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Epee fencer John Frame of Berkeley Heights competes in Kansas City and Moedling, Austria

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JOHN FRAME

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — On Monday, Nov. 9, Governor Livingston junior, John Frame of Berkeley Heights finished seventh out of 138 competitors from the U.S. and Canada in the Under-17 North American Cup Men's Epee Competition held in Kansas City, Mo., from Nov. 6 to 9.

This was John's third national medal and his first involving National Points, which are used to determine eligibility for World Cup Cadet competitions outside the U.S.

John had earned his A09 rating, the highest rating possible for an American fencer, during the 2009 Summer Nationals.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, John flew to Moedling, Austria, to compete for the U.S against some of the top Under-17 global epee competitors. In Moedling, there were 196 fencers from a host of countries. John finished in the 85th. It was a great experience for him to experience fencing at the world level. He beat the fourth best fencer in Poland before losing by one point to a very accomplished Swedish fencer.

In February, John will be participating in the Junior Olympics in Memphis and he remains hopeful for another national medal.

John studies fencing at the Medeo Fencing Club in Bridgewater, where he is coached by Yakov Danilenko, who suggests that John's first World Cup Tournament in Moedling is just the first of many to come on the world stage.

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