

General Information

Country:	ITA
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1992-08-04
License:	04081992000

Further Personal Information

Family	Partner Alice Volpi
Residence	Rome, ITA
Occupation	Doctor
Languages	English, Italian
Higher education	Medicine - University of Rome Tor Vergata: Italy

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He decided to focus on fencing at age 17.
Why this sport?	He first took up the sport in his garage. "It has helped shape my character. I was training with a dummy."
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Nicknames	Dani (Facebook profile, 29 Sep 2019)
Hobbies	Spending time with his dog. (pianetascherma.com, 12 Apr 2020)
Memorable sporting achievement	Winning gold in individual men's foil at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (giocopulito.it, 28 Apr 2022)
Hero / Idol	Italian fencers Andrea Baldini and Stefano Barrera. (corrieredellosport.it, 28 Sep 2016)
Injuries	In October 2017 he required surgery on a collapsed lung. (catania.meridionews.it, 26 Oct 2017)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"What we do from a sporting point of view, if we are only limited to the sporting event, wouldn't be that useful. I think that what sport has to teach, the message it has to convey, is the opportunity to come together socially and share positive values." (eurosport.com, 09 Sep 2020)
Awards and honours	In 2018 he received the Collare d'Oro [Golden Necklace] from the Italian Olympic Committee [CONI]. (frascatischerma.it, 19 Dec 2018)
Famous relatives	His brother Enrico has represented Italy in fencing. He won silver in team epee at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. His partner Alice Volpi has also represented Italy in the sport. She won gold in individual foil at the world championships in 2018 and 2023. (SportsDeskOnline, 17 May 2024; Alice Volpi Instagram profile, 09 Apr 2020; sport.sky.it, 13 Jul 2019; oasport.it, 06 Dec 2016; pianetascherma.com, 13 Jun 2015)
Other information	<p>RETIREMENT In 2024 he announced his retirement from competitive sport due to a heart condition. "I have been lucky to live an extraordinary adventure in this sport, with the highlight of a gold and a silver medal at the Olympic Games. Now that I put an end to this chapter in my life I am grateful for every moment and for all the experiences that have made me the person I have become." (repubblica.it, 30 Apr 2024)</p> <p>ACADEMIC AMBITION In March 2022 he graduated with a degree in medicine. "It took me quite some time, 10 years and five months exactly, but not a single minute was wasted. It was a long road combining fencing and medicine, because the discipline needed for both of them is the same. Do not believe that sports and studies cannot get along. It's a lie." (fanpage.it, 03 Aug 2022; morningfuture.com, 13 May 2022; sportface.it, 22 Mar 2022; Instagram profile, 24 Feb 2022)</p> <p>STOLEN MEDAL In October 2016 his Olympic gold medal was stolen from his backpack after he fell asleep on a train to Turin, Italy. It was later found in a pile of rubbish outside a train station by a local woman who connected with him via social media. "I'm really happy. Even though I'd come to terms with losing the medal, it was like a part of me had been taken away. I asked her to kindly send a photo of it first. Not that I didn't trust her, but I really didn't want to be let down." (straitstimes.com, 13 Nov 2016)</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES In 2018 he founded an international fencing camp in Italy, called Future Champions Camp, along with his father Salvo and his brother Enrico. (lascilia.it, 29 Dec 2022)</p>