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Sandra PERKOVIC (CRO)**Discus Throw Women - Winner+Diamond winner**

I needed some time to get in the rhythm since I was a little tired with my home meet in Zagreb just a couple of days ago. It was important for me to win there, but actually I love winning here in Brussels too. I won my first Diamond League here in 2010, and then a couple of diamonds more. I should hire a safe safe in the bank at home.

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Yaimí PÉREZ (CUB)**Discus Throw Women - 4th**

I'm not really happy with my performance. My throws were consistent ... but I didn't reach the level that I wanted.

After the WC I didn't train any more. All I need now is holidays and next year I'll be back.

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Tom WALSH (NZL)**Shot Put Men - winner**

This was my first DL win. There were two competitions going on tonight (DL win and DR win, red) and I won the event so I am really satisfied. Very good finish of my season. A season I was really satisfied with. Only thing I would change would be my fourth place at the worlds [laughs]. But overall, my consistency was a lot better and hopefully I can go on like this going into the Olympic year.

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Joe KOVACS (USA)**Shot Put Men - 3rd + winner DL**

You try to plan your season the best you can and you never know how it will go. I won the world championship and now I win the Diamond League. That's fantastic. It's been the whole year a close competition between me and David Storl. Also today I had to wait for David's last throw to be sure that I won the title. I'm really happy.

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Robin VANDERBEMDEN (BEL)**400m Men - second Belgian**

Je suis bien heureux avec ma 5eme place et surtout avec mon chrono de 46.34. C'est mon 2eme chrono de tous les temps. Tres bien, surtout parce que c' est la fin de saison. Chouette ambiance ici, heureusement, j'avais encore un couloir 9 devant moi. Sinon j'aurais risque de dépasser moi meme au debut a cause des applaudissements.

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David STORL (GER)**Shot Put Men - storl, 2nd in DL GC**

Of course I'm disappointed since this is the second year in a row I miss out on the final victory in the Diamond League. Last year it was a close fight, this year too I missed the victory by 26 centimeters. After three attempts I was still ahead of Kovacs, but I knew I had to do better. And I had one real good attempt, but I stepped over the ring. Now I hope to get rid of a chronic inflammation in my knee.

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Dario de BORGER (BEL)**Mixed Hurdles - winner**

Eindelijk loop ik hier mijn record, drie honderdsten sneller dan voordien. Jammer dat het geen officiële wedstrijd is en het record niet gehomologeerd kan worden. Het was wel leuk met de vrouwen zo voor mij in de race. Na een horde of zeven zag ik mezelf naderen. Toen dacht ik bij mezelf: pak die vrouwen. Leuk !

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Renny QUOW (TTO)**400m Men - winner**

Circumstances were good tonight. I really like the track and the atmosphere here. It felt good to win here. Running against the Borlees in Brussels motivated me extra to win here.

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Caterine IBARGUEN (COL)**Triple Jump Women - 1st + winner DL**

It was a very tough competition today. The other girls were also very strong ... but I managed to pull it off in my last jump, like I did already several times in the past.
It's my 3rd consecutive win here in Brussels and I love it here. The crowd, the organisation is fabulous. I'm really happy with my victory and honoured to be the winner of the Diamond League.

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Lee-Marvin BONEVACIA (NED)**4th**

Ja was goed hier. Beetje moe van het seizoen, maar was goed. Ben tevreden met mijn laatste wedstrijd. Was moeilijk vanuit baan 9, ik zag niemand voor me, maar heb mijn eigen race gelopen en was goed.

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Antoine GILLET (BEL)

Que dire apres cette course si ce n 'est au on a senti que c' etait la derniere de l annee, peut etre celle de trop. Je n avais plus de jambes et le fait de courir au couloir 2 etait tout sauf evident. J ai donne ce que j ai pu.

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Nicholas BETT (KEN)**400m Hurdles Men - 7th**

pffff I had stomach problems yesterday and today. Maybe because of the different food that I am not used to. I don't feel too good.

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Bershawn JACKSON (USA)**second and DL winner**

Even if I got beaten in the last metres I'm happy with this result, because I've been suffering from a hamstring injury all season long. It's been lingering on, so I can't complain at all as the winner of the Diamond League this year. Just one little negative thing: I won this race in Brussels in 2010, I was very keen on a second victory.

