

## Flash Quotes

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DISTANCE MEASUREMENT BY**Isaac KIMELI (BEL)****1500m Men**

Het gevoel was goed, maar op een bepaald moment voel je de koers gewoon stilvallen. De laatste ronde was er abnormaal veel geduw, en gaat Tarik Moukrime ongeveer tegen de grond. In dit veld had ik een veel snellere koers verwacht.

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**Elijah Motonei MANANGOI (KEN)****1500m Men - winner**

"In Zürich I felt a little tired, but today everything went as planned. Even if I had won the DL trophee [he finished 3rd in Zürich], I still would have run here aswell, because I really like running in Brussels."

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**Sandra PERKOVIC (CRO)****Discus Throw Women**

I wanted to throw 70 m, since that would have been meeting record. But an hour before the competition the rain came. Yet 68 meters is pretty decent on a wet track. Brussels is special to me: in 2010 I won here my 1st of 6 DL finals (out of seven) with a national record of 69.83. I'm very happy since I won everything this year.

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**Tarik MOUKRIME (BEL)****1500m Men**

J avais vraiment de bonnes jambes ce soir au point que j esperais lutter pour une place sur le podium. Malheureusement, je me suis laisse enfermer dans le peloton et je me suis fait bousculer par Mechaal au point que j ai failli tomber dans un virage. Un peu plus tard, il a remis le couvert et je n ai plus su etre dans le bon rythme. Malgre tout, je n ai aucun regret.

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**Mahiedine MEKHISSI BENABBAD (FRA)****1500m Men**

J avais de bonnes sensations pour mon avant-derniere course de la saison avant le Decanations. Malheureusement, la course a ete tres tactique et je suis reste sur la droite d un peloton en attendant qu une fenetre s ouvre. Quand elle s est ouverte, il etait trop tard mais j ai prouve que les jambes etaient bonnes avec un finish plus rapide que celui du champion du monde, contre lequel je n ai pas ete ridicule. Cela attenue partiellement ma deception des Mondiaux.

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**Zuzana HEJNOVÁ (CZE)****400m Hurdles Women - 2nd place**

"I'm satisfied with my time of 53,93, because I really wanted to break the 54" barrier this season. Ofcourse I'm a little disappointed that I didn't win, but all things considered I can go home with a good feeling. It was a strange season because I changed coaches in the middle of it, which is not at all ideal. Eventhough I managed to finish 4th in the WC and got 2nd place in the DL final. I'm sure I will be even stronger next year."

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**Dalilah MUHAMMAD (USA)****400m Hurdles Women**

I felt really great. It was a season with a lot of ups and downs this year, but I learnt a lot. To close down the season with the win in the DL, is truly great. That's what I came for.

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**Asafa POWELL (JAM)****100m Men**

I had to deal with a little injury. It is no tear, but I need to rest. I participated to keep the legs going. Jamaica was dominant in the sprint events, but I have to admit it was not the case this year. It shows we are human.

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**Kim COLLINS (SKN)****100m Men**

It was not my last race but i enjoyed it. I will run in Newcastle but I´m not specifically emotional. I only regret not to have my ancient legs! Today it was difficult.

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**Ivana SPANOVIC (SRB)****Long Jump Women**

I tried to give it all at my 1st attempt, but it was too cold. So we went into a very close fight with 5 girls within 5 cms. So I kept on fighting until my last attempt and I came out on top. So I'm very happy since this was the most important DL meet of the year.

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**Hellen OBIRI (KEN)****5000m Women - winner**

After winning the World Championships, I really wanted to win the Diamond League as well. I took the lead early in the race because I wanted to control the race. I felt really comfortable. Next year there are no major championships, but my goal will be to improve my PB.

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**Garfield DARIEN (FRA)****110m Hurdles Men**

J'ai appris il y a seulement deux jours que je participais a la finale. Apres avoir fait un faux depart a Birmingham, j'avais inconsciemment relaché et je l'ai payé dans cette course qui est allée tres vite. Pas de regrets toutefois, c'était plaisant de courir ici, l'ambiance était exceptionnelle. Place au Decanations avant des vacances bien meritées.

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**Aries MERRITT (USA)****110m Hurdles Men**

Today it was really cold! It's not an excuse, because it's a shame for everybody, just the fact that it was difficult for my muscles. I was in good shape but not an extraordinary one. Typical Belgian weather? When I broke my WR, the weather was perfect. It's always special to me to come here...

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**Novlene WILLIAMS-MILLS (JAM)****400m Women - 6th place**

"I was first in the Diamond League before the final, but I just didn't happen for me today. I wanted to go for the trophée, but I was not good enough today. After the world championships [where she finished 8th in the final], I took some rest in order to be ready for the DL final, but as I said: it just didn't happen for me today."

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**Salwa Eid NASER (BRN)****400m Women**

I just came to give it my all, but I also wanted to run 49 seconds, and I did. I am so grateful for my whole season, which was great.

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**Sergey SHUBENKOV (ANA)****110m Hurdles Men**

At last I managed to win in 2017. I was bored of being second like in Birmingham, Stockholm and the WCh. Now I've got my first overall DL victory. Maybe thanks to the system of 1 all-or-nothing race in the final. But it worked for me, so I'm very happy.

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**Soufiane EL BAKKALI (MAR)****3000m Steeplechase Men**

Je suis decu parce que j etais venu pour la gagne mais le lievre n est pas parti sur les bases esperees. Apres, j ai du cravacher pour tenter d imposer ma pointe de vitesse mais n ai pas pu coiffer Kipruto sur le fil malgre un temps rapide.

