

FENCING

The fencing team, under the direction of 10th-year head coach Vladimir Nazlymov, had another great season in 2009, winning the Midwest Conference Championship for the seventh-consecutive season, sending 12 athletes to the NCAA Championships and finishing third overall at the national championships. Eight Buckeyes were named to the All-America squad while eight more medaled individually at the Midwest Conference Championships.

Ohio State kicked off the most competitive part of the collegiate season with two duals in New York City, one at the St. John's Duals Jan. 24 and one the next day at the New York University Duals Jan. 25. The men's team went 3-0 on the first day at the St. John's Duals, picking up key wins over Harvard, Columbia and host St. John's. The women's team also beat St. John's, but fell to Harvard and Columbia. Both teams went 5-1 the next day at the NYU Duals, with the women knocking off top-ranked Notre Dame and the men picking off Yale and Columbia.

The next road trip for the Buckeyes was to Evanston, Ill., for the Northwestern Duals Jan 31-Feb. 1. Both men's and women's teams were successful, with the men going 8-1 and the women finishing 9-2. The men dropped eventual national champion Penn State 16-11, but fell to Notre Dame in a close one, 15-12. The women lost to both Notre Dame and Penn State, but got big wins over host Northwestern and Temple.

The Midwest Conference Championships and the opportunity to win a seventh-consecutive team title awaited Ohio State next in South Bend, Ind. The men's competition led off, where Ohio State took first place in foil and epee and grabbed second in sabre. The second session of the day saw the Buckeye women's squad cement the victory by winning both foil and sabre competitions while grabbing third place in epee. The team title came just a day after the individual competition in which Buckeye fencers John Friend and Andras Horanyi won titles and Ohio State notched nine Top 3 finishes overall.

The Buckeyes played host for the Midwest Regional Qualifier March 7 where 12 Ohio State fencers qualified for the NCAA Championships. Mike Momtselidze, Andras Horanyi and Oksana Dmytruk were all winners of their weapon groups, while Jason Pryor finished second in men's epee, Colin Sutter took second in men's foil, Margarita Tschomakov was third in women's sabre and Max Stearns was third in men's sabre.

Ohio State looked to go back-to-back when they set off for the 2009 NCAA Championships in State College, Pa. The Buckeyes were close after the men's competition wrapped on Day 2, trailing Penn State 98-93. Momtselidze and Pryor each went out on a high note in their final collegiate competitions as Buckeyes. Momtselidze took 19 wins in the qualifying rounds, tied for most in men's sabre. Momtselidze carried the first place seed into the medal round, but was upended by fourth-seeded Daryl Homer of St. Johns in the opening round, 15-10. Pryor entered the epee medal round as the fourth-seed after 15 wins in the qualifying round. Pryor took top-seeded Graham Wicas of Princeton to the edge in the opening duel of the medal round, but fell in a tight one, 15-14.

The women's team took to the strip for the final two days of competition knowing they would need its best to overcome the five-point deficit. Dmytruk won 22 duels over the two days, most of the foil group, and entered the medal round as the top seed. Dmytruk faced off with Notre Dame's Hayley Reese in the opening round and fell by a narrow margin, 13-11. Lindsay Knauer, in her second career appearance at the NCAA Championships, took nine victories in the competition and finished in 18th place. In the end, Penn State came out first, with Notre Dame also putting together a solid run, leaving Ohio State in third. The third-place finish extended the Buckeyes' streak of Top 5 finishes at the NCAA Championships to eight, dating back to 2002.

2008-09 RESULTS

October		
27	OHIO STATE DUALS (1)	m 11-0, w 10-0
January		
24	at St. John's Duals (2)	m 3-0, w 2-1
25	at New York University Duals (2)	m 5-1, w 5-1
31- Feb. 1	at Northwestern Duals (3)	m 8-1, w 9-2
February		
28-March 1	at Midwest Conf. Champs (4)	m 1st, w 1st
March		
7	NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIER (1)	12 qualified
19-22	at NCAA Championships (5)	Third

(1) Columbus, Ohio (2) New York, N.Y. (3) Evanston, Ill.
 (4) South Bend, Ind. (5) State College, Pa.
 Bold **CAPS** denotes home competition

2009 NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Place	School	Total	MS	MF	ME	WS	WF	WE
1.	Penn State	195	37	36	25	33	36	28
2.	Notre Dame	182	30	32	22	27	33	38
3.	OHIO STATE	166	35	30	28	28	31	14
4.	Columbia/Barnard	151	17	29	19	34	29	23
5.	Harvard	116	9	6	21	20	31	29
6.	St. John's	115	30	8	15	34	2	26
7.	Pennsylvania	103	26	18	13	22	10	14
8.	Princeton	94	7	12	29		16	30
9.	Stanford	73	25	9	20	8	6	5
10.	Yale	68		18	17		22	11

