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# Jason JOSEPH (SUI)

#### First 13.46s

Ich fuehle mich gut, der Lauf war tiptop. Der Start war sehr gut, aber ich habe ein bisschen zuviel gewollt und habe ein paar Huerden angeschlagen. Ich habe mich gut gefuehlt und dachte, dass es schneller gehen koennte. Ich laufe nun noch bei den Schweizer Staffelmeisterschaften mit und bei den Schweizer U23 Meisterschaften. Es ist definitiv etwas Besonderes, hier in Zuerich. Letzigrund, das ist immer speziell.

30/08/2018 19:33

# **Caterine IBARGUEN (COL)**

## Triple Jump Women - First, 14,56m

Today I wanted to win only. I am happy with the result. Tomorrow in Brussels there is my next competition.

30/08/2018 19:34

# Jason JOSEPH (SUI)

# 110m Hurdles Men Young Diamonds Challenge - First 13.46s

I feel good, the race was top, no complaints. The start was very good, but I guess, I wanted too much and this is why I hit the hurdles. I simply felt really good and thought that I could go faster. I will compete at the Swiss relay championships as well as at the Swiss U23 championships in the next two weeks. It is definitely something really special to run here, simply because it is Zurich. At Letzigrund, it is always special.

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# Eglé BALCIUNAITÉ (LTU)

## 800m Women Young Diamonds Challenge - First, 2.04.91min

I am very happy. It is the first time for me in Zurich. Everything is here on a high level. I enjoy it and I enjoyed the race.

30/08/2018 19:52

# Yasmin GIGER (SUI)

## 400m Hurdles Women Young Diamonds Challenge - First 57.03s

Auf der Zielgeraden habe ich gesehen, dass ich immer naeher komme und mit der Wahnsinns Unterstuetzung des Publikums habe ich mich nach vorne geschoben. Das Publikum hat mich kraeftig unterstuetzt. Der Beginn meines Laufs war nicht schlecht, aber irgendwann hat der Rhytmus nicht gestimmt. Ich habe mir gedacht, "ich gebe jetzt trotzdem alles, das ist das letzte Stadionrennen der Saison."

30/08/2018 20:00

# Yasmin GIGER (SUI)

# 400m Hurdles Women Young Diamonds Challenge - First 57.03s

On the home straight I saw that I was approaching the leading athlete. And with this amazing support of the crowd I managed to overtake her. The audience helped me so much. The start of my race was not bad, but later the rhythm was not right anymore. But I thought to myself "I give everything now, this is the last race of the season."

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# Marie-Laurence JUNGFLEISCH (GER)

High Jump Women - Third, 1.90m

I am third, that is great. 1.90 are not so great. But I am satisfied with my season. Now I will enjoy my holidays.

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# Fred KERLEY (USA)

400m Men - First 44,80s

I have been running since June and I am quite exhausted now after this race because I had to take a break and this is my first race again. I came back after an injury for this race. It is a blessing to come to Europe, to run and to win. I was stong in my mind to come here and to win after such a break. But I also trust the man upstairs, God. It is my first time here, I cannot complain. I will invest the money in my future, in my little girl Mia. I do not want her to go through what I have gone through.

30/08/2018 20:19

# Selina BÜCHEL (SUI)

800m Women - Seventh 2.00,64

I had so much respect for this race because I knew it was going to be very fast. My aim was to stay with the group until the home straight. The race was not that fast in the end, so I was able to overtake some athletes on the last metres. It was really fun.

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# Mariya LASITSKENE (ANA)

## High Jump Women - First 1.97m

Thank you for your congratulations. I won today, so I am happy. This victory was very important for me. Yet, it is not a good result. My season was like an American slide, great and kind of easy. I tried to do my best during my season and I succeeded. My main target for next year are the World championships. I would like to defend my title.

30/08/2018 20:37

# Consesius KIPRUTO (KEN)

First, 8.10.15

I have big pain. I am injured because I lost my left shoe. That was a mess. But it motivated me to fight as hard as I could. So the race went well.

30/08/2018 20:39

# Tatsiana KHALADOVICH (BLR)

### Javelin Throw Women - First 66.99m

This is my first Diamond League title, thank you for your congratulations. I am very happy. I thought I could be amongst the first three, but now I won! I am very pleased. My Diamond League season was amazing, I am delighted with it. I won two Diamond League meetings and today I won the final. I could not be happier, everything is just so fine.

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# Mujinga KAMBUNDJI (SUI)

100m Women - Fourth 11.14s

My season was very positive. I like Zurich very much, I like to race here. I always perform very well here. The fourth place is my favorite place in this season \*smiles\*. No, seriously, this fourth place is really great for me.

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# **Caster SEMENYA (RSA)**

800m Women - First, 1.55.27min

It was just fantastic. It were long month of racing for me now. I feel it on my body. I like to run on my own since first meters without any pacemaker. I am consistent at this level. The world record is actually not on my mind.

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## Filip INGEBRIGTSEN (NOR)

1500m Men - Seventh 3.34,13

I tried to put myself in a position to fight for the top places. But I was not strong enough today. My season had ups and downs, but in the end it think it was a good season. At the European championships I was hoping to be fitter. Maybe I need a couple of weeks to be on top of my level again. My brother Jakob did not run today because unfortunately he got sick.

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# Dalilah MUHAMMAD (USA)

## 400m Hurdles Women - First, 53.88sec

It was a tough race but I enjoyed it. In the end I had to put that extrabit. I am happy. But there is still a lot to work on.

30/08/2018 21:09

# **Timothy CHERUIYOT (KEN)**

1500m Men - First, 3.30.27min

It was a great race for me. Great feeling. I improved my finishing kick. Zurich has a great track that is for sure.

