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NYAC OLYMPICS NEWS

The Story So Far - One Gold, Four Silver, Three Bronze

Gold **Valarie Allman**, Women's Discus

Silver

Adeline Gray, Women's Wrestling (76kg)

Katie Zaferes, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Taylor Knibb, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Morgan Pearson, Triathlon Mixed Relay

Bronze

Katie Zaferes, Women's Triathlon

Vincent Luis (FRA), Triathlon Mixed Relay

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

Track and Field - Disappointment for Price



The NYAC's DeAnna Price and Gwen Berry entered this competition with medals in mind, and justifiably so. Both had shown fine form throughout the season, and Price brought with her a world title, claimed in Doha in 2019, and a reputation as a fearsome competitor. But in the cauldron of the Olympic Stadium, those Olympic dreams were not realized, as Price finished in eighth with a best effort of 73.09m/239' 9" and Berry placed 11th with a best throw of 71.35m/234' 1".

Unknown to many as the competition began was that Price had incurred a bone fracture in her foot in the lead-in to this competition, a fact making her final placing commendable, if not remarkable. Nonetheless, as she walked tearfully through the mixed zone, with the winner, the indomitable Anita Wlodarczyk from Poland, accepting the accolades of the sparse crowd, it was understandable that Price would feel the literal and metaphorical pain.

From the outset the signs were ominous. China's Zheng Wang led the field in the first round with a throw of 73.21m/237' 3"; but Price fouled. Berry, also not having a good day, reached a mediocre, for her, 67.66m/222' 0". In round two, Price reached a respectable, 72.69m/238' 6", a mark that would see her among the leading eight throwers who would take a full six attempts. Berry did not make that cut, and left the fray after the third round. Price fought on, a testimony to her competitive spirit coming in the fact that her best throw was her last. Though that will be little consolation, it does illustrate the character of a true competitor, which is no small thing.

Water Polo - One Step Closer

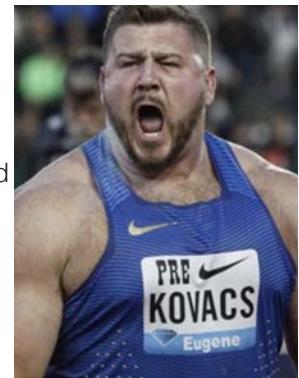
The US women, with nine NYAC players on the team faced Canada in the Olympic quarter-finals this afternoon. With the Americans ranked #1 in the world, it would have been a considerable upset had the neighbors to the north prevailed. From the outset, it was evident that that was not about to happen. The NYAC's Madeline Musselman and Maggie Steffens each scored twice in the first quarter as the USA jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first eight minutes, and the team never looked back. At half time, the score was 11-3 USA, and at the buzzer the final score was 16-5, bringing the US women one step closer to claiming their third consecutive Olympic gold medal. Team USA has claimed medals in every Olympic Games since women's water polo was added to the program at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000. The semi-finals are scheduled for 3:30 pm and 7:50pm JST on Thursday, August 5th (2:30am and 6:50am EST), with the medal round set for the afternoon of Saturday, August 7th.



Courtesy USA Water Polo

Track and Field - Claye and Kovacs Advance

Will Claye took all three of his jumps in the men's triple jump qualifier, comfortably advancing to Thursday's final (10pm, Wednesday, EST), courtesy of a mark of 16.91m/55' 5 3/4". While Claye was contesting his opening round, so was Kara Winger in the women's javelin. Sadly, Winger did not fare as well, reaching 59.71m/195' 10" on the second of her three attempts, leaving her a non-advancing 17th overall. In the qualifying rounds of the men's shot put, world champion Joe Kovacs took all of his three allotted throws, his best of 20.93m/68' 8" placing him fourth in the group and safely in to the final, set for Thursday 5th at 10:05pm Wednesday EST.



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).

Wednesday, August 4th - The US men's water polo team clash with Spain in the quarter-finals

Thursday, August 5th - Will Claye and Joe Kovacs contest the triple jump and shot put finals and, all being well, the US women's water polo team will compete in the semi-finals

Friday, August 6th - Katie Nageotte contests the final of the women's pole vault

Saturday, August 7th - Sarah Hildebrandt begins her campaign for a wrestling medal

Sunday, August 8th - Men's water polo medals are on the line. And, of course, there's the never to be missed Closing Ceremony

The above is just a taste. All of that, and more, is still to come.

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