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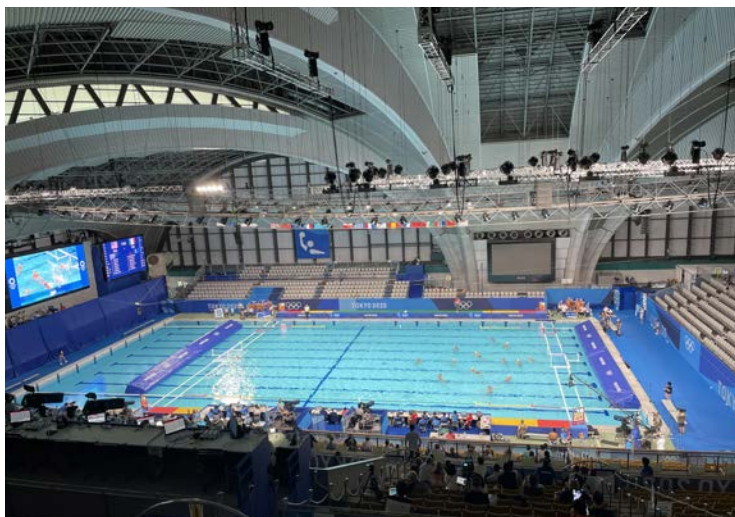
NYAC OLYMPICS NEWS

Rowing - Eight to the Final

Four-time NYAC Olympian Megan Kalmoe and two-time NYAC Olympian Tracy Eisser finished fourth in the B final of the women's pair on Thursday morning in Tokyo, taking a 10th-place finish overall. Romania took the early lead before Australia moved into the top position during the second 500 meters. The US duo sat in fifth position for much of the race but chased down Ireland in the final few strokes to take fourth. Australia won the race in a 6:56.46, with Denmark using a strong second 1,000 meters to take second. Romania held on for third. The US finished with a

time of 7:02.16. "To me, it was really just a huge honor to race in such an incredible, very deep, very competitive field of athletes," stated Kalmoe. "Every single person in every single boat is so good. We didn't get the results that we would have liked. Obviously, you want to come here, and you want to win. But I think with everything that we've gone through this year and last year, we did absolutely the best that we could."

The three-time defending Olympic gold medal-winning US women's eight, including the NYAC's Katelin Guregian (cox), Kristine O'Brien, Meghan Musnicki, Olivia Coffey and Charlotte Buck held off a late charge by Romania to win their heat and advance directly to the finals. New Zealand won the other heat, clocking the fastest time in the opening round. The two crews will be joined by Romania, Canada, Australia and China in the race for medals, which is set to go off at 10:05 am local time (9:05pm. EST, Thursday - today in NY). Romania won the repechage, setting a world's best time in the process. New Zealand won the most recent world title in 2019. The final will be epic.



Water Polo - A Tough Loss to Italy

Team USA dropped its match to Italy in men's water polo action on Thursday afternoon at the Tatsumi Water Polo Center, falling by a score of 12-11. The US held the lead at the end of the third quarter, a slim 9-8 advantage, that the Italians erased with a score seconds into the final quarter. Max Irving inched the US ahead with six minutes remaining and the Italians missed a penalty shortly thereafter. The NYAC's Alex Obert scored with 5:22 left, to put the USA up 11-9, but the Italians responded with three unanswered goals, one of them a penalty, that decided the outcome.

The US is now 2-1 in group play, having defeated Japan and South Africa in its first two outings. Next up is the intimidating Hungary team, set for 1am EST on Saturday, July 31st. The last match in group play will be versus Greece on August 2nd.

Fencing - Battling for Medals

It was all action all day long for the US women's foil team, which included the NYAC's Nicole Ross, as well as Lee Kiefer, who, earlier in the week, had claimed the USA's first ever gold medal in the individual event. Having fought its way into the quarter-finals, the US squad defeated the home team, Japan, 45-26, before facing a powerhouse Russian team in the semis. A 45-42 loss meant that Russia would vie for gold in the final against France (Russia won), consigning the US to battle for the bronze medals with Italy. Ross was first on to the piste, claiming victory over Arianna Errigo, 5-3; but, thereafter, it was all Italy all the way, the US claiming no further victories. Only once in Olympic history has the USA claimed a medal in this event, that coming in Beijing in 2008. So, despite a valiant attempt, the quest continues.



Upcoming Action - Highlights to Watch for in the Coming Days

With the Games of the XXXII Olympiad not even half over, there is all kinds of NYAC action still to come. Here are just a few things to watch closely. (Days are as in Japan. Tokyo is 13 hours ahead of New York).

Friday, July 30th - In rowing, the US women's eight goes for gold in the final (This is this evening in NY)

Saturday, July 31st - The US triathlon team, with possibly three NYAC members competing, contests the inaugural mixed relay

Sunday, August 1st - Five time world wrestling champion, Adeline Gray, begins her bid for Olympic gold

Monday, August 2nd - Valarie Allman hopes to contend for a medal in the women's discus

Tuesday, August 3rd - DeAnna Price begins her bid to claim an Olympic medal in the hammer throw

Wednesday, August 4th - All being well, the US men's water polo team will be contesting the quarter-finals

Thursday, August 5th - Will Claye, hopefully, will contest the triple jump final and the US women's water polo team will compete in the semi-finals

Friday, August 6th - Sarah Hildebrandt hopes to go all the way in women's wrestling, while Katie Nageotte contests the final of the women's pole vault

Saturday, August 7th - Kara Winger, hopefully, contests the women's javelin final and, just as hopefully, the US women compete for water polo medals

Sunday, August 8th - Men's water polo medals are on the line, as are medals in women's wrestling via Sarah Hildebrandt. And, of course, there's the never to be missed Closing Ceremony

All of the above, and more, is still to come. Keep up with the action by visiting www.NYACTokyo2020.com often.



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