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Jeffery GIBSON (BAH)**400m Hurdles Men - 1st place**

I didn't really know what to expect today. It was the last race of the year and I wanted to give everything for one last time. This victory is my first Diamond League victory ... and that feels great. To be able to do it here in Brussels in this huge stadium and with this wonderful crowd, makes it even more special. It's fantastic.

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Michael BULTHEEL (BEL)**4th place**

Ik loop vandaag voor de elfde keer dit jaar onder de 50 seconden. Bij de laatste horde zat ik er wat door, maar vierde worden in dit deelnemersveld vind ik heel erg mooi.

Ik ben heel tevreden over mijn seizoen want ik heb heel regelmatig gelopen. Het enige wat ik wat jammer vind, is dat ik op het WK niet sneller gelopen heb. Maar kom, het was een mooi jaar voor mij.

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Femi OGUNODE (QAT)**100m Men - 2nd**

wow, if the race would have been 102 meters, I may have got him. But well, was good. It has just been a good year for me. I run all my pb's this year. 20.05 in 200m and 9.91 in 100m. It has been good. I still feel great so I am ready for my last competition in Rieti. What is my goal? I always go for gold!

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Lj van ZYL (RSA)**400m Hurdles Men**

I got lactic with 150 meters to go, but hey, I did not get any sleep the last couple of days, because my baby boy Louis was born a week ago! (with Irvette van Blerk)

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Asafa POWELL (JAM)**100m Men - 5th place 10.04**

I missed my chance to beat Justin here today. I was closing in on him and at 90 metres I really thought I was going to win this race. But then suddenly I tightened up. My own mistake, what a pity.

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Ryan GREGSON (AUS)**1500m Men - 2nd place**

I'm not unhappy even if I'm beaten in the last 20 metres. I was too tired and I felt this guy coming. But it's an amazing feeling to run a home straight before such an audience. Unfortunately the journey from Zagreb , over Munich and London, killed my legs. Yet this was my best race of the year, even if I was faster in spring. But I've never run this well in this kind of quality field.

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Jimmy VICAUT (FRA)

Terminer troisieme en cette fin de saison me satisfait totalement, surtout que je passe une nouvelle fois sous les 10 secondes. C est etonnant parce a Berlin, j avais fait de la merde. Ici les sensations etaient bonnes et j en ai profite. Content d avoir termine de la sorte meme s il me reste encore le Decanations et une course pour mon plaisir, chez moi.

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Kevin BORLÉE (BEL)

Globalement, on ne va pas se plaindre de cette course terminee dans un chrono honorable (45 43) mais, comme prevu en cette fin de saison particulierement chargee, pas exceptionnel non plus. Je voulais tout donner mais les jambes n etaient plus la. Je pense toutefois le public a apprecie cette course et cette deuxieme place est finalement correcte.

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Pieter-Jan HANNES (BEL)**7de**

Ik zat eigenlijk goed op schema om rond mij PR te lopen, maar op het einde zat ik volledig kapot. Ik was best tevreden geweest met een tijd van 3.36 ... maar dat zat er vandaag niet in. Iedereen praat alsmaar over het Belgisch Rekord, maar eerlijk gezegd lig ik daar niet wakker van. Als de tijd rijp is, dan komt dat wel. Over het algemeen ben ik heel tevreden over mijn seizoen, ook al zat er op de 1500m geen echte toptijd in dit jaar. Nu ja, ik heb een heel goeie Mijl gelopen en ook het WK was eigenlijk heel goed ... op tien honderdsten na dan toch.

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Dylan BORLÉE (BEL)**400m Men**

Papa m'avait dit que ce n'était peut-être pas idéal de prendre part à cette course mais j'y tenais particulièrement, surtout après la déception de la finale manquée. Jamais je n'avais connu une telle fatigue. Ma tête voulait continuer mais les jambes n'y étaient plus. Je me sentais moyennement bien avant la course et ai même connu une chute de tension après la course. Le chrono n'est pas terrible mais je suis content d'avoir terminé ici, sur une note malgré tout positive, pour le public. C'est la fin d'une belle saison, au cours de laquelle j'ai beaucoup appris.

