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Daniel STÅHL (SWE)

Discus Throw Men - 2nd (67.06) SB

It is amazing to be here, in front of a great crowd. I did not start so well in the first three throws, but then the 67m throw came. I tried hard to compete and this result gives me good Diamond League points. I feel much better than last year, I am excited for this season. I am enjoying myself more than I used to. I will try to do my best in the next months and then we will see how it goes.

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Lieke KLAVER (NED)

400m Women - 3rd (51,12)

I love the people here, it was such a party, but the wind and the heat made it hard. The preparations ahead of this season were really good, and it showed in this race, it was efficient and good, 3rd place is fine for now. My next competition will be the 300m in Brussels.

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Kristjan CEH (SLO)

3rd (66.92) SB

It is the first competition of the season, but to be honest I expected a little more. I messed up, if I may say so! I had good throws technically, but the release was so bad that I just did not hit it. I mean I could throw 70m easily, but it did not happen today. Still, it is not a bad result for the first competition of the season, it is just going to get better from this point on. I will need to compete in at least three or four competitions to get more comfortable, to get used to the rhythm, and then I think I will be good. I also enjoyed the atmosphere, it is a full crowd, full stadium, it is always good to be here although I didn't win this time as did in 2023 and 2024.

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Natalia BUKOWIECKA (POL)

2nd (50.92) SB

It is very nice and good feeling to be asked to sign autographs and take selfies with young fans, especially from the kids. I am proud of myself that I am at this place! The race was hard, because it was very windy, but I am happy because I was in the second place. Nasser has run 48.15 seconds this year, she has been very fast, so I am proud of my performance. It is not a too good result but it's okay. The next step for me will probably be to compete in Poland. My goal this year is to be faster, and to also run 200m. I want to be faster, so I will do 200m too, because I think that it will help me for the 400m races.

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Salwa Eid NASER (BRN)

1st (49,83) MR

I feel good, it is such a special feeling to achieve a new meeting record! It was not a coincidence, it was my aim for today's meeting to make a new MR. After the silver medal at the Olympic Games, I went on a long break and then I came back, because it is important to rest. My goal this year is to win as everybody does, but I also want to be healthy. I will try to run a better time, but I don't want to pressure myself with it. I just want to be out there and enjoy. It is windy here, but I won the World Championships here in Doha, so it is always special to be here.

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Bryce HOPPEL (USA)

800m Men - 2nd (1:43.26) SB

I had a lot of fun! It's great to be here in Doha, it's my first time in the Jetour Doha Meeting and it feels good to be in such an awesome competition early in the season. I'm happy to be here and I made one fun race. It was exciting for the crowd, but also for us athletes. The big things I'm working for will be coming in September, in Tokyo, so I'm really excited to open up the season with that time. It is one of my best times, so I can't be happier at this moment. It's been a build up and we are working really hard. I will try to keep going to the next DL Meetings and run fast, so I hope we can build ourselves something special once we get to Tokyo.

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Wyclife KINYAMAL (KEN)

800m Men - 3rd (1:43.37) SB

The competition was good, I really enjoyed it. I am looking forward now to participate in another competition. I am going back to my country, to prepare myself very well, then I will decide which competition I will go next. The preparation ahead of the season was good and I am looking forward to compete in the World Championships. My next goal will be to achieve a better time.

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Molly CAUDERY (GBR)

1st (4.75)

I absolutely have a lot of fire in me and that's a good thing ahead of the new season. I had a lot of fun tonight. I was very excited for this comeback, there a lot less pressure in the first competition of the year. I need to settle my vault and it went well. The weather conditions didn't make things easy, there was some wind but I managed to navigate and then the wind stopped. After recovering and getting back to training I had a couple of more injuries but now I am getting back to where I want to be and I'm trying to work on consistency, I'm training hard and that fire in me will help me get where I want this season.

