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**Sandra PERKOVIC (CRO)**

**Discus Throw Women - First 68.93m MR**

I'm so pleased with my result but the rounds were tough for me today. I still threw far and felt quite fluent but I had to keep changing my technique, and I had a problem around 65m so I was really angry - I just thought 'it is now or never and go for the meeting record', I was pleased I got it in the end.

It's hard when you're feeling confident as Doha went really well for me, but I had to change the way I throw and was relieved it still worked out in the end. The others are used to seeing me change my technique during a competition.

I've had some injury problems this year so it was important for me to still win and it feels like home in Rome - Italy and Croatia share a border and I love the food here.

My main goal for the season is definitely the European Championships in Berlin but next for me is a competition close to my home, so there will be no stress and pressure - and then onto the Paris Diamond League for hopefully a big throw.

I hope to collect my seventh IAAF Diamond League title this season, I'm proud to be the most successful athlete in Diamond League history. Now I hope to take the meeting record in the other five competitions.

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## Georganne MOLINE (USA)

### 400m Hurdles Women - First 53.97s SB

This was not the best race for me, I still hit a couple of hurdles. But I was hoping that my attack would work. My previous races did not go so well because I had problems on my first hurdle. Today my first hurdle was clean so I knew that I was going to be strong. I have the strength, everything is there. I will compete in Prague and then go home for the US trials. After that I will come back for more DL races. Finally I am in the race for the diamonds!

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## Fedrick DACRES (JAM)

### Winner 68.51

My technique was on today even though I was tired. It was a nice condition, now I will go back home. My aim for this year is to improve my PB again. And regarding the DL, I guess nobody honestly competes in the DL and does not try to win it. So I also would like to win it. Over the years I have been getting better and better, learning from the other throwers. I think that my technique is a mixture of Malachowskis, Hartings and Hadadis techniques. I tried to build my own technique from bits of theirs.

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**Abderrahman SAMBA (QAT)**

**400m Hurdles Men - First 47.48 WL AR MR DLR**

It's a big feeling for me to break not only my personal best but also the Asian record, the national record and the Diamond League record. I now hope every race will feel like this.

I say thank-you to my rivals for pushing me - I told Karsten thank-you especially. We are now giving the 400m hurdles the attention it deserves.

Next, I will race in Oslo - I take every race very seriously and the big goal is always to run fast. I don't know how fast I can run but we will see in the near future.

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**Hyvin KIYENG (KEN)**

**3000m Steeplechase Women - Winner 9>04.96 MR WL**

I feel very good about my win even more as this is my first race of the season. I had missed almost two years before that!

Beating the MR and achieving a world lead makes me feel really good. My aim for this year are the African Championships. And in the DL I would like to win the Diamond race.

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**Emma COBURN (USA)**

**3000m Steeplechase Women - Fourth 9.08.13 SB**

I felt strong. I am still satisfied. I am glad that I led. I know that I can do this pace. I feel that had I not fallen I would be in the win.

I fell and then there were a lot of bodies and a lot of chaos. I do not think that I can learn from this fall. I have done this a million times. It was just a bad luck day.

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**Wyclife KINYAMAL (KEN)**

**800m Men - First 1:44.65**

I felt great, I was ready and I enjoyed this meeting. I like to say the last 100m is my strength and it was today. My target is simply to win more races.

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**Sharika NELVIS (USA)**

**100m Hurdles Women - Winner 12.76**

3/2/1! I win against such great athletes, that is perfect! I am always pleased with that. I love it. My aim for this year is the US trials and of course the DL. The DL is very important as it is an off year. I won in 2015, so I also have to win this year. If I saw what happened to Brianna, well, I stay at my own race. I wanted to win and that is all I can ask for. Every win is a good race. You have to love the competition, it is a deep feeling. You always want more.

I still have some little technical issues, inbetween the hurdles I want to run faster. My start is ok.

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**Salwa Eid NASER (BRN)**

**400m Women - First 50.51**

It was very tiring tonight but it was my very first race of not only the season but of the year, so I felt no pressure because of this.

The atmosphere was wonderful and I have enjoyed my first trip to Italy.

My target for the season is to win the Asian Games and to run sub-49 seconds.

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**Fred KERLEY (USA)**

**400m Men - First 44.33**

It was all about coming out to execute well and I conserved my energy in the first 200m and finished strong in the final 100m.

I'm excited to run a season's best but there's a lot of room to improve and so I just want to keep on getting better.

I feel good, I could have finished better but I got out too strong, so I could not finish the race stronger. This year is an off year but I just keep on going.

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**Marie-Josée TA LOU (CIV)**

**200m Women**

I'm happy that my winter went well but I feel more confident over 100m - the 200m is becoming too long for me.

I've worked hard after I had some injuries so I'm happy with a season's best tonight and I thank God I could win.

