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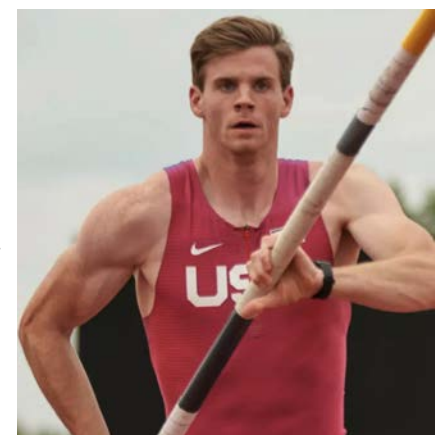
## Road Running - Pearson Sets NYAC Half Marathon Record in Houston



**Sunday, January 19th; Houston, Texas** – In cold and blustery conditions at last Sunday's [Houston Half Marathon](#), the NYAC's **Morgan Pearson**, a two-time Olympic silver medalist in the triathlon mixed relay, set a personal best of 1:01:01, the fastest half marathon ever run by an NYAC athlete. That time pruned seven seconds from Pearson's own Club record, which he had set on the super-fast Valencia course last year. The depth of the field in Houston was such that such a blistering time saw Pearson place 15th, victory going to Ethiopia's Addisu Gobena who out-leaned the USA's Paris Olympian, Conner Mantz, both crossing the line in 59:17. Mantz' clocking was a new US record, eclipsing the 59:43 of Ryan Hall, set in 2007. For all the results from the Houston Half Marathon [click here](#).

## Track and Field - Nilsen Victorious in South Dakota

**Saturday, January 18th; Vermillion, South Dakota** – The NYAC's **Chris Nilsen**, Tokyo 2020 Olympic pole vault silver medalist, won that event at the [University of South Dakota Alumni Meet](#) last weekend with a mark of 5.80m/19-00.25. South Dakota Coyotes Erik Haamer and Spencer Buley took second (5.37m/17-07.25) and third (5.22m/17-



01.50), respectively. Nilsen, who grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, graduated from the University of South Dakota in 2020 with a degree in kinesiology and sport management. [Click here](#) for full results from Vermillion. • **Sunday, January 12th; Santee, CA** – The NYAC's **Nick Christie and Miranda Melville** contested the [2025 USATF 35K Race Walk Championships](#) in southern California last weekend. Christie placed third in 2:45:31 to Sweden's Perseus Karlstrom (2:27:19), with Mexico's Ever Palma second (2:37:46). Among the women, Melville placed fifth in 3:05:52, the Victory going to Mexico's Valeria Ortuno Martinez (2:51:33). [Click here](#) for the results from Santee.

## News

**Olympics** – Why have more than 100 Paris 2024 Olympic medalists returned their Olympic medals to the IOC? [Click here](#) to find out.

**Track & Field** – Tickets for September's world track and field championships are now on sale. The event will take place in Tokyo from September 13th to 21st in Japan's national stadium, site of the 2021 Olympic T&F program. On that occasion there were zero spectators. This time around, it will be different. [Click here](#) for the details.

**Munich Olympic Games** – "September 5," a docu-drama set in the ABC newsroom during the attack on the Israeli Olympic team during the 1972 Olympic Games, is set to hit the screens in the coming weeks. [Click here](#) for the details.

**International Olympic Committee** – Sebastian Coe is among the front-runners to succeed Thomas Bach as head of the International Olympic Committee. Earlier this month, he spoke with SportsIn about his vision for the future. [Click here](#), to read what Lord Coe had to say.

**More Olympics** – Can India host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games? The world's most populous country would like to try. Read about it [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**FENCING: Thursday, January 23rd - Sunday, January 26th** [FIE Sabre World Cup](#) - Plovdiv, Bulgaria - Mitchell Saron, Shaul Gordon (CAN) [More info](#)

**FENCING: Friday, January 24th - Sunday, January 26th** [FIE Epée Grand Prix](#) - Doha, Qatar - Natalia Toby, Theodore Lombardo, Ian Sanders, Justin Yoo [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, January 24th - Saturday, January 25th** [Perche Elite Tour Rouen](#) - Rouen, France - Chris Nilsen (Pole Vault) [More info](#)

**RUGBY SEVENS: Friday, January 24th - Sunday, January 26th** [Rugby Sevens Series Perth](#) - Perth, Australia [More info](#)

**JUDO: Saturday, February 1st - Sunday, February 2nd** [IJF World Tour Paris Grand Slam](#) - Paris, France - Jack Yonezuka (-81kg), Maria Laborde (-48kg) [More info](#)

**TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, February 8th** [Millrose Games](#) - NY, NY [More info](#)

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