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## TOKYO NEWSLETTER No 3 TUESDAY 16th September 2025 SUPERSTAR MONDO CLEARS WR 6.30m ON DAY OF SHOCKS

Men Marathon - Felix by cat's breathe

In the closest marathon in history, Alphonce Felix Simbu snatched gold with his final stride off Amanal Petros to deny another shock European winner after the previous night's 10,000m.

Over 30 were in contention at halfway in 65:19 and 15 were still in contention as late as 35km.

Abel Chelangat split the field in the last 5km but dropped from the leading three as they entered the stadium.

Petros kicked along the final backstraight and still had a few metres lead with 30 meters to go but Sambu, who almost went wrong entering the stadium, found possible the fastest last ten 10 metres in marathon history.

Simbu was second in Boston this year and won world bronze in Doha.

Petros, who was eighth in London was surprisingly upbeat considering his narrow loss as he went one better than his European bronze.

Ilias Aouani was only five seconds back in third as Europe continued their better than expected championships.

Olympic fourth-placer Emile Cairess was looking good in the leading group at 35km but lost ground at 36km and dropped out shortly afterwards.

The top Kenyan was only 16<sup>th</sup> and no Ethiopians finished.

Gold: Alphonce Simbu TAN 2:09:48 Silver: Amanal Petros GER 2:09:48 Bronze: Ilias Aouani ITA 2:09:53

#### Men's hammer qualifying - Ethan where?

Defending champion Ethan Katzberg was a class apart as his 81.85m was three minutes better than the rest with five-time champion Pawel Fajdek next best. Jake Norris wasn't at his best and finished 25<sup>th</sup> with a 73.07m when he needed 75.91m to make the final.

#### Women's Pole Vault Qualifying - Twin towers

Fourteen qualified with a 4.60m leap including US twins Amanda and Hana Moll making the final. Sadly, world outdoor leader Molly Caudery injured her ankle in warm up and was unable to compete.

#### Women's 3000m steeplechase heats – Elise deals

Looking comfortable throughout Elise Thomer improved her PB to 9:14.37 as she finished third and strengthened her hold on second spot in the UK all-time lists.

Sadly, Sarah Tait became the second Brit that morning to leave the stadium in a wheelchair when she turned her ankle at the water jump.

Peruth Chemutai, the winner of Tokyo 2021, was fastest with 9:07.68.

#### Women's 400m hurdles heats - Jasmine rise

Olympic fourth-placer Jasmine Jones was fastest with 53.18 with Femke Bol (53.75) and Dalilah Muhammad (53.80) also winning.

Emily Newnham qualified with a strong finish for third in 54.59 but an off-colour Lina Nielsen (55.82) was half a second short of a fastest losers spot. Men's Pole Vault – Our man Armand does it again Predictably on a day of shocks, Mondo Duplantis, who

cleared 5.55m, 5.85m, 5.95m and 6.00m, 6.10m and 6.15m first time to win his eighth global title (including three indoor).

Then after two good attempts at his 14<sup>th</sup> world record,

on his final attempt he set a historic 6.30m and the stadium erupted and his fellow competitors joined in with the celebrations.

Incredibly eight athletes were still involved as the bar went up to 5.95m and six remained as the bar went up to six metres. Emmanouil Karalis also cleared six metres and had a very good attempt at 6.15m. Kurtis Marschall equalled his PB to take bronze on

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Gold: Mondo Duplantis SWE 6.30 (WR) Silver: Emmanouil Karalis GRE 6.00 Bronze: Kurtis Marschall AUS 5.95

#### W Hammer - No photograph finish for Camryn

Olympic and defending champion Camryn Rogers won at a canter opening with 78.09m and then improved to a world lead and Commonwealth record 80.51m which puts her second all-time.

There was a great battle for second as the Chinese Zhao Jie (PB 77.60m) and Zhang Jiale (77.10m) had their best throws with the latter just missing her world junior record of 77.68m.

