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- **Track and Field: Nick Christie wins US 5K Race Walk Title**

Track and Field: Back-to-Back Wins for Nick Christie



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Over the past two weekends, the NYAC's **Nick Christie** secured race walk wins in two races, the [USATF National Championship 5K Race Walk](#) on **Sunday, September 24th in Whiting, NJ**, and the [Marathon Relay Race Walk](#) in **Hauppauge, NY on Sunday, October 1st**. With the 5K victory, Christie added to a sterling season which has brought him US titles at 3000m (indoors), 5K, 20K and 35K. Legendary track writer and 1956 race walk Olympian, Elliott Denman, wrote of the race, "Californian Christie, now representing the New York Athletic Club, raced to the men's 5K title over principal domestic rival Dan Nehnevaj of the Raleigh Walkers. In this 11 am start event, Christie shook off Nehnevaj's early challenge and completed his four-lap assignment in 20 minutes flat. Nehnevaj crossed the line in 20:45. Christie's four laps: 4:45, 4:59, 5:07 and 5:09. Nehnevaj's four: 4:47, 5:16, 5:25, 5:17." The following weekend, on Sunday, October 1st, Christie teamed with two-time Olympian Maria Michta-Coffey to claim the Marathon Relay victory in a time of 3:18:40. Taking second place, again, was Dan Nehnevaj who teamed with Tokyo Olympian Robyn Stevens to record a time of 3:24:15. This race is particularly significant as the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay is a new Olympic event, making its debut in Paris next year. Teams of one man and one woman will cover the marathon distance in four legs, with each walker completing two legs of approximately 10K each, alternating male, female, male, female. [Click here](#) for full results from Hauppauge, [here](#) for video of the race, and [here](#) to learn more about the new marathon race walk mixed relay format.

Meet Nick Christie

Sport: Track and Field **Hometown:** El Cajon, CA

College: Missouri Baptist University

Achievements: Tokyo 2020 Olympian, American record holder in 35K and 5K race walks, ranked #1 for American male race walkers by World Athletics (as of Oct. 4, 2023)

Follow Nick on Twitter [@Nick_Christie89](#)



News

Water Polo - On Saturday, September 30th, four-time Olympic water polo medalist and 2009 NYAC Hall of Fame inductee, **Heather Petri**, was inducted into the [International Swimming Hall of Fame](#). [Click here](#) for all the details.

Track and Field - It's not really news, but it is interesting. You may have seen volunteers putting out hurdles on a track prior to a race, but have you ever seen it choreographed? You will if you click [here](#).

NYAC All Sports Dinner - The All Sports Dinner is the NYAC's annual celebration of its elite athletes. This year taking place on Monday, November 13th, it has just been announced that the guest speaker will be Emmy Award-winning sports broadcaster, **Michael Kay**.

Upcoming Events

LOCAL ACTION! RUGBY: Saturday, October 7th [NYAC v. Mystic River](#) - Travers Island - 1pm kick-off

LOCAL ACTION! SOCCER: Sunday, October 8th [NYAC v. Suffolk County FC](#) - Manor Field Park - 9pm

TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, October 8th [Chicago Marathon](#) - Chicago, Illinois - Tatyana McFadden - 7:21am [More info](#)

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