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NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS



Track & Field -

Stars at Mt SAC. Kovacs is King

With a star-studded line-up, including several NYAC athletes, the USATF Golden Games and Distance Open at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA on Sunday (May 9th) is sure to be a thriller. The event will air live at 4:30pm on NBC, NBCSports.com/live and on the NBC Sports app. NYAC participants include Gwen Berry (Hammer), Tori Franklin (triple jump), Megan Clark (pole vault), Katie Nageotte (pole vault), Aisha Praught-Leer (1500m), Sam Mattis (discus), Will Claye (triple jump) and Rob Napolitano (1500m). Full start lists are [here](#). Meet info is [here](#). At the Jesse Owens Classic (April 30th-May 1st, Columbus, OH), the NYAC's **Joe Kovacs took world lead in the shot put**, producing six consistent throws and no fouls, with a best of 22.72m/74' 6 1/2" - all while wearing his warm-up gear. Watch it [here](#). Results are [here](#). A world-leading hammer throw of 81.98m/268' 11" (details last week) earned **Rudy Winkler USATF's Athlete of the Week** award. Read about it [here](#).

Wrestling - Last Chance for Tokyo

Beginning today in Sofia, Bulgaria, the World Olympic Games Qualifier (May 6th-9th) is the last chance for the NYAC's Jesse Porter (77kg) and Adam Coon (130kg) to secure their spots on the US Olympic Team for Tokyo. Live stream it [here](#). For more info, click [here](#). **NYAC wrestlers won a remarkable five weight classes** at the 2021 USA Wrestling Junior & Senior Nationals (April 30th-May 2nd, Coralville, IL). Winners were Randon Miranda (63kg, Greco-Roman), Ben Provisor (82kg, Greco-Roman), Nathan Jackson (92kg, freestyle), Austin Schafer (97kg, freestyle), and Erin Golston (50kg freestyle). Three NYAC wrestlers were runners-up: David Stepanian (63kg, Greco-Roman), Lauren Louive (59kg, freestyle), Skylar Grote (72kg, freestyle). Two NYAC wrestlers finished third: George Sikes (82kg, Greco-Roman) and Rachel Watters (68kg, freestyle). Full results are [here](#).



Fencing - Final Selections

At this weekend's North American Cup in Richmond, VA, the **final position on the men's epee squad** for the Tokyo Olympic Games will be determined in Richmond. The NYAC's Soren Thompson, a two-time Olympian (2004, 2012), is aiming to make his third team, while James Kaul is shooting for his first Games. Both are in contention as replacements on the epee squad, meaning they would compete in the team event. If successful, they would join Jake Hoyle, Courtney Hurley, Kelly Hurley, Nicole Ross and Kat Holmes as NYAC members of Team USA in Tokyo. Read the latest update from USA Fencing [here](#).

News

Triathlon - The NYAC's Eli Hemming and Taylor Knibb are among the foremost competitors in the USA and hopeful to make the US team for the Tokyo Olympics. Click [here](#) to hear what they have to say.

Paralympics - Figure skaters make special delivery to the NYAC's Tatyana McFadden. Click [here](#) for the story.

Wrestling - 2016 Olympian, Ben Provisor, will attend Grand View University in Des Moines, IA, continuing his education and his collegiate wrestling career. All the news is [here](#).

Sports Illustrated - This week, SI selected its "Fittest 50 of 2021." Three NYAC athletes were named: Maggie Steffens (water polo), Adeline Gray (wrestling), and Joe Kovacs (track and field). Click [here](#) to see the list.

Tokyo 2020 - World's oldest citizen withdrawn from Tokyo 2020 Torch Relay. Click [here](#) for the story.

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