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Olivia BORLÉE (BEL)**200m Women - 23.43**

Je savais que ca serait difficile de realiser les minima pour Rio et je me suis forcee de ne pas trop y penser. J'avais meme mon petit plan, mais ca n'a pas vraiment marche a cause de la fatigue du fin de saison. Mais je suis quand meme contente du chrono, je suis reguliere et je m'approche lentement des minima. Maintenant ce sont les vacances, mais pour Rio: j'y crois!

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Allyson FELIX (USA)**200m Women - 2nd place in 22.22 - DL winner**

Even if I was beaten, I can't be unhappy, since I won the Diamond League. It's quite logical Schippers beat me because I'm not the sharpest 200m runner at this moment. My switch to the 400m definitely took away some of my speed. Yet I enjoyed this race, because the audience is so incredibly energetic here in Brussels.

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Morhad AMDOUNI (FRA)**1500m Men**

Je ne vais pas vous mentire: j etais venu ici surtout pour un chrono et, a ce niveau, je suis un peu decu meme si la victoire me permet d attenuer cette deception. J avais encore de bonnes jambes si tard dans la saison et malgre le fait que jai ete bloque en fin de course, ai su m imposer grace a mon finish. A long terme, je dois nourrir de grandes ambitions.

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Virginia NYAMBURA (KEN)**3000m Steeplechase Women - winner Diamond Race**

I am extremely happy to win the Diamond Race, i cannot describe how happy! I felt very confident before the race. In my mind I was very comfortable. Last year I was a pacer, this year I win the Diamond Race!

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Allyson FELIX (USA)**200m Women - Diamond League Winner**

"This was not my sharpest day," Allyson Felix admitted. "The second part of my race was not there. I started as I always do in a 200 meter but then I executed it bad. This is something I have to work on in the winter."

"For sure Dafne Schippers will be a big challenger next year. But there is a lot of young talent on 200 meter and that's exciting," the Olympic champion concluded.

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Habiba GHRIBI (TUN)**3000m Steeplechase Women**

Quel bonheur incroyable! La victoire, les records de mon pays et d'Afrique. Alors que beaucoup de filles sont fatiguées, je ne me suis jamais sentie aussi bien. Aux championnats du monde, je n'avais pas su sortir pareille prestation parce que la course avait été beaucoup trop lente pour moi. Ici j'avais demandé des lieues et tout s'est passé comme prévu. Mieux que prévu même. L'année prochaine, je devrais davantage courir en Diamond League mais mon objectif majeur sera de briller aux Jeux olympiques. Ce record me donne un fameux coup de boost.

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Habiba GHRIBI (TUN)**1st place**

What a fantastic race. The pace maker did a really good job and in the beginning I didn't want to waste too much energy. I felt really good and to be able to beat my PB, the national record and the meeting record is just fantastic. I knew that I was in good shape, but tonight everything was perfect. Brussels has a fantastic crowd and the track is also really fast. I'm really happy and next year I will try to do even better.

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Adam KSZCZOT (POL)**800m Men - winner**

I was sure that it would be a slow race, that no one would follow the pacemaker, and it happened. Tonight in the final of the Diamond League, everyone wanted to win so everyone were looking at each other. With 200m to go, I took the lead. I had good energy. Only with good tactic you could win the race tonight. I stayed behind and I hit only once, at the right time. Last year I ran here 1000m Polish record, so Brussels is good for me.

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Hannelore DESMET (BEL)**High Jump Women - 12de**

Ik heb 1m85 gesprongen en ben daar heel tevreden mee. Mij PR is 1m90, maar na een zware werkweek lukte het niet om die hoogte te overschrijden.

Na twee gescheurde achillespezen, doet het heel veel deugd om opnieuw wedstrijden te kunnen doen en om op de Memorial terug aanwezig te zijn.

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Dafne SCHIPPERS (NED)**200m Women - winner**

I felt that I could give power after the curve, so that is what I did. You never know what the other can do, but I felt strong and felt I could take the win. The crowd is incredible here. I also saw a lot of Dutch people in the public. The Belgian crowd is amazing. I am enjoying greatly with this crowd, to win here in Brussels. Van Damme Memorial feels like home. I like to compete against everyone, the competition is what I run for. The women athletes always run against each other, we don't hide. Sometimes you win, sometimes you loose. Loosing is part of the game. We will see what next year brings. This season was incredible for me. I still have to get used to it to all the attention. I will run Newcastle 150m tomorrow and then I will go on holiday.