2009 MIDWEST CONFERENCE FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Place	School	Total	ME	MF	MS	WE	WF	WS
1.	OHIO STATE	1,310	225	225	210	200	225	225
2.	Notre Dame	1,290	210	210	225	225	210	210
3.	Northwestern	1,085	155	130	190	210	200	200
4.	Michigan State	940	165	110	155	190	155	165
5.	Michigan	935	190	175	100	130	165	175
6.	Wayne State	905	200	155	175	155	75	145
7.	Indiana	870	145	190	120	110	175	130
8.	Chicago	815	100	55	165	175	130	190
9.	Wisconsin	705	65	165	145	145	65	120
10.	CWRU	645	120	65	200	120	85	55





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OHIO STATE WOMEN'S FENCING TEAM

(x) = number of matches fenced

	@ St. John's v Varsity	@ New York v Varsity	@ Northwestern v Varsity	Reg. Season Varsity	Midwest Conf.	Regional Qualifier	Nat. Champs.
Sabre							
Cheng	(3) 3-6	(6) 8-8	(8) 15-7	(17) 26-21	5th	6th	-
Tschomakov	(3) 5-4	(6) 11-7	(9) 19-5	(18) 35-16	2nd	3rd	9th
Miller	(3) 3-6	(6) 15-2	(7) 14-2	(16) 32-10	3rd	5th	10th
Moore	-	(3) 2-1	(6) 9-1	(9) 11-2	10th	-	-
Kenney	-	-	-	-	12th	-	-
Wootton	-	-	-	-	26th	-	-
Foil							
Knauer	(3) 5-4	(6) 14-4	(5) 11-4	(14) 30-12	T3rd	4th	18th
Henvick	(3) 4-4	(4) 6-4	(10) 19-8	(17) 29-16	-	12th	-
Dmytruk	(3) 7-2	(6) 16-2	(5) 12-3	(14) 39-6	5th	1st	3rd
Bonello	-	-	(5) 13-0	(5) 13-0	16th	-	-
McKibben	(1) 0-1	(3) 6-2	(6) 13-1	(10) 19-4	10th	10th	-
Epee							
Baranov	(3) 6-3	(6) 7-11	(10) 14-14	(19) 27-28	27th	8th	21st
Tikhonova	(3) 2-7	(6) 13-5	(5) 11-4	(14) 26-16	T3rd	4th	16th
Gurnowski	(3) 1-8	(6) 3-10	(10) 13-14	(19) 17-32	15th	16th	-
Pozydaev	-	(3) 3-2	(6) 13-1	(9) 16-3	12th	9th	-

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Sabre							
Momtselidze	(3) 6-3	(6) 16-2	(3) 6-3	(12) 28-8	3rd	1st	3rd
Stearns	(3) 8-1	(6) 12-6	(4) 8-4	(13) 28-11	7th	3rd	8th
Wilde	(2) 1-3	(6) 9-6	(3) 2-7	(11) 12-16	4th	4th	-
Douville	(2) 2-3	(1) 1-1	(4) 10-1	(7) 13-5	15th	-	-
Lundquist	-	-	(4) 8-1	(4) 8-1	16th	-	-
Friend	-	-	(6) 13-3	(6) 13-3	1st	9th	-
Foil							
Horanyi	(3) 9-0	(6) 15-3	(4) 10-1	(13) 34-4	1st	1st	7th
Parkins	(3) 7-2	(6) 14-4	(4) 7-4	(13) 28-10	14th	6th	-
Sutter	(2) 3-3	(5) 11-4	(8) 16-6	(15) 30-13	16th	2nd	5th
Doherty	-	-	(4) 11-0	(4) 11-0	10th	-	-
Streb	(1) 2-1	(1) 1-2	(4) 8-3	(6) 11-6	9th	8th	-
Epee							
Pryor	(3) 6-3	(6) 11-5	(6) 13-3	(15) 30-11	5th	2nd	4th
Harder	(3) 1-4	(5) 6-4	(6) 4-6	(14) 11-14	33rd	7th	-
Tolkachev	(3) 5-4	(6) 11-4	(6) 11-6	(15) 27-14	2nd	4th	11th
Gurnowski	(3) 2-2	(6) 6-5	(7) 12-3	(16) 20-10	8th	9th	-
Somir	-	-	(1) 3-0	(1) 3-0	17th	-	-
Walrond	-	(1) 2-0	(3) 5-0	4 (7-0)	13th	-	-
Korkor	-	-	-	-	30th	-	-