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Lukas WEIBHAIDINGER (AUT)

Discus Throw Men - Second 68.30m

I am over the moon. This is my personal DL record. It is great that it worked! I achieved 69m at home, but finally today I also kicked-off really well internationally. The ring was dry, I also had my own towel with me to dry my shoes. Rabat did not work out well because the travelling was difficult. Yesterday the trip to Rome was good and I was able to remember two main points my coach told me. So I was able to throw freely, not to think too much but to put emotions into the throw.

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Janieve RUSSELL (JAM)

400m Hurdles Women - Second 54.18

I am really happy with this race, because I have been working really hard in training. So, I am taking this and go back home to push even harder. We have the national championships in a couple of weeks, and I am just looking forward to it. I have my eyes on the World Championships in Oregon, but also in the Commonwealth Games. I have not made the national team since 2015, so it would be really special if I could make the team.

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**Femke BOL (NED)**

**400m Hurdles Women - Winner 53.03s SB**

I am very happy. The race went quickly for me. It is my second 400m hurdles race of the season. All this is a preparation for the World and European championships. My time is getting better with every race. I am staying more relaxed. I am satisfied with how I executed the race. I am not having too many competitions because we have to big championships this year. I am missing a World and European championships medal, yes, but I have an Olympic medal which is the best.

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**Vernon NORWOOD (USA)**

**400m Men - Second 44.81s**

This was a good race for me because I had fun and I stayed healthy. The goal was to beat Kirani James but it did not work. Now I will go home for the national trials, try to execute the rounds and hope to get a shot for Eugene and represent my country there. Italy is one of my favorite places because the weather is hot. Today it was ok.

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**Kristjan CEH (SLO)**

**Discus Throw Men - Winner 70.72 MR**

Every competition it is getting better and better, so it is a good result here today. Having competed against the 3 medalists from the Olympic Games does not make me more nervous than usual, because I am always nervous before every competition. My first throw showed that, but I tried to focus on my technique and avoid added pressure. I train in Estonia, because that is where my coach is, we're focusing mostly on technique, and some weight training. Training is going well, and I have high hopes for this season. Ultimately, I just want to compete well and do my best at the European and the World Championships.

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**Konrad BUKOWIECKI (POL)**

**Shot Put Men - Third 21.18**

It feels great to be back on the Diamond League circuit - I love this stadium, and I won Diamond League here in 2019, so I have very good memories from Rome. Today, it was also good. I threw over 21 metres, and again on the podium, so it is not bad at all. Even today, I feel I could throw very far, but you know, it does not happen every day, so, today was 21.18, same mark as Filip MIHALJEVIC, who finished second because he had better throws overall, that is why I did not place second overall. In any case, this is not the best time to be in your peak shape - that should be in July, during the European and the World Championships. Of course, these are both important championships - I mean, I know how strong I am, and I know I can compete with the American and European guys, also with Darlan ROMANI and Tom WALSH. I am the leader at European level, so of course I want to do well in the Munich, but World Championships are the World Championships.

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**Joe KOVACS (USA)**

**Shot Put Men - Winner 21.85m**

I am happy with the day. The do the shot put here a bit different because we did not warm up in the stadium. Not every meeting is the same. I always bring a huge case with many towels but I did not need them today. It is interesting because I had five meetings in 14 days which is pretty crazy. I had a good series. Romani - I never count him out. I was not surprised by anybody's result. I am excited to go back home, for the nationals. But I am not peaking for that because I have a wild card. For the World championships there is a bunch of guys who can medal. This is a weird years with European championships and Commonwealth Games after the World championships. I hope to come back to Europe for some other DL meetings in Lausanne, Brussels or Zurich.

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**Luxolo ADAMS (RSA)**

**200m Men - Second 20.33s**

It is still work in progress. The weather was not good today but I managed to put through. I am not satisfied with my race and my time. I missed the qualification for the Commonwealth Games. I did not have a good start. My next race will be in Paris, so I will do my best there. I just got nervous and anxious about what can happen today.

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**Renelle LAMOTE (FRA)**

**800m Women - Second 1:58.48 SB**

I am really, really happy. I focussed so much on the preparation and the warm-up and having Athing Mu in front, pacing for the whole group was really a luxury. Incredible. I am so proud of myself to get second in these conditions, it was quite cold. Now I will compete in Oslo and maybe Chorzow. I have excellent souvenirs of this stadium. I think it is one of the most beautiful stadiums I know. I ran a great time here the last time I came here, I guess it was against Caster Semenya then.

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**Kenneth BEDNAREK (USA)**

**200m Men - Winner 20.01 SB**

This is what I expected, because I am always a little bit sluggish at this time in the season. You know, I am just taking meet by meet, but I actually think I could have gone a bit faster in this race. When I am next on the track I think I should be better than this too. I do not have more Diamond League meets, I am just going back home to train and focus on the US Trials and the Worlds - I have a lot to do in the meantime. I am most nervous and excited about the US Trials because it is the hardest for us, so I have to focus on that.

