Coach's Debut Successful As Fencing Squads Triumph

The Brandeis Men's and Women's Fencing teams made Coach Bill Shippman's debut successful last week. The men won all three of their matches, nipping Holy Cross 14-13 and defeating both Fairfield 29-7 and Worcester Polytech 15-12, while the women easily defeated Holy Cross 11-5.

In their tri-meet with WPI and Fairfield, the Brandeis men were led by their strong Sabres team of Chris Munnolly, Rick Watkins and Scott Henger. Munnolly won all six of his bouts and the squad as a whole lost only two of 18 bouts.

Other standouts for Brandeis were Bill Agel who was 4-2 at Epee and foilist Craig Russell who went 5-0.

The win over Holy Cross was a dramatic, come-from-behind affair. With Brandeis trailing 12-15 at the start of the third bout, senior Mike Bilkis came back to win his foil bout. Russell then gave Brandeis the victory with an easy 9-1 triumph.

Shippman was "glad that the meet was close. It got the team together."

The women made short work of Holy Cross. They were led by the strong effort of Nancy Fecmter who was 3-0. Lori Dunell also fenced well, and Shippman is "expecting a lot from her."

The new coach "was generally satisfied but a little disappointed in the overall desire in the meets thus far," he added. "We need to fight harder." Shippman is cautiously optimistic about both the men and women thus far, but remarked that their opposition has been somewhat weak. He feels that the best thing to come out of the meets so far is that "the young fencers got a lot of experience which the team will need."

They will need all of the experience and pose that they can muster tomorrow when they face Harvard in Cambridge. Shippman feels that "if we go in enthusiastically, we can give them a run for it." The women's meet begins at 5:30 PM while the men begin at 7 PM.

Men Swim Women Lose

By LOIS ZELLER

After suffering its second loss of the season to Lowell 80-33 last Wednesday, the Men's Swimming team pooled its talents to defeat Colby College 79-34 on Saturday for its first victory of the year. The Women's team
Men’s Fencing Wins New Englands

By DAVID RAXTER

There are just some things that can’t be denied, and the fact that the New England championship would belong to the Brandeis men’s fencing team was one of those things.

On Saturday, the men traveled to Trinity College in Hartford to battle the likes of Brown, MIT, Trinity and Holy Cross and snatch a well-deserved first-place finish. It was true that excitement and the tournament came down to the last round with Trinity trailing Brandeis by two bouts, 56-54. Trinity and Brandeis squatted off in the final round and when the blades stopped flashing the score was knotted 28-28. This forced the outcome to be decided by a complicated system of indicators. Not for 90 minutes did the final results show that Brandeis had edged Trinity by two touches. The men brought home the title that had eluded them for some time.

Coach Shipman was visibly elated with the results and claimed that, “It was a good day for a long season, everyone did a fantastic job.” The team, coming off a disappointing 5-0 loss at the hands of MIT a week earlier, faced with spirit in the tournament, faced Henry, who would later in the afternoon capture individual honors in sabre, teamed up with an inspired Harold Weiss to take fourteen victories in sixteen bouts. Weiss, who capped a fourth-place finish in the individual sabre tournament, and Henry showed that they had gained experience.

Captain Matt Wiegant and Greg Stewart teamed up in esp. Both scored extremely well in the morning’s team competition and both saw action in the individual tournament in the evening. Senior Matt Wagstaff in his last tournament battled for a third place finish in the individuals. Wiegant was unseated by the upstart and said, “It was a team effort, we pulled together and fought for every point and that made a difference.” Wiegant had praise for Coach Shipman and said he thinks, “This is the beginning of a winning dynasty for the fencing team, due to the hard work of Coach Shipman.”

Craig Esham and Craig Hulse did the work in foil. The two, coming off a disappointing 5-0 loss at the hands of MIT a week earlier, faced with spirit in the tournament, faced Henry, who would later in the afternoon capture individual honors in sabre, teamed up with an inspired Harold Weiss to take fourteen victories in sixteen bouts. Weiss, who capped a fourth-place finish in the individual sabre tournament, and Henry showed that they had gained experience.

The women were led by a strong Nancy Fitch who won all but two of the winning streak. Sharon Barlow also proved herself, taking an needed victory in all the events of the winning streak. The JV squad posted a winning streak of their own, winning their last five meets after a slow start in the first semester.

Two New England’s change for Brandeis fencing and Coach Shipman in 83? Not impossible.
1988 Fencing Championships

Brandeis University
Shapiro Athletic Center
February 20-21, 1988
1996 FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
GOSMAN CENTER
FEBRUARY 24-25, 1996
**FENCING:** 'Deis beats NYU for first time since 1980s

**FENCING**

Judges score first-ever win over Yale

The men’s team dominated the Bulldogs in the foil 7-2 in cruising to the road victory.

By JACOB HAMARAS
JUSTICE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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**Tuesday, January 25, 2005**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2005**
Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Women’s saber team captures cup at Duke

The women’s saber team captured the cup at Duke University on Tuesday, February 10, 2004. The team, led by coach John O’Connell, defeated the University of Pennsylvania 15-4 to win the championship.

