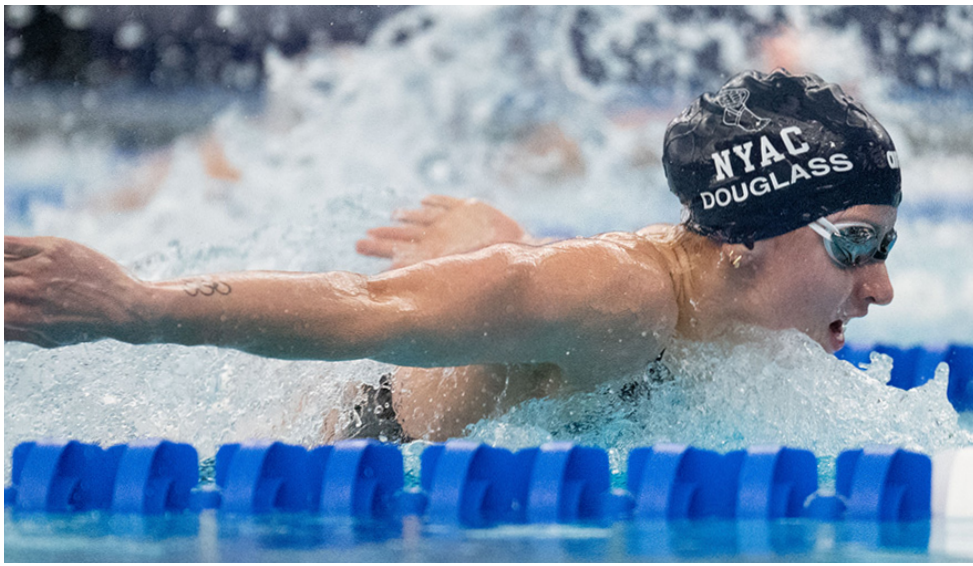




Swimmers Impress at Olympic Trials



Saturday, June 15th — Sunday, June 23rd; Indianapolis, IN — Nine NYAC swimmers entered the US Olympic Swimming Trials, which continue through Sunday, June 23rd. At the time of publication, five Club swimmers – **Kate Douglass**, **Paige Madden**, **Hunter Armstrong**, **Nic Fink** and **Drew Kibler** – have secured Olympic selection, with the prospect of several more qualifiers over the weekend. On the women’s side, **Catie DeLoof** placed seventh in the 100m freestyle in 53.80, barely missing consideration for the relay. Her sister, **Gabby DeLoof**, contested the 100m freestyle and 200m backstroke but did not advance out of the heats, and did not advance past the semi-finals in the 200m freestyle. Both DeLoof sisters are expected to contest the 50m freestyle over the weekend. **Douglass**, from Pelham, NY, has been a star of the Trials thus far. She won the 100m freestyle with a personal best of 52.56 seconds, qualifying for Paris in that event and the 4x100m freestyle relay.

Douglass also qualified in the 200m breaststroke after winning that event in a Trials record 2:19.46. She is expected to contest the 200m individual medley and the 50m freestyle over the weekend. **Breeja Larson**’s only event was the 100m breaststroke, in which she did not advance out of the heats. **Paige Madden** placed third in the 200m freestyle with a personal best of 1:56.36, securing Olympic selection as a member of the 4x200m freestyle relay squad. Madden is likely to also earn the individual 200m freestyle roster spot if Katie Ledecky drops that event in favor of other events, as is expected. Madden placed second in the 400m freestyle with a personal best of 4:02.08, and will likely be selected for that event, also. Still to come for Madden is the 800m freestyle. On the men’s side, **Hunter Armstrong** qualified for the 4x100m freestyle relay with a personal best time of 47.78. He is a likely selection for the 100m backstroke after placing second in that event with a 57.72. **Nic Fink** won the 100m breaststroke in 59.08, earning selection for Paris. He also placed sixth in the 200m breaststroke in 2:09.56. **Ryan Held** placed fifth in the 100m freestyle, and is eligible for selection for the 4x100m freestyle relay. He will contest the 50m freestyle final tonight (Friday). **Drew Kibler** placed third in the 200m freestyle in 1:45.60, qualifying for the 4x200m freestyle relay. He then placed 15th in the 100m freestyle in 48.90 and did not advance out of the semi-finals. The Trials conclude on Sunday, June 23rd. [Click here](#) for on-going results from Indianapolis.

NYAC Olympic Qualifiers (So far)

Final selections will be made once the Trials conclude.

- Kate Douglass**
100m FS, 200m BR, 4x100m FS
- Nic Fink**
100m BR
- Paige Madden**
4x200m FS
- Hunter Armstrong**
4x100m FS
- Drew Kibler**
4x200m FS

Water Polo - Five NYAC Men Named to Olympic Team

Tuesday, June 18th; Los Angeles, CA — The USA men’s water polo roster for Paris 2024 was announced by US Olympic head coach Dejan Udovicic at a press conference on June 18th, with five NYAC men named to the 13-man team. Winged foot water poloists **Alex Bowen**, **Hannes Daube**, **Max Irving**, **Alex Obert** and **Marko Vavic** will look to lead the men’s team to its first Olympic podium finish since the squad earned a silver medal at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. This is the third Olympic team for Bowen and Obert (Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020), and the second Olympic team for Daube, Irving and Vavic (Tokyo 2020). The water polo men earned their 2024 Olympic berth by winning the gold medal at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile last November. Remarkably, the NYAC will have 18 water polo players at the Paris Games, as these five men join the 13 NYAC women who make up the USA women’s team. To view the complete men’s roster and player details, [click here](#).



