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Douglass Breaks Own World Record, One Week Later



Thursday, October 31st – Saturday, November 2nd; Singapore - The NYAC's **Kate Douglass**, reigning Olympic champion in the 200m breaststroke, crushed her own 200m breaststroke (25m) world record set only a week ago, by nearly two seconds, clocking a stunning 2:12.72 at the [World Aquatics Swimming World Cup](#) in Singapore. James Sutherland of Swim Swam reported, "Douglass rocketed to a time of 2:12.72, slashing 1.44 seconds off her previous record of 2:14.16. That performance from Douglass last week took down Rebecca Soni's super-suited record of 2:14.57 set in 2009, and now Douglass sits nearly two seconds clear of that mark. Quicker than her previous record on all four 50s, the biggest difference-maker for Douglass was the last 50, closing nearly six-tenths quicker in 34.39 relative to 34.96 in Incheon. She was also nearly seven-tenths quicker over the first 100 meters, turning in 1:04.07. That time notably would've placed 2nd in the 100 breast at the Incheon leg of the World Cup, though Douglass hasn't been racing the event this series. Now the fastest swimmer in history by 1.85 seconds, only two other swimmers have joined Douglass in the sub-2:15 club, making the fact that Douglass is sub-2:13 all the more incredible." Belarusian Alina Zmushka, competing as a neutral athlete, took second in 2:18.79, over six seconds behind Douglass, and Australian Tara Kinder took third in 2:19.08. Also in Singapore, Kate won the 100m medley with a finish of 56.57. China's Yiting Yu took second in 57.44, and fellow American Beata Nelson, third in 57.53. [Click here](#) for full results from Singapore.

Track and Field - Christie Sets 35K American Record

Saturday, October 26th; Zittau, Germany - Over the past weekend, the NYAC's **Nick Christie** bettered his own 35K race walk American record (2:38:16, set in 2021) with a finish of 2:36:47 to take sixth place at the Lusatian International Race-Walking Meeting. Pending ratification, he also set 25K and 30K American records in the process. Poland's Ben Hlima Maher won the race in 2:28:44, Latvia's Raivo Saulgriezis took second in 2:33:31, and Slovakia's Michal Morvaj took third in 2:33:54. [Click here](#) for full results from Zittau. San Francisco Bay Area native Nick Christie was introduced to the sport of race walking by cross country coach Tim Seaman while attending Cuyamaca College in Rancho San Diego, CA. Over the past decade, Christie has secured twelve national titles (indoor and outdoor), and he is a Tokyo 2020 Olympian (50th, 20K RW). [Click here](#) to learn more about the decorated race walker.



Pearson Sets NYAC Half Marathon Record in Valencia

Sunday, October 27th; Valencia, Spain - Last Sunday was a record-setting day at the Valencia Half Marathon. NYAC triathlete **Morgan Pearson**, two-time Olympic silver medalist in triathlon mixed relay (2020, 2024), set a new NYAC half marathon record with his 1:01:08 finish, breaking Meb Keflezighi's 2013 record of 1:01:22 in the process. This impressive performance from Pearson comes a mere two months after the New Vernon, NJ native secured an Olympic silver medal in the triathlon mixed relay with US (and NYAC) teammates Seth Rider, Taylor Spivey, and Taylor Knibb at the Paris 2024 Games. Back to Valencia, winner Yomif Kejelcha of Ethiopia won the race with a new world record of 57:30, breaking Jacob Kiplimo's (Uganda) record of 57:3 set in 2021. Kenya's Daniel Mateiko took second in 58:17, and teammate Isaia Kipkoech Lasoi took third in 58:21. [Click here](#) for full results from Valencia.

