midwest Conf. Championships Columbus, Ohio

MARCH

9 NCAA Regional South Bend, Ind.

23-24 NCAA Championships Cleveland, Ohio

Player	2018-19		Career	
	Record	Pct	Record	Pct
EPÉE				
Pauline Hamilton	21-10	.677	125-71	.638
Ella Lombard	9-14	.391	121-90	.573
Marta Amador Molina	9-7	.563	58-23	.716
Shirley Luong	9-5	.643	66-26	.717
Maggie Snider	20-13	.606	20-13	.606
Emma Scala	18-9	.667	18-9	.667
Doreen Du	17-8	.680	17-8	.680
Julia Falinska	15-11	.577	15-11	.577
Ananya Gupta	12-7	.632	12-7	.632
Adelle Berdichevsky	--	--	56-18	.757
Natalie Kim	22-7	.759	22-7	.759
TOTALS	152-91	.626	530-283	.652

FOIL

Sarah Filby	23-7	.767	60-18	.769
Jerrica Liao	15-0	1.000	15-0	1.000
Alyssa Chen	19-6	.760	19-6	.760
Amy Jia	14-6	.700	71-27	.724
Sofia Simontov	24-5	.828	72-14	.837
Dhruthi Reddy	10-0	1.000	10-0	1.000
Justine Banbury	12-11	.522	47-28	.627
Elina Moon	14-7	.667	14-7	.667
Yvonne Chart	18-5	.783	162-80	.669
Sharon Chen	21-6	.778	98-35	.737
Alexandra Banin	8-3	.727	82-43	.656
TOTALS	178-56	.761	650-258	.716

SABER

Abigail Swallow	14-10	.583	14-10	.583
Maddy Curzon	23-13	.639	177-67	.725
Abby Tartell	8-2	.800	80-30	.727
Emine Yücel	24-14	.632	149-80	.651
Isabella Min	23-7	.767	58-24	.707
Alexis Browne	7-7	.500	44-28	.611
Jacqueline Hua	14-5	.737	46-13	.780
Ashley Gomeran	14-9	.609	47-14	.770
Zhesi Zhuang	12-1	.923	49-8	.860
Robyn Song	18-12	.600	18-12	.600
TOTALS	157-80	.662	682-286	.705

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE WEAPONS

The **FOIL** is a light thrusting weapon that targets the torso, but not the arms or legs. The foil has a small circular hand guard that serves to protect the hand from direct stabs. Touches are scored only with the tip, and hits with the side of the blade do not register on the electronic scoring apparatus or halt the action. Touches that land outside the target area (called an off-target touch) stop the action, but are not scored. Only a single touch can be awarded to either fencer at the end of a phrase. If both fencers land touches within a close enough interval of milliseconds to register two lights on the scoring machine, the referee uses the rules of “right of way” to determine which fencer is awarded the touch, or if an off-target hit has priority over a valid hit, in which case no touch is awarded. If the referee is unable to determine which fencer has right of way, no touch is awarded.

The **EPÉE** (pronounced EPP-pay) is a thrusting weapon like the foil, but heavier, with a maximum total weight of 775 grams. In épée, the entire body is valid target. The hand guard on the épée is a large circle that extends towards the pommel, effectively covering the hand, which is a valid target. Like foil, all hits must be with the tip and not the sides of the blade. Hits with the side of the blade do not register on the electronic scoring apparatus or halt the action. As the entire body is legal target, there is no concept of an off-target touch, except if the fencer accidentally strikes the floor, setting off the light and tone on the scoring apparatus. Unlike foil and sabre, épée does not use “right of way”, and awards simultaneous touches to both fencers. However, if the score is tied in a match at the last point and a double touch is scored, the point is null and void.

The **SABER** is a light cutting and thrusting weapon that targets the entire body above the waist, except the weapon hand. The hand guard on the sabre extends from hilt to the point at which the blade connects to the pommel. This guard is generally turned outwards during sport to protect the sword arm from touches. Hits with the entire blade or point are valid. As in foil, touches that land outside the target area are not scored. However, unlike foil, these off-target touches do not stop the action, and the fencing continues. In the case of both fencers landing a scoring touch, the referee determines which fencer receives the point for the action, again through the use of “right of way”.

HEAD COACH ZACH MOSS

Zach Moss was named the head coach of the Northwestern fencing program prior to the 2016-17 season following the retirement of longtime coach Laurie Schiller. Schiller brought Moss onto the Northwestern staff as an assistant in 2014.

Moss was named Midwest Fencing Conference Coach of the Year following a historic 2017-18 season. Northwestern captured its fifth-ever Midwest Fencing Conference championship and finished with three All-Americans at the NCAA Championships. In addition, the team set the program record for most wins in a season with 47 and the program record for longest win streak, which encapsulated 25 matches. At the MFC Championships, the foil and sabre squads each claimed its fifth weapon title. Moss had 12 fencers compete at the NCAA Midwest Regionals, with Emine Yücel taking home the fifth-ever individual Midwest Regional title in program history and first in sabre since 2001.

In his first season at the helm of the fencing program the Wildcats finished with a 33-14 record. Moss saw freshman Pauline Hamilton and senior Stephanie Chan qualify for the NCAA Championships, with Hamilton finishing 15th in epee. Northwestern finished second at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships and the epee squad won its second straight weapon group title. The 'Cats spent the majority of the 2016-17 season ranked No. 8 in the country.

Moss came to Evanston with an extensive background as both a competitive fencer and as a coach. The Lee, N.H., native matriculated to Duke University in 2004, where he would go on to become a four-year letterwinner for the Blue Devils. Moss, who fenced épée at the collegiate level, was a regular starter and an NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South Regional Championship qualifier. He also served as team captain during his senior season (2007-08) and was a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member.

RYAN FIELDHOUSE & WILSON FIELD

At a massive 96,135 square feet, the Ryan Fieldhouse officially opened in the summer of 2018 as one of the most versatile practice, competition, and recreation venues in the nation. Housing Wilson Field, Ryan Fieldhouse will host football, soccer, lacrosse and other varsity sport practices; club and intramural activities; and special university events such as Dance Marathon, the President’s Convocation and the School of Communication’s recent “Starry Night” alumni show.

Ryan Fieldhouse’s distinctive dome shape is based on football punting and kicking trajectories, with the peak of the dome reaching 87 feet above the turf field. Maximizing its location on the shores of Lake Michigan, the facility features a 44-foot-tall glass façade providing clear views to the north and east. The fieldhouse is flanked by sports performance spaces for football and Olympic sports.

At the dedication this past spring, Vice President for Athletics and Recreation, Jim Phillips, remarked that “Ryan Fieldhouse will be an elite developmental center for our varsity programs; a first-class home for intramural, club and recreation activities; and an unparalleled space for large gatherings of our University community. This facility reflects Northwestern’s unwavering commitment to excellence in all areas.”