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THE NIGHT OF THE CBPS LED BY SHOWMAN TAMBERI – KEITH, NEITA & BENGSTROM MEDAL

Women's 200m – Kambundji jumps to gold
Mujinga Kambundji successfully defended but it was close with a 0.03 quicker reaction proving vital as just 0.01 separated her and Daryll Neita who went one place better than she had done in the 2022 100m as both dipped for the line. Kambundji thus continued the great Swiss success as she won their third gold in little over 24 hours and completed a 200m double.

Gold: Mujinga Kambundji SUI 22.49
Silver: Daryll Neita 22.50
Bronze: Helene Parisot FRA 22.63

Women's 10,000m – Battocletti getti double
Kiara Lucan set a good pace through the first 6km before Nadia Battocletti and then Megan Keith (around 7.5km) pushed on and the eventual three medallists went clear. Battocletti pushed on 600m out and with a 2:53 final kilo completed a 5000m and 10,000m double. Keith was a fine third. Eilish McColgan dropped out at 6km having been with the lead group at 5km (15:28.50). Jess Warner-Judd stayed with the lead pack for most of the first half and was top eight until the last mile but faded and then collapsed 500m from the finish. She was given quick medical help but there was no water handed out and several athletes finished early.

Gold: Nadia Battocletti ITA 30:51.32
Silver: Diane van Es NED 30:57.24
Bronze: Megan Keith GBR 31:04.77

Women's Javelin – Queen Victoria is amused
Victoria Hudson had her first major success when her 64.62m opener gave her gold over under-23 Adriana Vilagos.

Gold: Victoria Hudson AUT 64.62
Silver: Adriana Vilagos SRB 64.42
Bronze: Marie-Therese Obst NOR 63.50

Men's 400m hurdles – Karsten a magic spell
Karsten Warholm was a predictable winner and though not at his very best in the straight, his 46.98 smashed his Championships record. Behind him both Alessandro Sibilio and Carl Bengstrom finished strongly with national records and half second PB's of 47.50 and 47.94.

Gold: Karsten Warholm NOR 46.98 CBP
Silver: Alessandro Sibilio ITA 47.50
Bronze: Carl Bengstrom SWE 47.94

Medals:

1 ITA	10G	7S	3B
2 FRA	4	3	6
3 NOR	3	2	1
4 SUI	3	1	4
5 GBR	2	4	5
6 NED	2	3	4
7 ESP	2	3	2
8 POL	2	2	2
9 IRL	2	1	0

Placings

1 ITA	199
2 FRA	141
3 GBR	117.5
4 GER	112
5 ESP	105.5
6 NED	81

Men's High jump – Mr Tamberi man
Main attraction Olympic champion Gianmarco Tamberi, was in trouble when he only just cleared 2.29m at his final attempt but a 2.31m sealed gold and he also set a world lead 2.34m and then a championships record 2.37m... and afterwards he even met up with the Italian President!

Gold: Gianmarco Tamberi ITA 2.37 CBP
Silver: Vladyslav Lavskyy UKR 2.29
Bronze: Oleh Doroshchuk UKR 2.26

Decathlon – Erm firm to be Mayer slayer
In the 110m hurdles, Makenson Gletty thought he heard a recall and stopped before going again when realising everyone was continuing and finishing a clear last in 15.30 and seemingly now out of medal contention. He complained bitterly and was given a second chance shortly after and ran a solo PB 13.88 to rack up an extra 176 points and go back in front. Skotheim went back ahead with a 46.18m discus but it was Johannes Erm's turn with a 5.20 pole vault. The javelin brought in more contenders.

Niklas Kaul threw a huge 75.45m to move up to fifth but Erm stayed first on 7986 with 62.71m but world record holder Kevin Mayer who won the pole vault with 5.30m, threw 69.54m for 7011 points while Gletty threw 57.47m for 7846 and Skotheim 61.27m for 7840. Erm, ninth in the last two Worlds, did enough in the 1500m (4:24.95) to win by 129 points with a near 300 point PB from Skotheim and Gletty as Mayer just focused on getting his Olympic qualifier with 16 points to spare.

