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NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

Hot Competition at the Millrose Games



At the 114th annual Millrose Games this past Saturday, January 29th, the NYAC's **Miranda Melville** placed second in the 3000m race walk, finishing in 13:25.70. Melville led through the first 2000m, but was denied victory by two-time Olympian Maria Michta-Coffey, who finished in 12:24.73. In the men's division, the NYAC's **Emmanuel Corvera** finished fourth, with a time of 12:09.62. The race was won by San Diego's Nick Christie in a time of 11:43.46. **Rudy Winkler** won the weight throw, held on Thursday, January 27th, with a throw of 24.09m/79'1/2". For complete results from the Millrose Games, [click here](#). Coming up this weekend, on Saturday, February 5th, **Tori Franklin** will contest the triple jump, and **Brycen Spratling** the 400m at the Dr. Sander Invitational Columbia Challenge at Manhattan's 168th St Armory. For details, [click here](#). Results next week. Also this weekend, on Sunday, February 6th, three-time Olympic medalist and two-time world



indoor triple jump champion, **Will Claye**, will contest his specialty event at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix, a World Athletics 2022 Indoor Tour Gold meeting. Claye will begin jumping at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island at 11am. For tickets and further information, [click here](#).

Judo - The Winged Foot in Portugal

From Friday, January 28th to Sunday, January 30th, the NYAC's **Hannah Martin** (-63kg), **Ari Berliner** (-66kg), **Jack Yonezuka** (-73kg) and **Nicolas Yonezuka** (-81kg) contested the Grand Prix Portugal in Almada, Portugal, producing fine results. Martin, Nicolas Yonezuka and Berliner all won their opening bouts and made it to the second round, although Jack Yonezuka was defeated in the first round by Giorgi Terashvili of Georgia and went out. In round two Martin, in her first competition since pregnancy, went out to Spain's Cristina Cabana Perez; Yonezuka was defeated by Manuel Rodrigues from Portugal and Berliner was defeated by Japan's Yuhei Oino. For complete results, [click here](#). Coming up this weekend, from Saturday, February 5th to Sunday, February 6th, Berliner, both Yonezukas and **Angelica Delgado** (-52kg) will contest the Paris Grand Slam. For those details, [click here](#). Results next week.



Fencing - Qatar



On Friday, January 28th, NYAC épéeists **Kat Holmes**, **Charlene Liu** and **Anne Cebula** took to the piste at the Grand Prix du Qatar. In the international competition, comprising over 115 competitors from nations around the world, Kat Holmes excelled, placing 19th. Team mates Charlene Liu and Anne Cebula, placed 51st and 68th, respectively. All the results are [here](#). And if you want to stay abreast of all that is happening in the world of fencing, which you should, click [here](#) to subscribe to the FIE's news service.

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Water Polo - For updates from Team USA water polo abroad, click [here](#).

More Water Polo - The town of Coronado, CA has named February 2nd as "Jesse Smith Day," honoring the NYAC's five-time Olympian. Click [here](#) to read the news.

Olympics - The Beijing Winter Games kick off today, Friday, February 4th. For the International Olympic Committee's dedicated site for the Games, click [here](#).

More Olympics - Will pillow fighting replace equestrianism in the Olympic modern pentathlon? Click [here](#) to find out and to see the...er...sport in action.

Still More Olympics - Boxing, weightlifting and modern pentathlon not (yet) scheduled for LA 2028. Click [here](#).

Our Athletes: Judoka Hannah Martin - The Grand Prix Portugal marked NYAC judoka Hannah Martin's return to competition following the birth of her daughter, Zoey Mae in May 2021. "Once I found out I was pregnant, my first goal, post-baby, was to come back and compete again on the IJF World Tour. This was a personal goal, but also, I wanted to inspire and motivate other mothers to go after their goals. I also didn't want the pandemic and having a baby be the reason I ended my career. I want to finish on my own terms. The road back has not been easy, sleepless nights and all; but, I still show up to training, and most days I am training twice a day. I am still not where I would like to be fitness-wise; I still have a lot of work to do. I had my daughter eight months ago and started doing judo again in August; I bring my daughter to judo every day. She is my motivation to be better, not only on the judo mat but in life! I am very happy that I was able to win my first match, after almost two years away from high level competition. [See report above]. It felt amazing to feel that adrenaline rush and the competition nerves again. I lost my second round to the number one seed, in overtime. I may not have won the competition, but I am proud of all the hard work I've put in to be able to come back and do what I love, and this means more to me than winning."



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