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Allman Completes Undefeated Season

Friday, September 13th - Saturday, September 14th; Brussels, Belgium - With her discus win at the [Diamond League Final](#), the NYAC's **Valerie Allman** has completed an undefeated season, one highlighted by the successful defense of her title at the Paris Olympic Games. In Brussels, Allman recorded a mark of 68.47m/224-7 to clinch the win. Arch rival, Bin Feng from China, the silver medalist in Paris, also had to give best to Allman in this competition, taking second at 67.49m/221-5. Cuba's Yaime Perez, the Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist who defected to the US in 2022, placed third at 66.96m/219-8. Of her undefeated season and Diamond League win, Allman reflected: "I feel so happy, I dreamed of a season like this. I didn't think it would be possible to have an undefeated season. I just fought really hard and I have such an amazing team and we just made the most of every opportunity. I have so many great memories of this season. Brussels was the last one and it was the hardest one to prepare for. The Diamond League is a set of competitions that we really focus on and value, and I got my fourth trophy. I'm so happy." Also in Brussels, the NYAC's **Maggie Malone-Hardin** placed a fine third in the javelin with a mark of 62.40m/204-9. Japan's Haruka Kitaguchi won with 66.13m/216-11. **Chris Nilsen** placed fifth in the men's pole vault (5.62m/18-5.25), but three-time Olympic shot put silver medalist, **Joe Kovacs**, experienced a rare off day, failing to record a mark. The Brussels meet brought the curtain on the 2024 track and field season. Now attention turns to marathon season, cross country and indoors, though with a long-term focus on the world outdoor championships, set to take place in Tokyo next summer. [Click here](#) for full results from Brussels.

Triathlon - Kanute Takes Silver in Michigan

Sunday, September 15th; Frankfort, Michigan - The NYAC's Rio 2016 Olympian, **Ben Kanute**, showed that he remains in superb competitive shape by placing second at [IRONMAN 70.3 Michigan](#) with a finishing time of 3:41:07. The 70.3 is a half Ironman distance, consisting of a 1.2-mile (1.9K) swim, a 56-mile (90K) bike, and a 13.1-mile (21.1K) run. Coming out of the water, Kanute held third position, with ultimate winner, Canada's Jackson Laundry (3:39:09) back in 13th position. Kanute held third on the bike as Laundry stormed through to take the lead. A powerful run leg saw the NYAC man move from the bronze to the silver position as the Canadian raced to victory. Third place went to another Canadian, Matthew Sharpe, who finished in 3:45:23 after a hard charging run leg. The NYAC's **Matt McElroy** also contested the race but did not finish. Among the women, the NYAC's **Summer Rappaport** placed fifth in a time of 4:19:07; having led coming out of the water and holding seventh position at the end of the bike. Nine of the top 10 places went to Americans, with the victory going to Jeanni Metzler in 4:11:31. [Click here](#) for full results from Frankfort.



Judo - Rodriguez Seventh in Zagreb

Friday, September 13th - Sunday, September 15th; Zagreb, Croatia - **Dominic Rodriguez** (-81kg) was the NYAC's top competitor at the [Zagreb Grand Prix](#). The Florida native won his first two rounds, defeating Itfach Badash of Israel by ippon in the Round of 32 and Mykhailo Svidrak of Ukraine by ippon in the Round of 16. He did not fare as well in the quarter-final, losing to Hungary's Botond Toth by ippon. Rodriguez then advanced to the repechage where he lost to France's Arnaud Aregba by ippon in 51 seconds, installing him in seventh position. The NYAC's **Christopher Velazco** (-60kg), **Ari Berliner** (-66kg) and Paris Olympian **Jack Yonezuka** (-73kg) also contested their respective weights but did not advance beyond the Round of 32. [Click here](#) for full results from Zagreb.



Upcoming Events

RUGBY: Saturday, September 21st [NYAC vs. Life University](#), Marietta, GA, 1pm - [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Sunday, September 22nd [IRONMAN 70.3 Italy](#), Emilia-Romagna, Cervia, Italy - Seth Rider (70.3 debut) - [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Sunday, September 29th [IRONMAN 70.3](#), Augusta, GA - Summer Rappaport - [More info](#)

Track & Field - NYAC to Unveil World Athletics Heritage Plaque

Friday, September 27th - At a special ceremony held in Paris during the Olympic Games, the New York Athletic Club was privileged to receive a prestigious World Athletics Heritage Plaque, presented to NYAC President John Duggan by WA Council member, Willie Banks. With the plaque now safely back in New York, the unveiling will take place next Friday in the NYAC Hall of Fame, with Chris Turner, Director of the Museum of World Athletics, in attendance along with NYAC Officers, Board members and other special guests. The plaque was presented to the NYAC in recognition of the Club's lengthy and steadfast involvement in and support of the sport of track and field. Among the individuals, places, events and organizations to have received a Heritage Plaque are NYAC legend Al Oerter; the New York City and Boston Marathons; and the Oxford University Athletics Club and its Iffley Road track in Oxford, UK, site of the first sub-four minute mile. [Click here](#) for more information about the World Athletics Heritage Plaque.



News

International Olympic Committee - With Thomas Bach's term as president coming to an end, who will be next to assume the top slot? [Click here](#) to find out.

Track & Field - The 2025 Diamond League will increase its total prize money to over \$9 million. In the USA, you will also have to pay more to watch it as TV rights move from NBC's Peacock to Flo Track. To read the details, [click here](#).

LA28 - The schedule for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles conflicts with the Tour de France. Will the legendary cycling event be moved? [Click here](#) to find out.

More LA28 - The countdown has begun with a flag ceremony. [Click here](#).

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