



Judo - Eight NYAC Judokas Claim US Titles

Saturday, May 20th – Sunday, May 21st; Spokane, Washington – Eight NYAC judokas claimed national titles at the [2023 USA Judo Senior National Championships](#) last weekend – **Ari Berliner** (-66kg), **Dominic Rodriguez** (-73kg), **Johan Silot Susa** (-81kg), **Alex Knauf** (-90kg), **Nate Keeve** (-100kg), **Maria Laborde** (-48kg), **Noran Elmahroukey** (-57kg) and **Karlee Carrouth** (-63kg).

Maria Laborde's victory was described by Nicole Jomantas of USA Judo: "The two-time senior world medalist won four straight matches by ippon (instant win) to successfully defend her 2022 gold in the 48 kg division, winning her last match in the round robin competition against 2022 senior world team member, Giovanna Prado (Coral Springs, FL). Ranked 15th in the Olympic rankings, Laborde is one of Team USA's top candidates for a position on the 2024 Olympic team. Paris would mark the first Games for Laborde who won bronze at the 2014 Senior World Championships and was in contention for the 2016 Games, but gave up her opportunity to compete on the world's largest stage in order to move to the United States."

Laborde original hails from Cuba. Other NYAC highlights included the third-place finishes of **Chris Velazco** (-60kg) and **Christian Konoval** (+100kg) in their respective weights. [Click here](#) for full results.

Meet Maria Laborde

Sport: Judo **Hometown:** Kenosha, WI
Achievements: 2014 Senior World Championships Bronze Medalist (representing Cuba), four-time Senior World Championships team member (2013, 2014, 2022, 2023, the last two times representing the USA).
Fun Fact: Maria became a US citizen in 2022
[Find Maria on Instagram @m.laborde.48kg](#)



Track and Field - Winkler and Andersen Claim World Leads

Saturday, May 20th; Tucson, AZ – The NYAC's **Rudy Winkler** and **Brooke Andersen** won the men's and women's hammer throws at the [USATF Throws Festival](#) in Tucson, each with world leading marks. Winkler won the men's competition with a mighty 80.88m/265-4 heave on his third throw. Diego Del Real of Mexico took second with 78.05m/256-01, a season's best, and Denzel Comenentia of the Netherlands took third with a national record and personal best of 78.01/255-11. In the women's competition, Andersen claimed the win with personal best of 80.17m/263-0 on her third throw. Fellow Americans Janee' Kassanavoid and Annette Echikunwoke took second and third, with marks of 76.60m/251-4 and 75.00/246-1, respectively. Also in Tucson, the NYAC's **Sam Mattis** placed third in the discus with a mark of 64.90m/212-11, achieved on his first throw of the competition. Alex Rose of Western Samoa won with 67.73m/222-2, and Fedrick Dacres of Jamaica took second with 65.48m/214-10. The NYAC's Janeah Stewart placed eighth in the hammer throw with a mark of 69.47m/227'11", and Michael Shuey was 10th in the javelin with a mark of 70.86m/232'6". [Click here](#) for full results from Tucson.

• **Wednesday, May 24th, Athens, Greece** - The NYAC's World Championships bronze medalist, Tori Franklin, showed fine form at the [International Jumping Meet](#) in Athens, taking the victory with a leap of 14.13m/46-4.25 on her second attempt. Franklin will certainly have her mind set on claiming another world championships medal, when that meet takes place in Budapest in August. **Sunday, May 21st; Devonshire, Bermuda** – The NYAC's **Will Claye** won the triple jump at the [USATF Bermuda Grand Prix](#) with a mark of 17.45m/57-3. Fellow American Donald Scott took second at 17.06m/55-11.75, and Jamaica's Jordan Scott was third, also with 17.06m. Also at the Bermuda Grand Prix, the NYAC's **Rob Napolitano** placed third in the 1500m with a finish of 3:42.87. Robert Heppenstall of Canada won in 3:41.83, and Ethan Hussey of Great Britain placed second in 3:42.52. [Click here](#) for full results from Bermuda.

• **Sunday, May 21st; Yokohama, Japan** – At the [Seiko Golden Grand Prix](#), the NYAC's **Aisha Praught-Leer** placed sixth in the 3000m in a time of 8:55.30. Twenty-one year-old Teresiah Muthoni Gateri of Kenya won in 8:43.81. [Click here](#) for full results from Yokohama.

• **Thursday, May 18th; Tucson, AZ** - Two days before contesting the USATF Throws Festival, also in Tucson, the NYAC's **Sam Mattis** won the discus competition at the [Tucson Elite Classic](#) with a mark of 64.66m/212-2. [Click here](#) for complete results.

• **Friday, May 19th; Randall's Island, NY** – The NYAC's **Rob Napolitano** finished eighth in the 1500m at the [Trials of Miles Track Night](#) with a time of 3:42.6. [Click here](#) for full results from the meet.

