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# NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

## Paralympic Games Begin - McFadden and Brannigan on the Track



The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games opened on Tuesday, August 24th. The Games run until Sunday, September 5th with 2,537 Paralympians competing in 22 sports. Team USA sent 240 athletes, including the NYAC's Tatyana McFadden and Mikey Brannigan. Tatyana is a 17-time Paralympic medalist, with four gold medals and two silver medals from 2016 alone. Click [here](#) to watch her Rio 2016 win in the T54 400m. Also in Rio, Mikey Brannigan won the gold medal in the men's T20 1500m. Click [here](#) to

learn more about Mikey's journey to Paralympic gold. In Tokyo, Tatyana will contest the T54 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon. Mikey will contest the T20 1500m. For a complete competition schedule, click [here](#). You can follow Tatyana's and Mikey's Paralympics updates on social media - [@TatyanaMcFaddenUSA](#) and [@MikeyBrannigan](#).



## Triathlon - Victory for Knibb in Edmonton



The NYAC's Taylor Knibb won the elite women's race at the 2021 World Triathlon Championship Final Edmonton in a time of 1:54:47. NYAC teammates Katie Zaferes, Taylor Spivey, Kirsten Kasper and Summer Rappaport finished fourth, fifth, 10th and 16th, respectively. Watch highlights of the women's race [here](#). In the elite men's race, Vincent Luis (FRA) placed 10th in 1:44:52. For video of the men's race, click [here](#). For full results, click [here](#). This result meant that Knibb placed second in the 2021 World Triathlon Championship Series Rankings. Only Olympic champion Flora Duffy of Bermuda placed ahead of her. Taylor Spivey was ranked third. For the full year-end rankings, click [here](#). This Saturday (August 28th), Knibb, plus the NYAC's Ben Kanute and Katie Zaferes will contest the Collins Cup in Samorin, Slovakia. For broadcast information, click [here](#).

## Track and Field - Nageotte Keeps Winning

At the Wanda Diamond League Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, OR last weekend (August 21st), Olympic champion Katie Nageotte won the pole vault with a clearance of 4.82m/15'9 3/4". Olympic shot put silver medalist, Joe Kovacs, placed third in that event, and Olympic fourth placer Will Claye replicated that position in the triple jump. Sarah Vaughn finished fifth in the North American 1500m, a separate race from the invitational 1500m. For complete results, click [here](#). Yesterday (Thursday, August 26th), at the Wanda Diamond League Lausanne Meeting, Joe Kovacs placed fifth in the shot put, with a throw of 21.32m/69'11 1/2". Click [here](#) for full results.



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