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Amel TUKA (BIH)**3rd place**

I started with athletics when I was 18 years old and I feel that I still have a lot of margin left. This year I've improved a lot and I have had some fantastic experiences. First of all my victory in Monaco where I ran 1.42.51, and then my bronze medal in Beijing. I'm really satisfied and I'm looking forward to next year where I will try to take a medal at the European championship and where I will try to be in the Olympic final. If I stay healthy and without injuries, this must be possible.

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Nijel AMOS (BOT)**800m Men - 2nd - winner of DL GC**

The other guy was a little too fast in the end, I couldn't beat him. But I don't mind, the most important today was to win the trophy of the Diamond League.

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Anne ZAGRE (BEL)**100m Hurdles Women**

J'ai fait trop de petites erreurs pour espérer revendiquer un meilleur chrono. C'est d'autant plus dommage que malgré une certaine fatigue mentale, les sensations étaient bonnes. Malheureusement, j'ai commis trop de petites erreurs: j'ai touché quelques haies, je me suis légèrement déportée suite à un déséquilibre. Je n'avais pas de chrono en tête, mais j'aurais aimé terminer sous les treize secondes.

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Mariya KUCHINA (RUS)**High Jump Women - winner 2m01**

I'm very satisfied with my jump over 2meter plus . This is a top result for me, so I m extremely happy.
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Wayde van NIEKERK (RSA)**200m Men - 4th place**

I think I ran a pretty good race, but at the end I felt that my legs were tired. To be honest I had a little difficulty to get motivated again after Beijing. Beijing was absolutely great and it gave me as an athlete alot of confidence. Next year I will try to get back at the same level or even better.

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Jasmin STOWERS (USA)**3rd place, 3rd in DL**

Why should I be disappointed? The race for the victory in the Diamond League was an all-American affair. We're all winners.

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Dawn HARPER-NELSON (USA)**100m Hurdles Women - winner and winner of DL**

Oh my God, the stadium erupted right before I sat down in my starting blocks. Right then, I hoped the crowd would erupt for me too at the end of the race. Gosh, I was nervous, but I said to myself: the one who makes the least mistakes will win. And it was me, I felt it when I crossed the tenth hurdle safely. And after the finish I made my cartwheel, that's my trademark. All my fans do it, I asked them to post cartwheels on Instagram and Facebook. It's a real success.

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Ruth BEITIA (ESP)**High Jump Women - 3rd place + winner DL**

I'm so happy. Really to be able to win the Diamond League at the age of 36 is very special to me. I consider it a victory for my country, for my trainer with whom I've already worked together for 25 years now, and of course for myself. I know that at my age these are things that I need to cherish, because the young ones are giving me a lot of competition. The season is now over and my holidays start as from tonight.

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Jonathan BORLÉE (BEL)**200m Men**

Je pense que je suis tres bien sorti des starting-blocks avec le deuxieme meilleur temps de reaction et que j ai bien entame ma course avant de me desunir quelque peu par la suite, surtout face a ces veritables specialistes qui courent regulierement sous les vingt secondes. C est la que je dois progresser si je veux me frotter aux meilleurs. Meme si la saison est terminee, cette course va etre riche en enseignements pour la saison prochaine. Je compte en effet courir plus regulierement cette distance, que je ne couvrais que pour la seconde fois cette saison.

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Sifan HASSAN (NED)**1 Mile Women - 2nd today in NR - DL winner**

It's always fun to race here in Brussels, last year I ran a NR on 3000 with 8.29. The setting is amazing, it's like World Championships. Now I'm happy for two reasons, the National record and the final victory in the Diamond League. I always try to do my very best but today it was not enough to win the race. yet, I'm very happy with my season with several NR's : 1500m , 1000m and the Mile.

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Justin GATLIN (USA)**100m Men - Winner**

Happy with this race at the end of season. I was tired. This was my last race. I had a little problem after the race, my coach did not want me to start the 200. Fro; the Worlds I remember that I won medals, not that I lost.