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**Elaine THOMPSON-HERAH (JAM)**

**200m Women - Second 22.25s SB**

This race was a good one. I ran a season's best, I cannot complain. I still have to work on some stuff. Now I concentrate on my nationals and I am looking forward to the World championships.

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## Athing MU (USA)

### 800m Women - Winner 1:57.01 WL

I am super excited about this result. I just wanted to come out here, and see where I was at. I know what my level was a couple of weeks ago, so I took this race as a rest one. I knew the pace was going to go out, but by the time we got to next two hundred I had no idea. I am very happy with the time. The atmosphere here in the stadium is insane - it is actually very loud. Watching Gianmarco TAMBERI came out, the crowd was definitely very loud and I could hear it as I was warming up. This Summer it is going to be amazing with the World Championships back home - first time in the US - so, I am going to be really excited about it.

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## Kirani JAMES (GRN)

### 400m Men - Winner 44.54

I thought this was a good race, actually it was very competitive, and I am happy with the outcome. The field was very strong, as usual. My event is always very competitive, so I am just happy to be competing against these guys. I have one more Diamond League this season, and then I am going to go back home to train. This is what I have to do, and regardless of the situation, we have to be prepared to be able to compete.

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**Laura MUIR (GBR)**

**1500m Women - Third 4:04.93**

The race was bit messy, I think that nobody quite wanted to take it on, and the pace was kind of going up and down. It was scrappy, probably the scrappiest 1500 I have run for a while. That is the nature of 1500 metre running, but being on that field, this was a solid run. I would like to run a little bit quicker, but the nature of the race was it was not a fast one today. I know it is in the likes, and I am excited about freshening up my legs in two weeks time, We have a little group with my coach, so I do not usually train by myself, but eventually in the sessins we always end up splitting up. There is a lot going on this Summer, and maybe I am not where I would normally be right now, because we are training really hard for the Summer. We are back to back Champs, so we are gettingon with a lot of hard training now, so I am in the best possible shape come July.

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**Nicholas Kipkorir KIMELI (KEN)**

**5000m Men - Winner 12:46.33 WL, MR, PB**

The weather was good today, it was perfect. The race was very, very competitive. Kenyans and Ethiopian, we rival each other. In the last moment, I tried to push on the last 50m. The race was cool. I am so proud to achieve a world lead and a personal best and the meeting record. I am celebrating it. I am feeling great because I never won a Diamond League race before, I really pushed to make it happen. Last year, I missed an Olympic medal coming forth. So this year I really focus on our trials and come home with a medal from the world championships. This race has shown me that I am in good shape and it has given me a lot of confidence. I want to fight for medals in Eugene.

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**Britany ANDERSON (JAM)**

**100m Hurdles Women - Second 12.50s SB**

This was a really good race. My start was bad because I was last after the start. And my finish was not good either because I hit the hurdle. But despite that I am happy to come out with a season's best. It is a good track here. I love the crowd. I definitely want to come back here.

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**Shericka JACKSON (JAM)**

**200m Women - Winner 21.91 MR SB**

I am actually feeling very good today. I just wanted to come out and run a strong race, so I think I did pretty good. The thing is when it comes to Jamaican Trials or major championships, I try not to have a different mindset than when I am at a Diamond League meet or a development meet. I try to have a different mindset, rather than being all nervous. Anything could happen on the day, so I just focus on coming out and perform at my best. I definitely know that I perform at my best, I will make the time. After the trials, and everything goes well, my aim is to add a gold medal to my name. I have many individual medals at 400 and 100, but I need to get that gold medal in any event that might be. This is my aim this season.

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**Fred KERLEY (USA)**

**100m Men - Winner 9.92s SB**

This was a good race. I ran a season's best, I cannot complain. I did not have to push a lot against my competitors. I did not have to give 100%. I enjoyed the race and the crowd. It was nice and easy. I will go home for the national trials and I expect a new personal best there.

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**Abraham KIBIWOT (KEN)**

**3000m Steeplechase Men - Second 8:06.73 SB**

I think I am impressed, because I ran a very hard race last week, so my target today was to run under 8.08 - I could not do it, because those guys are in really good shape. They also encourage me for the World Championships. That is really my aim for this season. I am hoping to defend my title, so I am going back home to train, and to work hard because I want to beat those guys.

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**JuVaughn HARRISON (USA)**

**High Jump Men - Winner 2.27m SB**

I just came here to do my best. I felt like I was rusty at the beginning but then I was able to clear 2.24 and 2.27 on the first attempt. I was able to stay clean. The crowd was great. I really hope to come back here. It was good to see them cheer for their national hero. I hit the bar a couple of times at the beginning but then I improved a lot - it is all a mental game.

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**Roberta BRUNI (ITA)**

**Pole Vault Women - Second 4.60m =SB**

This morning I did my graduation exams in agricultural science, so it has been a really powerfull day. Tonight I am happy because in the past I have never reached a good mark at the Golden Gala. So today I am satisfied with those 4.60m even though in my final attempts I suffered from cramps.

