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NYAC ATHLETICS NEWS

Fencing - Holmes Takes Gold in San Jose

Two-time Olympian **Kat Holmes** won the women's Division I epee competition at the January North American Cup, held in San Jose, CA from Friday, January 7th to Monday, January 10th. Holmes defeated Canadian Ariana Leonard. A tie for third place between Isis Washington of the Peter Westbrook Foundation and Ketki Ketkar of the Kaizen Academy, rounded out the podium. The NYAC's **Charlene Liu** placed fifth. To watch a video of Kat's win, [click here](#). Other top NYAC finishes in San Jose include **Christina Watrall's** 26th place finish in the junior women's epee and, in the men's division I epee, **Andrea Cipriani's** 24th place finish, **Gareth Spiteri's** 26th place finish, and **Gabriel Canaux's** 28th place finish. For all the results from San Jose, [click here](#).



Millrose Magic

The 114th Annual Millrose Games -Coming up on January 29th, 2022



On Saturday, January 29th, the world's finest track and field athletes will gather at the 168th Street Armory in Washington Heights, upper Manhattan for the 114th annual Millrose Games, the premier indoor track and field meet in the United States. One competition that is certain to be a nail biter will see the NYAC's **Joe Kovacs**, two-time world shot put champion (2015, 2019) and two-time Olympic silver medalist (2016, 2020), face off against Ryan Crouser, the Tokyo Olympic champion. For the past seven years, Kovacs and Crouser have vied for the title of "world's best." In 2015, Kovacs was crowned world champion. The following year, Crouser won the 2016 Rio Olympic gold medal, with Kovacs taking silver. One year later, at the 2017 World Championships, Kovacs took the silver medal, defeated by Tomas Walsh of New Zealand; Crouser did not make the podium. At the 2019 World Championships in Doha, Qatar, Kovacs secured his second world title with Crouser taking silver. (This competition has been lauded as the greatest shot put competition of all time). Most recently, at the Tokyo Olympic Games, Crouser was crowned champion with Kovacs taking silver. Suffice it to say, it will be an exciting afternoon in the throwing circle at the Armory on January 29th. [Click here](#) for the meet's web site. A limited number of tickets are still available. Watch coming issues of *NYAC Athletics News* for more Millrose Games previews and start lists.

A Brief History of the Millrose Games

The first Millrose Games were organized by employees of the Wanamaker department store in New York City in 1908. The cornerstone event of the meet, the Wanamaker Mile, named after department store owner Rodman Wanamaker, was first run in 1926 and has been contested annually since, barring last year's cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This race has drawn the finest milers in the world since its inception, particularly the NYAC's Eamonn Coghlan, the "Chairman of the Boards," who won the Wanamaker Mile an astonishing seven times from 1977 to 1987. Coghlan's nickname is a reference to the wooden track that was originally utilized in Madison Square Garden for the Millrose Games. The meet moved uptown to the Armory in 2012.



Triathlon - Knibb and Kanute Ranked Top-10 in the World

The Professional Triathletes Organization has ranked **Taylor Knibb** fourth in the world among women and **Ben Kanute** as eighth man in the world for the 2021 season. For complete women's rankings, [click here](#). For complete men's rankings, [click here](#). In other triathlon news, World Triathlon has published its comprehensive annual yearbook, a must-read for fans of the sport. Included are the many accomplishments of the NYAC's triathletes and many photos of them in competition. [Click here](#) to read the yearbook.



This Week in NYAC Athletics History

On January 12th, 1883, NYAC ice skater **George Phillips** defeated **Gustavus Walton** of the Manhattan Athletic Club in a 10-mile skating race at the grounds of the latter club. Phillips won the race by about 100 yards, crossing the finish line in 46 minutes and 18 seconds, and was cheered on by a large crowd of spectators. Walton finished the duel on ice 18 seconds later, in 46 minutes and 36 seconds.

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Track and Field - The 2022 World Athletics Indoor Tour will begin in less than three weeks. [Click here](#) to view the schedule.



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