



Paralympics Gold for Norman and Woodhall



The Paris Paralympic Games have been an occasion of remarkable success for the New York Athletic Club, with all four of the Club's competing athletes having won medals. As of today (Friday, September 6th), **Grace Norman** and **Hunter Woodhall** had won gold medals (in the PTS5 triathlon and T62 400m, respectively), **Tatyana McFadden** had won a silver in the T54 100m and **Mikey Brannigan** had won a bronze in the T20 1500m. McFadden and Woodhall also secured bronze medals in this afternoon's universal mixed relay. (Four athletes, two male and two female, all with different classifications). Plus, McFadden still has the T54 marathon on her schedule, meaning the opportunity for further hardware remains.

In her triathlon competition, Norman was dominant, despite the competition having been delayed by one day due to excessive levels of e-coli in the Seine. Held on Monday, September 2nd, this was Norman's second career paratriathlon gold and her fourth overall Paralympic medal. On this occasion, she literally ran away from the field to complete the sprint-distance event (750m swim, 20K bike, 5K run) in a time of 1:04:40. Claire Cashmore of Great Britain was second in 1:05:55, with fellow Briton Lauren Steadman, the Tokyo gold medalist, third in 1:06:45. Despite the intimidating competition, Norman was always in a dominating position, so much so that, as the run neared its end, she had sufficient of a margin to properly savor the victory. "This is incredible," she stated. "Going from gold to silver [in Tokyo] and back to gold. It definitely made me work hard over these eight years. I am ecstatic. I tried to keep my cool on most of the run, until the last lap, when I knew I had it. I started picking out my family, my husband, my coaches and, when I went by, I gave them a little smile. Having these people here that I didn't have in Tokyo meant the world to me. It's incredible." Norman has not been beaten in paratriathlon competition since 2022.

The Club's second gold medalist, Hunter Woodhall (husband of fellow NYAC athlete, Olympic long jump champion, **Tara Davis-Woodhall**) had placed sixth in Monday's (September 2nd) T64 100m, clocking a time of 10.96; but in today's T62 400m, he ensured his place on the podium, taking a superb gold medal in a time of 46.36 seconds. In so doing, the NYAC man turned back the challenge of Germany's Johannes Floors, the defending champion, world champion and world record holder, who took the silver medal in 46.90. Remarkably,



the Davis-Woodhall family now boasts gold medals from both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Last Sunday (September 1st), McFadden had placed fourth in the T54 800m final, setting a season's best mark of 1:43.58; however, she set things to rights on Wednesday (September 4th), by taking a silver in the T54 100m. The NYAC woman had established herself as a favorite when she set a new Para Games record of 15.55 seconds in the qualifying round. In the final, however, she had to give best to Belgium's Lea Bayekula, who improved that mark to 15.50 in taking the gold medal. McFadden's silver, however, brought her career total from summer Paralympic Games to a stunning 21, making her the most be-medalled US track and field Paralympian of all time.

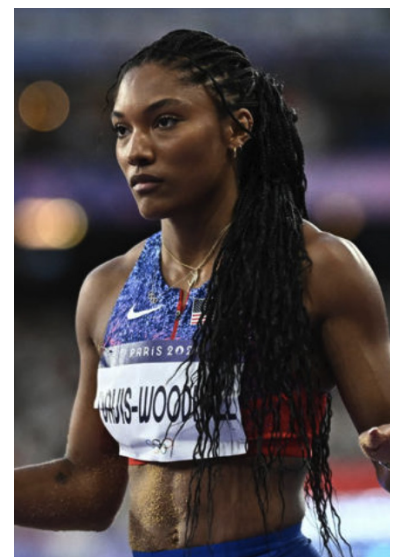
However, the tally did not stop there. The bronze medal that she and Woodhall secured from this afternoon's universal relay - a race won by China in a world record 45.07 seconds; the US team clocked 47.32 - boosted her medal count to 22. Ironically, had McFadden not been DQ'd for a lane violation in yesterday's T54 400m, she would have earned a bronze medal from that event. However, her Games are not yet finished; Sunday's marathon remains on her schedule, meaning the opportunity for additional hardware remains.

Today, **Mikey Brannigan**, the 2016 Paralympics champion and 2021 fourth placer, also added to the NYAC's trove by claiming a bronze medal in the T20 1500m in a time of 3:49.91. Brannigan assumed control from the gun, taking the field through a first lap of 61 seconds; however, there was nothing he could do when Great Britain's Ben Sandilands turned on the afterburners in the final straight. As the Briton charged home in world record figures of 3:45.40, Brannigan engaged in a torrid battle with Italy's Ndiaga Dieng and Portugal's Sandro Baessa, the latter crossing in 3:49.46 for silver and Brannigan less than half a second behind in 3:49.91, a delighted bronze medalist.

With two days of competition still remaining, these have been a Games of exceptional NYAC success. You can read all the updates and results by [clicking here](#) or by going to our dedicated micro-site at www.NYACParis2024.com. And go to NBC's Peacock app to watch McFadden's marathon on Sunday.

Track & Field - Davis-Woodhall Wins Long Jump in Rome

Friday, August 30th, Rome, Italy - The NYAC's **Tara Davis-Woodhall**, Paris 2024 Olympic long jump champion, won the long jump at the celebrated [Diamond League Golden Gala](#) with a mark of 7.02m/23-0.5, achieved on her second jump of the competition. Davis-Woodhall has enjoyed a hugely successful 2024 season, highlighted by her gold medal at the Olympic Games in Paris. **Joe Kovacs**, silver medalist in the Olympic shot put, placed fourth in Rome with a mark of 21.62m/70-11.25. Olympic champion Ryan Crouser won with a meet record of 22.49m/73-9.5. [Click here](#) for full results from Rome. Moving to Germany for the [ISTAF](#) meet in Berlin on **Sunday, September 1st**, the NYAC's 2021 Olympic silver medalist, **Chris Nilsen**, placed fourth in the pole vault with a mark of 5.72m/18-9.25. The victory went to fellow American Sam Kendricks with a clearance of 6.01m/19-8.75. [Click here](#) for all the results from Berlin. The [Weltklasse meet in Zurich](#) is always one of the highlights of the season. This year's event took place on **Thursday, September 5th** and featured a handful of NYAC stars. In the men's pole vault, the aforementioned Chris Nilsen placed fourth (5.62m/18-5.25) behind the winning 5.82/19-1.25 of the incomparable and all-conquering Armand Duplantis. (He's the world record holder, world champion and Olympic champion). In the men's shot put, Olympic silver medalist, **Joe Kovacs**, also placed fourth (20.90/68-7), he also behind an incomparable, all-conquering competitor, this one being Ryan Crouser who reached 22.66m/74-4.25. (He's the world record holder, world champion and Olympic champion). For all the result from Zurich, [click here](#).



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Sunday, September 8th [Memorial Borisa Hanzekovica - Zagreb, Croatia](#)

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Sunday, September 8th - Tatyana McFadden, marathon (2am EST)

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