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Boxer Omari Jones Selected for Paris 2024



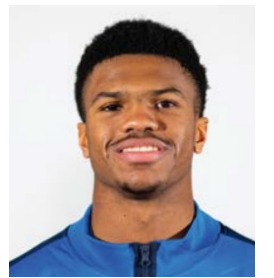
Sunday, March 3rd – Monday, March 11th; Busto Arsizio, Italy - By claiming victory in last weekend's [Olympic Games World Qualifying Tournament](#) in Busto Arsizio, Italy, the NYAC's **Omari Jones** (-71kg) earned selection to represent Team USA at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Jones, thus, becomes the fifth NYAC athlete to have gained selection for the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, joining **Taylor Knibb** (triathlon), **Morgan Pearson** (triathlon), **Jess Davis** (modern pentathlon) and **Tatyana McFadden** (Paralympic marathon) on the US team. Jones powered through the competition in Italy, scoring a unanimous victory over Iran's Maghsoudi Mal Amiri Moslem in his penultimate bout, before advancing to the final, where he faced 2023 World Championships bronze medalist Nishant Dev of India. A win there would secure his ticket to Paris. Brian Taylor of USA Boxing takes up the story: "*Omari Jones closed the day off on a high note to punch his ticket to this summer's Olympic Games with his 4-1 victory over India's Nishant Dev. Jones jumped out to an early 5-0 lead after the first round after strong use of his jab and defense; however, Dev came back to take four out of the five judges' cards in the second round. With a spot in Paris on the line, Jones would not let a cut he sustained during the round end his dream, and he came away victorious following another impressive round with strong use of his jab and sidestep. "I am officially an Olympian," an emotional Jones said following his bout. "First off, all glory to God. This is for the kids in Orlando, and it is to show them that it is possible and that you can do it. I thought it was impossible at one part of my life, but I made it happen. Orlando, I am coming home an Olympian!"* [Click here](#) to watch Jones defeat Dev and book his ticket to Paris. And [click here](#) for additional reports from Busto Arsizio.

Meet Omari Jones

Sport: Boxing **Hometown:** Orlando, FL

Achievements: Runner-up at 2021 Elite Men's World Championships; champion at 2020 Elite National Championships

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Judo - Yonezuka Claims Bronze in Linz

Friday, March 8th – Sunday, March 10th; Linz, Austria – **Jack Yonezuka** was the NYAC's top finisher at last weekend's [Upper Austria Grand Prix](#), claiming a magnificent bronze medal in the -73kg division. Yonezuka, thus, became the first US man to win a Grand Prix medal in two years. The win also saw him climb to #15 on the filtered Olympic Ranking List; the top 17 in each weight category, as of June 25th, earn places at the Paris Olympic Games. After defeating France's Luca Otmane and UAE's Karim Abdulaev by waza ari in the rounds of 32 and 16, respectively, (the latter match going to sudden death overtime), Yonezuka lost to Morocco's Hassan Doukkali in the quarter-final, getting pinned in the third minute. From there, Yonezuka handily won the repechage against Brazil's Junior Pan Am bronze medalist, Vinicius Ardina, scoring ippon in the opening minute and advancing to the bronze medal match against European U23 champion Koen Heg from the Netherlands. Again, the NYAC man was dominant, pinning Heg for ippon and an instant win within the first minute. This was Yonezuka's sixth international podium finish within the last year and a significant improvement on his seventh place finish here last year. [Click here](#) (and scroll to 45 seconds) to see Yonezuka take his bronze. In addition to Yonezuka, the NYAC's **Angie Delgado** (-52kg), **Nate Keeve** (-100kg), **Hannah Martin** (-63kg) and **Dominic Rodriguez** (-81kg) contested their respective weights, but none advanced beyond the round of 16. [Click here](#) for complete results from Linz. - *Thanks to Nicole Jomantas, USA Judo for additional information.*

Triathlon - Pearson Victorious in Miami, Looking Towards Paris

Friday, March 8th; Miami, FL - The NYAC's **Morgan Pearson**, Tokyo 2020 silver medalist in the triathlon mixed relay, scored a superb victory in the [Americas Triathlon Championships Miami](#) with a finishing time of 1:43:39, giving him a 15 second win over countryman, Darr Smith. Pearson's splits were: 18:17 for the 1500m swim, 52:47 for the 39.84K bike, and 31:29 for the 10K run. Pearson's run was the fastest of the entire field. Tomos Land of Tri 247 called the NYAC man "flawless" in his first race of the season and reported "[i]n a huge field of over 80 athletes, the former Colorado University Buff was in control throughout, leading off the bike in the main pack before unleashing his trademark run speed to take a comfortable win. Opting to miss the first WTCS race of the year in Abu Dhabi, which ended up being cancelled, now looks to be a stroke of genius from the American, after he managed to test his legs without the rigamarole of a long haul flight. If he can stay healthy, Pearson is without a doubt one of the contenders for a medal in the individual race in Paris, and will surely also be looking to upgrade his silver medal from the mixed team relay in Tokyo." Another NYAC Paris Olympic hopeful, **Katie Zaferes**, a two time medalist from Tokyo, did not fare so well, suffering in the heat on the run leg and failing to finish. While this result does not eradicate Zaferes' hopes of getting to Paris, it does make the task considerably more difficult. [Click here](#) for complete results from Miami.

News

Our Paralympians - **Mikey Brannigan**, the Rio 2016 Paralympic champion in the T20 1500m, is currently in the thick of his preparations for the 2024 US Paralympic Team Trials, which will take place in Chula Vista, CA from July 18th to 21st, 2024. To see Mikey in training and to hear his thoughts on what it takes, [click here](#).

Paris 2024 - **Peyton Manning** and **Kelly Clarkson** to join the commentary team for the Paris Opening Ceremony. [Read it here](#).

Olympic Knowledge: Essential Reading Series - The IOC Olympic Studies Center recently launched Part 1 and 2 of its Essential Reading Series, a collection of introductory articles on the history, evolution and social aspects of the Olympic Games and the Olympic movement. They are fascinating. [Find them here](#).

Upcoming Events

TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, March 15th - Sunday, March 17th [2024 US Paralympic Track and Field National Championships](#) - Walnut, CA [More info](#)

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