



Knibb Punches Second Ticket to Paris

The NYAC woman will undertake a unique double - Triathlon and Cycling

Wednesday, May 15th; Charleston, WV – This week, the NYAC's **Taylor Knibb**, already selected for the Paris 2024 Olympic triathlon, shocked the field at the [USA Cycling Pro Road Championships](#), claiming her first time trial national title and her second spot at the Paris 2024 Games, this time in cycling. Knibb earned her place on the US tri team in August of last year, and will compete in the individual and mixed team relay competitions. Remarkably, just four days prior, Knibb had been in Yokohama, Japan to contest the WTCS Series, where she placed second (see report below). Clearly, that event and the subsequent travel impacted the NYAC woman's performance in West Virginia not at all. Angelina Palermo of USA Cycling reported: "This route was quite similar to the course the riders will be seeing in Paris – both virtually flat and roughly 33km. Knibb excelled....but not without some heavy competition behind her. 2024 La Vuelta Femenina stage winner Kristen Faulkner (Homer, Alaska; EF Education-Cannondale) kept pressing on. At the first split, Faulkner was only 0.2 seconds behind Knibb, holding on to her pace. She ultimately finished in second [in 42:05:88; Knibb's winning time was 41:54.69]. 49-year-old Amber Neben (Lake Forest, Calif.) rounded out the podium in third [in 42:44:53]." Knibb had also contested this race in 2023, placing fourth. The full results from Charleston are [here](#). While it is commonplace for athletes to contest multiple events in the same sport at an Olympic Games, it is exceedingly rare for someone to earn selection for two different sports at the same Games.

• **Saturday, May 11th; Yokohama, Japan** – As mentioned above, four days prior to stunning the field at the Pro Road cycling time trial in West Virginia, Knibb had been in Japan for the [WTCS Series Yokohama](#) triathlon. The NYAC's **Morgan Pearson**, like Knibb a Paris 2024 Olympian, also made the trip, and made it worthwhile by securing the victory and becoming the first American man to win a WTCS race since 2009. USA Triathlon reported: "Pearson completed the 1500m swim, 40K bike and 10K run in 1 hour, 42 minutes, 5 seconds, while running the field's fastest 10K in 29:11. He finished the swim among a group of 20 athletes, 13 seconds down from the leader. After a swift transition, Pearson settled into the



lead pack on the bike that eventually swelled to more than 50 athletes including all five U.S. athletes: Pearson, Matt McElroy (Huntington Beach, Calif.), Kevin McDowell (Geneva, Ill.), Darr Smith (Atlanta, Ga.) and Seth Rider (Germantown, Tenn.). The U.S. group avoided danger on the final lap of the bike that saw a crash and large pileup of more than 15 athletes who hit the pavement, including France's Dorian Coninx and Tom Richard, and Vasco Vilaca of Portugal. Pearson then overcame a slow bike-to-run transition to methodically pick off runners one by one to make his way to the front by the second lap. Pearson commanded the front of the race, pushed by Australia's Matthew Hauser on the final lap, but a late surge by Pearson cemented the win for the former NCAA All-American runner." Other NYAC athletes also performed well in Yokohama. **Vincent Luis** was ninth (1:42:40), **Matt McElroy** 13th (1:43:13) and **Kevin McDowell** 47th (1:48:19). **Taylor Knibb**, as previously noted, placed a superb second (1:53:04) among the women before heading for the airport and a victory, four days later, in the Olympic trials for the US cycling time trial team. Leonie Periault from France was the women's winner in Yokohama in a time of 1:52:28. The NYAC's **Taylor Spivey** finished 4th

(1:53:25), **Kirsten Kasper**, 5th (1:53:34) and **Summer Rappaport**, 49th (2:00:50). [Click here](#) for full results. Notably, had Spivey been one place higher, she would have earned auto-selection for the Olympic Games. At the present time, therefore, Knibb and Pearson are the only athletes to have been named to the US triathlon team for Paris. In total, there are three male and three female spots to be filled, with Yokohama being the final opportunity for US triathletes to auto-qualify. Since no one made the cut, the remaining team spots will be decided by discretionary selection by an Olympic Games Athlete Selection Panel and announced in June.

As of Thursday, May 16th, 20 NYAC athletes have been selected for the Paris 2024 Games across many different sports. To learn more about Team NYAC, [visit our exclusive NYAC Paris 2024 micro site here](#).

News

Rugby – NYAC Rugby alumni **Mike Tolkin** and **Lou Stanfill** have been announced as 2024 US Rugby Foundation Hall of Fame inductees. They will be honored at an induction ceremony at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC on Saturday, July 13th. [Click here](#) to learn more and to reserve your seat or table at the event.

IOC Documentaries Coming to Netflix – Beginning in July, Netflix will air three new IOC documentaries about different Olympic sports - on gymnast Simone Biles, on track and field sprinters, and on men's basketball. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Events

FENCING: Friday, May 17th [FIE World Cup Villa de Madrid](#) - Madrid, Spain - Mitchell Saron (saber) [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, May 17th - Saturday, May 18th [2024 USATF Los Angeles Grand Prix](#) - Los Angeles, CA - Joe Kovacs (shot put), Chris Nilsen (pole vault) [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Sunday, May 19th [Diamond League Rabat](#) - Rabat, Morocco - Sam Mattis (discus) [More info](#)

ROWING: Sunday, May 19th - Tuesday, May 21st [World Rowing Final Qualifying Regatta](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland [More info](#)

JUDO: Sunday, May 19th - Friday, May 24th [IJF World Championships](#) - Abu Dhabi, UAE [More info](#)

ROWING: Friday, May 24th - Sunday, May 26th [World Rowing World Cup II](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland [More info](#)

TRACK AND FIELD: Saturday, May 25th [2024 Nike Prefontaine Classic](#) - Eugene, OR - Joe Kovacs (shot put), Tori Franklin (triple jump), Valarie Allman (discus), Brooke Andersen (hammer throw), DeAnna Price (hammer throw), Janeah Stewart (hammer throw) [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Saturday, May 25th [2024 WTCS Cagliari](#) - Cagliari, Italy - Vincent Luis, Matt McElroy, Morgan Pearson, Taylor Knibb, Taylor Spivey, Katie Zaferes, Summer Rappaport, Kirsten Kasper [More info](#)

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Q&A with Rower Claire Collins – As we approach the Olympic Games, each week, the Club will spotlight its Paris 2024 Olympians and Paralympians, with in-depth interviews posted on our dedicated Paris 2024 micro site. This week, hear from rower Claire Collins. **Claire Collins** - "I almost cannot emphasize how different our preparation is this time for Paris compared to Tokyo...As athletes we are different and we have evolved, too. All that being said, we have to go out and execute on the day. Obviously the goal is to win gold." [Click here](#) to read the full interview on the NYAC's Paris 2024 micro site.



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