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## World Records in Budapest for Douglass and Madden

**Tuesday, December 10th – Sunday, December 15th; Budapest, Hungary** – With the [World Aquatics 25m \(Short Course\) Swimming Championships](#) presently underway, the NYAC's **Kate Douglass** has already secured world titles in the 200m individual medley and the 4x100m freestyle relay, setting world records in both events. In the 200m IM, Douglass touched the wall in 2:01.63, with fellow American Alex Walsh in second (2:02.65). Douglass' winning time erased the existing mark of 2:01.86, set by Hungary's Katinka Hosszu's in 2014. In the 4x100m freestyle relay, Douglass and fellow Americans Katharine Berkoff, Alex Shackell and Gretchen Walsh set a new world mark of 3:25.01, defeating Australia (3:28.25), and Canada (3:28.44). The prior world record of 3:25.43 was set by an Australian foursome in 2022. In addition to her two record-setting world titles, Douglass also claimed a bronze medal in the 100m freestyle with a finishing time of 50.73, behind fellow American Gretchen Walsh (50.31) and second place finisher Beryl Gastaldello of France (50.63). Douglass' accomplishments in Budapest come at the end of a year in which she has been on fire, also claiming four medals (two gold, two silver) at the Paris Olympic Games. Her schedule in Budapest is not finished; today (Friday, 13th), she contests finals of the 100m IM and 200m breaststroke; tomorrow she goes in the heats of the 50m freestyle. Also in Budapest, the NYAC's **Paige Madden** and fellow US teammates Alex Walsh, Katie Grimes and Claire Weinstein set world record figures of 7:30.13 in the 4x200m freestyle relay, shattering the 7:30.87 set by Australia in 2022. Hungary took second in 7:33.39, with Australia third in 7:33.60. Madden also placed fourth in the 400m freestyle (3:55.12) and the 800m freestyle (8:07.22). Madden will compete in the 200m freestyle on December 15th. [Click here](#) for full results, thus far, from Budapest. *See also Late Breaking News below.*

## Curt Clausen Elected President of USA Track & Field

**Orlando, FL, December 5th-8th** – At last week's annual convention of USA Track and Field, the sport of track and field's governing body in the USA, the NYAC's **Curt Clausen** was elected to a four-year term as the organization's president. A three-time Olympic race walker, world championships medalist and past member of the NYAC Board of Governors, Clausen steps into the role with a unique and extensive resumé. From 2014-2018, he served as a member of the USATF Board of Directors, and has been heavily involved in the organization as part of the Law & Legislation, Audit, Budget, Race Walk and Athletes' Advisory Committees. He also served on the National Athletics Board of Review and has been a member or administrator in five different USATF associations. He is a director for the NYAC's Athletes' Fund, a charity that raises funds to support elite athletes, and also chaired the Club's track and field team from 2008-2016. In his professional life, Clausen is general counsel for Tickets.com, a global ticketing technology company and wholly owned subsidiary of Major League Baseball Advanced Media, where he is responsible for managing the company's strategic and tactical legal initiatives. He is also a senior vice president for Major League Baseball. Clausen, 57, earned a bronze medal in the 50K race walk at the 1999 World Championships in Seville, Spain, and was seventh at the Edmonton World Championships in 2001. He won seven USATF national titles and still holds three American records in the walks, including a 3:48:04 for 50K which he set in 1999. Clausen represented Team USA at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta in the 20K race walk, and contested the 50K distance at Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004. Last month, he completed the New York City Marathon, a race he has completed multiple times. "I'm deeply honored to be elected to lead USA Track and Field," Clausen commented. "And I'm excited at the prospect for growing the organization and the sport over the years leading up to the next Olympic Games, in Los Angeles in 2028. It's a very exciting time and I'm looking forward to all that lies ahead." The NYAC wishes Curt Clausen all the very best in his new role.