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**Selemon BAREGA (ETH)**

**5000m Men - Fourth 12:54.87 SB**

It was a nice race, running 12:54 was a fast time, it was very competitive. Maybe the last few days I trained and ran really hard, so my legs are a little week - hence not being able to do better here tonight. For the World Championships, it will really depend on how well I do during qualifying back home. My main goal is going to be the 10000, and depenting on what the Federation decides, maybe the 5000 too.

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**Jasmine CAMACHO-QUINN (PUR)**

**100m Hurdles Women - Winner 12.37 WL MR**

I mean, I know what it is coming out here and everytime I just need to remind myself that I have competed in the big world stage like the Olympics , so, with races like this, I need to calm myself so we can come out here and just compete against each other. This season, I feel more responsibility - it is like, everytime I step out I know I am going to be measure me against being the Olympic Champion, and I feel that is a lot of pressure. Event though, I should not dwell on it too much. I should take it as it is. After Worlds, I think I will be able to relax a bit, but I still have other Meets after that. I should not worry too much about the World Championships, but I should be able to have some fun too.

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**Maryna BEKH-ROMANCHUK (UKR)**

**Long Jump Women - Winner 6.85m SB**

Today was difficult. I had some problems with my left leg, I had problems with the run-up. I had felt a discomfort after the competition in Birmingham and did not hard training. But I got into the competition better and better with the attempts. Tomorrow I will go to Innsbruck for the competition on Saturday. During the last two weeks I stayed in Italy with Federico Rossa, a good man. I am from Ukraine and long jumps a big motivation for me, my jumps - I enjoy this and it is my work for my country, for my people. They need motivation and they need victories in sport. After the war started I competed the World indoor championships and travelled a lot since: Portugal, DL in Doha, Poland, now Italy - normally I would be based in Ukraine.

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**Sandi MORRIS (USA)**

**Pole Vault Women - Winner 4.81 WL**

I am ecstatic today, this is the highest I have jumped since last season. I am working with a new coach, it is a very different situation, and I think this is something of the best technical vaulting I have done so far under my new training situation - so I have very, very happy. I came out here with a mindsef "I want to jump 4.90", I did not quite do that, but I think it is right around the corner. Competing the United States this Summer, it is going to be a unique opportunity, and one I am not going to waste. I have fire in my heart, thigs a things are going really well - about as well as they can - I have been super consistent, and this is really making me feel confident, and I feel I am right around the corner from some bigger heights. I don't think I have ever been more motivated in my life, you know, as an athlete, every year that goes by, you get a little bit older, and I think the last two years have been a wake up call for me. You never know when it might be your last season, whether you want it or not, and I am not going to waste a single opportunity. Having the World Championships back home is going to be amazing, and I can't wait to compete in the main stadium - it is beautiful, and I know it is going to be a unique opportunity. I can't wait for it to come.

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**Malaika MIHAMBO (GER)**

**Long Jump Women - Second 6.79m**

I had an excellent run-up at my third attempt, with a very high speed, but then I slightly tore my ankle and had a default. But I was able to give everything again at my last attempt. To sum it up: Coming second is also part of the game, that is ok. It was difficult today for me. Unfortunately I did not have the attention of the audience at any of my attempts normally I take a lot of energy from their claps. I have got to see the physio now for my ankle.

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**Gianmarco TAMBERI (ITA)**

**High Jump Men - Third 2.24m**

I felt this was a bad day from the beginning of the competition, a "no competition" day. It felt more like training, not like a competition to me. I did not feel the right adrenaline and I am very disappointed for that. I am very sorry for the magic crowd of the Olympic stadium and for these fantastic fans. They supported me at every jump, even during the warm-up my jumps were followed by a roar as if I had done the new world record.

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**Kyree KING (USA)**

**100m Men - 10.14**

I thought it was a really good field, the crowd is amazing, and the stadium is nice. You really get that Olympic feeling, World Championships type of feeling, so it was nice. I try not to focus too much on the US Trials, and although it is a big Meet, it is just another Meet. We will continue to do what we always have been doing - at the right time of the season, I will peak, so I try not to worry about it. The World Championships this year are going to be big. I feel it's much needed, because we need to engage our fans more, and I feel this is a very big step to have a major World Championship, a major Meet in the US, and we will definitely put on a good show.

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Francesco FORTUNATO (ITA)

3000m Race Walk Men - Winner 10:57.77 WL

My comment on this world lead which is close to the Italian "record"? I am very happy to achieve a sub 11 minutes. It was not a goal for tonight, so I am a little bit surprised, too. I am not training for short distances but these races are exciting. We often race in the morning, here we found a totally different atmosphere and a great roaring crowd. I am working for the 20K at the World championships and the European championships. I hope to improve my placement of Tokyo in Eugene and to finish close to the podium in Munich.

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