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Hana MOLL (USA)

Pole Vault Women - Winner 4.90 PB

Wow! I did such a good competition. Zurich did not disappoint. I am so strong recently because of my mindset, just really focusing and working on what I have to improve. I have to stay healthy, stay strong and use bigger poles. This competition in the train station felt amazing. I never asked for clapping, but they were cheering on every single athlete. I appreciate that, it is a real community. I am still in college. I study business and finance at the University of Washington with an athletics scholarship. I am only 21 years old. I will take beautiful souvenirs from Zurich - those flowers and how I was enjoying the city a lot, it is a beautiful city.

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Angelica MOSER (SUI)

Pole Vault Women - Second 4.85 SB

The result is wonderful. It is the second best height that I ever cleared. My energy was a bit down after the European championships but the audience helped so much. They gave me a lot of energy. Weltklasse Zurich is one of my favorite competitions, yet I also love championships. Jumping here in the train station is really special, the atmosphere is mega. It is so much fun. At the end I used a pole which I had never used at this height before. I am extremely satisfied.

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Katie MOON (USA)

Pole Vault Women - Third 4.75

It was an awesome competition, the best I felt all year on a runway. I felt I got everything dialled all in and I used my biggest pole. I am so happy. This year was about taking it easier and protecting my energy, being calmer emotionally. After the Monaco meeting I had a good training blog and now I am jumping myself into shape. My learnings? I need to be a little bit better at the opening and be more patient. I got some good take-aways today. I love the crowd here, their energy. That really helps. Also to know that they came just for us.

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Marta GARCÍA (ESP)

1500m Women - 3rd 4:03.86 SB

The stadium here in itself encourages you to want to run faster - we were almost flying. At least, that is what I was going for. I really did not want to stop. I wanted to keep going, and was definitely less concerned about who was going to finish first, second or third. The crowd is always behind you here in Zurich. After the Birmingham European Athletics Championships, I barely had time to recover as I went straight to Silesia to run the 5000. To be honest, I did not have the chance to stop and think too much about resting in between events. August is never a vacation month. Rather the opposite, it is going to be non-stop all the way leading up to the World Athletics Road Running Championships in Copenhagen. After that, I am hoping for a much deserved rest.

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Edoardo SCOTTI (ITA)

400m Men - 2nd 44.70 SB

My season has just begun because my season was affected by the injury this year. So I had a late start and had my first competition only in July. This is the best moment of the year for me and I really want to continue like this. But it will be very hard to repeat the time like this because with this crowd and with this track, it was just amazing today. This is the first time I beat such big names like Norwood or James. But I still hate to lose. I was second and I wanted to win. I got my relay gold in Birmingham, so it was a good redemption for my individual race, so all good.

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Trey CUNNINGHAM (USA)

110m Hurdles Men - 2nd 13.19

In pure Zurich fashion, I've been hit again in the race. This time, there is no visible scratching. My initial thoughts are that I should have run faster. This was definitely my worst start of the year. I was moving really well up to hurdle 6 but the chip won't lie how fast I was moving. We're moving in the right direction though, and if you don't know what you're doing, I feel that you're not a pro - you're just relying on luck to get by. I can probably tell you exactly where I messed up almost every time I race.

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Ludovica CAVALLI (ITA)

1500m Women - Winner 4:03.27

It was incredible here. The European championships did not go so well for me but my husband said we will see in Zurich. It was a fast pace and I felt uncomfortable and tired, but my mind was free and with only 200m to go I just gave everything I had. It is great to be in Zurich, the city of my sponsor on. It is my first time at Weltklasse. It is super here, so special and the atmosphere is amazing.

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Yuki Joseph NAKAJIMA (JPN)

400m Men - Winner 44.62 SB

I was so confident. In June I got injured and had to take a two months break. Now I rebuild it. I ran a 200m PB in Japan and have a great execution and capability. My first 200m are always a bit slow because I lack speed, but then I come strong on the last 200m. This is my first time in Zurich, I have always wanted to come to this competition. I enjoyed to interact with the fans a lot. This atmosphere is crazy. Everybody is fanatic about track and field, it reminds me of the world championships in Tokyo. I felt the same vibes here today. My mum is from Japan and my dad from Nigeria. I train in Japan and also at UCLA.