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Enrique LLOPIS (ESP)

110m Hurdles Men - 3rd (13.27) SB

I am very pleased with this 3rd place tonight, which helps me add points and help me try to qualify for the DL Finals. It was a great way to start the season and it leaves me with a really good sensation. This year my main thought is how to be faster and more competitive in big events such as this one and for the moments it is paying off. This is my first time in Qatar, I had been wanting to run at the Jetour Doha Meeting for some years and I'm grateful for everything that was here for me. Hopefully I will repeat next year.

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Tia CLAYTON (JAM)

100m Women - 1st (10.92) WL

I made the World Leading mark, but honestly I didn't do the best possible. I didn't do it because I couldn't do the start I always get, but other than that it was a great race for me. It is very special for me and my twin sister to finish 1st and 2nd in this event tonight. I wouldn't say that I was nervous, but I just needed to get it together.

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Katie MOON (USA)

Pole Vault Women - 3rd (4.63)

I was really hoping for more, but at the same time the pole vault is tricky, the wind made it tricky. I jumped my first two bars clean and then I made an adjustment based on what the wind was doing at that part, and then unfortunately I just didn't feel my way, but really good things are happening. As I said in the press conference, this is the best bit of training I've ever had, a lot of it reflect it out there, unfortunately in the pole vault the height made it look like it was a bad day, but actually it was really good. It was very close, so I'm excited. For the pole vault, the challenge is the wind and the conditions can affect us when we're coming down, and when something distracts you, take it off and put it in your bag because it can really change the trajectory of your jump. We just have to learn how to deal with the elements. To recover I take the next day off completely, my coach is really good at planning all my trainings, he's done a really great job every season, and figuring out how to get the most out of me, right now because it's so early it's a long season, I've been training through, so I'm not in my sharpest yet, because I want to compete for September. So there are a lot of really good things happening, so I put all of my faith in the next competition to have a good jump. For the next competition I will go to Rabat, at this point it is about getting those reps on the runway, I can't get that on practice, you don't have the same adrenaline and pressure. You get on the runway, you get the step consistent, that was part of what today was. If you are a little bit off unfortunately, you miss the bar. I was on my biggest sticks jumping through them, it was a bit technical, it's a good day for us.

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Tina CLAYTON (JAM)

100m Women - 2nd (11.02) SB

I think I executed the race a bit poorly, but I can't complain, I have to be grateful for this result because it is still the beginning of the season and it is a SB for me. This year has been going well. To be second just behind my sister Tia is a great feeling. We are twin sisters, we are training partners and we also compete together. When we lineup for a race, we are no longer sister, we are rival competitors. But after the race is over, it feels really good to make the top two places. My next meeting will be in Jamaica, so now I will be back there, to regroup and focus on my next steps. My big goal for 2025 will be to make the Jamaican team for the World Championships along with my sister.

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Shanieka RICKETTS (JAM)

Triple Jump Women - 1st (14.72) SB

I think I'm at the best state of mind of my career, I'm at a point in which I'm just enjoying the sport. Tonight was really good, I got some much support from the crowd. I used that energy they gave me in order to feel good. It's an internal thing for me to be really focused on the competition. I am a very relaxed person. Every season I aim to be at the top of the podium and this year will be no different. It is quite hot here at the Jetour Doha Diamond League, but it's rather hot in Jamaica, too, so being here makes me feel like home!

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Rasheed BROADBELL (JAM)

110m Hurdles Men - 1st (13.14) SB

My aim is to be faster and faster in every race. I came out OK, so I pushed it, I felt some pressure and I was telling myself that I should just relax. It's so early in the season and I don't want to cause myself any problems. I relaxed, I came first to cross the line and when I saw my mark I said "oh, OK". I could have won with a faster time, but I'm good with it anyway. In Paris I was nowhere near my best, of course, still in the finals I put on something and I could have won a medal, so I'm really grateful. This season I'm gonna run faster I think and I'm not worried. Most definitely I have some plans ahead of the new season, won't speak much about it, but I hope to see you in Tokyo! Everything is OK, the machine is working and I'll be out there.

