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USA AND JAMAICA SHARE SPRINT GOLDS AS VIVE LA FRANCE IN 10,000m!

W Marathon – Bronze for British passport holder
A top-class battle for gold saw 2021 Olympic winner Peres Jepchirchir just get the better of defending champion and 2:11 performer Tigst Assefa by two seconds.

In warm conditions (29 degrees and 72pc humidity) the start was gentle with American Susanna Sullivan taking a clear lead with the others seemingly disregarding her and she was ahead at 10km in 33:10 and halfway in 72:58.

By 30km it was down to the big two and 7:15 last 2195m gave the Kenyan a small advantage.

The shock athlete was bronze medallist Julia Paternain. A former English Schools champion and British international was a Cambridge and Coleridge athlete but born in Mexico but now in Uruguay colours, she was running just her second marathon and here she was just 14 seconds down on her March PB and she took bronze by a minute as Sullivan held on for fourth.

Many of the other top athletes who went with the acceleration from the first two suffered allowing for Uruguay's first ever medal.

Gold: Peres Jepchirchir KEN 2:24:43

Silver: Tigst Assefa ETH 2:24:45

Bronze: Julia Paternain URU 2:27:23

Men's 1500m heats

Three of the four Brits qualified with Elliot Giles (3:41.60) missing out after being too far back on the last lap.

Defending champion Josh Kerr (3:35.98) impressed as did former champion and heat winner Jake Wightman (3:36.90) while Neil Gourley (3:42.13) was third in his heat.

Narve Nordas was fastest overall (3:35.90) but the son of his coach Jakob Ingebrigtsen was a shock elimination (3:37.84) while London Diamond League winner Phaneul Koech fell and was eliminated.

Women's Hammer qualifying – Camryn never lies

Defending champion Camryn Rogers of Canada was easily the best with 77.52m as 70.70m qualified for a final place.

Britain's Anna Purchase was 18th and only just over a metre away from qualifying (69.35m),

Women's 100m hurdles heats – Swell for Danielle

Two-time champion Danielle Williams (12.40) was fastest as 12.99 made the semis as most of the leading contenders got through easily enough.

Men's 400m qualifying – Jacory in the box

Astonishing depth with Jacory Patterson fastest with a very impressive 43.90 and even a sub-45 didn't guarantee you a semi spot.

Three-time global medallist Matthew Hudson-Smith ran 44.68 and looking tired down the finishing straight only qualified as a fastest loser as did a more encouraging Sam Reardon (a near PB 44.70), Charlie Dobson qualified by right but his 44.85 was the slowest of all the automatic qualifiers.

W100m – Jefferson-Wooden splinters record

Melissa Jefferson-Wooden was a class apart and smashed the championships record and went fourth all-time with 10.61.

Tina Clayton was second in a PB 10.76 ahead of Julien Alfred who won St Lucia's first ever world medal.

The winner (10.73) was also easily quickest in the semis.

Dina Asher-Smith, the only European, was eighth in her 34th major final (including relays, World Juniors and European events)

She had qualified (11.02) as a fastest loser eliminating fast-finishing Amy Hunt (11.05) who had eliminated Daryll Neita (11.06) who started fast.

Gold: Melissa Jefferson-Woodall USA 10.61

Silver: Tina Clayton JAM 10.76

Bronze: Julien Alfred LCA 10.84

Women's Discus – Allman all gold

Double Olympic champion Valarie Allman won a tight event leading with a first round 67.63m before pulling clear in the fifth round with 69.48m.

Jorinde van Klinken won the Netherlands' second silver of the Games after the relay.

Silinda Morales was close by in third denying Vanessa Kanga's final round Swedish record of 66.61m.

Former champions Sandra Elkasevic (65.82m) and Laulaugu Tausaga (65.49m) completed the top six.

Gold: Valarie Allman USA 69.48m

Silver: Jorinde Van Klinken NED 67.50m

Bronze: Silinda Morales CUB 67.25m

Women's 400m qualifying – Green light for Amber

Salwa Eid Naser (49.13), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (49.41) and Marileidy Paulino (49.85) all won their heats. Amber Anning (49.96) qualified easily as Yemi Mary John (50.71) and Victoria Ohuruogu (51.37) got through as fastest losers.

Women's 1500m semis – True Faith

Faith Kipyegon was quickest of the two semis with 4:00.34 while the sole remaining Brit Reeve Walcott-Nolan (8th 4:11.07) was never in a qualifying position.

Men's High Jump qualifying – Oleh Oleh

With an unrealistic 2.30m automatic qualifier was never a factor and 13 qualified with just 2.25m.

The only two jumpers with perfect records were Oleh Doroshchuk and Ryoichi Akamatsu. Defending champion Gianmarco Tamberi could only jump 2.16m.

Monday schedule

7.30 Men's marathon
9.00 Men's hammer Qualifying
9.05 Women's Pole Vault qualifying
10.30 Women's steeplechase heats
11.20 Women's 400m hurdles heats
19.35 Men's 400m hurdles heats
19.40 Men's Long jump qualifying
20.23 Men's 110m hurdles heats
21.00 Women's hammer final
21.06 W100mH semis (final 10.20)
21.30 Men's 1500m semis
21.55 men's steeplechase final

Men's 10,000m – Jimmy Jimmy!

France have never won a medal before in this event and while Jimmy Gressier impressed in the Diamond League 3000m final he had never previously made the top eight in five previous global championship finals. Bringing back memories of Tokyo 64 when unheralded Billy Mills sprinted past bigger names in the straight. However, note the time was much faster on cinders 61 years ago though it was very hot and humid here.

Yomif Kejelcha who kicked hard in the final 200m was caught on the line with Andreas Almgren who had picked up the pace over the final 2km with over 25 in contention and he came back strongly for third to win Sweden's first medal in the event.

Halfway was reached in 15:10.25 and 8km in 23:46.

and the last kilometre was 2:26 and Gressier, sixth into the straight covered his last 200m inside 26 seconds and his last 400m was 54.1.

Gold: Jimmy Gressier FRA 28:55.77

Silver: Yomif Kejelcha ETH 28:55.83

Bronze: Andreas Almgren SWE 28:56.02

Men's 100m – Oblique house

Only eighth in the Olympics, Oblique Seville fulfilled his potential as he run down team-mate Kishane Thompson to set a PB 9.77 and become the first Jamaican winner since Bolt in 2015.

Thompson was a clear second with Olympic champion Noah Lyles seemingly happy with bronze.

The three Brits all exited before the final with starting Jeremiah Azu (10.05) and slower starting Zharnel Hughes (10.03) were initially in fastest spots though Romell Glave (10.09) faded a little in the last 30m. Kenny Bednarek and Thompson (9.85) were joint fastest in the semis

Gold: Oblique Seville JAM 9.77

Silver: Kishane Thompson JAM 9.82

Bronze: Noah Lyles USA 9.89

Women's Long Jump – Tara way ahead

Olympic champion Tara Davis-Woodhall dominated to win her first world title. Opening with a 7.08m she improved to a world-leading 7.13m in round four.

Former Olympic and world champion Malaika Mihambo had three jumps in the 6.90s and had a huge foul in the final round,

Natalia Linares set a PB in third in her first final.

Gold: Tara Davis-Woodhall USA 7.13

Silver: Malaika Mihambo GER 6.99

Bronze: Natalia Linares COL 6.92

Medal Table

USA 5G 0S 1 B
Kenya 2 0 0
Jamaica 1 2 0
Canada 1 0 0
Spain 1 0 0
France 1 0 0
Ethiopia 0 2 1
Italy 0 2 1