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OLYMPIA FENCERS WIN SILVER MEDAL AND MORE AT LOUISVILLE YOUTH TOURNAMENT

ST. LOUIS, APRIL 15, 2009... Fencers from St. Louis-based Olympia Fencing Academy won a silver medal and more at the Louisville Super Regional Youth Circuit Tournament held last weekend, April 10-12.

Bringing home the silver for Olympia was Alexandre Amice, who placed second in the Y10 Men's foil event. Alexandre also took an eighth place medal in the Y12 Men's foil event. Emerson Reed earned a sixth place medal in the Y12 Men's sabre event, with teammate Joe Davis bringing home the eighth place medal in the same event.

Other Olympia fencers had strong performances as well:

- Mohamed Hassan came in 11th place in the Y12 Men's foil event, and 15th in the Y14 foil event.
- Steven Shearing came in 17th in the Y12 Men's sabre event, and 31st in the Y14 Men's sabre event.
- Adam Bartling placed 30th in the Y14 Men's Foil event.

"Fencers from Olympia's competitive team consistently medal at such events," said Mary Bartling, spokesperson for Olympia Fencing Academy. "Their ongoing success is a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved."

Sanctioned by the United States Fencing Association (USFA), Olympia Fencing Academy is the training facility for several nationally ranked fencers who regularly compete around the country, as well as for dozens of recreational fencers of all ages and skill levels who simply enjoy the strategy, athleticism and camaraderie of the sport. The Academy's head coach, Hossam Hassan, has 27 years of fencing experience and holds nine certifications and degrees from the French Fencing Federation and International Olympic Committee. Olympia is St. Louis' first, dedicated fencing facility, featuring over 6,500 square feet in the heart of the Central Corridor, at 8664 Olive Blvd. Olympia is also home for beginner to advanced fencing classes, birthday parties and other special events that combine fencing and fun for all ages.

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About the USFA: The United States Fencing Association is the national governing body for the sport in the U.S. The USFA is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the international fencing federation, the Federation Internationale d'Escrime. The USFA's mission is to 1) prepare and select athletes for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World University Games; 2) develop programs for international success and 3) organize grassroots development of the sport in this country. For more information, visit www.usfencing.org.