

General Information

Country:	HUN
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1986-11-13
License:	13111986000

Further Personal Information

Family	Wife Eszter, sons Apor, Vid, and Samu
Residence	Godollo, HUN
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	English, Hungarian
Higher education	Management - Corvinus University of Budapest: Hungary

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He first tried fencing at age three at the GEAC club in Godollo, Hungary.
Why this sport?	There were a number of fencers in his family, including his father and his uncle. "At the age of three or four, I would spend most of my day in the fencing hall with my father. Why the sabre? Actually, it wasn't a choice, it was a given. Later, when I was seven or eight years old, I could have chosen another weapon, but I didn't feel the urge to switch."
Club / Team	Godolloi Egyetemi Atlétikai Club [GEAC]: Hungary
Name of coach	Andras Decsi [national], HUN; Jozsef Navarrete, HUN
Training Regime	He trains at the Batizi-Benko fencing hall in Godollo, Hungary.
Handedness	Right

General Interest	
Memorable sporting achievement	Winning gold in team sabre at the 2023 World Championships in Milan, Italy. (nemzetisport.hu, 10 Feb 2024)
Injuries	<p>In March 2022 he suffered an ankle injury during a World Cup event in Budapest, Hungary. (m4sport.hu, 21 Mar 2022)</p> <p>Speaking in 2017, he said that injury had affected his performances in 2015 and 2016. (eurosport.hosszabbita.hu, 17 Mar 2017; haon.hu, 28 Feb 2017)</p>
Sporting philosophy / motto	"I used to say fencing was 80% mental and 20% physical. But nowadays I think it is more 70% mental and 30% physical. Fencing has become more dynamic, and physical conditioning is becoming more important." (eurosport.hosszabbita.hu, 17 Mar 2017)
Awards and honours	<p>In 2023 he received the Granite Lion Role Model Award in the public life category from the Men's Club in Hungary. (Godollo Facebook page, 19 Nov 2023; kultura.hu, 18 Nov 2023)</p> <p>In 2023 he and his Hungarian men's sabre teammates who won gold at the 2023 World Championships in Milan, Italy, were named Team of the Year in individual sports by the Association of Hungarian Sports Journalists. (m4sport.hu, 09 Jan 2024; Instagram profile, 09 Jan 2024)</p> <p>In 2022 he was named Male Athlete of the Year at the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences [MATE] Sports Gala. (Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences YouTube channel, 07 Dec 2022)</p>
Famous relatives	His brothers Bence and Huba have represented Hungary in fencing. His uncle Gyorgy Gemesi also competed in the sport at international level, and since retiring from competition in the 1990s has served as vice president of the Hungarian Fencing Association and the Hungarian Olympic Committee, as well as mayor of Godollo. (SportsDeskOnline, 24 Jun 2019; hosszabbitas.hu, 22 Mar 2017; utanpotlassport.hu, 20 Apr 2013; origo.hu, 2013)
Ambitions	To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (sportal.blikk.hu, 11 Apr 2024)
Other information	<p>FENCING FAMILY He comes from a large family of fencers and has always represented the GEAC club in Godollo, Hungary. "I became a fencer because I had no other option. The whole family fenced, especially my uncle and my father. My younger siblings grew up watching us train, so they naturally became interested in the sport too. Most of them have stopped, though. I have always been at the GEAC club since a very young age, only my coaches changed. Sandor Batizi was my first coach, but as a child I was mostly trained by Laszlo Subert. After that, Gergely Bokor became my coach and then Jozsef Navarrete. I have a strong attachment to GEAC, as long as I fence I will only represent GEAC." (szolgalat.com, 03 Dec 2018; eurosport.hosszabbita.hu, 17 Mar 2017; nemzetisport.hu, 20 Feb 2012)</p> <p>DOCUMENTARY He is the subject of a documentary film released in 2024 titled 'Kuzdelem a vegsokig' [Fight to the end]. The film was made by his cousin Gergo Gemesi. "At first I said no, but then I agreed. I grew up with Gerg, it wasn't unusual for him to be by my side, his presence didn't bother me, he held the camera in silence, he came with me everywhere. He did it all by himself for almost two years by my side. We started in 2021 and finished shooting at the beginning of 2023. I want my story, my life and my sporting career to be an example, mostly to young people. I also hope the movie shows what wonderful people I'm surrounded by, without whom I wouldn't be who I am." (sportal.blikk.hu, 11 Apr 2024; godolloimozi.hu, 12 Mar 2024; Facebook profile, 24 Jan 2024)</p>