



# US Water Polo Teams Qualify for Paris

By claiming victories at the Pan Am Games, the US men's and women's water polo teams - with 15 NYAC players in the mix - secured their places in next summer's Olympic Games in Paris.



## The Men's Tournament

**Friday, October 20th – Sunday, November 5th; Santiago, Chile** - A 17-7 victory over Brazil in the final earned the US men its place at next year's Paris Olympic Games. Of the men's gold medal match, USA Water Polo wrote, "It's the eighth straight Pan Am title for Team USA. **Alex Bowen** and **Hannes Daube** led the USA charge on offense, scoring five goals each. It was a low-scoring match to start, as Bowen opened the proceedings with a goal, only to see Brazil tie it not long after. Team USA went in front 2-1, after one, thanks to a power play strike by Daube. In the second quarter the United States started to create some more separation. Bowen, Daube and Chase Dodd opened the period with goals for a 5-1 advantage. After Brazil clawed back to within three at 5-2, Team USA turned to Daube, **Max Irving** and Luca Cupido for an 8-2 edge. Brazil added one more before the break but Team USA carried an 8-3 lead into intermission. Daube scored two straight to open the third, while Pedro Vergara countered with two of his own for Brazil. Bowen, Irving and Chase Dodd followed with goals. When the dust settled, Team USA had a 13-5 lead with action moving to the fourth. Bowen scored two in a row to open the scoring for Team USA and they cruised to the 10-goal victory." The NYAC's **Alex Obert** was also part of the victorious team. Pictured left, with team doctor, the NYAC's **Naresh Rao**, are (L to R) Irving, Bowen, Obert and Daube.

## The Women's Tournament

In the women's tournament, the US forged a 20-11 victory over Canada, thus booking their ticket to Paris next year. The US has qualified for the Olympic Games every year since the women's sport was added to the Olympic program in 2000. This was the USA's sixth consecutive Pan Am Games victory, returning the team to the top step of the podium after a problematic performance at the world championships earlier this year. USA Water Polo wrote: "**Rachel Fattal** and **Jenna Flynn** scored five goals each to lead the offense, with Flynn ending as the overall leading scorer in Santiago as she piled up 28 goals on an 85 percent shooting clip. **Ashleigh Johnson** went the distance in net recording seven saves. **Jordan Raney** opened the scoring for a 1-0 USA lead. Canada battled back with two straight to go ahead 2-1. Flynn responded with two of her own to put the United States ahead 3-2 midway through the quarter. The two sides traded goals as Canada would draw back within one late in the period at 4-3. Raney finished what she started, capping the period with a power play strike to take a 5-3 lead into the second quarter. It stayed tight through the early part of the second quarter; any time Team USA would try to expand their lead three goals, Canada would eventually trim it down to two. A goal from **Ryann Neushul** late in the period gave Team USA their largest of the day at that point, with a four goal edge at 10-6. Canada had the last word in the period on a goal from Axelle Crevier to make it 10-7 at intermission. In the second half the United States took control. Fattal opened the quarter with the first two goals for Team USA and would add another later in the period as the defending champions out-scored Canada 6-2 in the period to take control of the match at 16-9. Canada trimmed their deficit to six early in the fourth quarter, but they would get no closer. Flynn came right back with another goal to make it a 17-10 lead for the red, white and blue. Power play goals from Raney and Jewel Roemer put the match away and Team USA secured the 20-11 victory."



## Other News from the Pan Am Games

**Triathlon** - On Saturday, November 4th, the NYAC's **Matt McElroy**, and US teammates Seth Rider, Erika Ackerlund and Virginia Sereno, claimed the triathlon mixed relay silver medal with a finish of 1:15:26. Brazil won the race in a time of 1:15:08, with Canada third at 1:15:36. • **Track & Field** - Also on Saturday, **Daniel Haugh** and **Rudy Winkler** claimed the silver and bronze medals in the men's hammer throw with marks of 77.62m/254-8 and 76.65m/251-5, respectively. Canada's Ethan Katzberg won with a mark of 80.96m/265-7. • **Wrestling** - Wrapping up Saturday's action, NYAC wrestler **Zach Braunagel** was defeated, 11-10, in the quarter-finals of the men's Greco Roman (87kg) division by Carlos Munoz of Colombia. To review all of the action from the Pan Am Games - news, results, reports, videos - [click here](#).

## New York City Marathon - McFadden Qualifies for Sixth Paralympic Games



**Sunday, November 5th; New York, NY** - The NYAC's **Tatyana McFadden** finished sixth in the women's wheelchair division of the [New York City Marathon](#) in a time of 1:53:31, thus qualifying for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. This makes McFadden the fourth NYAC athlete to qualify for Paris, behind triathletes Taylor Knibb and Morgan Pearson and modern pentathlete Jess Davis. This will be the NYAC woman's sixth Paralympic Games, her first having been in Athens in 2004. Over the span of her five Games thus far, McFadden has earned a stunning 19 medals, eight of which are gold. More than likely, in Paris McFadden will contest events on the track in addition to the marathon in a bid to increase her medal tally. Among those she will probably face will be Switzerland's Catherine Debrunner, winner of the NYC Marathon (1:39:32), who also won Chicago in early October. [Click here](#) for full NYC Marathon results.

## Upcoming Events

**LOCAL ACTION!** Friday, November 17th - Saturday, November 18th [Bill Farrell Memorial Tournament](#) - NYAC City House, New York, NY [More info](#)

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**NYAC All Sports Dinner** - The NYAC's annual All Sports Dinner is the occasion on which the Club celebrates its world class athletes. This year's Dinner will take place in the City House Gymnasium at 7:30pm on Monday, November 13th, with more than 100 athletes in attendance, with six-time world wrestling champion, Adeline Gray, speaking on behalf of the NYAC's athletes, and with Emmy Award-winning broadcaster, Michael Kay, as the guest of honor. NYAC members, if you have not already made your reservations, there is still time. Call (212) 767-7160 or e-mail [AthleticEvents@nyac.org](mailto:AthleticEvents@nyac.org) to reserve your tickets for an event that is unique on the athletics calendar. To make on-line reservations, [click here](#).

**Wrestling: Bill Farrell Memorial Tournament** - Taking place on Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th, the Bill Farrell Tournament is among the finest in country, with athletes arriving from all over the world to take part. Many of those taking part will also be taking to the mats when the Olympic Games get underway in Paris next year. This is your chance to them up close and personal on our own doorstep. For information and tickets, [click here](#).

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