Gold: Johannes Erm EST 8764
Silver: Sander Skotheim NOR 8635
Bronze: Makenson Gletty FRA 8606

Men's Triple jump – Diaz in daze for Fortune
Pedro Pichardo opened with a 17.51m before improving to a championship and Portuguese record 18.04m breaking Jonathan Edwards' mark from 1998. Incredibly that wasn't good enough in one of the greatest triple jumps in history.

Fellow former Cuban Jordan Diaz Fortun, who jumped 17.82m in the second and then 17.96m in the fourth achieved a stunning 18.18m in the fifth to go third all-time just 11cm short of Edwards' world record.

Olympic champion Pichardo jumped 17.92m in his final jump but had to settle for having the best second place mark in history.

Gold: Jordan Diaz Fortun ESP 18.18 CBP
Silver: Pedro Pichardo POR 18.04
Bronze: Thomas Gogois FRA 17.38

Women's 400m hurdles – Bol'd over
As in the men's race there was huge favourite and predictably Femke Bol dominated and improved her championships best as she won by almost two seconds.

It was close for second with Louise Maraval's PB adding to the French medal count.

Had she matched her semi time, Lina Nielsen would have been close to a medal but only avoided eighth by a thousandth of a second in 55.65.

Gold: Femke Bol NED 52.49 CBP
Silver: Louise Maraval FRA 54.23
Bronze: Cathelijin Peeters NED 54.37

Women's 800m semis – Anais victory for Keely
Keely Hodgkinson controlled her semi to win easily in 1:58.07 with Erin Wallace a non qualifying sixth in 1:59.89. France's Anais Bourgois set a huge PB in second with 1:58.65 – her first sub-2 mins run. Alex Bell was fourth in her race in 2:00.57 and also missed out.

Men's 4x400m heats – Toby or not Toby?
Britain qualified in style even without Charlie Dobson as Lewis Davey (46.18) and Michael Ohiozo (45.85) were 5th at halfway but superb runs from Toby Harries (44.71) and Charlie Carvell (44.95) brought them home first in 3:01.69. Hungary's Attila Molnar (43.98) ran the fastest leg. Despite winning their heat, Britain go into the final as only sixth quickest as the other heat was won by France in 3:00.77 with their Theo Andant fastest with 44.54 as Portugal's national record of 3:01.91 only made the final after Poland were disqualified for a lane infringement.

Women's 4x400m heats – IRL lean on Sharlene
The inexplicable decision to not send a British team was felt despite their being sufficient potential relay runners in Rome even excepting the Nielsen sisters though equally puzzling is why they have 4x400 heats on a day which excludes 400m H finalists and when the best 400m runners ran late the previous night. Poland won the first semi in 3:25.53 with Iga Baumgart-Witan fastest with 50.73. Ireland went even faster in the second semi with 3:24.81 – even without Adeleke with Sharlene Mawdsley fastest with 49.76. Netherlands were the slowest qualifiers without their star runners.

Women's LJ Qualifying – Malaika rolling stone
Malaika Mihambo headed qualifying with a 7.03m European lead as 6.63m made the final.

Men's 4x100m heats – Elvis returns to sender
Britain were in contention at the end of leg three with Richard Kilty but Rommell Glave went far too early and had to stop to get the baton and Britain were last in 39.60 as Germany won in 38.43 with Netherlands winning the other heat in the day's fastest time of 38.34. The Dutch were led off by Elvis Afrifa. Italy's 38.40 was second and they have three medallists to come into the team and hurdles champion Simonelli anchored them.

Women's 4x100m heats – Henry the fourth
Britain were fastest overall as Asha Philip (11.72), Amy Hunt (10.15), Dina Asher-Smith (10.13) and Desiree Henry (10.25) were fast and safe while France won the second heat in a similar 42

Men's Javelin Qualifying – Julian Seizes control
Julian Weber topped qualifying with 85.01m as 80.52m was the 12th qualifier.