

BERG THOMAS LERCHE

General Information		
Country:	DEN	
Gender:	M	
Handedness:	Right-handed	
Date of birth:	1996-06-11	
License:	11061996003	

Further Personal Information	
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Danish, English

Sport Specific Information		
When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age eight.	
Why this sport?	"I started fencing because my best friend was doing it. We would usually play together after, so I started going along with him. His parents thought that the old musketeers had good manners and it would teach him to be a gentleman. I was hooked from the start. My friend stopped after a few years, but I kept going."	
Club / Team	Faegtelubben Trekanten: Copenhagen, DEN	
Name of coach	Malte Trier Morch [club, national], DEN	
Handedness	Right	

General Interest		
Injuries	In 2019 he required surgery after tearing the meniscus in his right knee. (teamcopenhagen.dk, 01 Oct 2020)	
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Fencing is like playing chess, but with a high level of physical intensity." (teamcopenhagen.dk, 01 Jul 2017)	
Ambitions	To compete at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (teamcopenhagen.dk, 01 Jul 2017)	
Other information	OLYMPIC POSTPONEMENT He required surgery on the meniscus in his right knee in 2019 and was initially ruled out of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. However, the postponement of the Games until 2021 gave him extra time to recover and he hopes to represent Denmark in Japan. "It was a difficult decision [to get surgery], especially because I was facing an Olympic qualification that I had been working towards for many years. But I'm glad I had surgery and am sure it was the right decision for me. I'm very aware that I'm not just getting back to the same level I was at when I had surgery. But I try to see that as an opportunity to change some things about my fencing style, and in that way redefine my fencing." (ghp.dk, 16 Dec 2020)	