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PARIS 2024 SELECTION

WRESTLERS SARAH HILDEBRANDT AND ADAM COON SECURE SPOTS

Friday, April 19th - Saturday, April 20th; State College, PA - A thrilling [US Olympic Trials](#) this past weekend in State College, PA saw NYAC wrestlers **Sarah Hildebrandt** (WFS 50kg) and **Adam Coon** (GR 130kg) secure spots at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Hildebrandt and Coon join 16 other NYAC athletes who have already been selected for the Games, which begin on Friday, July 26th in the French capital. To see the NYAC Paris 2024 roster thus far, [click here](#). Hildebrandt, a Granger, IN native, is a Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist, two-time world championships silver medalist (2018 - 53kg; 2021 - 50kg), a two-time world championships 50kg bronze medalist (2022, 2023), and a 2019 53kg Pan-Am Games champion. At the State College Trails, she produced a dominant performance, clinching the victory after a 10-0, 10-0 championship match victory over 18-year-old phenom, Audrey Jimenez, from Tucson, AZ. According to Tim Creason of the South Bend Tribune, *"...Hildebrandt is still haunted by the memory of her [Tokyo] Olympic semi-final, when she gave up what looked like a sure victory in the last 10 seconds [...] It took some time, but Hildebrandt realized she still has a burning desire - call it a need - to win a gold medal."* Her victory in State College gives Hildebrandt the opportunity to actualize her dream in Paris. Also heading to Paris is Adam Coon, a Fowlerville, MI native and 2018 130kg Greco-Roman world championships silver medalist. In one of the biggest upsets of the Trials, Coon defeated three-time world championships team member Cohlton Schultz to claim the 130 Greco-Roman spot for the Paris Games. After losing to Schultz by decision in the first bout, 3-1, Coon came back and won the second round by decision, 1-1, and the third, also by decision, 6-1. In one of the greatest upsets of the Trials, legendary NYAC wrestler, **Adeline Gray**, six-time world champion ('12, '14, '15, '18, '19, '21), two-time Olympian (2016, 2020) and Tokyo 2020 76kg silver medalist, failed to qualify for her third Olympics after falling to Wyoming's 20-year-old Kennedy Blades, Thirteen years Gray's junior, Blades won 11-6 and 8-3 in the championship match. To see full results of all of the NYAC's competitors at the Olympic Trials, [click here](#).

Track & Field - Allman Claims Win at Diamond League Xiamen



Saturday, April 20th; Xiamen, China - The NYAC's **Valerie Allman** won the discus competition at the [Diamond League Xiamen Meeting](#) with a mark of 69.80m/229-0, the #8 mark in the world in the past 30 years, defeating Cuba's Yaime Perez (68.83m/225-10) and China's Bin Feng (67.07m/220-0), the 2022 world champion. Just one week prior, on April 13th, Perez had recorded the #9 all-time global mark of 73.09m/239-9 in Ramona, OK. Allman's American record of 71.46m/234-5, set on April 8th, 2022, is the #16 all-time global mark. To hear Allman's comments following her win in Xiamen, [click here](#). Also in Xiamen, NYAC pole vaulter **Chris Nilsen**, the Tokyo 2020 silver medalist, placed equal sixth with a mark of 5.42m/17-9.5, tied with Ben Broeders of Belgium and fellow American, Jacob Wooten. Sweden's indomitable Mondo Duplantis took the victory with a stunning new world record of 6.24m/20-5.75, breaking his own previous mark of 6.23m/20-5.25, set in September 2023. [Click here](#) for full results from Xiamen. • **Sunday, April 21st; Antalya, Turkey** - NYAC racewalkers **Nick Christie** (and partner Robyn Stevens), **Emmanuel Corvera** and **Celine Lepe**, and **Miranda Melville** (and partner Jordan Crawford), finished 41st, 57th, and 58th, respectively, in the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay at the [World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships](#). Italy's Francesco Fortunato and Valentina Trapletti won in a time of 2:57:45. The top 22 teams secured automatic qualification for the Paris Games; those outside the top 22 still have the opportunity to qualify through the World Athletics marathon race walk mixed relay performance list. An additional three teams will be selected from this list upon the conclusion of the qualification period, ending on Sunday, June 30th. The marathon race walk mixed relay is a new addition to the Olympic program. Two person teams (one man, one woman) complete two legs each, alternating in this order: male 11.45km, female 10km, male 10km, female 10.745km. [Click here](#) for full results from Antalya. • **Monday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 27th; Des Moines, IA** - **Janeah Stewart** finished sixth in the women's hammer throw at the [Drake Relays](#) with a mark of 65.92m/216-2. Velaasa's Rachel Tanczos won with 69.26m/227-3. **Michael Shuey** finished seventh in the javelin with a mark of 69.97m/229-6; Team Sparta Denmark's Arthur Petersen won with 79.73m/261-7. [Click here](#) for full results from the Drake Relays. Also in Des Moines, **Mikey Brannigan** placed 15th in the [Grand Blue Mile](#), clocking a time of 4:16. Vincent Ciattei of Baltimore, MD won in 3:57. [Click here](#) for full results from the Grand Blue Mile.