Jesse Smith, Five-Time Water Polo Olympian, Retires



Friday, June 14th — NYAC water polo legend **Jesse Smith** was honored in a retirement celebration by USA Water Polo in his hometown of San Diego, CA on June 14th. Smith, best known as a world class defender, was a mainstay on the US men’s water polo team for over 20 years. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, he was a member of the US squad that earned a silver medal. At the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, he became only the second American male water polo player to have competed in five Olympic Games (2004-2020), a record he shares with the NYAC’s Tony Azevedo. After a tremendous playing career, the NYAC looks forward to seeing what Jesse Smith does next. [Click here](#) to read more about Smith’s retirement.

Rowing - Sam Melvin Fourth in Poland

Friday, June 14th — Sunday, June 16th; Poznan, Poland — The NYAC’s **Sam Melvin**, former Ivy League rower at Columbia University, Class of 2021, took fourth in the lightweight men’s single sculls at the World Rowing Cup III in a time of 7:39.05; Switzerland’s Jan Schaeuble won in 7:36.67. [Click here](#) for complete results from Poland.

Track and Field - Olympic Team Trials Preview

Friday, June 21st — Sunday, June 30th; Eugene, OR — Beginning today, June 21st, the NYAC will be represented by 21 of the nation’s best track and field athletes at the US Track and Field Olympic Team Trials at Hayward Field in Eugene, OR. With such a large contingent of athletes, the Club has high expectations of selections for the Paris Olympic Games, which begin on July 26th. Those expectations are not unfounded, as, according to World Athletics’ rankings, 80% of the NYAC athletes at the Trials are ranked in the top three nationally in their events; nearly 50% of NYAC athletes at the Trials are the top ranked American in their event. Six NYAC athletes at the Trials are ranked in the top three in the world in their event. They are **Valarie Allman** (#1 in women’s discus), **Joe Kovacs** (#2 in men’s shot put), **Tara Davis-Woodhall** (#2 in women’s long jump), **Brooke Andersen** (#2 in women’s hammer throw), **DeAnna Price** (#3 in women’s hammer throw) and **Chris Nilsen** (#3 in men’s pole vault). For the complete list of NYAC athletes and their events, refer to the Upcoming Events section below. To watch our NYAC track and field athletes in action at the Trials, tune in to NBC, Peacock or USA Network for live coverage. [Click here](#) for the complete Trials schedule.



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Your Turn to Try Fencing

— If you have never tried fencing, this summer across the USA, you will have the opportunity to give it a go. USA Fencing recently announced its Fencing Across America initiative, which will bring live demonstrations to locations nationwide. In New York City and the tri-state area, Wollman Rink in Central Park, Grand Central Terminal and the American Dream Mall in Rutherford, NJ will be the locations from July 28th to August 4th, 2pm to 7pm, with NYAC elite fencers (to be determined) intended to be among the instructors. For fans of speed, agility, strength and competitiveness, this is a unique opportunity. And, who knows? There’s an Olympic Games just four years away. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Celebrating One Month Until the Olympics Begin

— Wednesday, June 26th marks exactly one month until the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games. NYAC members, watch for the release of a special pre-recorded webinar featuring three NYAC Paris Olympians — **Kirsten Kasper** (triathlon), **Tatyana McFadden** (para track and field) and **Mitchell Saron** (fencing). The conversation was intriguing and illuminating.



Upcoming Events

SWIMMING: Saturday, June 15th - Sunday, June 23rd [US Olympic Team Trials](#) - Indianapolis, IN - **Hunter Armstrong** (100m BK, 100m FR), **Catie DeLoof** (50m FR, 100m FR), **Gabby DeLoof** (200m BK, 50m FR, 100m FR, 200m FR), **Kate Douglass** (200m IM, 200m BR, 50m FR, 100m FR), **Nic Fink** (100m BR, 200m BR), **Ryan Held** (50m FR, 100m FR), **Drew Kibler** (100m FR, 200m FR), **Breeja Larson** (100m BR), **Paige Madden** (200m FR, 400m FR, 800m FR)
To watch our NYAC swimmers at the Trials, tune in to NBC, Peacock or USA Network for live coverage. A full competition schedule can be found [here](#).

TRACK AND FIELD: Friday, June 21st - Sunday, June 30th [US Olympic Team Trials](#) - Eugene, OR - **Joe Kovacs** (Shot Put), **Chris Nilsen** (Pole Vault), **Rudy Winkler** (Hammer Throw), **Daniel Haugh** (Hammer Throw), **Harrison Williams** (Decathlon), **Kyle Garland** (Decathlon), **Sam Mattis** (Discus), **Will Claye** (Triple Jump), **Nick Christie** (20K Race Walk), **Emmanuel Corvera** (20K Race Walk), **Valarie Allman** (Discus), **Brooke Andersen** (Hammer Throw), **Tara Davis-Woodhall** (Long Jump), **DeAnna Price** (Hammer Throw), **Maggie Malone-Hardin** (Javelin), **Tori Franklin** (Triple Jump), **Miranda Melville** (20K Race Walk), **Celina Lepe** (20K Race Walk), **Janeah Stewart** (Hammer Throw), **Kara Winger** (Javelin), **Erica Bougard** (Heptathlon)
NBC, Peacock and USA Network will have televised broadcasts of the Trials in Eugene. A full competition schedule can be found [here](#).

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