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NYAC Track & Field Athletes Excel in Europe



Many sports are enjoying a post-Olympics and Paralympics lull this month, but the world's track and field stars, including many NYAC athletes, have continued to keep the competitive fires burning. This past week, NYAC athletes contested events in Italy, Croatia, and Switzerland. Two-time Olympic discus champion (2020, 2024) **Valarie Allman** won the competition at the [Memorial Borisa Hanzekovica](#) on Sunday, September 8th in Zagreb, Croatia with a mark of 67.83m/222-6. Croatia's Sandra Elkasevic, two-time Olympic champion (2012, 2016) and Paris 2024 bronze medalist, took second with 67.12m/220-2, and the Netherlands' Jorinde Van Klinken took third with 64.49m/211-7. Allman set the tone from her first throw, recording a 66.68m/218-9 mark to open the competition. From there, she was consistent, and in her sixth and final throw, she threw the winning mark of 67.83m/222-6. Despite not recording marks on her first and third throws, hometown hero Sandra Elkasevic finished the competition strong with marks of 66.96m/219-8 and 67.12m/220-2 on her fifth and sixth throws to take second place. Results [here](#). Click [here](#) to watch Allman win the discus competition at the Paris Games.

- Also on Sunday, September 8th, at the [Grand Prix Lombardia](#) in Brescia, Italy, the NYAC's **Chris Nilsen** won the pole vault with a mark of 5.22m/17-1 1/2. Second and third place finishers Cole Walsh and Jacob Wooten, also Americans, also recorded marks of 5.22m/17-1 1/2, but Nilsen won on account of having the fewest attempts. Results [here](#). Nilsen, Tokyo 2020 silver medalist and two-time world championships medalist (silver in 2022, bronze in 2023), finished 26th at the Paris 2024 Games with a mark of 5.40m/17-8 3/4.
- Also this week, **Joe Kovacs**, Paris 2024 shot put silver medalist, took fifth with a mark of 21.07m/69-1 1/2 at the [Gala dei Castelli](#) in Bellinzona, Switzerland. Paris 2024 Olympic champion Ryan Crouser won with a throw of 22.25m/73-0. While Kovacs started the competition out solidly with a 20.62m/67-8 throw, and improved on his second to 21.07m/69-1 1/2, he was unable to record a farther mark after that. Click [here](#) for results. Click [here](#) to watch Kovacs claim the silver medal at the Paris Games.

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