30/08/2018 21:13

# **Tomas WALSH (NZL)**

## Shot Put Men - First 22.60m MR, DLR

I am so happy, things went so well for me. Two years ago I already won the Diamond League here. It was a tough competition today and the result is just so great. The crowd was amazing and the competition so awesome.

30/08/2018 21:19

# Ramil GULIYEV (TUR)

200m Men - Second, 19.98sec

I tried to win, but my second place is okay. I went five or sex times under 20 this season. That shows we are on the right way. It was a very long season, a good season.

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# Murielle AHOURÉ (CIV)

100m Women - First 11.01s

Oh my God, I am soooo excited. Before the African championships I had to pull out, I was so disappointed because I missed the African championships. I was not sure about my shape then. I wanted to do at least one more race. I am so happy to come here and to win it. My coach told me concerning execution "Show everybody what you have got." Now I will go home to Houston, Texas and get some rest and get ready for next year. This is my first Diamond Trophy. I am so excited and so happy. In Africa we have got so much talent, I want to inspire many girls in my home country. In this final we were also many African sprinters, four athletes.

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# **Alex WILSON (SUI)**

**Sixth 20.40s** 

This race was tough, very tiring. Thank you Zurich. I tried everything, I left all my energy on the track, I stayed so focussed. I am looking forward to the next season. Now I will fly to Jamaica for holidays, I am looking forward to Jamaica so much.

30/08/2018 21:26

# **Noah LYLES (USA)**

200m Men - First, 19,67sec

I came here to go for the win. I did it. I am verz happy. I got reasonable out of the blocks. I will go on with mz trainings to make it even better.

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# Sifan HASSAN (NED)

## 5000m Women - Second 14.38,39

I do not know. I could have won this race. When Helen started to sprint, I could have just gone with her, too. I do not know. I could have gone in front on the last 400 or 500 metres. At the European championships there was a lot of pressure, but I achieved my goal, a gold medal. I will run tomorrow in Brussels, it is not going to be easy, it will be hard. I do not know if I am satisfied with my second place. I started late into my Diamond League season. It was really an amazing season.

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# Hellen OBIRI (KEN)

## 5000m Women - First, 14.38.39min

I am very pleased. I enjoyed the race because there were equal opponents. Before the race I felt I would win. Finally everything came together well. I am proud.

30/08/2018 21:48

# Léa SPRUNGER (SUI)

#### 400m Hurdles Women - Sixth 55.36s

Being the European champion tonight is beautiful but at the same time also difficult. I just tried to keep in touch with the first runners. I am pleased about this good race. The energy was lacking on the last 100 metres. It is as it is. It is great to compete here as European champion, I also saw many encouraging posters today in the audience.

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# **Karsten WARHOLM (NOR)**

### 400m Hurdles Men - Second 48.10s

It was a really close race. This is track and field, competitive, head to head, I like it like this. Of course, I wanted to win. I was giving my best. I was just so close behind him. My season was very good, very challenging, it put me to a new level. Now, I will go home and train.

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# **Kyron McMASTER (IVB)**

## 400m Hurdles Men - First, 48.08m

I have been growing a lot. I really enjoyed every experience I have been through. I feel good about today"s race. But I am very tired of course. It went exactly how I wanted. I got a good rhythm.

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# **Thomas RÖHLER (GER)**

### Javelin Throw Men - Third 85.76m

The competition had some ups and downs. I achieved a third place today, it is not good and also not bad. Still, I have a third place amongst the worlds best. We Germans hug each other after a competition and are happy, I am European champion, Andreas won the Diamond trophy and Johannes is still the World champion. The World championships will be really late in 2019, we will see. I am excited.

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# Dina ASHER-SMITH (GBR)

### 100m Women - Second 11.08s

I am very happy with this season, the whole season and also this evenings results give me confidence for the next years.

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## Women Switzerland (SUI)

## 4x100m Relay Women Zürich Trophy - Second 42.49s

### S. Kora, forth leg

It was megacool to run this relay here. To come second behind Great Britain is an amazing result. For me as the forth leg it was not so nice to be overtaken on the last meters. But being overtaken by the European champion Asher-Smith is not the end of the world for me. She is running on another level. Of course, we all would have liked to win here in front of our home crowd.

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# **Luvo MANYONGA (RSA)**

## Long Jump Men - First, 8.36m

I am quite happy. My winning shows that I am still in good shape. Comming back into great atmosphere whith these fans means so much to me.

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# Katerina STEFANIDI (GRE)

## Pole Vault Women - First, 4.87m

The season started really hard an I have to change a lot of details in my trainings because I was not doing that well. The goal were the European Championships and I managed to win them. For how the season started I am happy with the situation now. My seasons best today is very important. But more important is to finish the season healthy.

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# **Andreas HOFMANN (GER)**

### Javelin Throw Men - First 91.44m

I do not know what to say, I am speechless. It is amazing. The crowd here in Zurich is great, but of course it is not my home crowd like in Berlin. The crowd here pushed me to my best result. This is the first time I win the Diamond trophy, is it just amazing. You cannot compare this to European championships or to any other competition. My last competition of this year will be in Berlin, at Istaf. I will have fun there. After that I will go to Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps with my girlfriend, no mobile phone for most of the time to give some rest also to the mind, not only to the body. Yesterday, I said that 90 meters are possible because I am still in good shape. In Birmingham I threw nearly 90 meters. I guess I gave 100 to 110% at this Diamond League Final. When the javelin was gone, I knew that it would fly far but I did not dream of 91 meters. Only when the speaker announced the 91.44 meters I said "ok". I did not think about what to do with the prize money. The money is nice-to-have. I always take competition after competition and see what comes. My summary of the season, two Diamond League wins, winning the Diamond trophy, new PB, and four times over 90m, a really excellent season.

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