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Shelly-Ann FRASER-PRYCE (JAM)

4th (11.05) PB

It had been a while since I competed consistently, I'm glad that I finished 4th, I was looking forward to going back and building and coming for the next one. Doha is a great place to be, in 2019 I won my World Championships title here. Then I came back for different Diamond League meetings, it has always been fantastic, the atmosphere was electric, the reception has been wonderful, and I'm so excited to come back again. It is a long season, we just continue to work, and hope for the best. As a mother I have to balance between being a mom and an athlete, and being present at different moments, when you're required to be... And I really just enjoy the moment.

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Matthew DENNY (AUS)

Discus Throw Men - 1st 68.97

I wanted to put myself in a good place. I knew Daniel was going to be in a good shape, Kristjan Ceh and the other guys are great competitors so I was ready and wanted to be the best. I did not take it for granted tonight. In the end, we were all having good time. The conditions were a bit tricky because of the wind and everyone was struggling with that a bit. But in the end, it was a good competition and we enjoyed competing together. It is awesome to win again. I have been tired after a lot of travel and a bit flat from the start. But I have had a really good start of the Diamond League season and I cannot wait for the next one in the season. I would love to get more really far throws. Whatever is required to win, I just need to find the way to win. And that was also my goal tonight. The diamond is mine and nobody can take it from me. I had to make sure that nobody was taking from me in that last round and I pushed myself to secure the victory so I am very grateful.

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Julian WEBER (GER)

Javelin Throw Men - 1st (91.06) WL PB

I don't know what happened tonight, I think I'll have to watch it! I just felt amazing today, I didn't know how that happened because the previous weeks weren't that good for me, but I was just feeling great, my physio gave me a really good massage. The crowd was amazing, there was a great background and also helped me throw beyond 90 metres for the first time. It also was the winning throw in the last round, so it came out really perfect. Neeraj Chopra had done his 90m some time before, I was really happy for him because he was fighting for that throw over 90m for some time and it was really special to achieve it tonight. The backwind here in Doha is great for us javelin throwers, if you make the traveling right and throw a little higher, it just flies great. It's also warm, make you feel relaxed and easy, it all comes into place. I know I have so much potential and when I train well I am confident that good thing can happen.

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Neeraj CHOPRA (IND)

Javelin Throw Men - 2nd 90.23 NR

It is a little bit bittersweet result. I am very happy for the 90m, but this second place - it actually happened to me also when I competed in Turku and in Stockholm. I threw 89.94 and I was always second. And also here. I broke the national record and got second today. But I am very happy also for Julian Weber. He threw 91 so we both broke 90m for the first time today. We have been trying this for so many years, so finally, we managed to get it. It was just a first competition of the year so I am confident that at the next competitions, I will throw far. I was very confident today and I expected Julian to get a massive throw as he was very consistent with his attempts. I told him that today is the day when we both can break the 90m mark. It is like a boost for us and we will go far also next time. I feel very good that Jan Zelezny is my coach now and we worked very hard in South Africa. We still work on few points and still learning some things. Normally, he does not go to the Diamond Leagues but he came with me because he told me that today is the day to achieve 90m.

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Winfred YAVI (BRN)

3000m Steeplechase Women - 2nd (9:05.26) SB

It was a great start for me. The season is still young and I will need more races in order to get to the best shape. There will be quite some work to do until we get to the World Championships. It is so very special to compete here, the crowd gives us a lot of energy and I am very grateful to the fans.

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Faith CHEROTICH (KEN)

3000m Steeplechase Women - 1st 9.05.08 WL

First of all, I am very surprised by this result and I did not expect to win today. I wanted to make sure that I secure this place and it worked well in the finish line. It was not an easy run because all of us were here to win. It felt almost like Olympic final. When I won my medal in Paris, it helped me a lot in my life and helped me to focus on training and competing even more. I think I can build on this momentum and continue with good results this season.

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Alessandro SIBILIO (ITA)

400m Hurdles Men - 1st 49.32 SB

Coming here, I expected the time under 49 seconds but today is a windy day and I am just glad for the win. Next time, we will go down sub 49. I want to save the best for the world championships and I want to show the best performance in Tokyo. In Doha, the problem was not the hot weather but the wind. I will go to Savona next week and we will see afterwards.