The victory came after a tough round-robin tournament where the team faced a number of strong opponents. The team’s performance was highlighted by the skill and dedication of its members, who trained tirelessly to prepare for the competition.

With this win, the team has secured its place in the national rankings and is expected to continue its impressive performance in upcoming tournaments. Congratulations to the women’s saber team for their hard work and success!
March 19, 1991

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Fencers Flourish in UAA Season Finale
Michael Mayer '94 Qualifies for NCAA Tournament
Fencers Prepare to Foil
Competition At Cornell

Tuesday, November 12, 1991

Fencing
Judges Foiled

Tuesday, January 26, 1993
Fencers Up Season Record to 23-0

Judges Prepare for Grueling Weekend Against Top Teams

By DAN FRIEDMILL

The men's and women's fencing teams went a combined 10-0 in two meets this weekend. Saturday, the men faced seven schools at Wellesley College, and the men faced three on Sunday at Boston College.

The hosts had close matches on Saturday against Wellesley, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Brown University, as they won 17-15, 17-15 and 16-15 on a 10-6 showing, respectively.

Leading the way for the Judges were Miwa Bruce '04 and Kristen Foulkes '97 who went a combined 40-3 in full competition for the day.

Coach Bill Shipman said the matches that were close would not have been so close if the Judges had not been as strong in the first half.

Bruce had a good game. I thought that he would be kind of out of sorts because he was the only one out of a team that the applied in her anterior cruciate ligament while skiing earlier this year. Also, a few other absences were present this weekend.

For the Grueling Weekend Against Top Teams, the Judges are resolute in the absence of a veteran teammate, Anna Haddock '04 and Eve Grant '06 are missing the majority of the season in her absence. The two are lacking experience, but they got stronger in the past two weekends.

Shipman said, "Most of the opponents were weaker, putting pressure on Brown and Wellesley.

The men's team was dominating, as they beat the Eagles 17-10.

The animals have only lost four times between them this season, and they lead the Judges men's Fall squad. Shipman said.

The top team will face the top team on Sunday at MIT against Columbia University, Princeton University, St. John's University, Notre Dame, Princeton University, and Notre Dame University.

The women's squad will face the top team at home at the end of the season, and Sunday's meet will be the Judges' fifth competitive one so far. Shipman said the top team is a great one for the 23rd and final meet.
Shipman named chairman

By Ben Schiffman
Justice Staff

Brandeis head fencing coach Bill Shipman has been promoted to chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) fencing committee. Shipman was voted into the position at the NCAA fencing championships last month.
“My wife and I met on the team a long time ago. We’ve been married for 11 years and have two kids. Coach Shipman paired us for drills on her first day of the team. We call him the matchmaker now.”

- Shai Ben-Yaacov, ‘02
March, 1999

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Women fencers have trouble against top teams in Regionals

March, 1999

MFencing: Four are on their way to Nationals
Fencing: Men’s team ranked 13th in nation

March, 1999

This whole season has been emotionally draining all year. To finish it in California was great.

Tim Morehouse '00

Brian had some bad luck and couldn’t get a break. Becky had it with this title out, never more than last year, and Tim couldn’t have done it better.” Shipman added that Morehouse had a season of duals.

Tim Morehouse will be competing this weekend in a World Cup Tournament being held in Boston.
Judges dominate NE League meet

By Brian F. Weinberg

"The Brandeis fencing team has built up its reputation as a fierce competitor in collegiate fencing. It is an individually oriented sport, but players come together to form a team. The game is both mental and physical, and Brandeis has had success in producing the former even though it is not in the physical aspects. It is the mental preparation and toughness that can make the fencer into the next level of help from the team.

"Though the bulk of the fencing season comes during the second semester, the team competed this past weekend in their first New England League meet.

"The league includes the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Dartmouth College, Boston University and Brown University. Brown is the toughest of the teams in the league, but if this weekend's showing was the determining factor it might not seem that way.

"The men's team won the tournament, defeating all of its competition 4-0, and the women's team won 4-1 losing only to Brown. The women also played against Wesleyan College.

"Men's captain Tim Morehouse '96 called the weekend a "good warm-up" for the meet.

"Our team showed a lot of character," Morehouse said. "Everyone's spirits were up and the results can reflect the improvements that were made during the season." Our team was more effective and had the will to win."

"On the team's overall performance, Morehouse added, "It was a great effort, and everyone fought well. It was the best day for the fall team. They have been working hard for three years and it is piling off for them.

"Alison Brennan '01 went undefeated for the day, 14-0. Shipman said it was "quite an accomplishment." The women's scores were 16-8 over Williams, a 16-7 loss to Brown, 10-12 over Smith, 18-6 over St. John's University, and 16-11 over UMass.

"We performed very well. It was fantastic," Brennan said. "The team was in peak condition and the moves that we made were perfect. The next few weeks we're going to work hard to do well against Harvard to do much better than we have in the past."

"Shipman said that overall this weekend will give the team the confidence it needs going up against Harvard after Thanksgiving."

