


**VERWIJLEN BAS**

<b>NOC</b>	Netherlands 
<b>Gender</b>	Men
<b>Born</b>	01 Oct 1983 in Oss, NED
<b>Height</b>	1.90 m
<b>Weight</b>	82 kg

**Head-to-Head results****HUMAN INTEREST****Further Personal Information**

<b>Residence</b>	Oss, NED
<b>Occupation</b>	Athlete
<b>Languages</b>	Dutch, English
<b>Higher education</b>	Business, Economics - Randstad Topsport Academy : Deventer, NED

**Sport Specific Information**

<b>When and where did you begin this sport?</b>	He began fencing at age five at the club Zaal Verwijlen in Oss, Netherlands. He learned foil and epee until age 12 when he decided to focus solely on epee.
<b>Why this sport?</b>	His father Roel was a fencer and owner/coach of his first club and introduced him to the sport.
<b>Club / Team</b>	Den Bosch: 's-Hertogenbosch, NED
<b>Name of coach</b>	Gabor Salamon
<b>Coach from which country?</b>	Hungary

**General Interest**

<b>Injuries</b>	<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 has broken his ribs during his career. (vlaamseschermbond.be, 01 Dec 2008)</p>
<b>Famous relatives</b>	His father Roel has served as national fencing coach for the Netherlands. (brabantsdagblad.nl, 15 Nov 2010)
<b>Ambitions</b>	To compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (Twitter profile, 23 May 2014)
<b>Other information</b>	<p><b>CHANGING COACHES</b> He was forced to change coaches by the International Fencing Federation [FIE] after they ruled that his coach and father, Roel Verwijlen was not qualified to coach at international level. "The main reason was that they did not find him good enough. That was hard for me to accept. Who are they to determine if a coach is good enough." (omroepbrabant.nl, 29 Apr 2014)</p> <p><b>EDUCATION AND OCCUPATION</b> In addition to his business/economics studies he has also completed a degree in physical education and is a trained sports instructor. (defensie.nl, 05 Jan 2011)</p> <p><b>FIGHTING ZORRO</b> In 2011 he took part in a promotional campaign for a Zorro stage show in Den Bosch, Netherlands. He was featured on a poster for the show, which advertised a duel between himself and Zorro in the town's main square before the opening night. (damenromijn.nl, 11 Aug 2011)</p>

## MAJOR RESULTS

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Olympic Games</b>			
2008	8	Individual Epee	Beijing, China
<b>World Championships</b>			
2011	2	Individual Epee	Catania, Italy
2005	3	Individual Epee	Leipzig, Germany
<b>European Championships</b>			
2011	2	Individual Epee	Sheffield, England
2006	8	Individual Epee	Izmir, Turkey