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TOKYO NEWSLETTER No 4 WEDNESDAY 17th September 2025 FAITH DOMINATES AGAIN AS KIWIS WIN ANOTHER

Women's 1500m final - Faith forever

The world's greatest ever 1500m runner Faith Kipyegon won her fourth world title with considerable

She led all the way and after a 63.96 first lap she picked up to 63.31 and then 60.87 before blasting a 44.01 last 300m in completing a 58.72 final circuit.

It was almost a clean sweep as Jess Hull suffered terribly down the straight and she was passed by surprise Dorcu Ewoi but in winning Australia's first 1500m medal she denied Nelly Chepchirchir a Kenyan clean sweep of the medals by nine hundredths of a second.

Both Kenyans set PBs.

The top European was Klaudia Kazimierska of Poland in seventh in a PB 3:57.95.

Gold: Faith Kipyegon KEN 3:52.15 Silver: Dorcus Ewoi KEN 3:54.92 Bronze: Jessica Hull AUS 3:55.16

Men's Hammer - Top Katzberg spells silver Merlin

World and Olympic champion Ethan Katzberg opened with an 82.66m but that didn't lead the round as Merlin Hummel shocked with a big PB of 82.77m.

In round two Katzberg threw a huge championships record and world lead of 84.70m though was very close to going out of the sector.

He followed that up with 82.01m and 81.86m before 83.07m and 83.73m for the greatest series in World Championships history.

Hummel had further 80 metre throws himself of 80.71m and 82.14m.

Bence Halasz opened with a 81.51m improving to 82.69m in round three and he had five throws over 80 metres.

Ukraine's Mykhaylo Kokhan pushed Halasz close though with a 82.02m in round five.

Gold: Ethan Katzberg CAN 84.70m Silver: Merlin Hummel GER 82.77m Bronze: Bence Halasz HUN 82.69m

Men's 110m hurdles - Cinch for Tinch

In his first major final, Cordell Tinch won by a metre with a snappy hurdles display and he went inside 13 seconds for the fifth time.

His only previous major championships experience was being a semi-finalist in Budapest in 2023.

Jamaica continued their excellent championships so far with Orlando Bennett in his first world final running a PB 13.08 to take silver.

Behind him Tyler Mason - 30 but in his first senior championships, equalled his PB from being fastest in the semis with 13.12.

Enrique Llopis was top European in fourth.

Rachid Muratake kept the Japanese crowd interested but just couldn't get a clear run and took fifth place ihalf a metres off the medals in 13.18.

Defending champion Grant Holloway was only sixth in his semi in 13.52.

Gold: Cordell Tinch USA 12.99 Silver: Orlando Bennett JAM 13.08 Bronze: Tyler Mason JAM 13.12

Women's 400m semis - Sydney bridges record

Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone ran superbly to break the USA record to go seventh all-time with 48,29 (after a 23,43 200m and 35.31 at 300m).

World indoor champion Amber Anning was ahead at 200m (23.23) then eased back through 300m (35.80) but had to work hard to successfully run down Nickisha Pryce (48.57 this year) and her 49.38 went close to her British record 49.29 as Pryce (49.46) nabbed a fastest losers spot.

Natalia Bukowiecka won the first semi in 49.67 after defending champion Marileidy Paulino (49.82) nearly eliminated herself by almost stopping before the line after being well clear and nearly caught by Henriette Jaeger (49.87). Yemi Mary John was never on terms and finished eighth in 51.51.

Former champion Salwa Eid Naser won the second semi in 49.47 with Victoria Ohuruogu also below par eighth in 51.65.

Men's 400m semis – Busang buzzing

World leader Zakithi Nene won the first semi in 44.20 with Sam Reardon eighth in 45.10.

The fireworks came in the second semi as Busang Collen Kebinatshipi smashed his PB with a world leading 43.61 pulling clear from Rusheen McDonald (44.04) with Jereem Richards (44.12) and pre-event favourite Jacory Patterson (44.19) moving into fastest losers spots.

