

Flash Quotes

Jessica BEARD (USA)**400m Women - 2nd**

I am quite happy with my race and my second place today. I have been quite consistent around 50.40 seconds. Lausanne is such a beautiful place and I am really happy to be here. Of course, my goal is to run sub 50 seconds and I am confident I will get there soon. With regards to racing I am going to take a break until August now.

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Salwa Eid NASER (BRN)**400m Women - Winner 1st**

This season I have been not starting my races too well and I was quite happy to start well today. I am really happy to have won today and my goal is to continue doing well, stay injury free and keep winning. Thank you, Lausanne.

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Nikola OGRODŃIKOVÁ (CZE)**Shot Put Men - 1st**

I didn't start the competition well and was disappointed with my foul on the second throw. This gave me an opportunity to test myself under pressure and it was more enjoyable. Quite happy with my 21.92 meters as I arrived from New Zealand on Monday and with a lot of travelling of course. My season is going great as I've won the World Indoor Championships, the Commonwealth Games and my final objective is to win the Diamond League. Hope to be back next year. Thanks Lausanne

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Shiyng LIU (CHN)

Javelin Throw Women - 2nd place

I am satisfied with my performance today, although I was not at the level of my record. The objective for me through this series of competitions is to keep practicing in a competition environment: address my lack of experience, learn from the other competitors, identify what their strengths are and learn how to correct my weaknesses. I hope then to keep progressing and performing even better.

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Sergey SHUBENKOV (ANA)

110m Hurdles Men - 1st

This is what we train for. I am super excited. I have already run under 13 seconds three times this season, so that makes this my best season ever. I believe I have reached a certain level and I will do my best to remain here and improve. 2016 was a tough year when we did not have much opportunity to compete but now competing with the best guys on the circuit is helping me improve my level. The European record is a realistic target so let's see when I achieve that. I am looking forward to the European champs and being a part of team Europe in the Continental Cup.

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Jamile SAMUEL (NED)

200m Women - 2nd place

This is my 2nd best time ever. It is of course satisfying, but I want more! I will run 100m and 200m in Luzern on Monday with the objective of getting in the 22"4 on 200m. I am currently number 3 on the European rankings I think, so a podium in Berlin is definitely the objective for me. I am running the 4x100 later tonight, so I will now go discuss with my coach and try to recover. We want to run fast later tonight and work on the relay transmissions. We have a title to defend in Berlin and we are preparing all aspects for that.

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Malaika MIHAMBO (GER)

Long Jump Women - 1st

It was a very tough competition for me. I was conscious about not getting disqualified and then I had to give my all in the last attempt. I am happy it came together. This was a very strong field and I am feeling better as the season progresses. I want to take every opportunity to compete with these top athletes and prepare myself for Berlin which is a huge target for me especially competing at home.

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Devon ALLEN (USA)

110m Hurdles Men - 2nd

This was a decent race today and I really can't complain. I have been racing a lot and I still have 5-7 races to come this season. As I tore my ACL last year, this is a really good year. My objective is to run fast and achieve sub 13 seconds. Regarding the race itself, the start was good, I kind of fell asleep at the middle but finished strong.

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Gabrielle THOMAS (USA)

200m Women - 1st

This was my first overseas race. I am delighted with a win. I would love to beat the 22 second barrier this season. At the same time, I want to enjoy competing in Europe.

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Francine NIYONSABA (BDI)

800m Women - 1st

It is always good to win and with this kind of ambiance it feels even better. One of my main goals this season is the African championships during the first week of August. I am here to push my body to its limit and this is what I have been regularly doing. I would like to improve my PB this season and simply run better and better.

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Darlan ROMANI (BRA)

Shot Put Men - 2nd

This is my second time in Lausanne and the crowd is great. This year I went for preparation and training in Macolin and that went quite well and helped me to get to this level today. I will be in Zurich as well later this year and looking forward to that too. I am not really looking for a personal best but I want to be consistent in the 21 meters and why not pass 22 meters as well.

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Ivana ŠPANOVIC (SRB)**Long Jump Women - 2nd place**

I am not fully satisfied with my performance today. Quite often, I was too far away from the board. Although, I also want to go and check the video because I believe that my second jump was not properly measured. Overall, things are in good place, but the finer details are not yet locked in. This is what I need to work on over the coming month to arrive in good shape in Berlin. The Diamond League is a very nice series of competitions. Nonetheless, championships remain always the major focus of a season.

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Shamier LITTLE (USA)**400m Hurdles Women - 1st**

I am exhausted! This race took a lot out of me and was a very tough race. But a season best is all I could ask for. For us USA Champs was the peak of the season but now I have to recalibrate the season. The focus now is the DL, if I get to compete at the DL final that will be amazing.