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Fatoumata Binta DIALLO (POR)

400m Hurdles Women - 4th 53.30 NR

I can't believe it! This time, I am not as in shock as after I won my first individual medal at the Birmingham European Athletics Championships because I knew I could run 53.30. I am very chuffed with what I achieved here today. Competing with the best in the World has always been my dream. I love racing against these very fast women. In fact, my goal was to try and catch Dalilah MUHAMMAD to try and secure a place in the Wanda Diamond League Final. I need to wait and see what happens. I feel that I deal particularly well with the pressure - my brain automatically switches on. To be honest, I am still not aware that others might see me as a contender. My coach keeps telling me to stay focused and to focus on myself, not on what is happening around me.

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Emma ZAPLETALOVÁ (SVK)

400m Hurdles Women - 6th 54.07

I am OK. I hit the hurdle and almost fell down. It took me like another four steps to get the balance back. So I am glad that I managed to finish the race. I saw all my opponents ahead of me, but I am just happy to finish. I do not know what I did wrong but maybe I got too close to the hurdle. We need to analyze it with my coach first. Let's move on.

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Fabienne HOENKE (SUI)

200m Women - Winner 22.53

I cannot describe how it is to run in such a stadium. I have always wanted to do this. I ran the relay here before but now it was the first time in a single race. I had goose bumps. I felt really good and I heard the Swiss audience on the home straight and this gave me extra energy. Emotionally I still felt the European championships but physically I recovered well. I was looking forward to running here so much. It is great to run a 22.5 again.

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Jason JOSEPH (SUI)

110m Hurdles Men - Winner 13.11 SB

This was an important victory for me, beating all the others. That is amazing. When I crossed the finish line the applause was so heavy. It felt louder than at my victory in Birmingham. I had hoped that I ran a sub 13, I would have loved to get a new PB. Doing the victory lap in Zurich is always top, the lap is long and I would love to give autographs to everybody asking for one, but there were too many fans. I loved the victory lap.

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Iryna GERASHCHENKO (UKR)

High Jump Women - Second 2.00 =PB

It is very pleasant to clear 2.00 again. It is great to jump with the best high jumpers. Without my team - my husband, my daughter, my coach, my parents and my mental coach - I could not do this without their support. The fans here give a crazy support. I heard them shout "you can do it". They helped me a lot.

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Anna COCKRELL (USA)

400m Hurdles Women - Winner 52.13 WL MR

I have been waiting to put together that race. It was just a matter of the strategy and the tactics. This is a great result for me and my birthday is also tomorrow, so it is an extra special day. I think all went well. We just made some corrections. All season, I have been running some good races, but every race, there has been something that did not feel so good. My coach pointed out to me like: Hey, this hurdle could have been better. So I think today was the first day when I look at all ten of the hurdles. There were good changes I made for every single one. So now it is about to look at the overall race and continue to tweak it. But I am really proud of the overall race today.

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Parker WOLFE (USA)

Winner 7:27.43 MR, PB

I am not surprised, I knew I was fit enough. I was very confident. Deep down in me I knew it was there. I ran smart - good position, no extra meters and the right move at the right time. With 200m to go I still waited but with 80, 90m to go I kicked like hell. This stadium and this audience - my goodness. What an amazing crowd, I had tons of fun. I am so excited about this victory. My teammate Ethan won on Sunday in Silesia, so I knew I also could win a Diamond League race. We train together in Flagstaff, Arizona. I will race in Brussels and at the Ultimate championships.

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Jordan GEIST (USA)

Shot Put Men - Winner 22.53 PB

I felt I had this PB in myself. Well, we are so close to the final of the Diamond League and I guess I can keep improving. Hopefully I can get another PB in Brussels. The 22.53m throw was not perfect, it is still about the timing. We did not have big championships, so we still kind of build up. So after the Diamond League break I started very well in Silesia, came second. I felt very comfortable today. The stadium is absolutely amazing. It is my first time in this stadium, my wife is here with me. This is the perfect environment for great results. I would love to come back here next year for the Diamond League final.

