

## General Information

Country:	ITA
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1992-11-10
License:	10111992001

## Further Personal Information

Residence	Rome, ITA
Occupation	Police Athlete
Languages	Italian
Higher education	Political Science - Niccolo Cusano University: Rome, ITA

## Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age seven. He competed in foil until he was about age 16, without achieving particularly good results, and was starting to lose interest in the sport. He was then asked to try sabre by coach Vincenzo Castrucci and his performances began to improve. "I started with foil from 1999 to 2007. During the 2008/09 season, I was 15 or 16 years old, I made the switch to sabre."
Why this sport?	He saw people fencing at a sports club and decided to try it. "My elementary school teacher was also a karate coach, and she suggested I practise the sport. I went to the sports club but I never got to do it because as soon as I saw the fencing, I was immediately fascinated by it and I tried it out the same day."
Club / Team	GS Fiamme Gialle [ITA] / SS Lazio Scherma [ITA]:
Name of coach	Nicola Zanotti [national]; Alessandro Di Agostino [personal]
Handedness	Right

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Hero / Idol	Italian fencer Aldo Montano. (theowlpost.it, 01 Jan 2018)
Injuries	In March 2022 he underwent surgery on his left knee. He returned to training six months later. (pianetascherma.com, 06 Sep 2022; Instagram profile, 19 Mar 2022; ilfaroonline.it, 17 Mar 2022)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Discipline is key. In sport, in particular, you must always have it. Without it you can't go anywhere. It is the basis for distinguishing an athlete from a non-athlete." (thewebcoffee.net, 06 Feb 2017)
Other information	FROM IDOL TO TEAMMATE He was inspired to compete in sabre fencing by compatriot Aldo Montano. He later teamed up with Montano, Luigi Samele, and Luca Curatoli to win silver in men's team sabre at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. "Even when I was still competing in foil, I was inspired by the execution and the movement of Aldo Montano when he competed at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. It was the first Olympics I saw and the one that inspired me. I didn't think I could ever succeed like that in foil, but when I switched to sabre, it became something plausible. In 2012 I joined the national training squad in Rome and met him. He had won titles from the Olympics, to worlds and European ones. Despite being a media personality, he is still a source of inspiration because he is always available, open to everyone, and often being the last to leave the gym." (oasport.it, 28 Jul 2021; castellinotizie.it, 28 Jun 2021)