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Elaine THOMPSON (JAM)**100m Women - 2nd**

It's good to be able to go out in this special stadium and be able to execute and that more to be able to run sub 11 seconds. I love this crowd. As for the next steps this season I am going to get back to training now for a little while and then go to Canada and finish my season in Brussels.

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Pascal MARTINOT-LAGARDE (FRA)

110m Hurdles Men - 3rd place

I am getting more and more comfortable in my races. I recently had a discussion with Ladji Doucouré, who told me that competition is prepared through competition. And that applies perfectly for me this year. I was injured during the training season so now, I am racing and taking one competition at a time and through that I am learning to react to the circumstances of the race, which I was not always able to do in the past. That is the best I can do to prepare for Berlin and be ready to react to any circumstances there, leading to the final.

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Marie-Josée TA LOU (CIV)

100m Women - 1st

My goal today was simply to win. Indeed, I haven't been feeling well psychologically and physically. In Budapest I ran 11.12 and that was a sign that things weren't going well. Running 10.90 in this shape is a good surprise. Beating Elaine is not important as everybody knows she is not in great shape currently. I am looking forward to the African championships beginning August hoping to win there and of course the overall win in Diamond League as well. Racing in Lausanne with this type of crowd is a pleasure for me.

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Ajee WILSON (USA)

800m Women - 2nd place

800m is a hard one! But I'm training for that. I put myself through hard moments during training sessions and I am used to feeling bad. And with that experience, going all out in competition is nothing different. Today, I lacked a bit of turnover towards the end of the race. That is a good learning though. I know now what to practice when going back home. I have a few more races planned for the rest of the season - Monaco, Toronto and Diamond League final - where my objective is simply to go faster.

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Léa SPRUNGER (SUI)

400m Hurdles Women - Season best

Today's race is satisfying. Yet, the time doesn't match the performance I did a couple of days ago on 400m. So, I know there is margin for improvement. I started well today. I think I could have done better in the second curve as I did not attack strongly enough at that point of the race. My competition programme for the coming weeks is Luzern, the Swiss Championships and Bellinzona. This programme is what I need to keep building rhythm and avoid "passive" situations like tonight. We have great competitions here in Switzerland. In addition, competitors are coming over. With all that, there is no reason to go abroad to compete. I am taking the lead in the European rankings with my performance of tonight. The objective is clear: gold medal in Berlin.

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Julien WANDERS (SUI)

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It was a disappointing race as a few of us tried to relay each other but things didn't turn out as expected. Of course, it's an improvement after last year here. I will now be going on to the Swiss Championships on 1500 meters and 3000 meters in Bellinzona. The ambiance here is always great and it's a pleasure to be able to run in front of my home crowd. I will be back next year and hope to do better this time.

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Jenna PRANDINI (USA)

100m Women - 3rd place

My start was not good today. The rest of the race was okay though. There is no major objective this year. I will keep competing a lot through the rest of the summer with races in Luzern and Rabat as next steps with the objective of keeping on improving. Overall, I am using this season as a springboard for the coming years to be ready to compete in any circumstances.

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Mujinga KAMBUNDJI (SUI)

100m Women - National Record

I am obviously very happy with my result tonight. Now, I don't think it was my best one from an execution standpoint. I felt I was fighting a bit too much with myself, not being relaxed enough. So, I know I can do better. And I know that from what I do in my training sessions. Sub-11" is definitely on the radar. I will compete quite a lot in the coming weeks: Luzern, Swiss Championships, Bellinzona and Monaco. Some on 100m, some on both 100m and 200m. The objective is to prepare for Berlin and get there in a shape that will bring me on the podium. Of course, I'm also dreaming of the highest step of the podium. But all the other girls of the final will fight for it. It will be a tough race but I am looking forward to it!

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Abderrahman SAMBA (QAT)

400m Hurdles Men - 1st place

I am happy with the race tonight. I went out stronger than usual in the first part of the race. So, although it looked easy, the last 100m were tough as always. Your knees are going down and you have to fight on every step to maintain your speed. I am happy with my fitness of the moment. I want to break the world record. It clearly is a goal for me in my career as an athlete. Now, whether it will happen this year or in the coming ones is hard to say and not really of major importance in the grand scheme of things. The objective of the season for me is the Asian Games which will take place towards the end of August

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Michael NORMAN (USA)

200m Men - 2nd

I feel really good after this race. This season has been a very long season so I am evidently fatigued. With regard to the race itself, the first 60 meters was great, I then kept the pace until the 90th meter and towards the end of the race and the last 25 meters, I didn't have much going for me. My objectives for the season have been obtained as I have run sub 20 seconds in 200 meters and sub 44 seconds in 400 meters. Now, I'm going to relax and have some good Swiss ice cream.

