

General Information

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| Country: | SEN |
| Gender: | F |
| Handedness: | Right-handed |
| Date of birth: | 1988-05-02 |
| License: | 02051988001 |

Further Personal Information

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| Residence | Asnières-sur-Seine, FRA |
| Occupation | Athlete, Coach |
| Languages | French |

Sport Specific Information

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| Why this sport? | "A colleague of my father had received fencing training, and was looking for some young people to train himself and with his friends. So, I had a go. I chose epee because the other weapons I find too complicated and less intuitive. I left university to do fencing because I really wanted to make my dream become true. I was forbidden to do so because maybe it was impossible to achieve, and it was dangerous to do it but I chose fencing nonetheless, and made it my job." |
| Club / Team | Cercle d'Esgrime d'Asnieres: France |
| Name of coach | Alexandre Bouzaid; Daniel Levvasseur |
| Handedness | Right |

General Interest

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| Nicknames | Binti (Facebook profile, 07 May 2024) |
| Memorable sporting achievement | Qualifying for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (eurosport.com, 04 Jul 2021) |
| Sporting philosophy / motto | "I am serious, motivated, professional, dynamic, rigorous, and determined to fulfil my commitments and ambitions." (esgrime-cormeilles.wixsite.com, 01 Oct 2020) |
| Milestones | At the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo she became the second female fencer to represent Senegal in individual epee at an Olympic Games, after compatriot Aminata Ndong first achieved the feat at the 2004 Games in Athens. (SportsDeskOnline, 01 Apr 2022) |
| Ambitions | To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (Facebook profile, 25 Jul 2022) |
| Other information | <p>THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR TOKYO She failed to qualify for the 2012 or 2016 Olympic Games, but finally achieved her Olympic dream by competing at the 2020 Games in Tokyo. "Just being here [in Tokyo] is for me like winning an Olympic medal. I struggled so hard to get here, to realise my Olympic dream. I have no financial support in my country, where fencing is not a popular sport. I had to make do with limited resources." (lemag.seinesaintdenis.fr, 23 Jul 2021)</p> <p>FROM SENEGAL TO FRANCE In 2014 she moved from Senegal to France. In addition to competing, she also coaches the sport at fencing clubs in France. "Since fencing isn't well known or developed in Senegal, I moved to France to look for better performances and to try to qualify for the Olympic Games. I wanted to give myself the best chance possible. Combining work with competing at a high level requires a lot of sacrifices, but as the saying goes, 'Where there's a will, there's a way' and I am not one to give up easily." (esgrime-cormeilles.wixsite.com, 01 Oct 2020)</p> |