## Triathlon - Pearson Claims Gold, McElroy Silver in Indian Wells

**Sunday, December 8th; Indian Wells, CA** – The NYAC represented at [IRONMAN 70.3 Indian Wells](#), with Paris 2024 Olympian **Morgan Pearson** claiming the victory in 3:42:26, and NYAC teammate **Matt McElroy** taking second in 3:44:13. Greece's Louis Woodgate rounded out the podium in 3:45:41. On the race, Graham Shaw of Tri247 wrote, "Morgan was right up at the front coming out of the water, just a couple of seconds behind the leader, Norway's Vetl Thorn. But things were about to change in a big way on the bike. Heading into T2 the eventual winner was down in eighth and 3:13 off the pace after another US star, Dylan Gillespie, produced the day's fastest leg on two wheels – an excellent 2:00:40 – to lead Greek star Louis Woodgate into transition. Thorn and another home favourite, Matt McElroy, came next – at c. 2:30 back from the lead. It was now all to play for on the run with Pearson ready to play his trump card, that vaunted ability to close the show in some style. And he did not disappoint by cutting through the field in no time at all to take over from Woodgate at the front by the time they had reached the midway point of the half-marathon. The rest had no answer to Pearson's speed and he pulled away to win by just under two minutes from McElroy with Woodgate completing the podium. Morgan's run leg was unsurprisingly the best of the day, clocked at 1:10:08." Notably, this was Morgan's debut at the 70.3 distance. [Click here](#) for full results from Indian Wells.



## Judo - NYAC Takes on Tokyo Grand Slam

**Saturday, December 7th – Sunday, December 8th; Tokyo, Japan** – **Jack Yonezuka** was the NYAC's top finisher at the [Tokyo Grand Slam](#), taking seventh place at -73kg. Yonezuka was victorious in the Round of 32 (by ippon against Cambodia's Shintaro Uno) and the Round of 16 (by waza-ari against Kazakhstan's Bakhitzhan Abdurakhmanov); however, his winning streak came to an end in the quarter-final, with a loss to Japan's Shusuke Uchimura by ippon, and then in the repechage to Danil Lavrentev (JF) by ippon. The NYAC's **Dominic Rodriguez** (-81kg) and **Maria Laborde** (-48kg) also contested their weights but did not advance beyond the Round of 16. [Click here](#) for full results from Tokyo.



## Road Racing - Ritz Victorious at Ted Corbitt 15K

**Saturday, December 7th; New York, NY** – The NYAC's **Owen Ritz** won the men's race at the [NYRR Ted Corbitt 15K](#) with a finish of 46:53. Mexico's Juan Luis Barrios took second in 46:56, and Ethiopia's Abiyot Guta Dugma narrowly took third in 46:57. Other NYAC finishers included **John Bleday** (11th, 48:36), **James Kelly** (20th, 51:24), and **Ben Matejka** (25th, 52:03). [Click here](#) for full results from NYC.

## Late Breaking News - One More World Record for Kate Douglass

As this issue of *Athletics News* was being completed, the NYAC's **Kate Douglass** secured another world record and another world title at the World Short Course Swimming World Championships, presently underway in Budapest, Hungary. Contesting the 200m breaststroke, Douglass dominated the competition, winning by well over two seconds from Russia's Evgeniia Chikunova (competing as a neutral athlete) setting new world figures of 2:12.50. This time erased the record of 2:12.72 that Douglass herself had set at the World Cup in Singapore in October. Less than an hour later, Douglass took to the pool again, this time for the final of the 100m IM. In this event, she took the silver medal in a time of 56.49 seconds, beaten to the wall by the world record of Gretchen Walsh (55.11). More details of the World Short Course Swimming Championships will appear in next week's *Athletics News*.

## Other News

**Rugby** – The US men, with the NYAC's Lucas Lacamp in the squad, recorded losses to France and New Zealand in pool play at [Rugby Sevens Cape Town](#), but defeated Uruguay, 26-14, in the ninth place semis. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Upcoming Events

**SWIMMING: Tuesday, December 10th - Sunday, December 15th** [World Aquatics 25m Championships](#) - Budapest, Hungary [More info](#)

**BOXING: Monday, December 16th - Saturday, December 21st** [USA Boxing National Championships](#) - Richmond, VA - Yoseline Perez (54kg) [More info](#)

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