

## Flash Quotes

**Sandi MORRIS (USA)****Pole Vault Women Indoor - 2nd**

It's a very peculiar place to compete it, people are very close. But I love it! I was feeding of their energy. I'm tired after Rio, there have been so many emotional ups and downs... The atmosphere here helped me a lot. I really wanted to have fun and I did!

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**Katerina STEFANIDI (GRE)****Pole Vault Women Indoor - 3rd**

It is really nice to feel the audience right next to you but it's very different from being on a big stadium and it takes a little to get used to it. It felt great to see all those Greek people living here who came to support me.

It is hard to come from a big event. You're mentally tired. I thought neither me nor Sandi were going to win tonight, but still there is no pressure on these occasions and you can test some things. Anyway, I feel I can jump 5 meters, I see it, just things haven't come together yet.

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**Holly BRADSHAW (GBR)****Pole Vault Women Indoor - Winner**

Personally I really love street meets. It gets the most out of me and the crowd was amazing tonight. Plus I feel in great shape now. Now I'll go in a similar event in Newcastle, and being in the UK it will also be special.

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**Dany BRAND (SUI)****400m Hurdles Men U23 Young Diamonds Challenge - Second, 50.79s, PB**

I still feel sick from the race. But I reached my goal, I wanted to achieve a new PB. I even improved it by more than half a second. I wanted a revenge for the Swiss Championships where I fell at the last hurdle. But today I did not think any more about that. I have never before experience anything similar to Letzigrund, such an audience, it is awesome, really amazing.

Mir ist gerade noch übel vom Lauf. Aber ich habe mein Ziel erreicht, ich wollte eine PB laufen. Ich bin sogar um mehr als eine halbe Sekunde drunter. Ich wollte mich revanchieren für die Schweizer Meisterschaften, da bin ich an der letzten Hürde gestürzt. Aber heute habe ich an den Sturz nicht mehr gedacht. So etwas wie hier im Letzigrund habe ich noch nie erlebt, dieses Publikum, das ist genial, wirklich toll.

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**Alain-Hervé MFOMKPA (SUI)****400m Hurdles Men U23 Young Diamonds Challenge - Winner, 50.77s**

I am really satisfied with this race. I cannot believe that I ran in front of such an audience, an audience like here in Zurich. I have never done such a thing before and it feels just so great. Last week in Lausanne, I was disappointed but today I am happy to run under 51s again. My lap of honour with the flag was not planned, they gave me the flag and I did the first lap of honour of my life. I stopped sometimes to take pictures, but I completed all 400m. It was awesome. I was not sure that I could win today because Dany was all the time very close behind me. Kariem Hussein inspired me, this is the first year I am running the 400m hurdles. Before that, I was a 110m hurdles runner, but my coach advised me to try the 400m hurdles.

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**Alex WILSON (SUI)****200m Men Young Diamonds Challenge - Winner, 20.82s**

It felt amazing to compete here. I'm home! All the crowd pushed me a lot for my last race of the season. It was just perfect!

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**Tianna BARTOLETTA (USA)****Long Jump Women - Sixth, 6.51m**

I am not disappointed at all about today's result. I am extremely tired, the Olympic Games took a lot of my energy from my body. This is my best result since the Olympic Games, I tried to be competitive today. And hey, I am the Olympic Champion and I am healthy. I enjoyed to be here. No more jumps now for this season, I only have 100m races now.

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**Ivana SPANOVIC (SRB)****Long Jump Women - Second, 6.93m, Diamond Race winner**

This Diamond Race win means a lot to me because I was very angry with myself because I could not produce a bigger jump at the Olympic Games. Five big competitions in two weeks is really very much. 6.93m for me or 6.95m for Brittney Reese - this is nothing special to us, something we could expect from each other. I am just tired. I have a business back home, a fitness center, maybe I will invest my Diamond Race money there. I did not make a big party after the Olympic Games to celebrate my medal because I had to leave for Paris and Lausanne. After Zurich I still have two more meetings but then I will have a big party because this year has been my most successful year.

