

**Eugene athletics underway with thrilling mixed 4x400m final as Felix wins record 19<sup>th</sup> world medal**

**Mixed 4x400 final: Dominican dominion**

USA paid for poor tactics and possibly team selection as they were run down by Dominican Republic's near world record.

USA's Elija Godwin (44.71) led leg one by over a second and set all-time legend Allyson Felix (chasing her 34th global medal) with a huge lead but Marleidy Paulino ran her down.

Paulino ran a stunning 48.47 leg as Felix ran a controlled 50.15 in her last major race. Vernon Norwood (44.40) ran a very reserved first 200m and maybe could have opened up a bigger margin but Kennedy Simon had a good lead but went far too fast and blew up completely and lost 15 metres as Fiordaliza Cofil (49.92) passed her late but Femke Bol came from even further back and fell just short despite a brilliant 48.95 as Simon ran a painful 50.90. Dominican men ran relatively modest 46.31 and 45.12 compared to the women. Ireland without their heat star Adeleke finished last in 3:16.86.

**GOLD: Dominican Republic 3:09.82**  
**SILVER: Netherlands 3:09.90**  
**BRONZE: USA 3:10.16**

**Women's 20km walk: Leon roars home**

On a short kilometre circuit with two sharp turns per lap, Kimberly Garcia Leon won Peru's first ever world medal at any event. Her seventh place in 2017 was the previous best World placing for the country.

The 2012 Olympic silver medallist Shijie Qieyang (who beat her in La Coruna) and Garcia soon broke clear (5km 21:42) and at 10km (43:31) they had a 20 second lead over Poland's Olympic tenth-placer Katarzyna Zdziebło (43:51).

The Peruvian had a two second lead at 15km (65:19) from the Chinese with the Pole (65:43) having a 79 second gap on the chasing group. Garcia Leon won in a National record while Zdziebło set a Polish mark to overtake a tired Qieyang.

**GOLD: Kimberly Garcia Leon (PER) 1:26:58**  
**SILVER: Katarzyna Zdziebło (POL) 1:27:31**  
**BRONZE: Shijie Qieyang (CHN) 1:27:56**

**Men's 20km walk: No Tosh for Toshikazu**

Defending champion Toshikazu Yamanishi produced a stunning finish to lead home a Japanese one-two from Olympic runner-up Koki Ikeda.

The eventual winner was in a pack of 21 at 5km (20:11) and it was down to 19 at 10km (40:33). But four had slipped away at 15km (59:57) for 19:24 for that 5km.

The Japanese pair opened a three second gap on Samuel Gathimba before a 3:41 last kilometre broke Ikeda. His last 5km was 19:10.

Perseus Karlstrom matched his Doha bronze medal with his own flying finish to pip Gathimba who produced the best ever Kenyan walking performance.

**GOLD: Toshikazu Yamanishi (JPN) 1:19:07**  
**SILVER: Koki Ikeda (JPN) 1:19:14**  
**BRONZE: Perseus Karlstrom (SWE) 1:19:18**

**Men's Hammer qualifying: Haugh was that?**

American champion Daniel Haugh headed group one with a 79.34m to easily gain the automatic qualification and Olympic champion Wojciech Nowicki also qualified easily with a 79.22m.

Nick Miller - a brilliant and under-rated sixth in the Olympics, didn't quite manage the necessary 77.50m but did set a season's best of 77.13m and that put him fourth in the group and ultimately 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

Four-time world champion Pawel Fajdek joined the qualifiers with a 80.09m as did Doha bronze medallist Bence Halasz (79.13m) as ultimately a very modest 74.67m proved sufficient for a final place.

**Women's Hammer qualifying: Kopron out**

American Janee Kassanavoid was the best of group A with 74.46m and only two others got the other automatic mark of 73.50m including Canadian Commonwealth favourite Camryn Rogers.

In Group B only American champion Brooke Andersen (74.37m) could get the standard as 70.87m got the 12<sup>th</sup> best mark as the shock non qualifier was Olympic runner-up Malwina Kopron (70.50m).

**3000m steeplechase heats: Soufiane choice**

Olympic champion Soufiane El Bakkali won heat one in 8:16.65 with a 59 last lap while Tokyo runner-up Lamecha Girma (8:19.64) won heat two as Hailemariam Amare (8:18.34) won heat three.

