

Provincial Coach/Technical Director Report

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1. PROVINCIAL TEAM

This season was another good year for Fencing Manitoba. We had a lot of results this year, even though a few of our elite fencers from the HP program were absent for their international duties.

- **30 Medals** at the Canada Cup West in Winnipeg, MB, Nov 2018
- **8 Medals** Canada Cup national, Nationals and International Circuit.
- **3 athletes** qualified for the Canadian National Team
- Misha Sweet succeeded in making the Senior Canadian Team - He is participating at the **Pan Am Championship** in Toronto at the end of June, **Senior World Championship** in Budapest in July, and also he will be a part of the Canadian Delegation at the **Pan Am Games** in Peru.
- Shae Mc Fadden succeeded in making the Cadet National Team – He was selected to participate at the **Pan American Championship** in Columbia, and also at the **Cadet World Championship** in Torun, Poland.
- Jordan Diacos succeeded in making the Youth Sabre Team. Their **International Event** will be decided soon.

Our Top Athletes at High Performance Ranking at a National Level:

- 1- Misha Sweet: **4th** in the senior MF
- 2- Shae McFadden **3rd** in Cadet MS
- 3- Morton Salomon Sasha **9th** Cadet MS
- 4- Jordan Diacos: **3rd** in Youth MS
- 5- Xavier Slocombe: **6th** in Youth MS
- 6- Khloe Lessard: **4th** in Youth WS.

Our Provincial Coach was the official coach for Canada at the following National Team Events:

- Senior World Cup – Warsaw, Poland
- Senior World Cup – Budapest- Hungary
- Senior Grand Prix – Seoul, Korea
- Senior Grand Prix – Moscow, Russia

Other significant results:

- **Bronze** at the **Senior World Cup Satellite Men's Foil** , Amsterdam, Netherland - Misha Sweet
- **Top 16** at the **Senior World Cup Satellite Men's Foil** , Bucarest, Romania - Misha Sweet
- **Bronze** at the **Youth Men's Sabre circuit** in St Louis, USA - Jordan Diacos
- **32th** at **Cadet Men's North American Circuit** in Milwaukee, USA - Shae Mc Fadden

2 . RESULTS

Canada Cup Winnipeg, Nov 2018: (12 GOLDS - 7 SILVERS – 11 BRONZES)

M Sabre U15

- Xavier Slocombe **GOLD**
- Jordan Diacos **SILVER**
- David Naranjo **BRONZE**
- Zacharia Bounachada **6th**
- Antymis David **7th**

MF U15

- Eric Schimnowski **GOLD**
- Christian Collins **7th**

W Sabre U15

- Khloe Lessard Kulchyski **BRONZE**

M Foil Cadet

- Noah Merz Laskar **SILVER**
- Liam Prokovitch **5th**
- Eric SCHIMNOWSK **7th**

Junior Men's Foil

- Liam Prokovitch **5th**

M Junior Epee

- Carter Owens **GOLD**

Senior Sabre

- Falan Kennedy **GOLD**
- Shae McFadden **BRONZE**

M Cadet Epee

- Carter Owens **GOLD**
- Wang Yiliang **BRONZE**

W Cadet Epee

- Hope Jonson **GOLD**
- Haleena Calagan **BRONZE**

Senior Men's Foil

- Misha Sweet **GOLD**

Senior Men's Epee

- Daniel Simoene **GOLD**
- Paolo Riva **BRONZE**

Cadet Sabre

- Shae Mc Fadden **GOLD**
- Mathieu Cortino **SILVER**
- Sasha Morton Salmon **BRONZE**

Junior M Sabre

- Shae MC Fadden **SILVER**
- Morton Salmon Sasha **BRONZE**
- Jordan Diacos **BRONZE**

Junior Women Foil

- Sara Bacchus **BRONZE**
- Holly Havelka **8th**

U15 Women's Sabre

- Khloe Lessard Kulchyski **SILVER**

Veterans Foil

- MFoil Livio Foinessi **GOLD**
- Gary Matson **SILVER**

Veterans Sabre

- Gary Matson **GOLD**
- Jason Robbins **BRONZE**

Veterans Epee

- Gary Matson **GOLD**
- Antoine Prud'Homme **SILVER**

Canada Cup National Richmond, BC 2019

JMS	Jordan Diacos	7th	U23 MS	Falan Kennedy	GOLD
U15 WS	Khloe Lessard	SILVER	Cadet MS	Shae Mc Fadden	8th
U15 MS	Xavier Slocombe	5th		Sasha Morton	11th
Cadet WF	Sara Bacchus	11th		Xavier Slocombe	10th
				Mathieu Cortino	14th
				Heidan Theissen	13th
				Jordan Diacos	15th

Nationals Quebec, QC 2019

U15 MS	Jordan Diacos:	BRONZE	U15 WE:	Hope Johnson	18th
	Mathieu Cortino	10th	U15 MF	Harder Kai	20th
Cadet Sabre	Jordan Diacos	7th	U15 WE:	Hope Johnson	18th
	Mathieu Cortino	10th	Junior Sabre	Xavier Slocombe	15th
	Sasha Morton	12th			
	Xavier Slocombe	16th			
Veteran Foil	Livio Foinesse	SILVER			
Senior Team Sabre	(Shae Mc Fadden, Zach Allard, Jordan Diacos and David Antymis)				SILVER

Even with these results, I think we can still do much better. We can get better results at all levels and all weapons, and to do so we have to review our strategies in term of training at the Provincial Center and also giving ideas to the clubs to have programs that help bring a stronger athletes.

3. DEVELOPMENT:

I. Coaching Development:

- a. Ayach Bounachada participated in two learning facilitator and Evaluator courses in Saskatoon SK and Quebec, QC.

II. Official Development:

- a. **Noah Merz Lascar** passed his Provincial Refereeing Exam in Foil and Epee.

III. Sport Promotion: To increase the MFA membership two projects were created:

- a. After School Program Project: The two documents are in French and English, and this is to target a certain age of students in Winnipeg. The 10 classes will be organized after school hours, and, there is a possibility to run fencing demonstration during Phys Ed programs.
- b. Fencing at Community Centers: Our Goal is to get fencing in areas where there is no fencing program; areas like East/West Kildonan, Transcona, Charleswood, St Norbert, St Vital, etc., and also outside of Winnipeg.
- c. These two projects need to be implemented. To do so, we must go and meet the schools and community centers and build a plan for them.
- d. Youth Fun Camp for Beginners: This was the first time we organized this type of camp for

beginners and it was excellent. Around 50 kids tried fencing in two separate weekends where we saw a lot of interests from people. A program that we should to continue to use for promoting fencing.

- IV. **Provincial Team Promotion:** As Provincial Coach, I visited the local clubs three Thursdays a month. My participation was really fruitful in term of promoting the provincial team program and also working directly with club coaches.

To conclude, I have to thank everyone who helped me to do my job and achieve success this year. Also, I have to thank the club coaches who are behind the developing athletes and keep feeding the Provincial Programs, as well as all the volunteers in our sport either at the MFA board or club level.