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Shelby HOULIHAN (USA)

1500m Women - 1st

I didn't have many expectations coming into the race today and was actually a bit worried as I was not feeling very well. I had to talk to myself during the race to stay in a comfortable position and the incredible crowd here brought me home during the last 200 meters. Indeed, the crowd is really awesome here and when I saw it packed, I did my best to focus and think my win shows I was able to do that. I would love to continue my winning streak and looking forward to coming back to Switzerland and Zurich later in the season.

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Danil LYSENKO (ANA)

High Jump Men - 1st

I had a few minor blisters on my feet and I was very cautious during the competition. I am content with 2.37 here. It is always great to come to Lausanne, beautiful city, great supporting crowd. They push you to do your best. I will be very happy if I could improve the Russian record of 2.41. I do not want to think too much or too far ahead. The European's are a major goal, I am taking nothing for granted. I will be happy with a medal there.

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Women Switzerland (SUI)

4x100m Relay Women UBS Trophy - 1st, NR, MR

We are really happy to have won here. It was a clean and well thought race and we were able to deliver by beating the national record. Our coach just told us to go out there and have fun which we believe we did. We must say we didn't think of breaking the national record. Of course, this is just the appetizer and we are going to have to continue working hard and stay focused for the big objective this season and the European Championships as the competition is going to be tough.

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Christian TAYLOR (USA)

Triple Jump Men - 1st place

What to say about today? Well, I like to be positive: it is a victory, it means Diamond League points, and with this I am now in the Diamond League final. Of course, I wanted to improve and even break the meeting record which I hold. But I am conscious I have done a lot of 400m work this year and obviously that impacts a bit the performance in triple jump. There are no global championships this year so it is the perfect year to do some different events. I cannot really compete with the guys in shorter events like 100m or even 200m, they are too fast. But I can stand against some competition on 400m, that is why I have turned to that event for this year. I also strongly believe it relieves pressure on my body and therefore helps me to stay healthy. That is very important in the context of the upcoming three years leading to Tokyo Olympic Games. Diamond League meetings are my main objective of the year and will compete in Monaco next.

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Noah LYLES (USA)

200m Men - 1st

Yesterday I said I want to be an icon, being consistent is the first step towards that. 19.69 is great but you can always improve and I feel I can do a lot better. I need to improve my technique on the bends and who knows. I don't want to put a limit on myself. My life goals are big - I want to be as good if not better than Michael Johnson and Justin Gatlin.

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Women Netherlands (NED)

4x100m Relay Women UBS Trophy - 3rd place

Our race was messy today. The third exchange didn't go so well. Yet, this is the first race of the season and the first time we compete in this order. We will have to work more to make our relays much smoother. If we manage that, there is no doubt we will achieve great performances. Our team is a fast one when the transmissions work fine.

The race tonight proved that there is strong competition in Europe. We have a title to defend and despite our third place tonight, we still believe that we can do so.

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Katerina STEFANIDI (GRE)

Pole Vault Women - 1st

All I can say is I am happy to be pole vaulting again. It started in Athens at the Street Pole Vault. But the stadium event is where you prove it to yourself and others that you are back. I suffered a bit with injuries at the start of the season. I am grateful to my team who really helped me recover well. I am going to take one step at a time, I am competing in Monaco next. Thereafter prepare for Berlin. Sidorova is a major challenger in Berlin and I am looking forward to competing in the historic Olympic stadium.

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Women Germany (GER)

4x100m Relay Women UBS Trophy - 2nd place

We had fun tonight. Things ran rather smoothly in our team although it was our very first time together on the track. We don't know who will compete in Berlin but we want to put out a great performance there. The championships will take place on our home soil and we want to share a great experience with our fans. The competition in Europe is great and will certainly be even closer when in Berlin.

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Birhanu BALEW (BRN)

5000m Men - 1st

It has been a good season so far. I want this to continue like this. Happy with a WL and a PB tonight. I plan to go stronger and stronger as the season progresses. DL Race is a major goal of the season.

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Laura MUIR (GBR)

1500m Women - 2nd

It was a cracker. The quality of runners was great. I am delighted with the seasons best. London will be my last race before the European Championships. I am feeling great and getting close to my best.

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Karsten WARHOLM (NOR)

400m Hurdles Men - 2nd

The quality of 400m hurdles at the moment is insane. You don't often finish with second position after going sub 48. I compete hard, we push each other and offer a great show to the people who come to see us. I am going to go hard all season and let's see how it finishes.

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