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Triathlon - Taylor Knibb Claims PTO US Open Title

Friday, August 4th – Saturday, August 5th; Milwaukee, Wisconsin – The NYAC's **Taylor Knibb**, 2022 Ironman 70.3 world champion, claimed the **PTO US Open** women's title, and \$100,000 in prize money, with a dominant finish of 3:32:58. Taylor was nearly a minute ahead of silver medalist Ashleigh Gentle of Australia (3:33:49), and Canada's Paula Findlay took the bronze in 3:37:43. On the race, Tomos Land of Tri 247 wrote, "Knibb, who was on the front foot all day in Milwaukee after coming out of the water near the leaders, took control of the race on the bike. She then maintained her advantage on the run, putting together the perfect race to stay ahead of a world-class field which included 2022 US Open winner Ashleigh Gentle Canadian star Paula Findlay. Winning her first

Watch Taylor Knibb's post-race interview [here](#).

PTO Tour event, Knibb proved her versatility over every trip from sprint up to the middle distance, as she took the tape in utterly dominant fashion in Wisconsin to go one better than her US Open result in 2022." Also in Milwaukee, the NYAC's **Ben Kanute** took 23rd in the men's race with a finish of 3:27:49; Germany's Jan Frodeno won the race in 3:14:11. [Click here](#) for full results from Milwaukee.

Meet Taylor Knibb

Sport: Triathlon **Hometown:** Washington, DC

College: Cornell University, Psychology '20

Achievements: 2022 Ironman 70.3 world champion, Tokyo 2020 mixed relay Olympic silver medalist, Tokyo 2020 16th place individual finish

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Judo - Maria Laborde Makes History at World Judo Masters

Friday, August 4th; Budapest, Hungary - The NYAC's **Maria Laborde** secured the -48kg silver medal at [World](#)



[Judo Masters](#) last week, thus becoming the third US judoka in

history – after the NYAC's Kayla Harrison and Travis Stevens – to medal at the tournament. The invitation-only tournament is one of the best opportunities to claim points towards Olympic qualification for the top 36 judoka in each weight class internationally. Nicole Jomantas of USA Judo wrote, "A two-time Senior World medalist for Cuba, Laborde quit the sport when she came to the United States after winning individual bronze at the 2014 Senior Worlds. In 2022, she returned to the international circuit – this time fighting for the United States – with the goal of qualifying for her first Olympic Games. In the finals, Laborde would take on Wakana Koga – a Japanese standout who already holds two Senior World medals at the age of 22. Throughout her career, Koga has never competed on the international circuit without winning a medal and has only lost two individuals at IJF events outside of her teammates. A silver medalist at the 2022 Masters, Koga was set for gold in Budapest, taking Laborde to the mat before throwing her for ippon to claim her first Masters title. "This is a huge win and I'm happy, but I'm always looking for more. I don't want to stay at silver if I can get gold," Laborde said." The NYAC's **Angie Delgado** also contested her weight (-52kg) at World Judo Masters but did not advance beyond the round of 16. [Click here](#) for full results from Hungary.

Track and Field - Kovacs Wins Shot Put at Ed Murphey Classic

Friday, August 4th – Saturday, August 5th; Memphis, TN – 2015 and 2019 world shot put champion **Joe Kovacs** won the shot competition at the [American Track League Ed Murphey Classic](#)

with a throw of 21.72m/71-3 1/4, defeating second place finisher and fellow American, Adrian Piperi (21.67m/71-1 1/4) and Jamaica's Rajindra Campbell (21.59m/70-10). **Chris Nilsen** took second in the pole vault with a mark of 5.82m/19-1, behind Sam Kendricks, who also recorded a 5.82m/19-1 mark but had fewer attempts at the height. KC Lightfoot took third with a mark of 5.62m/18-5 1/4. Also at Ed Murphey, the NYAC's **Aisha Praught-Leer** contested the 3000m but did not finish the race. [Click here](#) for full results from Memphis.



Vote for the NYAC's Kate Douglass - Sullivan Award Finalist

The NYAC's and Pelham's **Kate Douglass** has been named as one of six finalists for the illustrious 93rd AAU James E. Sullivan Award, which is presented annually to the most outstanding American athlete at the collegiate or Olympic level. Kate is a Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist in the 200m medley and recently secured a remarkable six medals at the 2023 World Aquatics Championships.

Voting opened on Wednesday, August 9th and closes next Wednesday, August 16th.

[Vote for Kate here!](#)

Upcoming Events

TRIATHLON: Thursday, August 17th - Friday, August 18th [Paris 2024 Test Event](#) – Paris, France - Matt McElroy, Kirsten Kasper, Taylor Spivey, Taylor Knibb, Summer Rappaport, Katie Zaferes [More info](#)

JUDO: Friday, August 18th - Sunday, August 20th [Zagreb Grand Prix](#) – Zagreb, Croatia - Ari Berliner, Jack Yonezuka, Nate Keeve, Maria Laborde, Angie Delgado, Hannah Martin [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, August 19th - Sunday, August 27th [World Athletics Championships](#)– Budapest, Hungary - Miranda Melville (35K race walk), Tori Franklin (triple jump), Valarie Allman (discus), Brooke Andersen (hammer), DeAnna Price (hammer), Maggie Malone (javelin), Nick Christie (20K race walk), Will Claye (triple jump), Joe Kovacs (shot put), Sam Mattis (discus), Daniel Haugh (hammer), Rudy Winkler (hammer) [More info](#)

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