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## JAKE'S SILVER LINING IN THRILLING 1500m

### Men's 1500m final – no nada for Nader

The 2022 champion Jake Wightman showed a fantastic return to form but missed out on gold by just two hundredths of a second after a near perfect tactical race. It was only a 12.28 last 100m for Isaac Nader who moved from fifth to first in the straight that denied the Brit as the Portuguese enjoyed a shock victory.

Wightman, matching Eugene, was always well placed, then ran a 12.49 100m down the backstraight to take the lead then a controlled 12.97 on the final bend and he still ran 12.85 for his last 100m and held his form well.

Nader had been fourth in the World Indoors this year but only had a best of twelfth in outdoor global championships. He was only tenth in Zurich and fourth in Brussels but he did win the Bislett mile in 3:48.25. He ran 1:43.85 for 800m earlier in the year so the slow pace suited him and his 51.5 last lap advanced him from eighth to first.

Pre-race favourite Niels Laros had led through 400m in 59.45 with former champion Timothy Cheruiyot ahead at 800m. Cheruiyot and Laros were ahead on the last lap until Wightman kicked by.

It was Reynold Cheruiyot who just got past his namesake for bronze with Laros only fifth.

Neil Gourley was tenth (3:35.56) while defending champion Josh Kerr was badly limping from 600 metres out but bravely continued and was 14<sup>th</sup> in 4:11.23.

**Gold:** Isaac Nader POR 3:34.10

**Silver:** Jake Wightman GBR 3:34.12

**Bronze:** Reynold Cheruiyot KEN 3:34.25

### Men's Javelin qualifying – Peters and leads

Two-time champion Anderson Peters threw an excellent 89.53m to head qualifying in group two. World leader Julian Weber threw 87.21m in the first group with defending champion Neeraj Chopra next best on 84.85m.

### Men's Triple Jump qualifying -Triki ill-fortune

Yasser Triki (17.27m) headed a dire standard qualification as 16.83m proved sufficient. Olympic champion Jordan Diaz Fortun had three no jumps.

### Women's 200m heats – Battle of Britain

The seemingly well matched Daryll Neita (third 22.59), Amy Hunt (second in 22.57) and Dina Asher-Smith (first in 22.40) all qualified with ease. Anavia Battle was fastest (22.07) as Americans (including favourite Melissa Jefferson-Wooden (22.24) won each of the first four heats. A modest 23.01 qualified by time.

### Men's 200m heats – High levell in life of Bryan

Zharnel Hughes looked good (second in 20.07 to Noah Lyles 19.99) but Toby Harries (seventh 20.76) was some way from qualifying.

Bryan Levell ran an incredible bend (10.17 at 100m) and eased off and still run 19.84 to be fastest. 20.43 qualified by time.

### Women's 3000m steeplechase – True Faith

Faith Cherotich won easily in a championships record 8:51.59.

The Kenyan who had won bronzes in Budapest and Paris, burst clear over the last 150 metres and took five seconds off of World and Olympic champion Winfred Yavi with her final burst.

The 2021 Olympic champion Peruth Chemutai set a fierce pace of 2:55.20 after a kilometre but seven went with her. She ran the first mile in 4:44 but then began to tire before falling on the next lap as the 2022 world champion Norah Jeruto led through 2000m in 5:56.91. The pace slowed until Yavi kicked away at the bell in 7:44.01.

Cherotich was still three metres back 200m out but a superb water jump brought her clear and a 32.76 last 200m gave her her first gold.

Sembo Almayew set an Ethiopian record in third.

Elise Thomer was 11<sup>th</sup> and second European in 9:19.02.

**Gold:** Faith Cherotich KEN 8:51.59

**Silver:** Winfred Yavi BRN 8:56.46

**Bronze:** Sembo Almayew ETH 8:58.86

### Women's Pole vault – Full Moon rising

Katie Moon looked to be on for her third successive title (having shared with Nina Kennedy in Budapest) when she had first time clearances at 4.45m, 4.65m, 4.75m and 4.80m to lead the way.