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Julien ALFRED (LCA)

100m Women - Winner 10.70 NR

Running this fast is never easy, especially because getting out the blocks is always a challenge for me - I could be sleeping in that box all year. But, I trust what I can do, and what I can't do. Staying at the top is definitely a harder job than making it up there. I mean, going up the mountain, you are still hungry, you want more. It is not much fun when you're not the one being hunted. When I became Olympic champion, it was a completely different state - mentally and emotionally. In the times that people have high expectations of what I should be doing, I have to turn to my team: my coach, my agent and my family in particular. We have a long way to go in Saint Lucia, but we are getting there. A national record puts Saint Lucia on the map.

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Karsten WARHOLM (NOR)

400m Hurdles Men - 2nd 46.69

From Silesia it did not look like it was going to come today, I would say. But after the hurdle 4-5 he looked extremely good. So nothing to do with him. He was brilliant. Honestly, I felt strong. It is 46.69. So it is really good, but on the other hand, it is like nothing to do. I just cannot go out there and run one second faster because he does it. That is not how it works. So I have got to get back to the drawing board and do something else. I still feel I can do something about it. I have been running 45.94 before. It is unbelievable. There is nothing more to say. It is a crazy event.

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Doris LEMNGOLE (KEN)

3000m Steeplechase Women - 2nd 8.55.94 PB

I was extremely motivating to run with this women. They are far better than me, so I am very grateful for having finished second this evening. I really didn't expect this to happen, but I am grateful for how it turned out - it is Faith CHEROTICH after all. The crowd here is amazing. We see it back home, always very loud, but here they also support every athlete on the track. The way our fans back home support athletes on the track is not too different from what we - African athletes - experience here too.

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Melissa JEFFERSON-WOODEN (USA)

100m Women - 2nd 10.70 SB

I am always happy to see the seasons best. I do not like losing, but you know, it is the name of the game. Obviously, anytime we step to the line, it is going to be a good race. And today, it came down to the wire. So I am looking forward to seeing her again in two weeks. But not only her, you know, anybody going to go back in, and I want to see what I can put out there. But we are still in a really good spot to do some really amazing things. In the end, you cannot be bad with a seasons best at all.

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Faith CHEROTICH (KEN)

3000m Steeplechase Women - Winner 8:55.82

I am happy and I am feeling good. We are happy that Kenya came first and second, we prepared well for this race. The pace was ok and it was also my plan to get in front and pace after the pacemaker got out. I am happy to run here, it is my third time in Zurich. My next goal is to finish the season well in Brussels. The season has been good for me.

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Nicola OLYSLAGERS (AUS)

High Jump Women - Winner 2.02 SB

In Poland, with 196 on Sunday, it took me some time to reflect. And the new run-up I worked on all year, I decided it does not work. So, within four days, I had to try and relearn in my head what I did last year to jump 204 here. When I felt the track, I knew it was the same feeling as last year in the street meet. I felt like even if I fail tonight and do not clear the bar, it does not matter. I thank god for that contentment because it gave me great confidence to try things. After I cleared the 2 meters with first attempt, I knew I was in shape. So I was very happy with the 202 and the 205 were one of my best attempts at that height. It was amazing.

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Djamel SEDJATI (ALG)

800m Men - Second 1:41.83 SB

I am very happy for this race and this time. But since May I feel pain in my back. So my objective is to make it to Brussels and to the Ultimate championships.

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Alison dos SANTOS (BRA)

400m Hurdles Men - Winner 45.80 MR WR DLR

The crowd and the energy were perfect. I think this night was amazing for me, for those who came to watch - I did it for everybody. Also, for those watching from home. I hope that Brazil stopped to watch this as much as the people here in the stadium. This has been an incredible night. I have no words to explain what happened other than I just broke the World Record. I have been showing a great form throughout the season - that I am fast, I am strong. We changed a lot of aspects of my training and racing in the preparation for this. I'm starting faster, I'm finishing stronger, and that is what I have to do to be able to break a World Record. I was looking for my coach since I crossed the finish line. I was the one running, but he is the one who made this possible - someone who believed in me when I was younger. He helped me to develop both as an athlete and as a person, too. He's like an older brother, like a dad to me. Bringing my personality to the track is very important. The idea is to be able to inspire new people: with hair, with jewelry, with energy, with dance moves, knowing that they are a reference. A word to my younger self would be to be patient, because patience is a virtue.