I'm surprised to still be running well after changing my technique recently but now I need to maintain it. I still need to work on my start and finish.

I want a PB every race and to be ready for the World Championships next year.

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**Filippo TORTU (ITA)**

**100m Men - Third 10.04**

My start was quite well. I am really satisfied. In Savona I did a 10.03 at this very fast track. So this 10.04 means a lot. I will only be able to tell you when I can run sub 10 at the moment I achieve it. I do not know now. Today was a great and big day. We did a notable race. Meeting the Pope was an experience for me that was more important than any race.

We are in the European game, too.

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**Sam KENDRICKS (USA)**

**Pole Vault Men - First 5.84m**

We pushed each other out there today and we needed it - we all struggled together. The end of the competition was a credit to the crowd, not the athletes - we couldn't have done it without them.

We all conquered our troubles out there together and I would not have jumped as well if it weren't for the crowd.

I was so happy to take the win with the last jump and I have learned in the past that failure is the best teacher. I had an undefeated season last year but I'm not perfect, I'm just a man. I was on top of the world and now after today, I will seek to travel to these far away competitions better so that I can perform to a higher level.

The Diamond League is the epitomy of what it means to be a world class track and field professional - I've wanted this for a long time, I'm living the dream I had as a kid.

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**Luvo MANYONGA (RSA)**

**Long Jump Men - Winner 8.58 WL**

Today my motivation was big. My aim is always to come out normally, like today. The DL is very important for me, because there is no major competition. Of course, I want to win the African Championships, but the DL is important this year. This year is going to be a good year in performance. Today was a tight competition, I was waiting for this. I met Echevarria last time at the World Indoors where he beat me. So I wanted to compete against him and give back. I am quite happy with this performance. I only look at myself, but I have an eye on Echevarria.

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**Timothy CHERUIYOT (KEN)**

**1500m Men - First 3:31.22 WL**

It was a good race and a good time - I also have had a good first time in Rome.

The race took off fast and I maintained the pace and finished strong.

My aim is to run under 3:28 in the Monaco Diamond League in July.

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**Alessia TROST (ITA)**

**High Jump Women - Seventh 1.88 SB**

I did not expect such a competition. Nothing worked, not the runup, not the jump, nothing. During training I jump completely different, much better and much higher. This was my first time in competition this outdoors season. I am sorry for the audience and for my fans. Because they are expecting me to do well and I feel sorry when I cannot do something people want to see from me. My next competition will be Oslo. Before that I have to find out what did not work today.

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**Conseslus KIPRUTO (KEN)**

**3000m Steeplechase Men - First 8:08.40 WL**

I'm happy I won and the time was important for me - a world lead is good.

I wasn't impressed after Shanghai and Eugene so they helped me to wake up.

Today though I was ready and I used my experience here - after winning in the last two years - but I know I can run faster. I keep promising I will return here and I always keep my promises.

Now, I have four weeks to focus on training before attempting the world record in the Monaco Diamond League. I will put all of my effort in there - I'm ready for it.

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**Mariya LASITSKENE (ANA)**

**High Jump Women - Winner 2.02 WL**

This meeting has a very good atmosphere, I am happy to beat my SB, I am happy to be here in Rome. It is good to compete in Stockholm soon for the next DL meeting.

In today's competition I got everything I wanted emotionally. At 1.91m I missed my first and then I was angry with myself. The audience was great, it helped a lot. And the atmosphere was so motivating. I am sure that everyone can beat me any time. So I must not relax.

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## Raphael HOLZDEPPE (GER)

### Pole Vault Men - Third 5.62 equalled SB

I am looking forward to the European Championships in Berlin very much. I missed the 2009 World Championships in Berlin because of an injury. Now in 2018, I get a second chance. I feel good and I feel in great shape. Injuries demand a lot of patience, you have to learn to cope with that. Today was just the beginning of the season. For me it is sometimes difficult to cope with new or not normal situations and conditions during a competition. Today the wind changed and that gave me problems. But I still came out third, I made the top three. The height is not too great. But I just have to be patient. I still can improve my SB in Stockholm.

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## Konstantinos FILIPPIDIS (GRE)

### Pole Vault Men - Fifth 5.52 SB

During the competition the wind changed and the efforts became difficult, I lost my rhythm.

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**Ronnie BAKER (USA)**

**100m Men - First 9.93 PB WL**

Today was definitely a great confidence booster - to have the last two wins under my belt is great but I know I need to keep working hard. It was my first victory lap and I need to work on doing it faster.

The things I'm doing in practice are going well and they show there is more to come. Every race is anybody's race, it's never a definite between myself and Christian.

I was third here last year so to win is super exciting, and to run a PR is amazing for me.

It's really exciting that things are starting to click together. My next race is the US Championships in two weeks - I want to win there and to win more Diamond Leagues - I always feel nervous with these huge crowds but I hope to make it to and win the final.

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