



Yonezuka Claims Back-to-Back -73kg Titles in Tunis



Saturday, March 10th – Sunday, March 12th; Tunis, Tunisia – The NYAC's **Jack Yonezuka** claimed back-to-back -73kg titles, at the Tunis Junior African Cup and at the Tunis African Cup, last weekend. At the Tunis Junior African Cup, which was held on Friday, March 10th, Jack won all of his matches by ippon in 90 seconds or less. In the final, Jack took down Ammar Abohashim in 1:12 to secure the win. At the Tunis African Open, which was held from Saturday, March 11th – Sunday, March 12th, he defeated Thailand's Masayuki Terada by ippon in 6:24 in the final to secure his second -73kg title of the weekend. Prior to the final, Jack defeated Enzy Kom Teddy of Cameroon by ippon in the second round, Youcef Fardj of Algeria by ippon in the quarter-final, and Luke Davies of Great Britain by ippon in the semi-final. Antonio Candeiro of Angola secured the bronze medal after defeating Aden-Alexandre Houssein of Djibouti by ippon. As an aside, longtime NYAC judoka and 2016 Rio Olympian **Colton Brown** (pictured on left with Yonezuka) served as the Team USA coach in Tunis. For complete results from Tunis, [click here](#). Also in NYAC judo news, **Ari Berliner** contested the Rome European Open in Rome, Italy from Saturday, March 11th to Sunday, March 12th but did not advance beyond the second round of competition. [Click here](#) for results from Rome.

Meet Jack Yonezuka

Sport: Judo **Hometown:** West Long Branch, NJ

Achievements: First American in 30 years to medal in a Junior World Championships (2022, -73kg, bronze medal); full-time college student

Find Jack on Instagram @thejudoman



Triathlon - Zaferes Finishes Second In Sarasota



Saturday, March 11th; Sarasota, FL – At the 2023 Americas Triathlon Cup Sarasota, the NYAC's **Katie Zaferes**, Tokyo 2020 individual silver and team bronze medalist, finished second in the elite women's race in 56:07. Katie completed the 740m swim in 10:00, the 18.3K bike in 27:10, and the 5K run in 17:52. Amber Schlebusch of South Africa won the race in 55:55, and Mexico's Sofia Rodriguez Moreno finished third in 56:33. [Click here](#) for full results from Sarasota.

Swimming - Madden Contests Edinburgh International Open

Friday, March 10th – Sunday, March 12th; Edinburgh, Scotland – At the Edinburgh International Swim Meet, the NYAC's **Paige Madden** finished second in the women's 14 and over 400m long course freestyle with a finish of 4:13.17. Loughborough University teammate Freya Colbert won in 4:09.04, and teammate Mia Slevin took third in 4:13.35. In the women's 14 and over 300m long course freestyle, Paige finished sixth in 2:00.37. Freya Anderson of the University of Bath won in 1:58.65. [Click here](#) for full results from Edinburgh.

Track and Field - Nilsen Takes Pole Vault Silver in Rouen

Saturday, March 11th; Rouen, France – At the Perche Elite Tour Rouen, a pole vault-centric track and field meet, the NYAC's **Christopher Nilsen**, Tokyo 2020 pole vault silver medalist, secured a silver medal in the men's elite pole vault with a mark of 5.92m/19'5". Fellow American Sam Kendricks, 2017 pole vault world champion, won, also with a mark of 5.92m/19'5", on account of having fewer attempts at 5.92m/19'5" than Nilsen. In pole vault, if athletes are tied, the athlete with the lowest number of jumps at the tied height is awarded the higher finishing place. France's Ethan Cormont took the bronze with a mark of 5.82m/19'1". [Click here](#) for full results from Rouen.



Soccer - NYAC v. Richmond County FC

Sunday, March 12th; Travers Island, NY – The NYAC Firsts fell to Richmond County FC, 1-2 this weekend, while the NYAC Reserves drew with the Richmond County FC Reserves, 2-2. Coming up next weekend, the NYAC will face Polonia SC at McCarren Park on Sunday, March 19th. Reserves kick off at 8am and Firsts at 10am. [Click here](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

JUDO: Saturday, March 18th - Sunday, March 19th [Medellin Pan American Open](#) - Medellin, Colombia - Katelyn Jarrell (-52kg), Ari Berliner (-66kg), Nicolas Yonezuka (-81kg), Alex Knauf (-90kg) [More info here](#)

SOCCER: Sunday, March 12th [Polonia SC](#) - McCarren Park - Reserves at 8am, Firsts at 10am [More info here](#)

News

Olympics – Single ticket sales for the Paris 2024 Games have begun [Click here](#) to learn more.

Judo: NY Open – The NY Open Judo Tournament, taking place at the NYAC City House on Saturday, March 25th, will be one of the top tournaments in the country this year.

Just announced is the attendance of the powerhouse German team. led by legendary coach, Toni Lettner. Tickets are still available. Get yours [here](#).

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