• **Thursday, May 18th-Saturday, May 20th; Chula Vista, CA** – As if she were not sufficiently legendary, at the US Paralympics Track and Field National Championships in Chula Vista, 19-time Paralympic medalist, **Tatyana McFadden**, added to her glistening reputation by qualifying for her fifth World Paralympics Championships. That meet takes place in Paris in July, where the NYAC woman will contest no less than five T54 events: the 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and mixed relay. Rio Paralympics gold medalist, **Mikey Brannigan**, also qualified for the World Championships; he will contest the T20 1500m

Wrestling - NYAC Wrestlers Advance to Final X

Saturday, May 20th – Sunday, May 21st; Colorado Springs, CO – The NYAC's six-time world champion, **Adeline Gray** (76kg), plus **Adam Coon** (130kg), **Pat Smith** (72kg) and **Christian Dulaney** (97kg GR) won their respective weights at the [US World Team Trials](#) in Colorado Springs, thus securing their places to compete at Final X at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ on June 10th. The winner of each weight at Final X will secure a place on the US team for the 2023 World Championships in Serbia in September. Other NYAC wrestlers who will contest Final X include Tokyo Olympic bronze medalist, **Sarah Hildebrandt** (50kg) and **Alan Vera** (87kg GR), among others. [Click here](#) for more info about the World Championships Team Trials.



Click the image to watch Adeline's post-win interview.

Triathlon - Sarah True Fourth in Chattanooga

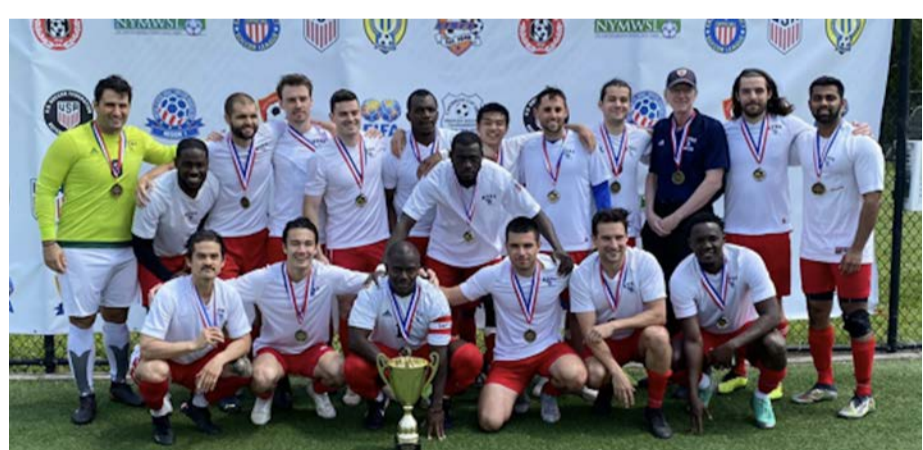
Sunday, May 21st; Chattanooga, TN – The NYAC's **Sarah True** finished fourth at [IRONMAN 70.3 Chattanooga](#) with a finishing time of 4:16:01. Canada's Paula Findlay won the race in 4:09:44. Sarah completed the 1.2-mile swim in 26:53, the 56-mile bike in 2:25:01, and the 13.1-mile run in 1:20:45. [Click here](#) for full results from Chattanooga.

Swimming - Armstrong and Held Excel in Mission Viejo

Wednesday, May 17th – Saturday, May 20th; Mission Viejo, CA – The NYAC's **Hunter Armstrong** and **Ryan Held** had excellent performances at the [TYR Pro Swim Series Mission Viejo](#) meet, each securing multiple podium finishes. Held and Armstrong had two head-to-head races, the LC 50m butterfly and the LC 100m freestyle. In the 50m butterfly, Held prevailed in a time of 23.76, with Armstrong third in 23.84. In the 100m freestyle, Held won in 48.74, with Armstrong again third (49.13). Armstrong did take victory in the LC 100m backstroke (52.82), and placed second in the 50m backstroke (24.91). Held placed second in the LC 50m freestyle (22.12). [Click here](#) for full results from Mission Viejo.



Soccer - NYAC Reserves Claim D'Arpino Cup



Sunday, May 21st; Randall's Island - In a thrilling competition against NY Ukrainians II, the NYAC Reserves claimed the [D'Arpino Cup](#), although, with the score standing at 1-1 at full time, the outcome was decided on penalties, that resulting in a final score of 4-2. The Cup is awarded annually in honor of Livio D'Arpino, who was the first Vice President of Youth and Amateur NY State Associations.

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Upcoming Events

JUDO: Thursday, May 25th - Saturday, May 27th [Linz Grand Prix](#) - Linz, Austria - Maria Laborde, -48kg; Angelica Delgado, -52kg; Hannah Martin, -63kg; Ari Berliner, -66kg; Dominic Rodriguez, -73kg; Jack Yonezuka, -73kg; Nicolas Yonezuka, -81kg; Alexander Knauf, -90kg; Nate Keeve, -100kg [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, May 27th
[USATF LA Grand Prix](#) - Los Angeles, CA - Brooke Andersen (Hammer Throw), DeAnna Price (Hammer Throw), Rudy Winkler (Hammer Throw), Valarie Allman (Discus), Aisha Praught-Leer (5000m) [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Saturday, May 27th - Sunday, May 28th
[World Triathlon Championship Series Cagliari](#) - Cagliari, Italy - Taylor Spivey, Summer Rappaport, Kirsten Kasper, Taylor Knibb [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, May 28th
[Diamond League Rabat](#) - Rabat, Morocco - Tori Franklin (Triple Jump), Sam Mattis (Discus) [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, June 2nd
[Diamond League Rome](#) - Rome, Italy - [More info](#)

JUDO: Friday, June 2nd - Sunday, June 4th
[Dushanbe Grand Prix](#) - Dushanbe, Tajikistan - Maria Laborde (-48kg), Angie Delgado (-52kg), Ari Berliner (-66kg), Dominic Rodriguez (-73kg) [More info](#)

JUDO: Saturday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 4th
[Santiago Panamerican Open](#) - Santiago, Chile - Nate Keeve (-100kg) [More info](#)