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Shelby McEWEN (USA)

High Jump Men - 1st 2.26 SB

I am pretty satisfied with my jumps. It has been long two weeks here in Doha waiting and coming up for the major competition. Finishing last year with an Olympic medal was a huge moment for me so I took a lot of time off to recover. I enjoyed the time with the family so I have been able to come out here for the 2025 season and give the 110 per cent effort. I am healthy and I have the win so it is a lot. This highly boosts my self confidence and moves me forward one more major league. I am off to Rabat next and I just look forward to finish the tour and head back home for the rest and recovery and just to prepare for the second half of the season. It was an honour to compete on the home soil of Barshim. I have been looking up to him for so many years. I do feel like I have the potential to jump 240 and plus in the future.

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Hamish KERR (NZL)

High Jump Men - 2nd (2.23)

It's early in the season and if I look how I jumped last week I am pleased with my improvement, although as an athlete I always want more. So I'm happy with this result, but I know there is much more to come. The conditions were kind of challenging, we had a little bit of headwind, which is expected, but the crowd was amazing too. I love how the fans were cheering, it makes it so easy for us to stay warm. The training I'm having at the moment is still quite heavy and for now I take what I can get.

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Letsile TEBOGO (BOT)

200m Men - 1st 20.10

I did not care much about the time during the race. It was all about enjoying it. That was my main concern when I came here. My coach told me to stay healthy and enjoy it. Once it gets tough in the rest of the season, I would not be able to enjoy it. So at least, I enjoyed one race and then I will see how we do about the others. I know my instincts and not everybody has that power to finish the race like that. I wanted to finish this race like this just for me. The meeting record was definitely not my target tonight. But I believe that next year, the meeting record at the 200m will be gone. If they send the invitation my way, then I will be glad to be here. It is important to be around and I wanted to people not to feel comfortable that I am round. So all the races are important to me. I would say London and Monaco are the next two Diamond League meeting that I am always looking forward to for a great show.

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Nelly CHEPCHIRCHIR (KEN)

1500m Women - 1st (4:05.00) SB

I'm thankful for the huge support of the crowd and especially of the Kenyans who came to the stadium tonight. I wasn't expecting the race to be like this for me. When I entered the track I felt kind of stressed, that's why it was very good for me to win in the end. It's OK for me to race with this kind of weather conditions, I don't like cold but I don't mind hot weather. My next stop will be in Rabat, to see what I can improve there.

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Matic Ian GUCEK (SLO)

400m Hurdles Men - 3rd (49.49) SB

This is my season opener and I wasn't expecting much, however I was in a good shape and this is a very good sign ahead of the following races. I always try to start fast, but especially today there was wind and it made things quite tough, especially in the last 100m., but it is what it is.

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Tshepiso MASALELA (BOT)

800m Men - 1st 1.43.11 WL

Lat season has not been good. I had a lot of injuries but I know that I am ready now. So I was like, lets do this. I came here expecting the race was going to be very tactical. The plan was to follow the pace and when I saw the guys going fast, I was like, OK, I felt sharp and wanted to try for the win. This is the moment I have been working hard for. So I am not surprised that I managed to gain this victory. I want to be the world champion. That is all I want now. That is the goal. I have been dreaming about qualifying to the world championships and now, it is an easy test for me. So I am looking forward to it. We are going to celebrate with the team mates from Botswana tonight.

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Reynold CHERUIYOT (KEN)

5000m Men - 1st (13:16.40) PB

I decided to hold some strength for the last part of the race and push hard in the last 400 metres. The Kenyan fans came to the stadium to cheer us and see us give our best. They gave me a lot of power. My focus for this season will be to be at the Tokyo World Championships and run the 1,500m race, so I'm preparing for that goal. I want to do both distances in the future. My biggest thanks to all the fans who were here tonight and helped me get to this good result.

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