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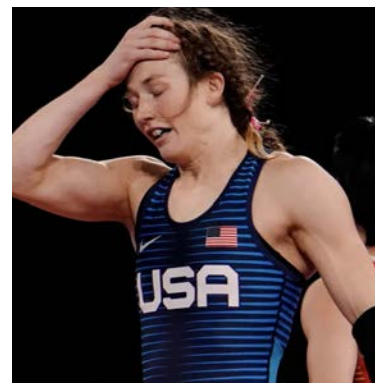
Wrestling - Bronze for Bekzod



In 2016 in Rio, the NYAC's Bekzod Abdurakhmonov defeated the heavily favored Jordan Burroughs to battle his way into the bronze medal round, before losing that match and being forced to accept fourth position. This time around, Bekzod, contesting the 76kg FS division, fought his way to the same round, but made no such mis-step, claiming the bronze medal with a powerful victory over Daniyar Kaisanov of Kazakhstan. Having defeated Franklin Gomez of Puerto Rico in his first bout, Bekzod next came up against Zaurbek Sidakov of the Russian Olympic Committee, a bout that he lost. The

Russian kept advancing, however, ultimately claiming the gold medal, which put the NYAC man into the repechage versus Augusto Midana of Guinea-Bissau. A victory there brought him up against Kaisanov and his grasp of the bronze medal.

2018 World Championships silver medalist Sarah Hildebrandt (50kg) began her day with a pair of technical falls - over 2017 World Championships bronze medalist, Evin Demirhan of Turkey and 2020 European champion, Miglena Selishka of Bulgaria - that advanced her to this evening's semi-finals. In that bout she faced 2013 world champion and 2016 Olympic bronze medalist, Sun Yanan of China. In that match, Hildebrandt lost a disappointing decision, having led 7-0 in the first period, after which she began to lose momentum. Ahead 7-6 as time wound down, she suffered a four-point throw to lose, 10-7, just as the horn sounded. Hildebrandt will fight for the bronze medal tomorrow versus the winner of the bout between Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez and Oksana Livach from Ukraine. That match takes place tomorrow morning (Friday evening EST). Hildebrandt's bronze medal match is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, at 8:55pm JST (7:55am EST).



NYAC Medal Table - Two Gold, Five Silver, Four Bronze

Gold

Valarie Allman, Track and Field (Discus)

Katie Nageotte, Track and Field (Pole Vault)

Silver

Adeline Gray, Women's Wrestling (76kg)

Katie Zaferes, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Taylor Knibb, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Morgan Pearson, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Joe Kovacs, Track and Field (Shot Put)

Bronze

Katie Zaferes, Women's Triathlon

Vincent Luis (FRA), Triathlon Mixed Relay

Catie DeLoof, Swimming, Women's 4x100m FS Relay

Bekzod Abdurakhmonov (UZB), Wrestling (74kg FS)



Water Polo - US Takes Revenge on Italy

The USA men's water polo team forged a hard-fought 7-6 win over Italy on Friday evening, exacting revenge for a defeat in the group play and advancing in the placement bracket. Ahead 5-3 at half-time, the USA fell back into a 5-5 tie by the end of the third quarter. The NYAC's Alex Bown restored the lead with a goal with 7:25 remaining in the

match; but, Italy drew even two minutes later and with 5:22 remaining. The game-decider came from Johnny Hooper, who found the net with 1:35 remaining. Bowen led all scorers with three goals. The USA now will face Croatia to determine the fifth-place team in the tournament. That match will take place at 11am JST on Sunday, August 8th (10pm, Saturday EST).

Modern Pentathlon

In an event won by Great Britain's Kate French, the NYAC's Samantha Achterberg (Schultz), placed 21st, scoring 1278 points. French tallied an Olympic record 1385. The recently updated version of the modern pentathlon (the modern modern pentathlon?) consists of fencing, swimming, horse riding (equestrianism) and a laser run that combines pistol shooting and running. This was the first occasion on which this version of the event had appeared at an Olympic Games (hence the OR). The men's event, featuring the NYAC's Amro Elgeziry, takes place tomorrow (Saturday August 7th). You can follow all developments throughout the competition by tracking @WorldPentathlon on Twitter.



Upcoming Action - Highlights to Watch for in the Final Days

The Games of the XXXII Olympiad are nearing their end, but there is still plenty of NYAC action to come.

Here are just a few things to watch closely. (Days are as in Japan. Tokyo is 13 hours ahead of New York).

Saturday, August 7th - Medals are assured for the NYAC's nine female water polo players. The color will be determined by their clash with Spain in the Olympic final

Sunday, August 8th - The never to be missed Closing Ceremony

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