However, she failed her first attempt at 4.85m and US rival Sandi Morris got over first time to take the lead. She failed her next attempt at 4.90m without looking close but effectively at her final attempt she hit the bar but it surprisingly stayed on. Morris couldn't match that and so the latter had to settle for her fourth global outdoor silver.

Tina Sutej who has won world indoor medals and been top five the three previous global outdoor championships gained her first global outdoor medal at the age of 36.

**Gold:** Katie Moon USA 4.90m

**Silver:** Sandi Morris USA 4.85m

**Bronze:** Tina Sutej SLO 4.80m

### Thursday schedule (no morning session)

19.05 Women's 5000m heats

19.15 Women's High Jump qualification

19.23 men's javelin final

19.58 Women's 800m heats

Ht 1 Keely Hodgkinson; ht 5 Jemma Reekie; ht 6 Georgia Hunter-Bell

20.55 Women's triple jump final

21.02 Men's 200m semi finals

21.24 Women's 200m semi finals

21.45 Men's 800m semis

Sf1 Ben Pattison v Arop v English v Sedjati. Sf2 Max Burgin v Brazier v Moulav McPhillips. Sf3 Wanyonyi v Attaoui v Masalela

22.10 Men's 400m final

22.24 Women's 400m final

L5 McLaughlin-Levrone; L6 Amber Anning; L7 Eid Naser; L9 Paulino

### Men's Long Jump – Mattia finish winds Gayle

In a cracking competition, the 2019 champion Tajay Gayle took the early lead with a 8.33m leap but that was equalled by China's Yuhao Shi who took the lead with a better second best of 7.84m.

Gayles' third round 8.07m put him back ahead countback which he then strengthened with a 8.34m round four and the Jamaican looked a clear favourite. However, World indoor champion and Olympic bronze medallist Mattia Furlani, who had jumped 8.22m in fourth round sailed out to PB 8.39m in the fifth and proved enough for the 20-year-old Italian.

Simon Ehammer jumped within 10 centimetres of winner but could only finish fourth as China's Shi to bronze.

Bozhidar Saraboyukov jumped 8.19m in fifth as the seven jumped at least 8.17m

That did not include World and Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou was a poor 11<sup>th</sup> with 7.83m as again struggled for late season form.

**Gold:** Mattia Furlani ITA 8.39m

**Silver:** Tajay Gayle JAM 8.34m

**Bronze:** Jan Stefela CZE 8.33m

### Men's 400m hurdles semis – Tyri Pressure

Tyri Donovan excelled again to set his second PB with 48.21 after battling with heat winner Abderrahmane Samba (47.63) most of way. He finished fourth Karsten Warholm eased back and was caught on line (47.72) to again affect his lane draw.

Ezikiel Nathaniel (47.47) won the second semi with Rai Benjamin won the third semi in 47.95 from a back par Alison dos Santos struggled with 48.16 as Alas Chalmers was sixth in 49.49.

### Women's 400m hurdles semis – Gianni in the bo

Gianna Woodruff set an area record 52.66 in the first semi before Femke Bol won the second in 52.31 Emily Newnham ran well for sixth in 54.64 in the heat but it took 53.65 to qualify by time.

### Medal Table

USA 7 Gold 1 Silver 2 Bronze

Kenya 4 1 2

Canada 3 0 0

New Zealand 2 0 0

Jamaica 1 4 1

Italy 1 2 2

Sweden 1 0 1

Spain 1 0 0

France 1 0 0

Tanzania 1 0 0

Switzerland 1 0 0

Portugal 1 0 0

Germany 0 3 0

Ethiopia 0 2 2

Netherlands 0 2 0

China 0 1 2

Bahrain/Greece/Brazil/Korea/

Morocco/Mexico/GBR/Nigeria 0 1 0

Australia 0 0 2

35 different countries have medalled