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Breaking News - Grace Norman Adds World Title to Paralympic Gold Medal

Friday, October 18th; Torremolinos, Spain - Having claimed the PTS5 triathlon gold medal in this summer's Paralympic Games, this morning in Spain, the NYAC's **Grace Norman** set about adding the world title to her collection. The event was the [World Triathlon Para Championships Torremolinos-Andalucia](#), at which Norman produced a stellar performance to take the victory in a time of 1:07:05, one minute and 23 seconds up on the silver medalist, Claire Cashmore from Great Britain (1:08:28). The bronze medal went to a second Briton, Lauren Steadman (1:10:03). The race comprised a 750m swim, a 19.1K bike and a 5K run. Cashmore led the field out of the water, though with Norman just three seconds down (13:26 to 13:29). A problematic first transition saw the NYAC woman forfeit over 20 seconds on the leaders; however, a storming bike leg returned her to the vanguard and she crossed the line with a 44-second advantage on Cashmore. From that point on, there was no questioning the outcome as Norman produced a 17:51 5K segment, a time that nobody in the field could come close to. Norman is now a five-time world champion (2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024) and a two-time Olympic champion (2016, 2024). [Click here](#) for full results from Torremolinos.

More Triathlon - Norman Victorious in Alhandra

Saturday, October 12th; Alhandra, Portugal - Six days before claiming today's world title, **Grace Norman** prevailed in the PTS5 tri at the [World Triathlon Para Cup Alhandra](#). Here also, she turned back the challenge of Great Britain's Lauren Steadman (1:03:27 to 1:04:59), with Italy's Azzurra Carancini filling the third slot (1:17:10). All the results from Alhandra are [here](#).

Marathon - McFadden Third in Chicago

Sunday, October 13th; Chicago, IL - The NYAC's **Tatyana McFadden**, 22-time Paralympic medalist and the most-winning American track and field athlete - Olympic or Paralympic - of all time, claimed the bronze medal at last weekend's [Bank of America Chicago Marathon](#) with a finishing time of 1:41:59.

The victory went to Switzerland's Catherine Debrunner

(1:36:12), who dominated the race from the gun. Her Swiss teammate, Manuela Schar, placed second in 1:39:03. Of the race, World Para Athletics wrote, "Debrunner, who clinched five gold medals at Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, hit the accelerator pedal as soon as she could, and by 10km was almost 30 seconds clear. She won by nearly three minutes over compatriot Manuela Schar. Tatyana McFadden completed the podium in a race she has enjoyed much success in during her long career." McFadden has claimed nine wins in Chicago in the past 15 years (2009, 2011-2017, 2021), enhancing her reputation as one of the greatest Paralympians of all time. [Click here](#) for full results from the 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.



Judo - Keeve Places Fifth in Abu Dhabi

Friday, October 11th - Sunday, October 13th; Abu Dhabi, UAE - The NYAC's **Nate Keeve** earned his first career top-five Grand Slam result after placing fifth at -100kg at the [Abu Dhabi Grand Slam](#). Bill Kellick of USA Judo reported, "Keeve took 2021 Zagreb Grand Prix bronze medalist Marko Kumric (CRO) to Golden Score (sudden death overtime) in their round of 16 match where it took Keeve only six seconds to score the winning waza-ari (half point). Fighting world No. 4 Michael Korrel (NED) in the quarter-final round, Keeve was thrown for ippon (instant win) by the two-time World Championship bronze medalist just over a minute into the contest. Korrel would go on to win the gold medal. After earning a walkover win against Rhys Thompson (GBR) in the repechage, Keeve faced world No. 10 and reigning world champion Arman Adamian (IJF) for the bronze medal. Trailing by a waza-ari score in the second minute, Keeve was thrown for a second waza-ari at the 1:45 mark, giving Adamian the bronze medal." Also in Abu Dhabi, the NYAC's **Nick Yonezuka** (-81kg) and **Jack Yonezuka** (-73kg) contested their respective weights, with Nick achieving a top-32 finish. [Click here](#) for full results from Abu Dhabi.

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Rugby: Perry Baker Announces Retirement

After a decade in the sport, rugby legend Perry Baker, a three-time Olympian (2016, 2020, 2024) and two-time World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year (2017, 2018), has announced his retirement. Most recently, Baker made history at the Paris Olympics when he became the all-time leading scorer in Olympic men's rugby sevens. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Olympics: The Games Lose Three Major Sponsors - Panasonic, Bridgestone and Toyota have all ended their association with the Olympic movement, cause for concern at the IOC. [Click here](#) to read all about it.

Upcoming Events

TRIATHLON: Thursday, October 17th - Sunday, October 20th [2024 World Triathlon Championship Finals Torremolinos-Andalucia](#) - Morgan Pearson, Vincent Luis, Kirsten Kasper, Summer Rappaport, Grace Norman (PTS5) - Torremolinos, Spain [More info](#)

ROWING: Friday, October 18th - Sunday, October 20th [Head of the Charles](#) - Cambridge, MA [More info](#)

TRIATHLON: Saturday, October 19th [Lake Las Vegas T100](#) - Taylor Knibb, Taylor Spivey, Matt McElroy [More info](#)

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