Gold: Camryn Rogers CAN 80.51 Silver: Zhao Jie CHN 77.60 Bronze: Natalia Linares COL 6.92

#### Men's 400mh heats - Donovan catches the wind

Tyri Donovan ran superbly and threw himself across the line to go from fifth to second as his 48.26 PB qualified him for the semis as 0.01 covered second to fifth. It moved him to fifth all-time in the UK and he was fourth fastest overall.

Alastair Chalmers also made it through with a fourthplace 48.86 though Seamus Derbyshire was some way from qualifying seventh with 49.20.

Abderrahman Samba was fastest with 48.03.

#### Long Jump qualification- Gayle force

The 2019 world champion Tajay Gayle led qualifying with a 8.28m leap as a modest 7.98m made the final.

#### Men's 110m hurdles heats - Three Mason

Tyler Mason, third in the Jamaican Championships, was fastest with 13.17 in a race that Olympic champion Grant Holloway was only fourth after a clear early lead. Tade Ojora lost balance hitting an early hurdle and was only eighth in 13.90 in his heat as 13.52 gained qualification.

#### Tuesday schedule (no morning session)

19.35 Men's 800m heats

19.40 Women's triple Jump qualifying

20.36 Men's high jump final

20.40 Men's 110m hurdles semis

21.01 Men's Hammer

21.07 Women's 400m semis

21.35 Men's 400m semis

22.05 Women's 1500m final

22.20 Men's 110m hurdles final

#### Men's 3000m steeplechase - Geordie sure?

The 2024 world indoor champion Geordie Beami who failed to make the final in Paris enjoyed the slowest ever world final (3:04.78 and 6:01.38 overt first two kilos) as he snatched victory off four-tinglobal champion Soufiane El Bakkali who was distraught at his first major loss since 2019. The New Zealander ran 57.16 over barriers for I final lap and 1:58.88 for his last 800m and 2:31.75 his last kilo. He had fallen in his heat and came with

an inch of being spiked in the face. It was New Zealand's first ever world track title at a event.

El Bakkali was even quicker over the final kilome as he was last most of the way and only moved up the last few laps.

World record-holder Lamecha Girma led with 200 to go but faded as did Japanese hope Ryuji Mira w was third into the straight and it was 17 year-old Edmund Serum who became the youngest medallist history.

Gold: Geordie Beamish NZL 8:33.88 Silver: Soufiane El Bakkali MAR 8:33.95 Bronze: Edmund Serem KEN 8:34.56

#### Women's 100m hurdles - Takeoff for Swiss air

The shocks continued as Ditaji Kambundji beat wo record-holder Tobi Amusan in a Swiss record 12.24 go into the all-time top 10 and destroy her previous b of 12.40

Seventh in Budapest but only a semi-finalist in Pa she continued to build on a great winter which sawl win world indoor silver and European gold. Grace Stark was third as Olympic champion Ma Russell was a metre back in fourth in 12.44.

Diamond league winner Ackera Nugent (12.63) fai to make the final where Amusan was fastest with 12. **Gold:** Ditaji Kambundji SUI 12.24

Silver: Tobi Amusan NGR 12.29 Bronze: Grace Stark USA 12.34

#### Men's 1500m semis - Niels by mouth

Britain's two world champions were drawn in a hot f semi won by favourite Niels Laros (3:35.50) who v fastest overall. Close behind Josh Kerr (3:35.53) a Jake Wightman (3:35.56) got through with 53 last la Neil Gourley qualified from the next heat but only six thousandths as he squeezed in sixth in 3:36.9 Olympic champion Cole Hocker was disqualif (subject to appeal).

#### Medal Table

USA 5G 0S 2 B

Kenya 2 0 1 Canada 2 0 0

Jamaica 1 2 0

Sweden 1 0 1

Spain 1 0 0

France 1 0 0 New Zealand 1 0 0

Tanzania 1 0 0

Italy 0 2 2

Ethiopia 0 2 1

Germany/Netherlands 0 2 0 27 countries have medalled

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