

General Information	
Country:	NED
Gender:	M
Height:	190
Weight:	80
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1983-10-01
Education:	Sport and Commercial Economy
Profession:	Military, Recruiter, Commentator
License:	01101983000

Further Personal Information	
Family	Wife Ludovica, daughter Nina [2017], son Dani [2020]
Residence	's-Hertogenbosch, NED
Occupation	Businessperson, Police Officer
Languages	Dutch, English, German
Higher education	Economics - Saxion University: Enschede, NED

Sport Specific Information	
When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age five at his father's fencing club in Heesch, Netherlands. He learned both foil and epee until age 12, at which point he decided to focus solely on epee.
Why this sport?	His father Roel was a fencer, as well as the owner and coach of his first club.

General Interest	
Nicknames	Ipe, Bassino (Athlete, 19 Jul 2021)
Memorable sporting achievement	Qualifying for four consecutive editions of the Olympic Games between 2008 and 2020. (Athlete, 19 Jul 2021)
Most influential person in career	His parents. (Athlete, 19 Jul 2021)
Injuries	<p>He suffered a knee injury in mid-2015. (bd.nl, 02 May 2015)</p> <p>He competed at the 2012 Olympic Games in London with an injured ankle. (volkskrant.nl, 29 Dec 2012)</p> <p>He has suffered from knee problems and broken ribs during his career. (vlaamseschermbond.be, 01 Dec 2008)</p>
Awards and honours	He was named Male Athlete of the Year in both 2005 and 2011 at the Sports Gala in Oss, Netherlands. (rksvmargriet.nl, 15 Jan 2014; knas.nl, 2005)
Famous relatives	His wife Ludovica Tucci has represented Italy in fencing, and finished third in individual epee at the Dutch championships in 2015 and 2016. His father Roel has served as a coach for the Dutch national fencing team. (SportsDeskOnline, 12 Jul 2018; Instagram profile, 29 Dec 2017; brabantdagblad.nl, 15 Nov 2010)
Other information	<p><b>RETIREMENT</b> In February 2022 he announced his retirement from competitive sport. "Ever since I was a kid, the Olympics have always been my dream, and that we have been able to go there four times together is something I am proud of and look back on with great satisfaction. The fact that I have put Dutch fencing on the map is a nice side effect. After every Olympics, I took a period of rest to think carefully about the future. And this time I came to the conclusion that it has actually been beautiful. I will now focus more on my family and my career." (Instagram profile, 25 Feb 2022; dtvnieuws.nl, 25 Feb 2022; The Fencing Coach Facebook page, 25 Feb 2022)</p> <p><b>OCCUPATION</b> He works full-time as a recruiter for the Dutch police service. (LinkedIn profile, 28 Feb 2022; volkskrant.nl, 09 Apr 2021)</p> <p><b>MEDIA WORK</b> He served as a commentator for European television network Eurosport during the 2017 World Championships in Leipzig, Germany. (Facebook page, 24 Jul 2017)</p>