100 Days Out Broadcast - Watch it Now

Wednesday, April 17th marked 100 days to go until the Opening Ceremony of the Paris Olympic Games. To mark that milestone, the NYAC hosted a special virtual event: An Evening of Olympians, featuring two-time Olympic gold medalist, **Meghan Musnicki**; two-time Olympic bronze medalist, **Jimmy Pedro**; two-time Olympic silver medalist, **Joe Kovacs**; and newly minted 2024 Olympic boxer, **Omari Jones**. The conversation between these four world class athletes was insightful, enthralling and entertaining. If you missed this amazing event, not to worry; [just click the image](#) and enjoy this unique opportunity to engage with four of the NYAC's most celebrated athletes.



Water Polo - US Women Ahead in Exhibition Series Against China

Saturday, April 20th and Monday, April 22nd in Long Beach, CA - The US women's team has won the first two exhibition matches against China in a series of three matches total. On Saturday, April 20th, the US women began their winning ways with a 17-7 victory, featuring seven saves by the NYAC's **Ashleigh Johnson**. Two days later, on Monday, April 22nd, the US women were once again victorious, winning 21-11, featuring 11 saves by the NYAC's **Amanda Longan**. The three-game series will conclude on Saturday, April 27th at 6pm PT at the Torrance Aquatic Center in Torrance, CA. [Click here](#) for more information. The match will stream live on Overnht.com. [Click here](#) to purchase a subscription. Live stats of all matches will be at 68sports.com.

News

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Olympic Games - IOC president, Thomas Bach, believes artificial intelligence can find talented athletes around the world. [Click here](#).

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Upcoming Events

- TRACK AND FIELD: Monday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 27th** [Drake Relays](#) - Des Moines, IA [More info](#)
- FENCING: Thursday, April 25th - Sunday, April 28th** [April North American Cup](#) - Salt Lake City, UT [More info](#)
- JUDO: Friday, April 26th - Saturday, April 27th** [Panamerican and Oceania Championships](#) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Maria Laborde (48kg), Jack Yonezuka (73kg), Angie Delgado (52kg) and more [Preview](#) and [more info](#)
- TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, April 26th - Saturday, April 27th** [Music City Challenge](#) - Nashville, TN [More info](#)
- TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, April 26th - Saturday, April 27th** [2024 Texas Invitational](#) - Austin, TX [More info](#)
- LOCAL ACTION! RUGBY: Saturday, April 27th** [NYAC v. White Plains](#) - Travers Island - 1pm [More info](#)
- WATER POLO: Saturday, April 27th** [US Women's National Team v. China - Match #3](#) - Torrance, CA [More info](#)
- TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, April 27th** [Diamond League Shanghai](#) - Shanghai, China - Aisha Praught-Leer (5000m), Chris Nilsen (pole vault), Valerie Allman (discus), Maggie Malone (javelin) [More info](#)
- TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, April 28th** [USATF Bermuda Grand Prix](#) - Devonshire, Bermuda [More info](#)
- LOCAL ACTION! TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, May 3rd** [Trials of Miles](#) - Icahn Stadium, Randall's Island, NY,NY - Mikey Brannigan [More info](#)
- RUGBY: Friday, May 3rd - Sunday, May 5th** [HSBC Sevens Singapore](#) - Singapore [More info](#)
- JUDO: Friday, May 3rd - Sunday, May 5th** [Dushanbe Grand Slam](#) - Dushanbe, Tajikistan [More info](#)
- FENCING: Saturday, May 4th. Sunday, May 5th** [FIE Epee Grand Prix](#) - Cali, Colombia - Anne Cebula, Kat Holmes [More info](#)
- FENCING: Saturday, May 4th - Monday, May 6th** [FIE Sabre Grand Prix](#) - Seoul, South Korea - Mitchell Saron [More info](#)

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