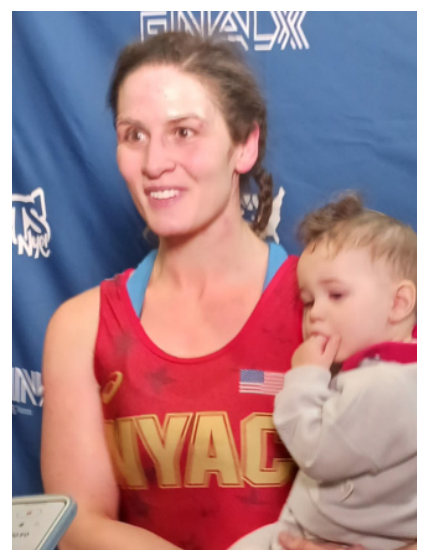




## Wrestling - NYAC Members Qualify for World Champs

**Saturday, June 10th; Newark, NJ** – Six NYAC athletes competed in the Final X tournament in New Jersey's Prudential Center, with three winning their matchups to earn their places on the US team for the 2023 Senior World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia in September. The outcome of each weight class at Final X was determined by a best-of-three format, making for a thrilling tournament. Olympic silver medalist and six-time world champion **Adeline Gray** (76kg), continuing her return from childbirth, earned her spot on the US team by defeating 19-year-old Kennedy Blades, 2-0, in a highly anticipated match-up that was a repeat of the 2023 US Open final in late April, at which Blades was the victor. The re-match at Final X, therefore, was touted as a showdown between two stars at different points in their careers, but Gray proved that she is not yet ready to pass the torch. The NYAC woman now has the chance to claim an unprecedented seventh world title. The NYAC's **Sarah Hildebrandt** (50kg), a Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medalist, will join Adeline on the women's US team after completing a two-match sweep of Audrey Jimenez. In the men's action, the NYAC's **Pat Smith** (72kg Greco-Roman) earned his fourth career trip to the Senior World Championships by rallying to defeat Justus Scott in a thrilling three-match series. Like Adeline Gray, Smith exacted a measure of revenge by defeating the wrestler who defeated him in the 2023 US Open final. 2018 World Championships silver medalist **Adam Coon** (130kg Greco-Roman), two-time World Championships team member **Alan Vera** (87kg Greco-Roman), and **Christian Dulaney** (97kg Greco-Roman), all of the NYAC, fought hard but were ousted in their respective matches. [Click here](#) for full results.



## Track and Field - Allman and Andersen win in Diamond League

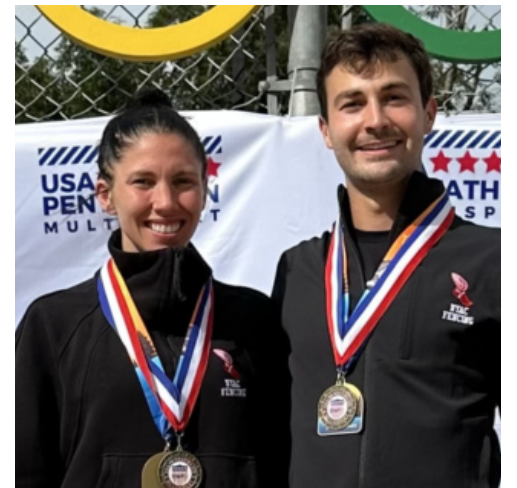


**Friday, June 9th; Paris, France** – Several NYAC athletes excelled at last week's [Diamond League Meeting de Paris](#), held at the Stade Sébastien-Charléty. Olympic champion and 2022 World Championships bronze medalist, **Valerie Allman**, won the women's discus throw with a mark of 69.04m/226-6, establishing a meeting record. This was Valerie's second consecutive victory on the Diamond League circuit, previously winning at the Diamond League Golden Gala in Florence, Italy. The NYAC was well-represented in the men's and women's hammer throw competitions, with **Brooke Andersen** winning the women's event with a mark of 77.13m/253-0 and **Rudy Winkler** earning second place with a throw of 77.63m/254-8 among the men. The 2023 Meeting de Paris had massive implications in the history books of track and field, as three world records were established. One week after setting the world record in the women's 1500m, Faith Kipyegon of Kenya broke the women's world record in the 5000m with a time of 14:05.20 seconds. Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma set a world record in the men's 3000m steeplechase with a time of 7:52.11 seconds, and Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway set the world best in the men's two miles with a time of 7:54.10. [Click here](#) for full results from Paris. • **Tuesday, June 13th; Turku, Finland** - At the [Paavo Nurmi Games](#), part of the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold, the NYAC's **Sam Mattis** placed sixth in the men's discus competition with a mark of 61.74m/202-7. **Brooke Andersen**, four days removed from her victory at the Meeting de Paris, won the women's hammer throw with a mark of 76.45m/250-10. The competition is named in honor of Paavo Nurmi, a Finnish distance runner who competed in the 1920, 1924 and 1928 Olympic Games, winning nine golds and three silvers for a total of 12 Olympic medals. [Click here](#) for complete results from Turku. • **Thursday, June 15th; Oslo, Norway** - The 2023 Diamond League season continued on Thursday with the [Bissett Games](#) in Oslo.

A trio of NYAC athletes took second places in their competitions: **Rudy Winkler** in the men's hammer throw with a mark of 79.42m/260-7; Olympic silver medalist **Chris Nilsen** in the men's pole vault 5.91m/19-4.75; and **Valerie Allman** in the women's discus throw with a mark of 66.18m/217-1. World Championships bronze medalist **Tori Franklin** placed sixth in the women's triple jump with a mark of 14.16m/46-5.5. [Click here](#) for full results from Oslo.

