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Melvin Takes Fourth at World Rowing Championships

Sunday, August 18th - Saturday, August 24th; St. Catharines, Canada - The NYAC's **Sam Melvin**, Columbia University Class of 2021 graduate, took fourth in the lightweight single sculls at the [2024 World Rowing Championships](#) with a finish of 6:54.35 in the A Final on Saturday, August 24th. Ireland's Paul O'Donovan won in 6:49.68, Greece's Antonios Papakonstantinou took second in 6:51.90, and Italy's Niels Torre took third in 6:52.64. On the race, Oli Rosenblatt of row2k wrote, "*O'Donovan started the race in the field, then methodically worked his way to the front to win the race; as he crossed the 1000m mark, O'Donovan swiped a swan [...] but the bird couldn't slow the man down either. Fellow Paris Olympian Antonios Papakonstantinou of Greece was second, and Niels Torre of Italy rowed an absolutely withering sprint to capture the bronze, overhauling the USA's Sam Melvin, who had run in medal contention for almost 1800 meters before falling to the Italian.*" Notably, in Olympic years, only non-Olympic boat classes are contested at the World Championships. [Click here](#) for full results.

The Paris 2024 Paralympics Have Begun!

On **Wednesday, August 28th**, the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games began in the French capital city with a grand Opening Ceremony on the Champs-Élysées and at Place de la Concorde. Over the coming days, the NYAC's **Tatyana McFadden**, **Mikey Brannigan** and **Hunter Woodhall** will compete in the track and field competition, and **Grace Norman** will contest the triathlon. For a complete schedule of our athletes in Paris, see below. To learn more about the NYAC's Paris 2024 Paralympians, visit the [Paris 2024 micro site](#) for bios and for updates throughout the Games. The Paralympic Games conclude on Sunday, September 8th.



Follow the NYAC's Paralympians in Paris

 All times are EST

Sunday, September 1st

4:20am – Grace Norman in **PTS5 Tri Final**
5:25am – Tatyana McFadden in **T54 800m Round 1**
1:17pm – **T54 800m Final**
3:12pm – Hunter Woodhall in **T64 100m Round 1**

Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)

7:05am – Tatyana McFadden in **T54 1500m Round 1**
3:35pm – **T64 100m Final**

Tuesday, September 3rd

6:20am – **T54 1500m Final**

Wednesday, September 4th

6:45am – Tatyana McFadden in **T54 100m Round 1**
2:43pm – **T54 100m Final**

Thursday, September 5th

7:12am – Tatyana McFadden in **T54 400m Round 1**

1:33pm – **T54 400m Final**

Friday, September 6th

4:43am – Mikey Brannigan in **1500m Final**
1:33pm – Hunter Woodhall in **T64 400m Final**

Sunday, September 8th

2am – Tatyana McFadden in **T54 Marathon**



Track and Field - Kovacs and Andersen Victorious in Silesia

Sunday, August 25th; Chorzow, Poland – The NYAC's **Joe Kovacs** (shot put) and **Brooke Andersen** (hammer throw) were victorious in their respective events at the [Diamond League Silesia Meeting](#). Kovacs, Paris 2024 shot put silver medalist, defeated three-time Olympic champion (2016, 2020, 2024), Ryan Crouser, with a throw of 22.14m. Crouser took second with 22.12m, and Italy's Leo Fabbri took third with 22.03m. The NYAC's Brooke Andersen won the hammer throw competition with a mark of 76.82m, a fantastic finish after a disappointing Olympic Trials. Azerbaijan's Hanna Skydan took second with 71.82m, and fellow American Janee' Kassanavoid took third with 70.55m. Other NYAC performances in Silesia included **Maggie Malone-Hardin's** fourth place in the javelin (60.81m), and **Chris Nilsen's** sixth place in the pole vault (5.72m). [Click here](#) for full results from Silesia.

Triathlon - True Wins Ironman Canada

Sunday, August 25th; Penticton, British Columbia – The NYAC's **Sarah True** won Ironman Canada, which consisted of biking and running legs, following the cancellation of the swim on account of cold water temperatures (13 degrees Celsius, 55.4 degrees Fahrenheit). Jonathan Turner of Tri247 wrote, "*The women's race rapidly boiled down to a three-way battle on the bike. A third of the way through it was Jodie Robertson (USA) who led the way and there was around a minute back to Deborah Eckhouse (CAN) and True. At the 110km mark Robertson had almost doubled her advantage, with True at +1:51 and Eckhouse at +2:26. Coming into transition things went out a little further – Robertson now 2:26 in front of True as Eckhouse dropped out of contention. But everything changed dramatically on the run – and quickly. That deficit has been turned into a +1:14 advantage to True after just 5km and that would all but settle the race. There were almost three minutes between them after 15km and it ballooned from then on. True crossed the line in 7:52:29 after a 2:50:34 marathon, never in danger.*" [Click here](#) for full results from British Columbia.



News

Paralympics Opening Ceremony - This past Wednesday in Paris, for the first time in history, a Paralympics Opening Ceremony was held outdoors. For details, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

PARALYMPIC GAMES: Wednesday, August 28th - Sunday, September 8th Paris, France [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, August 30th [Diamond League Golden Gala](#) - Rome, Italy - Joe Kovacs (shot put), Tara Davis-Woodhall (long jump) [More info](#)

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