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**Petra FONTANIVE (SUI)****400m Hurdles Women Young Diamonds Challenge - Winner, 56.48s, SB**

The start was good, but at the end of the race I felt my tired legs. But it is still a SB, this was my target, I am satisfied. I would have liked to run this time at the Olympic Games. It is so beautiful here in this stadium, I know so many people, I saw so many familiar faces on my honorary lap because I am from Zurich. It is beautiful to see that I am capable to run such a time, yet I would have preferred to do so in Rio.

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**Sandra PERKOVIC (CRO)****Discus Throw Women - Winner, 68.44**

After Rio this is the best shape I had in the entire season and I thought I could throw even further but I'm very happy I won the Diamond Race. If I'm going to win in Zagreb it will be my very first year undefeated. I've won it all but I keep being motivated because I love what I do. Plus I still have my national record to achieve. In Rio I had two false shots but I know what I can do so I kept concentrated. I want to be the first woman in the discus who did everything and I hope I will be healthy to do that. As for the world record, I feel that if I can throw 73m, I'll maybe be able to go further.

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**LaShawn MERRITT (USA)****400m Men - Winner, 43,65**

The season is over and finish with winning the Diamond Race it makes it feel special. The crowd is amazing here, the track too, it's great. I'm ok with my season. The Olympic Games could have gone better, but I won the Diamond Race and I'm healthy!

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**Dafne SCHIPPERS (NED)****200m Women - Second, 21.86s, SB, Diamond Race winner**

I feel good, I am very happy, this is very special for the Netherlands. The time is really good, I achieved a SB. This year, I had quite some struggles. I hope to come back stronger next year. For the World championships in 2017 I will have to work on everything in the 200m: start, curve, execution, speed, finish. One hundredth of a second to Elaine Thompson, this is really tight, 21.86s is a SB for me, although this is the end of the season. Winning the Diamond Race is something special for me.

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**Elaine THOMPSON (JAM)****200m Women - Winner, 21.85s**

I am grateful. I came out as a winner and I am happy. This is a blast. I came out to execute well. This is my first time in Zurich. It was a long season, my last stop will be in Brussels. I have not been home since Rio and I am longing to get home to Jamaica.

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**Mujinga KAMBUNDJI (SUI)****200m Women - Eighth, 23.00s**

It was really difficult. I am soo tired, but I am satisfied. I came eighth, but I expected this placement in such a world class field. I knew that it would be difficult with these girls. The time is ok. This year was fantastic for me, the highlights were great with a medal in Amsterdam and experiencing the Olympic Games, but my times could have been better this year.

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### Tom WALSH (NZL)

#### Shot Put Men - Winner, 22.20, AR

Before tonight the Diamond Race rank was very close, so I'm very happy I managed to win here with my PB, especially just two weeks after the Olympic Games.

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### Laura MUIR (GBR)

#### 1500m Women - Second, 3:57.85min, Diamond Race winner

This is amazing, I never expected anything like this. The World championships will be at home next year. There is not really something I will need to improve for next year. I am the Diamond Race winner, this is big, big for me. Because running in a Diamond League race is already something special for me. I did not know first that I won the Diamond Race because it depended on Faith Kipyegon, whether she would finish third or fourth.

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### Kendra HARRISON (USA)

#### 100m Hurdles Women - Winner, 12,63s

I really wanted to come here and win the Diamond Race so I'm very happy now. Concerning going back to the 400m hurdles also, I think it is possible to run both disciplines at a top level. That's what I did in college and I had the second fastest time in the world so we are thinking about it. I also have a technique in my mind for the 400m. But now I need to take some time off and regenerate myself a little...

This title means a lot, all the hard work, this is for my coach.

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### Caster SEMENYA (RSA)

#### 800m Women - Winner, 1:56.44min, Diamond Race winner

Tonight I came here to have fun. I am a bit tired. It was a little bit hard, it is about to maintain the speed until the finish line. The crowd here is fantastic, I love it here. My season was great. We come towards the end of the season, I am tired from Rio, it is hard. After Rio I had to go home and travel again to Europe. The WR? - I was not ready for the WR this year. But you cannot ask for more, this was an excellent year for me.

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### Asafa POWELL (JAM)

#### 100m Men - Winner, 9.94s

I didn't start very well tonight but I managed to go under 10s for the 98th time so I'm very happy. The atmosphere is always great here. I think there is even more crowd than at the Olympic Games...I love to run in front of these guys here in Zurich.