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Tobi AMUSAN (NGR)

100m Hurdles Women - Second 12.23 SB

Competing in a world record race is amazing. I came out here and I did my best and I am happy with this SB.

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Emmanuel WANYONYI (KEN)

800m Men - Winner 1:41.76 WL

The time was amazing. The race was good. The weather conditions were good too. I could go out and play, my body was responding to run fast. But before the start of the race. I had a big problem with my stomach. I thought that maybe I cannot go to finish the race well. But I just got here to win. Just to try to run fast, to run my own race. This result shows that my body is coming up. And I am so happy to be here with this great crowds. I give the atmosphere 200 per cent. And when I see the world records being broken, I know my time will come. There is time for everything.

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Graham BLANKS (USA)

3000m Men - 2nd 7:27.92 PB

This is an exceptional meet and exceptional results for the Diamond League. It feels good to be finishing so high up in the Diamond Leagues, but at the same time it is upsetting to be losing. At the end of the day, it is a good result for our nation and I am happy that we keep our American fans happy. It has certainly been an amazing year, or a couple of years of American distance running, but selfishly I want to be breaking the tape and take responsibility for it. I need to be better than these guys and I need to want it more than these guys. So I just keep working on it. I have got two more shots this season.

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Phanuel Kipkosgei KOECH (KEN)

1500m Men - 2nd 3:31.84

I am happy for the second place because of the fight. I was having an injury for two months, so I stayed without training. I had a stress fracture on my leg. But now, it is OK. When In the morning, my coach told me to run like the final of the championship. My biggest goal was to get to the Diamond league final.

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Audrey WERRO (SUI)

800m Women - Winner 1:53.70 WL, DLR, NR, MR

It was crazy, I am very proud. Thank you everybody. I am getting better and better and I am simply very motivated. I achieved my goals for this year, so now everything is for fun. Last year I won the Diamond League race here and so it was very important for me to win again here. As far as the world record is concerned, I saw the light, but there was a lot of movement during the race and it was not calm. But I still had enough energy at the end of the race to accelerate and to stay in the lead. Yes, it was tight for the WR, it was not meant for today. I am so proud to be able to run those sub 1:54 times which shows that I can run consistently and fast now and this is good for the future.

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Femke BROEDERS-BOL (NED)

800m Women - Second 1:54.71 NR

Zurich is a special place. I must say, I really enjoyed it. Racing against these great runners, I love it. But there are still so many things to learn. Being in a great event with a great time - amazing. Audrey helped me and I am happy. I am starting to get confident. I am still learning this event. I am in a very good shape. It was very hot today. I love the crowd here and racing Audrey with this crowds is simply amazing.

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Georgia HUNTER BELL (GBR)

800m Women - 3rd 1.55.03

This was my opportunity to run fast. I really wanted to run 1.54 but it wasn't enough. I still have the Ultimate Championships in Budapest, and my focus there will be the 1500. Indeed, I do a lot of social media as well as being a full time athlete. You don't have to do it, but it really helps me to build a brand.

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Sinesipho DAMBILE (RSA)

200m Men - Second 19.82

I came second but I am never satisfied. I am happy with my consistence, but I still need to work on my execution. I.e. I messed up about putting it together well, especially coming out of the curve. It is always fun to race. But at the same time I am asking myself what can I improve. So I enjoy and analyse at the same time. It is my first time in Zurich and I definitely want to come back. This is the best race in the Diamond League circuit.

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Emmanouil KARALIS (GRE)

Pole Vault Men - 2nd 6.20 NR

Not every day two people attend for the world record, so that was nuts. I did the PR, I was able to drive for the world record, so I am glad that I am here. I really enjoyed myself. It was a great competition. Everyone had a blast there. The difference between these heights is mostly mental. I have to break my mental barriers. It is good that I have the attention to the world record because in the next competition it will be mentally easier. I am so happy I tried for it. But for now, I keep the second place. I will keep the 620 and I will keep all the luck from all the people that supported me. For sure, I pushed Mondo, I always push him. And I think he enjoys the pressure. And hopefully, in the future we are going to have amazing battles. Hopefully, I can get a win one day. But when that comes, I am going to keep smiling, keep competing and giving everything that I have in the field.

