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NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

Water Polo - US Men Take Silver in Super Final

The FINA World League Super Final in Tblisi, Georgia concluded today. Having defeated France on Tuesday (12-11) and world champions Italy in the semi-finals yesterday (10-8), the US team, with six NYAC men on the roster, faced Montenegro in today's final. It was a torrid game, but the title went to the Balkans, with Montenegro defeating the US 9-8. You can read about it [here](#). You can study the results [here](#). The NYAC men in action were Alex Bowen, Alex Obert, Chancellor Ramirez, Jesse Smith, Benjamin Stevenson, and Bennett Williams. **The US men's Olympic team will be officially named tomorrow, Friday, July 2nd.** If these six are selected, the NYAC will have 16 players on the men's and women's teams in Tokyo. If Smith (right) is selected, it will be his fifth Olympic Games. He owns a silver medal from Beijing, 2008. The US women's team will host Russia in a three-game series (July 3rd-6th) in Irvine and Los Alamitos, CA. You can watch it live on ESPNU or the ESPN app. Details are [here](#).



Track and Field - Medal Contenders Heading for Tokyo

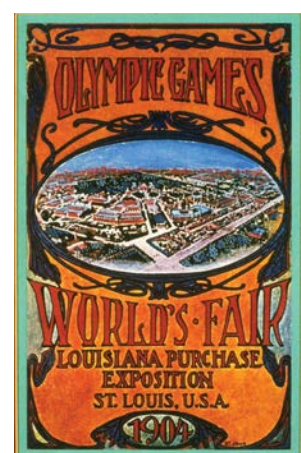
With the US track and field Trials concluded, the USA - and the NYAC - can look towards this month's Tokyo Olympic Games with optimism. Without intending to jinx it, names from which great things may be expected are Will Claye (triple jump), Valarie Allman (discus throw), Rudy Winkler (hammer throw), Katie Nageotte (pole vault), DeAnna Price (hammer throw) and Joe Kovacs (shot put), to name just a handful of the top class winged foot competitors heading to the Games. The track and field program in Tokyo begins on Friday, July 30th. You can see the Olympic schedule [here](#). You can see the world rankings [here](#).

Swimming - Fraser Makes the Team

As of last week, the NYAC had two world class swimmers heading to the Olympic Games: Catie DeLoof contesting the 4x100m FS relay and Amini Tonua, representing Tonga (he lives in NYC), in the 100m breaststroke. Confirmed early this week is that 2008 and 2012 Olympian, Brett Fraser, will join his NYAC teammates in Tokyo, contesting the 50m FS and 100m FS representing the Cayman Islands.

A Little History Lesson

On this day, July 1st, in 1904, the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis, MO. The Games of the III Olympiad ran until November 23rd, 1904. The NYAC secured a remarkable 52 Olympic medals during this period: 31 gold medals, nine silver medals, and 12 bronze medals. In the words of Olympics.com: "Unfortunately, the St. Louis Games repeated all of the mistakes of 1900. The various competitions were spread out over four-and-a-half months and became lost in the chaos of a World's Fair celebrating the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France." Read all about it [here](#). It's fascinating.



Olympics - Japan considers extending COVID-19 protocols with upcoming Olympic Games. read about it [here](#).

More Olympics - Tokyo 2020 confirms up to 10,000 domestic fans to be allowed to attend events. Read it [here](#).

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