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# NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS



## Judo - NYAC Strikes Double Gold in Ecuador

The **Senior Pan American Open Guayaquil** in Ecuador last weekend (May 21st-22nd) was a hotly contested event. Even so, NYAC judoka secured two golds and one bronze medal, exactly half of the six medals claimed by the US team. The NYAC conquerors were Nicolas Yonezuka (-81kg) and Katelyn Jarrell (-52kg). Jack Yonezuka secured third place in the 66kg division. For results, click [here](#). Notably, in her younger days, Jarrell (née Bouyssou) was renowned for her 1000 push-ups per day routine.

## Triathlon - Team Places Still On The Line

Last weekend (May 22nd-23rd) at the **World Triathlon Cup Lisbon**, the NYAC's Kirsten Kasper placed third in a time of 1:59.39. Summer Rappaport, already selected for the US Tokyo team, placed ninth in 2:00.30, with Eli Hemming 24th in the men's race (1:44.29). For a report of the races, [click here](#). One women's and two men's slots remain to be selected on the US Olympic team. The three selected thus far - Summer Rappaport, Taylor Knibb and Morgan Pearson - are all NYAC members. In Rio in 2016, all six US team members were winged foot athletes. Just saying. On May 15th in Yokohama, Ben Kanute placed 37th in the men's competition. He is among those in contention to go to Tokyo. [Here he is](#) talking about the race, and the Japanese experience. Fascinating.



## Track and Field - A Clash of the Shot Put Titans



At the **USATF Throws Festival** in Tucson, AZ on Saturday, May 22nd, all the attention was on the clash of the shot put titans - Ryan Crouser versus the NYAC's world champion, Joe Kovacs. Both have shown flashes of brilliance this year as they build towards the Olympic Trials and, then, the Olympic Games. On this occasion, Crouser was indomitable, unleashing a heave of 23.01m/75' 6", the third farthest throw of all time. That mark is within Kovacs' hemisphere, though not on this occasion, the NYAC man having to accept second place with a throw of 22.04m/72' 3 3/4". Kovacs was just one amongst a host of NYAC athletes in action in Tucson. Gwen Berry (76.79/251-11) and Rudy Winkler (81.44/267-2) won the women's and men's hammer throw, respectively. Deanna Price finished third in the hammer throw (75.88/248-11), Kara Winger placed fourth in the javelin, Sam Mattis was fourth in the discus, Michael Shuey placed fifth in the javelin, and Conor McCullough was sixth in the hammer. The full report is [here](#). At the **USATF Invitational** in Prairie View, TX on Tuesday, May 25th, Priscilla Frederick was second in the high jump, clearing 1.85/6-0 3/4. For results, click [here](#). In the men's road mile at the **Addidas Boost Boston Games** on Sunday, May 23rd, Rob Napolitano placed fifth in a time of 4:02. Results are [here](#). And at the **Trials for Miles NYC Qualifier** in Icahn Stadium, NYC on Friday, May 21st, Russell Dinkins won the D heat of the 800m in a time of 1:51.89) at. Brendan Martin finished 10th in the 5000m (14:07.96) with Mikey Brannigan 11th (14:20.40). Results [here](#).

## Wrestling - Gray and Hildebrandt Seeking Gold in Guatemala

The **Senior Pan Am Championships** in Guatemala City, Guatemala, starting today (Thursday, May 27th) and continuing through Sunday (May 30th), will see some of the world's finest wrestlers in action, including the NYAC's Tokyo-bound Sarah Hildebrandt (50kg) and Adeline Gray (76kg). To say the competition will be intense does not do it justice. You can live stream it [here](#), beginning daily at 12pm EST. It will be enthralling.

## Water Polo - US Women Dominate

The USA women's water polo team claimed three victories in three matches against Canada from May 17th to May 21st. Scores in the three games were 13-8, 17-5 and 15-7. The final match report is [here](#) and local TV news coverage is [here](#). From Canada, the US women headed for a three game clash with Hungary, which began on Tuesday, May 25th. Team USA won the first match, 14-9 and the second, on May 26th, 14-7. The NYAC's Ashleigh Johnson played a spectacular second game, with no less than 17 saves. Game three is on Tuesday, June 2nd. Reports, results and schedules are [here](#). You can - and should - watch game three live on ESPNU and on the ESPN app. No fewer than 11 NYAC members are in the US squad, among them some of the world's most intimidating players, including Melissa Seidemann, Kaleigh Gilchrist and the aforementioned Ashleigh Johnson.



## Modern Pentathlon

The NYAC's Amro Elgeziry (1494 pts) and Samantha Schultz (1374 pts) each won the **Pentathlon Multisport National Championships**, held in Roswell, NM from May 21st-23rd. This was Schultz' seventh US title and the third consecutive for Elgeziry. These two athletes will contest the World Championships from June 8th-14th before heading to Tokyo for the Olympic Games. The results are all [here](#).

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