Charlie Dobson, who beat the Botswanan in London, was never in contention and ran 44.85 for seventh (after a 32.58 first 300m).

Bayapo Ndori won the third semi in 44.21 with Yuki Nakajima following up his Japanese record in the heat with a 44.52 to snatch second.

Chasing his fourth medal in four years, Matthew Hudson Smith was third at 200m in 21.00 and 300m in 32.20 but paid for his inside lane and faded to sixth in 44.95 for a disappointing 400m day for the Brits, Anning aside.

Wednesday schedule (no morning session) 19.05 Men's Triple Jump qualifying 19.10 Men's javelin qualifying (Gp B 20.45) 19.25 Women's Pole Vault final 19.30 Women's 200m heats

Daryl Neita heat 4 v Brittany Brown, Amy Hunt heat 5 v Shericka Jackson, Dina Asher-Smith heat 6. Jefferson-Wooden heat 2. NB no Julien Alfred

20.15 Men's 200m heats

Toby Harries heat 1 v Van Niekerk & Gregory, Zharnel Hughes heat 4 v Lyles, De Grasse and Fahnbullah also heat three Bednarek heat 5 Gout Gout heat 6 Tebogo

21.03 Women's 400m hurdles semis

Emily Newnham sf 2 v Bol and Muhammad

21.30 Men's 400m hurdles semi

Tyri Donovan sfl v Warholm and Samba and Chalmers sf3 v Benjamin, Dos Santos and Clarke

21.57 Women's steeplechase final

22.20 Men's 1500m final

Laros v Cheruiyot (T&R) v Kerr v Wightman?

Men's High Jump - Happy Hamish to Woo

New Zealand won their second gold medal in 24 hor but this was slightly more predictable as Olymi champion Hamish Kerr proved the class of the field. It was actually the first time in four wo championships that he has made the final and became the first Kiwi to win a jumps event af previous golds in throws and the steeplechase.

Kerrstarted well with first time cleaerances at 2.20 2.24m and 2.28m but he struggled at 2.31m and cou only clear third time and it was the same with 2.34m However, when the bar went up to 2.36m, the forn world indoor champion went ahead with a first-tii clearance to nab a world lead and the gold.

He had one attempt at 2.38m but called it a day when was clear he had the victory.

World indoor champion Woo-Sang Hyeok pushed h all the way but couldn't replicate the indo championships where he beat Kerr into second.

Woo was clear over 2.20m and 2.24m but need second attempts at 2.28m and 2.31m but the latter 1 him ahead but a 2.34m third attempt meant he was level with Kerr.

He passed after one failure at 2.36m once the Kiwi we ahead but his two attempts at 2.38m weren't tl promising so he matched his 2022 world silver.

The Europea Indoor runner-up won bronze countback courtesy of a second time clearance at 2.3 for his best performance to date.

Gold: Hamish Kerr NZL 2.36m Silver: Sanghyeok Woo KOR 2.34m Bronze: Jan Stefela CZE 2.31m

Women's Triple Jump Q - Rojas rolls back years

After a two-year break defending champion Yulin Rojas successfully returned from injury to achie automatic qualifying with 14.49m.

The world indoor champion Leyanis Perez head qualification with 14.66m as only four achiev automatic qualifying,

14.00m made the final with Richard Kilty's wife Dov just missing out by a place with almost the last leap.

Medal Table

USA 6G 0S 2 B

Kenya 3 0 1

Canada 3 0 0

New Zealand 2 0 0

Jamaica 1 3 1

Sweden 1 0 1

Spain 1 0 0 France 1 0 0

Tanzania 1 0 0

Switzerland 1 0 0

Germany 0 3 0

Italy 0 2 2

Ethiopia 0 2 1 Netherlands 0 2 0

China 0.1.1

31 different countries have medalled