Triathlon - Rappaport Secures Silver in Tongyeong

Saturday, October 26th; Tongyeong, South Korea - NYAC triathlete **Summer Rappaport** secured the silver medal at [World Triathlon Cup Tongyeong](#) with a finish of 1:58:43, including the fastest swim of the day out of her field (18:37 for 1500m). Belgium's Jolien Vermeylen won the race in 1:58:22, and Great Britain's Sian Rainsley took third in 1:58:57. On her race, Rappaport reflected, "I'm really overjoyed with my race. Every time I've lined up this year before today was just absolutely horrendous. I was really injured at the end of last year. I had a hard time getting healthy again this year. Even after I started training well I couldn't put a race together and after Torremolinos last week I told my husband, 'I think I'm done with triathlon'. But I'm pretty happy with 2nd today!" Ben Eastman of World Triathlon, reported "Such was the satisfaction with her performance, when asked if her attitude had shifted from a possible post-Torremolinos retirement, Rappaport said with a wry smile, 'I think it might have.'" [Click here](#) for full results from Tongyeong.

• **Saturday, October 26th; Kona, Hawaii** - Facing the Hawaiian heat and jellyfish, the NYAC's **Ben Kanute** finished 31st at the [Ironman World Championships Kona](#) with a finish of 8:19:08. Kanute opened his race with an aggressive and strong swim, despite getting stung by jellyfish, and came out of the water in seventh place in 47:15. Onto the bike leg, Kanute reflected on Instagram, "I took a shot to push the pace there as it felt like a pivotal moment. Between that and having butterfingers at an aid station or two, I started to feel the toll of the bike. Despite being dropped and limping into town the last 10 miles I still had a best ever Ironman ride. I tried to rehydrate and find a rhythm on the run, but couldn't quite find it. At the half marathon point, I rallied for a couple miles, but then again my body just said no. It was my worst marathon ever, but never considered quitting. Proud to have made it all the way through, to have seen some of the work that I have done to improve, and to know and learn again that this sport is on another level." Winner Patrick Lange of Germany set a new course record of 7:35:53, nearly five minutes faster than the prior record (7:40:24) set by Norway's Gustav Iden in 2022. Denmark's Magnus Ditlev took second in 7:43:39, and American Rudy Von Berg took third in 7:46:00. [Click here](#) for full results from Kona.



Wrestling - Kikiniou Contests Senior World Championships

Monday, October 28th – Thursday, October 31st; Tirana, Albania - On the first day of the [UWW Seniors World Championships \(Non-Olympic Weights\)](#), the NYAC's **Aliaksandr Kikiniou** contested the 82kg Greco-Roman qualification round where he was defeated Sweden's Per Albin Olofsson, 5-1, by VPO1. On account of this result, he did not advance further in the competition. Iran's Mohammadali Abdolhamid Geraei won the 82kg GR world title after defeating Hungary's Erik Szilvassy, 8-0 by VSU, in the gold medal match. [Click here](#) for full results from Tirana.

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Don't Miss It Next Week - Bill Farrell Memorial Tournament

Taking place next week from Friday, November 8th to Saturday, November 9th, the **Bill Farrell Tournament** is one of the finest in the country, with athletes from all around the world taking part, many of which recently competed at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and many of which proudly represent the NYAC. Named in honor of Bill Farrell, legendary NYAC wrestler and Chair, and 1972 US Olympic Freestyle Team Coach, this tournament is your local chance to see them up close and personal on our own doorstep. Women's freestyle and men's Greco-Roman wrestling will take place on Friday, the 8th, and men's freestyle will be contested on Saturday, the 9th. Wrestling begins at 9am each day, with finals beginning at 4pm. For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

Baumgartner Elected to UWW Bureau

The NYAC's Bruce Baumgartner, USA Wrestling President, has been elected to the United World Wrestling Bureau, the governing council for the international wrestling federation. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Allman and Davis-Woodhall Nominated for Joyner-Kersey Award

The NYAC's Valarie Allman and Tara Davis-Woodhall have been nominated for the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Athlete of the Year Award, the highest honor awarded by USATF annually. [Click here](#) to vote and to learn more.

US Paralympic Track and Field Joins USATF

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Upcoming Events

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TRIATHLON: Saturday, November 2nd [Supertri Neom Grand Final](#) - Neom, Saudi Arabia [More info](#)

NYC MARATHON: Sunday, November 3rd New York, NY [More info](#)

WRESTLING: Friday, November 8th - Saturday, November 9th [Bill Farrell Memorial Wrestling Tournament](#) - NYAC City House, New York, NY [More info](#)

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