

General Information

Country:	FIN
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Left-handed
Date of birth:	1989-06-08
License:	08061989003

Further Personal Information

Residence	Helsinki, FIN
Occupation	Athlete, Student
Languages	English, Finnish, German, Swedish
Higher education	Philosophy - University of Helsinki: Finland

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing in 2005, and started competing the following year.
Why this sport?	He enjoyed the variety and excitement of fencing.
Club / Team	Helsingin Miekkaileijat: Finland
Handedness	Left

General Interest

Injuries	He struggled with an injury in 2016. (fencing-pentathlon.fi, 19 Feb 2017)
Awards and honours	<p>In 2014, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 he was named Fencer of the Year by the Finnish Sports Journalists Association. (urheilutoimittajat.fi, 08 Jan 2024, 09 Jan 2023, 10 Jan 2022; fencing-pentathlon.fi, 14 Jan 2021, 13 Jan 2016; kymensanomat.fi, 16 Jan 2019; mtvuutiset.fi, 13 Jan 2015)</p> <p>In 2019, 2020 and 2022 he was named Fencer of the Year by the Finnish Fencing and Pentathlon Association. (helsinginmiekkaileijat.com, 23 Nov 2020; fencing-pentathlon.fi, 24 Nov 2019; fencing-pentathlon.fi, 22 Nov 2022)</p> <p>In 2013 he was named Promising Athlete of the Year by the Helsingin Sanomat newspaper in Finland. (hs.fi, 05 Mar 2022)</p>
Ambitions	To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (yle.fi, 06 Mar 2022)
Other information	<p>OTHER ACTIVITIES He has served as vice chairman of the Athletes of Finland [Suomen Urheilijat] and as a committee member at the European Fencing Confederation. "As an athlete and a representative of a smaller sport, I have encountered problems over the years that I wanted to influence." (suomenurheilijat.fi, 11 Sep 2023; sjry.fi, 17 Mar 2023; eurofencing.info, 01 Jan 2023)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION After completing a degree in theoretical philosophy at the University of Helsinki in Finland, he continued at the university to earn a master's degree in the same subject in 2018, and later began studying for a PhD in theoretical philosophy. He has also earned a philosophy teaching qualification and a master's degree in educational sciences from the University of Helsinki. In 2022 he began studying for a degree in mathematics at the University of Eastern Finland. (LinkedIn profile, 01 Sep 2023)</p> <p>AUTHOR He has written a book titled 'Kalpa and Mind - Philosophy of Fencing and Mind-Control'. "The book is about philosophy and aesthetics combined with fencing sport. It was a nominee for The Sport Culture Act of the Year prize in Finnish Sports gala in 2016." (basambooks.com, 14 May 2015; LinkedIn profile, 01 Sep 2023)</p>