"As far as the results of the season Shipman is confident about both men and women.

"The women are not as strong as the men but they can hold their own and play a few teams. Shipman said, "There are a lot of teams that are always improving, and we try to stay ahead of them. We have a shot at beating everyone on our schedule."
Fencing sends four to NCAA finals

By JOCEY SHAW

Junior Staff Writer

Kevin Nieves/University Photographer

Yeomen & Wycliffe University's fencing team ended their season with a season-ending performance in the NCAA National Collegiate Fencing Championships. This year, the Yeomen won the first place title in the NCAA, which was held at the University of Texas, and took home the championship trophy. The Yeomen had started out the season strong, with a win against Tufts University in the first round. They then went on to defeat the University of Michigan in the quarterfinals, followed by the University of California, Berkeley, in the semifinals. Finally, they defeated the University of Chicago in the final, winning the championship and becoming the first team to do so in Yeomen history.

The Yeomen's success can be attributed to their strong team dynamics and individual skills. The team members, led by Captain Jack Brown, were able to work together effectively, with each member bringing their unique strengths to the table. This resulted in a well-coordinated and cohesive team, which was able to overcome the challenges of the competition. The Yeomen's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team members, who trained tirelessly throughout the season to prepare for the NCAA Championships.

The Yeomen's victory was not only a personal triumph for the team members, but also a source of pride for the University. The University administration expressed their congratulations and commended the Yeomen for their hard work and dedication. The University of Texas is known for its strong fencing program, and the Yeomen's success is a testament to the quality of the program. The University administration expressed their hope that the Yeomen's success would inspire other teams to emulate their efforts and continue to work towards excellence in the sport of fencing.

The Yeomen's victory in the NCAA Championships is a significant milestone for the University, and the team members are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. The Yeomen's success is a source of pride for the University, and it is hoped that they will continue to build on their success and make their mark in the world of fencing.
Women’s fencing wins UAA title

The Brandeis women’s fencing team proved its strength once again, performing relatively well in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association (IFA) Championships last weekend and winning the University of New York’s first place in the women’s division.

The six-member women’s team (Hochster, Capozzi, Julia Becker, and Julia Orosz) was one of the highlights of the event. They passed the hurdles and won first place in the team’s round robin, finishing in eighth.

The men’s team also shone on the day, placing second behind the men’s team from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While Brandeis students and faculty were working hard making their way back to campus over the Feb. 26-25 weekend, the fencing squad traveled south and climbed with men’s conference fees at UAA Fencing Championships hosted by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The men’s team put forth a third-place performance characterized by Shigman as “a little disappointing.”

The Brandeis women, however, were quite a different story. They stole the show, capturing an overall title, as well as team and individual titles. They defeated New York University (17-3) and Hopkins (38-5).

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Shipman Honored

By DAN FRIEDELL

Friday night, fencing coach Bill Shipman was named the 1993-94 United States Fencing Coach's Association coach of the year. Shipman, in his 13th year at Brandeis, led the team to a solid performance in the National Championships, held at the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center this past week.

The Judges held 12th place heading into the final day of competition.

"No fencing coach in the country has put in more hours to prepare for the championships. (Shipman's work) has shown in the success of the competition and minimal complaints we have had," Jack Molby, assistant athletic director and sports information director said.

The work Shipman has put into the team and into improving Brandeis' reputation is visible in the awarding of the privilege to host the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

"It's a wonderful recognition for Bill's effort, which goes far beyond what Brandeis could expect. What he has done nationally brings great respect to this school," Athletic Director Jeff Cohen, said.

That Shipman won the award is a testament to his excellence, since he was competing against all the larger university's and organizations that field fencing squads.

"He is ... a Division III coach being recognized as the national fencing coach of the year," Cohen said.

The award says a great deal about Shipman as a coach, but even more about him as a person.

"It shows recognition and

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“I remember Coach best by his uninhibited love of any restaurant ending in y’s – Arby’s, Shoney’s, Denny’s.”
- Benji Rostoker, ‘05

“Coach introduced me to Shoney’s. I didn’t know so many foods could be drowned in maple syrup!”
- Shai Ben-Yaacov, ‘02

“Coach went to Bob Evans every single day of NCAA’s for grits and butter.”
- Alexander Powell, ‘12
“At IFA’s in ’06, it was the first day of fencing. First touch, in fact. Andrew Sofer was fencing the first bout, and a referee blows a passing call which Coach went ballistic at. He shouts at the guy, “That is the worst call I’ve seen all day!” It was the first call he had seen.”

– Brendan Doris-Pierce, ‘07
Captain's fencing career good to the end

By Brian Lewis
Auburn Examiner-News

Captain's fencing career good to the end

If you were to ask any of the members of the Auburn High School fencing team, they would all tell you about their love for the sport...
“When I was trying to decide whether I should continue fencing, Coach Shipman was the one who really believed in me again. He made me believe I could get where I wanted if I worked hard enough.”

– Tim Morehouse ’00
COACH BILL SHIPMAN

37 YEARS
18 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
10 ALL-AMERICANS
Thank you for 37 years!