## Modern Pentathlon - Davis and Anderson victorious

**Saturday, June 10th – Sunday, June 11th; Colorado Springs, CO** – At the 2023 USA Pentathlon Multisport National Championships, the NYAC's **Jessica Davis** and **Brendan Anderson** won gold medals in the women's and men's senior divisions, respectively. The modern pentathlon, in its new format, consists of five events: fencing, swimming, riding and combined shooting and running known as the laser-run. Davis and Anderson, both ranked number one prior to the competition, earned hard fought victories and secured valuable PanAm ranking points. [Click here](#) for full results.



## Race Walk - Nick Christie Competes in Lithuania

**Friday, June 9th; Alytus, Lithuania** – At the 49th International Race Walking Festival, the NYAC's **Nick Christie** finished in 15th place in the men's 20K race walk with a time of 1:32:31. [Click here](#) for full results from Alytus.

## Triathlon - Knibb Dominates in Boulder

**Saturday, June 10th; Boulder, CO** – The NYAC's 2022 Athlete of the Year, **Taylor Knibb**, won the Ironman 70.3 Boulder with a dominant performance in which she led at the end of each discipline. Knibb, the 2022 Ironman 70.3 world champion, finished with a final time of 3:56:34, more than eight minutes ahead of second place finisher Holly Lawrence. [Click here](#) for full results from Boulder.

## Fencing - Pan-American Championships Begin in Lima

**Wednesday, June 14th – Wednesday, June 21st; Lima Peru** – The 2023 Pan-American Championships kicked off in Lima, with **Kat Holmes** and **Anne Cebula** competing in the women's epee. Holmes, a member of the 2018 US world champion epee team, earned a third place finish, tying with Brazil's Nathalie Moellhausen. Brooklynite and Barnard College graduate Cebula placed 13th overall. The men's competition in Lima is on-going. Watch next week's Athletics News to see how the NYAC's **Dylan Nollner** fared in the men's epee. [Click here](#) for results thus far.

## Local Action - NYAC Legend, Al Oerter to be Honored

**Saturday, June 24th; New York, NY** – **Al Oerter**, one of the most celebrated athletes in both NYAC and Olympic history, will be posthumously honored at the [2023 USATF NYC Grand Prix](#), track and field meet, being held at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island on June 24th. Oerter was a four-time Olympic gold medalist in the discus throw, winning at the 1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games, and will be honored at the NYC Grand Prix by the placing of a plaque to commemorate his enduring accomplishments in athletics. [Click here](#) for more information on this upcoming event. Start list, including the NYAC's participants, will be posted closer to the date.



## Water Polo - Melissa Seidemann Announces Retirement

**Thursday, June 15th; Stanford, CA** – The NYAC's three-time Olympic gold medalist **Melissa Seidemann** was honored on Thursday night upon her retirement from women's international water polo. Seidemann's accolades are extensive: one NCAA championship, three Olympic gold medals (2012, 2016, 2020), three World Championship titles (2015, 2017, 2019), two World Cup championships (2014, 2018) and three Pan American Games golds (2011,



2015, 2019), among others. She fittingly ended her storied career in the pool in which she starred as a standout at Stanford University, as the USA women's water polo team defeated Greece 18-5 to sweep a three game series and send the NYAC woman off in style. [Click here](#) for full results. • **Wednesday, June 14th; San Juan Capistrano, CA** – The USA men's water polo team defeated China by a score of 18-10 in an exhibition match at Serra High School. **Ben Stevenson** and **Kacper Langiewicz**, two of a number of NYAC men on the team, were the joint-lead scorers, tallying four goals each. [Click here](#) for full results.

### Meet Melissa Seidemann

**Sport:** Water Polo **Hometown:** Walnut Creek, CA  
**Achievements:** Three-time Olympic gold medalist (2012, 2016, 2020), three-time World Championships gold medalist (2015, 2017, 2019).  
**College:** Stanford University, Psychology '13  
 Find Melissa on Instagram [@mseidemann](#)



### Upcoming Events

**FENCING: Wednesday, June 14th - Wednesday, June 21st**

[Pan-American Senior Championships](#) - Lima, Peru - Dylan Nollner (epee); Anne Cebula (epee); Kat Holmes (epee) [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Thursday, June 15th to Saturday, June 17th**

[Iron Wood Throws Classic](#) - Rathdrum, ID - Deanna Price (women's hammer); Daniel Haugh (men's hammer); Michael Shuey (men's javelin) [More info](#)

**ROWING: Friday, June 16th - Sunday, June 18th**

[World Rowing Cup II](#) - Varese, Italy - Sam Melvin (lightweight men's double sculls); Nick Mead (men's four); Meghan Musnicki (women's pair); Charlotte Buck (women's pair); Claire Collins, Madeleine Wanamaker, Kelsey Reelick (women's four) [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, June 24th**

[USATF NYC Grand Prix](#) - New York, NY - Start Lists TBD [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, June 30th**

[Diamond League Athletissima Lausanne](#) - Lausanne, Switzerland - Start Lists TBD [More info](#)

### News

**Olympics** – The Paris 2024 Games are being touted as "a turning point of the organization of the Olympic Games in the modern era." [Click here](#) to learn more about this "new model" of the Olympic Games.

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