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**Ramil GULIYEV (TUR)****200m Men**

It's hard to come so close to the DL win and lose it by such a small margin. But DL competition is tough after such a long season. Yet 20.02 is a very good performance in these cold conditions. And my season was succesful. Wch is even more important than DL.

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**Ameer WEBB (USA)****200m Men**

The feeling was ok, but I am not happy. I came for the win. It is the same with the complete season, where I really hoped for more.

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**Andrius GUDZIUS (LTU)****Discus Throw Men - winner**

"This turned out to be an excellent season with the world title and now also the Diamond League trophée. To be honest I thought that Daniel [Stahl] would win today, but it was me. That's what we work for."

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**Christophe LEMAITRE (FRA)****200m Men**

Vu la saison que j'ai connue avec toutes ces petites blessures, je suis assez satisfait de ma course et en particulier de mon finish. Moi qui ai souvent difficile à terminer mes saisons, je me sens bien et espère encore faire une perf lors du Décanations.

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**Noah LYLES (USA)****200m Men**

"I just wanted to come here and see what I could do. I didn't manage to qualify for the World Championships, but this is a great way to end my season. It doesn't feel like a revenge or something, but more like an opportunity that I took with both hands. Next year I will try to do even better."

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**Faith KIPYEGON (KEN)****1500m Women**

I'm so happy to end my season on that way. Last year I was so disappointed but now I won the Diamond League, proving I'm on in good shape.

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**Marcin LEWANDOWSKI (POL)****800m Men - 2nd place**

"It was not a really good season for me, but it is nice to end it with a seasons best. My future is on 1500m, but the transition to that distance takes time. I still want to keep on focussing on 800m the next season and to combine it with the 1500m. I've been in 4 world championship finals so far and no medal ... so I still have some work to do. But I will fight for that with all my heart."

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**Sifan HASSAN (NED)****1500m Women**

I am satisfied. I wanted to run the best possible race, and I did. But I still felt very very tired from the London worlds.

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**Philip MILANOV (BEL)****Discus Throw Men**

I did some steady throws, but felt a little too stiff. Maybe it was due to the cold, or maybe just end of season. My back is also painful after a long season. It was the best Brussels DL I ever did, and I appreciated the attention from the crowd.

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**Evan JAGER (USA)****3000m Steeplechase Men - 3rd place**

"We only had a pacer for like three laps and after that I took the lead. The others were just sitting in my back... so I knew that I wouldn't win. After I fell in the river the last lap, I didn't want to give up and I fought my way back and still managed to get 3rd. Overall I'm not totally happy with my season. Only my race in Monaco was good. Sure I'm happy with my bronze medal in London, but next year I will hope to do better."

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**Adam KSZCZOT (POL)****800m Men**

I expected the win, but I have to admit it was not my best season. London was slow but really fine, but further, I had some injuries and my preparation was far from perfect.

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**Marie-Josée TA LOU (CIV)****100m Women**

Hier a l'entrainement j'avais ressenti une douleur sous le genou qui est reapparue a l'echauffement et qui a quand meme perturbe legerement ma course. Malgre cela, je termine a un centieme de la victoire et du gain de la Diamond League. C'est d'autant plus frustrant que j'avais de bonnes jambes et me sentais fraiche en cette fin de saison

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**Nijel AMOS (BOT)****800m Men**

The race went exactly as I had planned and I was completely in control. Yet this DL victory cannot make up for my loss at the WCh.

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**Mariya LASITSKENE (ANA)****High Jump Women**

I'm not fully satisfied with the 2m02. But it was extremely cold for a high jump competition.

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**Elaine THOMPSON (JAM)****100m Women**

I've got just one thing to say: I'm happy, I'm happy, I'm happy.

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**Christian TAYLOR (USA)****Triple Jump Men**

Thanks to the tiger balm I could win this final. It was getting colder and colder after every jump, but I put tiger balm on my legs time and time again. And it worked. Now Brussels is getting a special place for me now: I won 6 DL's, 3 in Zurich and 3 here .

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**Katerina STEFANIDI (GRE)****Pole Vault Women**

In the warmup my muscles felt very bad, and I couldn't find my grip on the wet pole. But once the bar was raised to 4.65 and more I felt more and more confident. Even after I made a stupid mistake at 4.75 I wasn't too nervous. I felt I had the 4.85 in me.

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**Sandi MORRIS (USA)****Pole Vault Women - 2nd place**

"I actually felt great tonight, but in fact I just needed bigger poles. It's a bitter sweet way to end the season this way, but I take the positive feeling with me for next year. Off course I thought about the competition from last year here ... I love competing here and I always jump well here. There's something magical about this place and I love it."

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**Jonathan BORLÉE (BEL)****400m Men**

Si cela n avait pas ete le Van Damme, on aurait arrete la saison plus tot. Comme mes freres, je suis ressorti completement epuise apres les Mondiaux et cela s est ressenti durant la derniere ligne droite. C est dommage, evidemment, mais c etait previsible. Maintenant, je vais consacrer plus de temps a ma famille.

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**Kevin BORLÉE (BEL)****400m Men**

Il m a fallu de longues minutes pour me remettre des efforts de ce dernier 400 metres qui n avait d autre interet que de remercier le public belge de son soutien, de profiter de ses encouragements. A cause du virus qui m a perturbe a Londres, je suis alle puiser trop loin dans mes reserves et je l ai senti dans ma vie de tous les jours. Depuis quelques jours, je dors mal, je n ai plus d energie. Ce n est pas la course de trop, il fallait que je la dispute mais je sentais que cela n irait pas

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