I did it again. I really wanted to run faster. Yes, I am quite fresh. I did not compete except for the relay at the Olympic Games, so I try to dominate for the rest of the season. Ten years ago I ran a WR here in Zurich, so of course this is a special stadium for me.

I am very sad for Rieti, a meet that I feel very close to and where I beat a world record. This year they will not be able to make it because of the earthquake that hit the region, but I'm sure it will start over next year and I want to be there.

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### Ruth JEBET (BRN)

**Winner, 9:07.00, MR**

I am happy I won the race tonight and the Diamond Race too. When I beat the record it felt good, but I didn't think I could be that fast.

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### Ruth BEITIA (ESP)

**High Jump Women - Winner, 1.96m, Diamond Race winner**

This was my last meeting for this season. And this was a great night for me, una grandissima noche. 2016 was wonderful year for me with the gold medal at the European championships and the gold medal at the Olympic Games. And now tonight I win the Diamond Race. I am most happy. As for next year, I will compete indoors and then we will see. I will take it step by step.

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### Renaud LAVILLENIE (FRA)

#### Pole Vault Men - Second, 5.90m, Diamond Race winner

I won the Diamond Race for the seventh time - This is super. thank you very much, I am very proud and very happy. The Diamond Race is a very special trophy because you have to be on top several times, you have to have the best performance many times. It is a hard competition. You have to struggle to stay on top. I have a beautiful collection now. It is not only about the prize money - although it is a nice recompense. At the Olympic Games one needed to jump very high in order to win and there are many athletes in our event who can do that.

In Zurich there is a beautiful atmosphere. Last year, when the pole vault took place at the central station, I did not compete. But this year I went there to watch the women compete there. It was incredible, a totally different event with a great audience and atmosphere.

The competition in Paris was very intense. Now I will get some rest and have a last competition in Marseille, the Decanation.

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### Kariem HUSSEIN (SUI)

#### 400m Hurdles Men - Fifth, 49.21s

My foot is ok this week and still now. This was a cool end of the season. Everything is good. I will take the amazing atmosphere in this stadium with me for the next season. Now I will go on a holiday in the United States, also because I am invited to a wedding there.

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### Christian TAYLOR (USA)

#### Triple Jump Men - Winner, 17.80m

I'm extremely satisfied about tonight. It's really close to my SB, I won the Diamond Race, just great. I've won it all, that's true, but there's still the world record to chase and I will keep fighting for it. I want to keep my average up, consistently over 17.70/17.80m.

I train with athletes from different athletes and that helps me a lot. Training with sprinters, for example, it's good for my speed. And maybe I'll run the 400m next year, we'll see.

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### Kerron CLEMENT (USA)

#### 400m Hurdles Men - First, 48.72s, Diamond Race winner

I am tired, I had a mission to finish. Now I am done for this season. I stayed focussed when everything went wrong for me and I kept my faith in God. In 2016 I gave it all, so many sacrifices. I think it is because of my coach why I am doing so well this season. I know what I am doing with the hurdles. And the change is there also mentally, I feel really good mentally. Next year in London? Of course, I am going to have fun there.

Now I will have some fries and some pizza.

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### Jakub VADLEJCH (CZE)

#### Javelin Throw Men - Winner, 87.28m

Tonight I'm really happy with the win and the Diamond Race. I am enjoying this moment. Although, it's a small satisfaction for the Olympic Games, where I finished 8th. With tonight's throw I would have made the podium... But I'm going on.

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### Selina BÜCHEL (SUI)

#### 800m Women - Tenth, 1:59.48min

The atmosphere is phenomenal. I was really fun to run here. But the outcome was not exactly like I wanted, especially at the finish. I knew that it would be difficult, with Semenya in the race and a high pace. Now it is the end of the season. I will take the positive energy from the crowd and the great atmosphere with me from this competition. My first 400m were very fast, but the last 100m very really hard, I gave it all. Maybe it would have been better for me to take a slower pace and to start less fast. This was my last competition for me this season, now I will go on holiday in Tessino. Switzerland is so beautiful and I do not want to travel far away because I have travelled already so much this year.

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