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Anderson PETERS (GRN)

Javelin Throw Men - 2nd 86.93 SB

The energy here is always nice and we had some really good throws today. I am grateful for the season best on a fourth throw, but I started to miss the javelin a little bit. A little bit of technical difficulties after. But we are heading in the right direction and the aim is to peak at the Ultimate championships. We go from competition to competition. Today, maybe I was a little bit too relaxed I think. At the previous competition, I was a bit faster and a little more tense. You know, it is always about finding the balance of how we should approach the competition. My PB is 93m, I am capable of throwing 90m. The plan was to throw it even today, but I was a bit too comfortable. I am ready for the next one.

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Wayne PINNOCK (JAM)

Long Jump Men - 3rd 8.33

I woke up this morning not feeling myself, you know, not feeling ready. But I came out here with a mindset of staying calm as usual and execute. I would say it was a pretty good series for me and I am, looking forward for great things in the Diamond League final. I would say Tentoglou is a pretty tough competitor, he has something really special. Like he knows how to set up the jumpsuit really well. One day, I will get there and I am working my way up. Now, mostly I am focusing on my landing more, and my flight pace and my jumps. I feel like I could get like more underneath me. I am sure my time is coming.

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Rumesh Tharanga PATHIRAGE (SRI)

Javelin Throw Men - Winner 92.07

This season has been fantastic and today, I am very proud of my result. I enjoyed the crowd so much and I have to say thank you for cheering and clapping for us. I was trying for the PB but missed it this time. Technically, everything felt good but I had a little bit of a headache before the competition, so it affected me a bit. Now, Brussels and some more competitions, I keep myself busy.

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Kenneth BEDNAREK (USA)

200m Men - Winner 19.62 WL

I think it was a crazy night tonight, generally seeing these records and atmosphere. I enjoyed it - it is the first time I have been at the meet where I have seen so many records. We have broken meet records, world records, world leads, all that stuff. You know, I wanted to run a little bit faster than my 200m, but honestly, I will take the win with 19.62. You can say there can always be a better execution in the race but win is a win. It is a good progress that I have made the entire season. We have got a few more races to go and we will see what happens with that. I did not really had to do too much to try to get it, so I know there is a lot left. This year is definitely a stepping stone for next year, so we are working on small things so that when we get into the Olympics or the world championships, we execute at the right time.

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Armand DUPLANTIS (SWE)

Pole Vault Men - Winner 6.25 MR

Tonight, Manolo jumped really out of this world. It was amazing when he jumped 6.20, so I just had to respond. The best way was to jump 6.25 and come away with a win - this is the highest level of competition that there's ever been. I think it's going to be a lot of fireworks like they've been in the past few weeks. It's just going to be a crazy competition. His jumping is amazing right now, so I have to jump my A-game. It is going to take 6.20 bars to win from now on. That is the level that we are at right now - this is really fun. The goal is always to win, of course. I just try to go in there and get the job done and win.

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Miltiadis TENTOGLOU (GRE)

Winner 8.45l

I am the winner, that was the most important. But I wanted to jump more because my fouls were very close jumps and they were very close or even more than 8.50m. I could have jumped better because there were great conditions, ideal conditions for me, warm. And you saw that everybody was jumping very far. So at the end of the day, I am ok, I am satisfied. I admit that I wanted to jump 8.50m or more. I hope that it could come at the Ultimate Championships because I need warm weather and we know that in Brussels maybe this will not be the case. So let's see what could happen at the Ultimate Championships.

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Masai RUSSELL (USA)

100m Hurdles Women

I just knew that the start felt like really good and then by the time I looked up I was crossing the line, and I was like, let me actually run through the line this time and see what the time is. When I saw 12.09 I just knew like I got it and I just got so emotional. I dreamed about this moment for so long, and then hearing the crowd, like this is the best place I could have ever imagined to break the World Record. When I heard that Alison DOS SANTOS broke the World Record, in the back of my mind, I was trying to focus and lock in, but I knew the track was hot. I got a lot of motivation from him for sure.

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