



## Track and Field Athletes Star at Trials



**Friday, June 21st — Sunday, June 30th; Eugene, OR** — The NYAC sent 21 athletes to the US Track and Field Trials, and, as of today (Friday, June 28th), six athletes have punched their tickets to Paris: **Valarie Allman, Tori Franklin, Joe Kovacs, Chris Nilsen, DeAnna Price** and **Harrison Williams**. At the US Trials, the top three finishers in each event qualify for the Olympics, provided they have the Olympic qualifying standard in their event. The men's decathlon took place on Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd, with the NYAC's **Kyle Garland** and **Harrison Williams** among the contestants. Williams qualified for his first Olympics by placing third overall, winning the 400m on his way to a season's best score of 8,384. Garland was forced to withdraw from the competition due to an injury suffered while landing during the pole vault. He was in second place at the time, having completed seven of the 10 events. Triple jumper **Tori Franklin** claimed her place on the Olympic team by a mere two centimeters, placing third with a jump of 13.72m/45-0 1/4. **Joe Kovacs**, eyeing a third consecutive Olympics, placed second in the men's shot put with a throw of 22.43m/73-7.25. The victory went to Ryan Crouser, arguably the greatest shot putter in history. The NYAC had three women advance to the hammer throw final on Sunday, June 23rd,

NYAC Track and Field Olympic Qualifiers (through June 28th)	
<b>Valarie Allman</b> Discus Throw	<b>Chris Nilsen</b> Pole Vault
<b>Tori Franklin</b> Triple Jump	<b>DeAnna Price</b> Hammer Throw
<b>Joe Kovacs</b> Shot Put	<b>Harrison Williams</b> Decathlon

but only **DeAnna Price**, the 2019 world champion, qualified for the Games, her third, placing second with a throw of 74.52m/244-6. In both 2016 and 2020 she placed eighth. **Janeah Stewart**, seeking her first Olympic berth, placed fifth with a mark of 70.34m/230-9. Shockingly, **Brooke Andersen**, the top ranked woman in the world and the 2022 world champion, was unable to land a legal mark in the final despite winning the qualifying round with a throw of 76.25m/250-2. In the men's pole vault, Tokyo 2020 silver medalist **Chris Nilsen** tied for second with a vault of 5.87m/19-3 to qualify for Paris. On Monday, June 24th, **Erica Bougard** finished sixth in the women's heptathlon, accumulating 6192 points. Tokyo 2020 gold medalist **Valarie Allman**, the top female discus thrower in the world, threw a season's best 70.89/232-7 in the qualifying round, then once again topped the field with final round mark of 70.73m/232-0, sealing her spot on Team USA. On Thursday evening, **Tara Davis-Woodhall** won the qualifying round of the women's long jump with a mark of 6.93m/22-9, advancing to tomorrow's final (Saturday, June 29th). Also on Thursday, **Sam Mattis** placed fourth in the qualifying round of the men's discus throw with a mark of 64.57m/211-10 and will contest the final tomorrow. To watch our NYAC track and field athletes in action at the Trials, tune in to NBC, Peacock or USA Network for live coverage.

[Click here](#) for the complete results.

## Swimming - Six Stars Heading to Paris

**Saturday, June 15th — Sunday, June 23rd; Indianapolis, IN** — Nine NYAC swimmers entered the US Olympic Swimming Trials with hopes of qualifying for the Paris Olympic Games, and, at the conclusion of the nine-day competition, an impressive six NYAC swimmers – **Kate Douglass, Paige Madden, Hunter Armstrong, Nic Fink, Ryan Held** and **Drew Kibler** – had qualified to compete in Paris. Last week's *Athletics News* reported results through Thursday, June 20th. Picking up on the action from Friday, June 21st through Sunday, June 23rd, NYAC swimmers still had a number of races to contest. **Kate Douglass**, after winning the 100m freestyle and 200m breaststroke earlier in the week, touched first in the 200m individual medley with a personal best of 2:06.79 to win her third individual event of the Trials. In doing so, Douglass became the first American woman ever to qualify for an Olympics as an individual



