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NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

Water Polo - World Champions Heading for Tokyo

It has been a sensational week for NYAC - and USA - women's water polo. With the majority of the national team comprising winged foot players, the USA dominated the World Super League Final in Athens on June 19th, defeating Hungary 14-8, a world title succeeded by the nomination of 10 NYAC players to the 13 woman squad that will compete in Tokyo. You can watch the Super League Final [here](#) and read about it [here](#). You can read the announcement of the women's Olympic team [here](#). Pictured are the NYAC women who are Tokyo-bound. Photo courtesy Jonathan Moore/USAWP.



Track & Field Trials - Powerhouse Performances

The US Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, OR continue until Sunday (in stifling conditions); but, results, thus far, have been spectacular. World champion, Joe Kovacs, placed second in the shot put (video [here](#)), beaten only by the world record of Ryan Crouser. Rudy Winkler set a US record in winning the hammer throw (video [here](#)). Will Claye and Valarie Allman dominated the triple jump and discus throw, respectively (video [here](#) and [here](#)). Tori Franklin and Michael Shuey placed second in the women's triple jump and men's javelin (Franklin video [here](#)). There's still more to come, plus all the other action inherent in the track and field trials. Results and the schedule are [here](#).

Swimming - DeLoof and Fonua Heading for Tokyo

The US Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, NE saw disappointment for Ryan Held, but success for Catie DeLoof, as she powered her way onto the US Olympic squad for the women's 4x100m FS relay. The NYAC woman earned her position courtesy of a fifth place finish in the 100m FS final. Watch it [here](#). Emily Escobedo placed third in the final of the 200m BR, while Held was sixth in the 100m FS. Watch those races [here](#) and [here](#). The NYAC news got even better with the announcement that Amini Fonua has been selected to contest the 100m breaststroke for Tonga. Hopes remain that Brett Fraser will be selected for the Cayman Islands.



Paralympic Games Trials - McFadden and Brannigan Take Titles

Paralympic 1500m champion, Mikey Brannigan, lived up to his reputation, taking the T20 1500m at the Paralympic Trials (Minneapolis, MN, June 17th-19th) and booking his flight to Tokyo. Tatyana McFadden is a Paralympic legend, not to mention a force of nature. She had already been selected to contest the marathon in Tokyo. At the Trials she won the 400m and 800 and placed second in the 1500m and 5000m, thus making the Tokyo team in five events. All the results are [here](#).

Judo - Brown and Delgado on Their Way

On Tuesday, June 22nd, NYAC judokas Angelica Delgado (52kg) and Colton Brown (90kg) were officially selected to compete for Team USA in Tokyo. The report of the selection is [here](#). Not to be overlooked, at Junior Olympics tournament in Winston-Salem, NC from June 18th-20th, Nick Yonezuka (-66kg) and Jack Yonezuka (-81kg) both took the titles, staking a claim for positions on the US team traveling to the world junior championships in Italy in October.

Tokyo Team NYAC - Getting Larger Each Week

The US track and field and men's water polo teams have still to be confirmed (T&F will be next week; WP will be on July 2nd), as do one or two pending selections; but Team NYAC Tokyo 2020 is significantly larger today than it was on this day last week. Here is the up to date roster: **WRESTLING** - Adeline Gray (76kg), Sarah Hildebrandt (50kg), Bekzod Abdurakhmonov (74kg). **TRIATHLON** - Summer Rappaport, Taylor Knibb, Katie Zaferes, Morgan Pearson, Vincent Luis. **TRACK AND FIELD** - Nadia Eke (TJ - Ghana), Rudy Winkler (HT), Valarie Allman (DT), Will Claye (TJ), Joe Kovacs (SP), Tori Franklin (TJ), Michael Shuey (JT). **JUDO** - Angie Delgado (-52kg), Colton Brown (-90kg). **FENCING** - Jake Hoyle (epée), Courtney Hurley (epée), Kelly Hurley (epée), Kat Holmes (epée), Nicole Ross (foil). **MODERN PENTATHLON** - Amro Elgeziry, Samantha Schultz. **ROWING** - Charlotte Buck (Eight), Olivia Coffey (Eight), Katelin Guregian (Eight - cox)), Kristine O'Brien (Eight), Meghan Musnicki (Eight), Meghan O'Leary (Quad Sculls), Ellen Tomek (Quad Sculls), Grace Luczak (Four), Kendall Chase (Four), Tracy Eisser (Pair), Megan Kalmoe (Pair). **SWIMMING** - Catie DeLoof (4x100m FS), Amini Fonua (100m BR - Tonga). **WATER POLO** - Ashleigh Johnson, Maddie Musselman, Melissa Seidemann, Rachel Fattal, Maggie Steffens, Stephania Haralabidis, Jamie Neushul, Kaleigh Gilchrist, Alys Williams, Amanda Longan. **PARALYMPIC GAMES** - Tatyana McFadden (Marathon, 400m, 800, 1500m, 5000m), Mikey Brannigan (1500m).



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