



Rowers Cohen and Carlson Selected for Paris 2024



Sunday, May 19th – Tuesday, May 21st; Lucerne, Switzerland – NYAC rowers **Teal Cohen** and **Chris Carlson** became the 21st and 22nd NYAC athletes to be named to compete at the Paris 2024 Games after their performances at the [World Rowing Final Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta](#) in Lucerne. After a thrilling battle, Cohen and US teammates Grace Joyce, Emily Delleman and Lauren O'Connor won the women's quadruple sculls in a time 6:28.04, edging home ahead of Ukraine (6:28.27) and Canada (6:29.25). Ukraine and Poland were the most aggressive early on, but at half way the US looked strong in second, an Olympic qualifying slot. It was only in the final 250 meters that the US foursome inched into the lead, a margin they held to the line. "We were confident going into our race that, if we executed what we had been practicing, we would end up in a good place," commented Cohen. "We knew it was going to be super tight and come down to the final few strokes, and we were prepared for that challenge. It's a dream come true to qualify for Paris. It is all of our first Olympics, so it feels extra special." Carlson and boat-mates Henry Hollingsworth, Nicholas Rusher, Christian Tabash, Clark Dean, Peter Chatain, Evan Olson, Pieter Quinton and Rielly Milne enjoyed a more comfortable margin in the men's eight, taking an early lead and powering to a four second victory over Italy (5:35.97 to 5:39.52) with Canada third (5:39.53). Cohen and Carlson are both graduates of the University of Wisconsin and are first-time Olympians. They join nine other NYAC rowers on the team for Paris: Molly Reckford (lightweight women's double sculls), Nick Mead (men's four), and Charlotte Buck, Olivia Coffey, Claire Collins, Meghan Musnicki, Kelsey Reelick, Regina Salmons and Maddie Wanamaker (women's eight). For bios of NYAC athletes selected, thus far, to go to Paris visit www.nyacparis2024.com or [click here](#).



Track and Field - Brannigan Takes World Title

Friday, May 24th; Kobe, Japan - After taking silver at last year's world championships, the NYAC's 2016 Paralympic champion, Mikey Brannigan left nothing to chance in today's men's 1500m T20 race, scoring a convincing victory on the penultimate day of the 2024 Para Athletics World Championships. Brannigan waited until 500m remaining before making his move, surging to the front of the field and crossing the finish line almost four seconds clear in a new championship record of 3:51.71. That time shattered the old mark of 3:53.05, which he set in London in 2017. "I feel excited and happy," Brannigan said. "I felt good and stayed in control, ran my own race, and I executed. I feel really proud of myself, and I believe I can do it in Paris." This was the fourth world championship title for the NYAC man, and his first since 2017. The track and field trials for the Paralympic Games take place from July 18th to 20th at the Ansin Sports Complex in Miramar, FL. - *Race report from Team USA*

Track and Field - Kovacs, Allman, and Andersen Victorious in LA

Friday, May 17th – Saturday, May 18th; Los Angeles, CA – The NYAC's **Joe Kovacs** (shot put; 22.93m/75-2 3/4), **Valarie Allman** (discus; 67.93m/222-10), and **Brooke Andersen** (hammer throw; 77.32m/253-8) each won their respective events at the [USATE Los Angeles Grand Prix](#). The latter event was particularly fruitful for the NYAC, with **Deanna Price** taking second, a scant six inches behind Anderson (77.16m/253-2) and **Janeah Stewart** placing seventh (66.69m/218-9). Interestingly, third place went to 2023 world champion, Camryn Rodgers from Canada (75.56m/247-11). Allman's victory was similarly gratifying, as she consigned Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist, Yaime Perez from Cuba, to second place (64.95/213-1). For his part, Kovacs dominated the competition, taking the win by almost four feet. Additionally, **Tori Franklin** (triple jump; 13.87m/45-6 1/4) and **Daniel Haugh** (hammer throw; 76.86m/252-2) took third in their events, and **Rudy Winkler** (hammer throw; 75.62m/248-1) placed fourth. • **Sunday, May 19th; Rabat, Morocco** - In the [Diamond League Rabat](#), a meet that was actually held in Marrakesh, the NYAC's **Sam Mattis** finished 10th in the men's discus with a mark of 62.73m/205-9. The victory went to Lithuania's Mukolas Alekna (70.70m/231-11), the man who set a stunning world record of 74.35m/243-11 earlier this season. [Click here](#) for full results from Rabat.



Swimming - DeLoof and Fink Victorious in Atlanta and Austin

NYAC swimmers **Catie DeLoof** and **Nic Fink** illustrated that they are in fine form as they approach the Olympic Trials taking place in Indianapolis from June 15th to 23rd. DeLoof claimed wins in the 100m LC Freestyle (54.06) and the 50m LC Freestyle (24.74) at the [Speedo Atlanta Classic](#), held in **Atlanta, GA from Wednesday, May 15th to Saturday, May 18th**. Fink was similarly dominant, prevailing in the 200m LC Breaststroke (2:11:51) and 100m LC Breaststroke (1:00:35) at the [ST TXLA Longhorn Elite Meet](#) in **Austin, TX from Wednesday, May 15th to Saturday, May 18th**. [Click here](#) for results from Atlanta and [here](#) for results from Austin.