swimmer in the freestyle, breaststroke and IM. In Paris, Douglass will swim those three events, plus the 4x100m freestyle relay. A native of Pelham, NY, Douglass was one of the undisputed stars of the Trials. The American record holder in the 50m freestyle, she would have been favored to win that event at the Trials, but the 50m freestyle semi-finals at the Olympics are scheduled just minutes before the 200m IM final. NYAC swimmers and sisters **Catie** and **Gabby DeLoof** did swim the 50m freestyle over the weekend. Gabby DeLoof did not advance out of the preliminary heats, recording a time of 25.81 seconds. Catie DeLoof advanced to the finals, finishing seventh in 24.69 seconds. **Paige Madden**, after setting personal bests in the 200m freestyle and 400m freestyle earlier in the week, continued her tremendous week in the pool by finishing second in the 800m freestyle in a time of 8:20.71, topping her previous best mark by nearly seven seconds. In Paris, Madden will contest the 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relay. Madden is likely to also swim the individual 200m freestyle if Katie Ledecky drops that event in favor of other events, as is expected. Among the NYAC men, **Hunter Armstrong**, who earlier qualified for the 4x100m freestyle relay, received confirmation that he would race the 100m backstroke in Paris after placing second. **Ryan Held** became the NYAC's sixth swimmer to qualify for Paris when he learned that his fifth place finish in the 100m freestyle was enough to earn selection for the 4x100m freestyle relay, where he will join forces with Armstrong. Over the weekend, Held raced the 50m freestyle, finishing sixth in 21.85 seconds. Still to be named are the medley and mixed relay teams, which will very likely include some of the NYAC's swimmers. [Click here](#) for complete results from Indianapolis.

NYAC Olympic Swimmers
<b>Kate Douglass</b> 100m FS, 200m BR, 200m IM, 4x100m FS
<b>Paige Madden</b> 400m FS, 800m FS, 4x200m FS
<b>Hunter Armstrong</b> 100m BS, 4x100m FS
<b>Nic Fink</b> 100m BR
<b>Ryan Held</b> 4x100m FS
<b>Drew Kibler</b> 4x200m FS

## News

### One Month Until the Olympics

— Wednesday, June 26th marked exactly one month until the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games, and, to celebrate the occasion, the NYAC released a special pre-recorded webinar for its members, featuring three NYAC Paris 2024 athletes — **Kirsten Kasper** (triathlon), **Tatyana McFadden** (para track and field) and **Mitchell Saron** (fencing). The conversation was intriguing and illuminating. NYAC members may access the video by visiting [www.nyac.org](http://www.nyac.org). Technically speaking, Olympic archery, handball, rugby sevens and soccer competitions begin on July 24th-25th, but the July 26th Opening Ceremony marks the official beginning of the Games.



### Team USA to Bring AC Units to Olympic Village

— Team USA has confirmed that it will bring its own air conditioning units for its athletes to use in their rooms in the Olympic Village in Paris this summer. The Olympic Village accommodations do not come with air conditioning, as the Paris 2024 organizing committee is determined to cut the carbon footprint of the Olympics by using eco-friendly cooling methods to keep athletes' rooms cool. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

**LA28** — Organizers are planning a major make-over of the famed LA Coliseum. [Click here](#) for the details.

## Upcoming Events

**TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, June 28th - Sunday, June 30th** [US Olympic Team Trials](#) - Eugene, OR - **Rudy Winkler** (Hammer Throw), **Daniel Haugh** (Hammer Throw), **Sam Mattis** (Discus), **Will Claye** (Triple Jump), **Nick Christie** (20K Race Walk), **Emmanuel Corvera** (20K Race Walk), **Tara Davis-Woodhall** (Long Jump), **Maggie Malone-Hardin** (Javelin), **Miranda Melville** (20K Race Walk), **Celina Lepe** (20K Race Walk), **Kara Winger** (Javelin)

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**FENCING: Saturday, June 29th - Monday, July 8th** [USA Fencing National Championships](#) - Columbus, OH [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, July 7th** [Diamond League Meeting de Paris](#) - Paris, France [More info](#)

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