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Marie GAYOT (FRA)

Je suis satisfait de ce temps en fin de saison. Je pense etre bien partie mais aux 200 metres j ai quelque peu relache mon effort pour ne pas me griller et je suis contente d avoir tenu le choc en fin de course. Personnellement, je decouvrais le Van Damme et suis tombee sous le charme. J espere que vous n allez pas le perdre rop rapidement, quelle ambiance!

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Faith Chepngetich KIPYEGON (KEN)**1 Mile Women - winner**

Half way the race I felt I could win. Sifan slowed down a little bit when she was leading so I decided to take over. At that point when I was leading I felt I would win. I was really focused and had my mind on winning. My body still feels good. Watch me next year!

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Femi OGUNODE (QAT)**200m Men - winner**

I knew I could run an Area Record, but I did not know in what time. I am originally a 400m runner, so to run a 100m and a 200m with short time in between is easy for me. My body got a good warm up from the 100m :-). Now I go home and rest, but first party tonight of course in Brussels!

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Justin GATLIN (USA)**200m DNS**

"After 75 meter in the 100 I felt something in my right quad. I still went for the warming up of the 200 meter but my muscles still felt hard so my coach advised not to start in the 200 meter." Justin Gatlin explained why he didn't show up. "Next season is very important so I wouldn't risk an injury. Normally I should compete in Rieti but this was my last competition of the year. I don't travel to Italy. At the end of his talk Gatlin suggested some innovative ideas to the new IAAF president Seb Coe. "Why not organize a duel against Usain Bolt on a Mondo carpet on the Las Vegas strip? It would create a lot of publicity for our sport in the USA and attract young people."

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Renaud LAVILLENIE (FRA)

Je suis hyper heureux de triompher a nouveau ici, au terme de ce meeting qui me reussit bien puisque je m y suis deja impose a trois reprises. En plus, le scenario de ce final n etait pas cousu de fil blanc, j ai du aller puiser assez loin dans mes reserves pour me defaire de Phillipidis, qui m a pousse dans mes derniers retranchements durant toute la saison. Ce nouveau succes ici, qui me permet de remporter la Diamond League pour la sixieme fois, n efface pas la deception du Mondial mais elle l attenuie tout de meme solidement. J ai prouve que j avais encore un certain niveau. A ce moment de la saison, il fallait trouver l energie pour sauter 5m95. Maintenant, il me reste le Decanations et puis je pourrai enfin profiter de congés bien merites.

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Christian TAYLOR (USA)**Triple Jump Men - winner and winner DL**

I was told that Willie Banks invented the hand clapping here in Brussels, so I wanted to give the audience a good show. Therefore I concentrated on the meeting record, unfortunately I missed it by just 1 centimeter. It was a little difficult to stay concentrated when Pichardo quit after his third attempt. But I'm extremely happy with my season: I rate my WC title the highest and then comes my victory in the DL: it proves I'm a consistent jumper. I'm extremely proud on this victory since I missed two meets and I was down in the standings. So I had to come back, that feels very good.

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Tero PITKÄMÄKI (FIN)**Javelin Throw Men - winner and winner DL**

Brussels is a special place for me. I have 5 wins here out of eight participations. Moreover I'm quite satisfied with the distance, although I had one very good throw close to 90 meters, which was a fault. And there is one more thing to be really happy: this is my first overall Diamond League win, after many-many second places.

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Nafissatou THIAM (BEL)

Je suis a moitié contente parce que je pensais que j'avais 1m93 dans les jambes mais ai manqué de peu cette hauteur. Après, je n'ai pas encore analysé mes erreurs. Je constate d'ailleurs que pas mal de filles étaient fatiguées, que les jambes étaient lourdes. Je me devais d'être ici, j'ai tout de même savouré.

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Francena McCORORY (USA)**400m Women - 2nd place + winner DL**

I'm really excited with my victory in the Diamond League. It's my very first time and it's a wonderful experience. I had to go all the way today, but it was worth it. The 1st place in the DL is something which makes up that I missed the team for Beijing. Next year there's another chance and I hope to be there in Rio.

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Cynthia BOLINGO (BEL)**200m Women - 9eme**

Je suis satisfait avec mon chrono et ma présence ici est une belle expérience. Cela a été un bon saison pour moi. Je suis très contente.

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