Judo - Delgado, Yonezuka and Laborde On Track for Paris

Sunday, May 19th - Friday, May 24th; Abu Dhabi, UAE - The [2024 IJF World Championships](#) conclude today, with NYAC judokas having achieved strong results. **Angie Delgado** placed 16th at -52kg and **Jack Yonezuka** 32nd at -73kg. These finishes consolidate both competitors' hopes of gaining Olympic selection. Having celebrated his 21st birthday on Monday, Yonezuka entered the tournament ranked 16th in the IJF filtered rankings, with the top 17 at the conclusion of the Olympic qualifying period securing automatic Olympic berths. In the opening round, Yonezuka and Valtteri Olin (FIN) fought through regulation and two minutes of Golden Score (sudden death overtime) before the NYAC man threw Olin for a waza-ari (half point) score. In the next round, Yonezuka drew four-time Grand Slam champion, Makhmadbek Makhmadbekov (AIN), and kept the match close before being pinned late in the third minute. Yonezuka is expected to remain in the top 17 on the filtered Olympic Rankings List when the International Judo Federation releases the updated list after the conclusion of these championships, which serve as the final major Olympic qualifier.

Delgado came into the event ranked number 19 on the filtered Olympic Ranking List in the 52 kg division. She would need at least a top-32 result, and likely a top-16 finish, to move into the top 17 in the rankings. She opened with a round of 64 match against Alexandra Kaleta (POL), a 2021 Antalya Grand Slam medalist. Although Kaleta scored first, throwing Delgado for a waza-ari (half point) in the opening minute, the American pushed through, throwing Kaleta for waza-aris in both the second and third minute to take the match. In the round of 32, Delgado threw Djamilia Silva (CPV) for a waza-ari in the second minute and pinned Silva to close the match in the third. Delgado's round of 16 would be a re-match of her Senior Pan American final against Larissa Pimenta (BRA), one of the top 10 52 kg athletes in the world and a five-time Grand Slam medalist. Delgado held Pimenta scoreless for nearly seven minutes, but ultimately the Brazilian won the match on penalties. This result is expected to move Delgado into a top 17 position in the IJF rankings and see her on her way to Paris.

Two-time Senior World medalist **Maria Laborde** came into the tournament as the number 10 seed in the 48 kg event. She controlled her round of 64 match from the start, throwing Signoline Kanyamuneza (BDI) for a waza-ari during the first exchange and scored another waza-ari in the second minute. The round of 32 pitted her against number five seed Baasankhuu Bavuudorj (MGL), the 2022 Masters World bronze medalist who, ultimately, won this title. Laborde was the only athlete of the day on whom the Mongolian was unable to score; but a trio of penalties cost her the match. Despite the loss, Laborde is expected to remain securely in the top 17 on the Olympic Ranking List where she was 10th on the filtered list going in. [Click here](#) for full results from Abu Dhabi.

- Report from Nicole Jomantas, USA Judo



Fencing - Saron Contests Villa de Madrid

Friday, May 17th; Madrid, Spain - The NYAC's **Mitchell Saron**, who will contest the individual and team saber competitions at the Paris 2024 Games, finished 12th at the [FIE World Cup Villa de Madrid](#). France's Sebastien Patrice won the competition. [Click here](#) for full results.

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Q&A with Anne Cebula - As we approach the Olympic Games, each week we will spotlight the NYAC's Paris 2024 Olympians and Paralympians with in-depth interviews posted on our dedicated Paris 2024 micro site. This week, we hear from fencer **Anne Cebula** - "The logistical end of balancing [fencing and modeling] has luckily been manageable....The largest fashion markets are in countries where fencing is strong. I would be running from castings in fashion-oriented areas of Paris, to open bouts at the other end of the city in a large community sports gym – all in one day." [Click here](#) to read the full interview on the NYAC's Paris 2024 micro site or go to www.NYACParis2024.com.



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ROWING: Friday, May 24th - Sunday, May 26th [World Rowing World Cup II](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, May 25th [2024 Nike Prefontaine Classic](#) - Eugene, OR - Joe Kovacs (shot put), Tori Franklin (triple jump), Valarie Allman (discus), Brooke Andersen (hammer throw), DeAnna Price (hammer throw), Janeah Stewart (hammer throw) [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Saturday, May 25th [2024 WTCS Cagliari](#) - Cagliari, Italy - Vincent Luis, Matt McElroy, Morgan Pearson, Taylor Knibb, Taylor Spivey, Katie Zaferes, Summer Rappaport, Kirsten Kasper [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Thursday, May 30th [Diamond League Oslo Meeting](#) - Oslo, Norway [More info](#)

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