**Women's 1500m heats: Hirut Parade**

Hirut Meshesha (4:07.05) won ht 1 from Laura Muir (4:07.53). while Olympic champion Faith Kipyegon (4:04.53) won ht 2 with Katie Snowden 10<sup>th</sup> (4:06.92).gained a fastest losers spot. Melissa Courtney-Bryant (4:09.07) 11<sup>th</sup> missed out in ht 3 won by Gudaf Tsegay (4:02.68).

**Women's Pole Vault qualifying: Morris major**

Though set 4.65m it took just 4.35m to qualify for some. World indoor champion Sandi Morris (4.50m) was one of three US qualifiers Olympic Bronze medallist Hollie Bradshaw didn't compete after injuring herself in warm up when her pole broke. Molly Caudery jumped 4.20m.

**Men's Shot qualifying: Crouser missile**

Ryan Crouser headed qualifying with a huge 22.28m with defending champion Joe Kovacs (21.50m) next best. Scott Lincoln (19.97m) failed to qualify, finishing 16<sup>th</sup> best, 27cm from qualifying.

**Men's Long Jump qualifying: Plucky Yuki**

A disappointing event (7.93m made the final) was headed by Japan's Yuki Hashioka (8.18m).

**Women's Shot qualifying: Gong on Song**

Olympic champion Lijiao Gong threw with 19.51m as 10 managed the automatic 18.90m as 18.57m qualified. Britons Amelia Strickland (17.40m) and Sophie McKinna (17.21m) were 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Men's High Jump qualifying: Woo are you?**

The advertised height of 2.30m was never going to be needed for final qualification and while 11 athletes cleared 2.28m, two made the final with just 2.25m but a perfect record to that point.

Korean world indoor champion Sanghyeak Woo cleared all his four heights with impressive ease. World and Olympic champion Mutaz Essa Barshim, Canadian Django Lovett and Ukraine's Andriy Protsenko also had perfect records. The other joint Olympic champion Gianmarco Tamperi struggled but did clear 2.25m and 2.28m at his last attempt.

Britain's Joel Clarke-Khan cleared 2.21m but was unable to get over 2.25m.

**Mixed 4x400 heats: Adeleke likes it**

USA (3:11.75) won heat one (Elija Godwin 44.89) and Vernon Norwood (44.74) ran the quickest legs. Netherlands were second (3:12.63) with Lieke Klaver (49.46) and Liemarvin Bonevacia (44.93) impressing. Britain failed to qualify. There was a very good first leg from Joseph Brier (45.48) and Zoey Clark (51.49) started too fast and struggled in the straight but Britain still had a chance but Alex Haydock-Wilson ran a very disappointing leg (47.09) being far too aggressive in the first 200m.

Laviai Nielsen (50.69) ran a superb last leg - the quickest women's anchor and Britain fell 0.16 of a second short of qualifying.

Dominican Republic (3:13.22) won heat two mostly courtesy of Fiordaliza Cofil (50.62) and Marleidy Paulino (49.50). Ireland were an inspired second in 3:13.88 with Jack Raftery (45.37) and teenager Rhasidat Adeleke (49.80) particularly impressive.

**Men's 100m qualification: Candid Camera**

Only two broke 10.40 - Ebrahima Camara (10.37) of Gambia and Emanuel Archibald (10.31) as the slowest of 14 qualifiers ran 10.77.

**Men's 100m heats: World Junior Rec 9.94**

Fred Kerley ran a stunning 9.79 heat with Zhamel Hughes second in 9.97. Reece Prescod (10.15) narrowly failed to qualify. Letsile Tebago set a world junior record of 9.94 as seven broke 10.00.

**Tomorrow (local time - GB 8 hours later)**

10.30 Women's Triple Jump Qualification  
10.35 Women's steeplechase heats  
11.10 Women's High Jump qualification  
11.25 Men's 110m hurdle heats  
**12.00 Men's hammer final**  
**12.20 Women's 10,000m**  
13.20 Men's 400m hurdle heats

17.10 Women's 100m heats  
18.00 Men's 100m semis  
**18.20 Men's Long jump final**  
**18.25 Women's shot final**  
18.30 Men's 1500m heats  
19.05 Women's 1500m semis  
**19.50 Men's 100m final**