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# NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

## Wrestling - Two Make the Team

NYAC wrestlers Adeline Gray (76kg) and Sarah Hildebrandt (50kg) secured places on the US Olympic team for Tokyo by claiming victories in the US Trials held in Fort Worth, TX last weekend. Two more NYAC wrestlers, Jesse Porter (77kg, Greco-Roman) and Adam Coon (130kg, Greco-Roman) were also victorious, but must qualify their weight classes before booking their tickets. That opportunity comes at the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Sofia, Bulgaria (April 29th-May 2nd). [Click here](#) to see Adeline take the title. [Click here](#) to hear the post-competition interview with Adeline and [here](#) to hear comments from Sarah. Full results are [here](#) and all news from the Trials is [here](#).



## 100 Days Out - Don't Miss It!

Wednesday, April 14th marks 100 days to go until the Games of the XXXII Olympiad open in Tokyo on July 23rd. Four of the NYAC's elite athletes - including recently selected **Adeline Gray** - will be Zooming and speaking to NYAC members at a special event marking the 100 Days Out. To register free and for all the details, [click here](#). In addition to Adeline, **Jesse Smith** (water polo), **Jake Hoyle** (fencing) and **Priscilla Fredreick-Loomis** (track and field) will be in attendance.



## Judo

The NYAC judo program is among the best in the world, having been integral to the careers of the legendary Jimmy Pedro, Jason Morris, Travis Stevens, Ronda Rousey and Kayla Harrison, among others. As the Tokyo Games draw near, the Club's judokas are intent on emulating their predecessors. Here's what's coming up. On April 17th, Katelyn Jarrell (52kg) contests the [Pan Am Open in Guadalajara, Mexico](#). On April 24th-25th, Jack Yonezuka (-66kg) and Nick Yonezuka (-81kg) compete in the [Pan Am Open in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic](#). On May 5th-7th, the [Grand Slam in Kazan, Russia](#) will have the following on the roster: Angelica Delgado (-52kg), Katelyn Jarrell (-52kg), Alisha Galles (-63kg), Adonis Diaz (-60kg), Jacob More (-60kg), Alex Turner (-73kg), Colton Brown (-90kg), Nake Keeve (-100kg). All eyes are on the Games; official selections will be made in June.

## Rowing - Trials in NJ

The second stage of the US Olympic rowing trials take place from April 12th-16th in West Windsor, NJ. NYAC Olympians Meghan O'Leary and Ellen Tomek compete in the women's double. That boat is already qualified for Tokyo, so whoever wins will be named to the Tokyo Olympic team. O'Leary and Tomek are among the favorites, along with a talented crew from Boston. Michael DiSanto contests the men's pair and Connor Corwen competes in the men's quad; but, the pair and the quad still have to go to Lucerne to race in the final [Olympic qualification regatta \(May 15th-17th\)](#) where the top two places in each event get team spots. DiSanto and his partner are the only entry in the Trials, so it looks good for them. Corwen's quad is an underdog, but anything is possible. Full entries for the Trials and previews are [here](#).

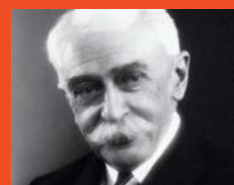


## Meet Our Athletes

**Kayleigh Gilchrist** won a water polo gold medal in Rio in 2016. Her eyes are on a second gold in Tokyo. [Click here](#).

## 125 Years Ago This Week

On April 6th, 1896, the inaugural Modern Olympic Games opened in Athens, Greece. Approximately 245 athletes represented 14 nations in 43 events. No women took part. The NYAC's Thomas Burke won the 100m and the 400m. Among other events contested were one-handed weightlifting and a 100m freestyle for members of the Greek navy. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founding father of the modern Games, originally intended them to take place in 1900 in his home city of Paris; but, Greek enthusiasm for the concept was such that Athens - abetted by a donation of one million drachma from businessman Georgios Averoff - received the nod, igniting the flame of a global phenomenon. Read more [here](#).



## News

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