

## WEINTRAUB MAIA MEI

| General Information |              |  |
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| Country:            | USA          |  |
| Gender:             | F            |  |
| Handedness:         | Right-handed |  |
| Date of birth:      | 2002-10-24   |  |
| License:            | 24102002000  |  |

| Further Personal Information |         |
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| Occupation                   | Student |
| Languages                    | English |

| Sport Specific Information               |   |  |
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| When and where did you begin this sport? | She began fencing at age nine.  |  |
| Why this sport?                          | She was encouraged to try the sport by her uncles. "Fencing is very unique. I feel like it's not one of those sports where you can just pick up a foil or weapon and just start. You have to dedicate yourself to learning the art of fencing before you can actually do it. And I think that dedicating that time and choosing to do it makes it special." |  |
| Club / Team                              | Princeton University [USA] / Fencers Club [USA] / Fencing Academy of Philadelphia [USA]:  |  |
| Name of coach                            | Simon Gershon; Mark Masters   |  |
| Handedness                               | Right   |  |

| General Interest            |  |  |
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| Hobbies                     | Cooking. (fssfalcon.org, 24 Nov 2020)  |  |
| Injuries                    | In October 2018 she returned to competition after fracturing the fibula in her leg. (usafencing.org, 13 Oct 2018)  |  |
| Sporting philosophy / motto | "I fence best when I don't think about any goals." (phillymag.com, 12 Mar 2020)  |  |
| Famous relatives            | Her uncles Adam and Joshua competed in fencing for Harvard University in the United States of America. (phillymag.com, 12 Mar 2020)  |  |
| Ambitions                   | To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (friends-select.org, 05 Nov 2021)   |  |
| Other information           | OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE She attended the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo as an alternate competitor and training partner. "I was excited to watch Olympic fencing in person, see the process first-hand, and cheer for my teammates from the sidelines." (friends-select.org, 05 Nov 2021)  |  |
|                             | EARLY DAYS In middle school she began commuting from Philadelphia to New York City to train with the Fencers Club. "I have had to sacrifice a lot, especially my social life. But fencing has also given me things I would not have had otherwise. It has given me a community of my own, and has allowed me to travel the country and the world. It has also taught me time management, which I'm grateful for and which will serve me well even after I'm done fencing." (friends-select.org, 05 Nov 2021; phillymag.com, 12 Mar 2020) |  |