

## Flash Quotes

### Sandra PERKOVIC (CRO)

#### Discus Throw Women - 3rd place

Stupid things sometimes happen, but that is sports. Actually I was sick, I have a flu since 5 days ago. I thought I wouldn't be able to compete. This is my 8th final, I won 7 of them. But this Diamond League should not be awarded in 1 final. And 30 seconds for each throw is ridiculous. In other disciplines like the long jump they get more. IAAF should consider this and not make fun of the athletes.

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### Yaimé PÉREZ (CUB)

#### Discus Throw Women

This is crazy, I don't realize yet that I've won the DL. I'm completely in shock. When I took the lead in my last attempt, I still thought I would lose because Sandra [Perkovic] still had her last attempt. She's such a great champion and with her in the competition, you're never sure to win. This is by far the biggest victory in my career... but I still can't believe it.

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### Andressa de MORAIS (BRA)

I didn't know that I took the lead after my final attempt. I came so close of winning the Diamond League final ... I'm a little disappointed, but mostly I'm happy because second place is a fantastic result for me.

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### Lynsey SHARP (GBR)

#### 800m Women - 1st

Even if it wasn't a Diamond race, I'm very satisfied about this victory. I didn't come here since 2014 and it's still one of my favorite meetings. The pacemaker was good but I had to take the race in charge. Today, my legs were in good shape and it was great to achieve this season with that kind of victory, with my season best

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### Renée EYKENS (BEL)

#### 800m Women

Dit was de laatste wedstrijd van het seizoen, ik heb daarom alles geprobeerd. Ik wist dat het een snelle race ging worden en ik heb geprobeerd om te volgen. Maar in de laatste rechte lijn werd duidelijk dat ik wedstrijdritme mis.

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### Anna YAROSHCHUK-RYZHYKOVA (UKR)

#### 400m Hurdles Women - 1st

After the European Championships, it was great to win on this track. The atmosphere was good, the opposition not so tough so I could enjoy my race from the beginning till the end. It was just too cold to achieve a good chronometric performance.

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**Hanne CLAES (BEL)**

Fantastisch om hier voor het thuispubliek te kunnen lopen. Mijn eerste horde heb ik gemist, maar daarna heb ik mij goed herpakt. Ik nam risico door snel te starten, maar het heeft goed uitgepakt. Ik viel niet stil. Ik klop hier wereldtoppers, dus ik kan alleen maar tevreden zijn. Het waren niet de omstandigheden voor persoonlijke records.

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**Salwa Eid NASER (BRN)****400m Women**

My goal this season was to win the Diamond League Trophy and I did it. I wanted to go fast and even to run a personal best, but I just flew in today from Jakarta and I felt a little jetlagged. But I'm very pleased with my time of 49.33. It's been a good season and this victory makes it complete.

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**Camille LAUS (BEL)****400m Women**

Cette course, je tenais absolument à la disputer même si j'ai bien failli ne pas prendre le départ après m'être occasionnellement contracturé en mettant mes chaussures à l'entraînement, mardi. Mon corps m'a fait comprendre que je payais les efforts d'une saison incroyable à tous les niveaux, mais ma tête voulait vraiment que je participe au Memorial. Jusqu'ici, je n'avais couru ici aux championnats de Belgique et c'est clairement autre chose. Après, je ne suis pas satisfaite de ma course ni de mon temps, le plus mauvais de la saison mais peu importe: j'ai goûté à l'ambiance du Memorial et j'espère avoir un jour la chance de pouvoir y revenir dans de meilleures conditions.

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**Beatrice CHEPKOECH (KEN)****3000m Steeplechase Women**

This is a fantastic way to finish the season. I'm so happy right now. I was already happy when I came into the last lap. This season made me so happy, with the WR and this DL win. Of course I prefer the WR, but DL is beautiful too.

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**Shara PROCTOR (GBR)****Long Jump Women**

I'm slightly disappointed to not have won the competition today, because I wanted this so badly. However, I gave it my best, I fought and in the end 6m70 is a good result for me today. I'm very consistent in my jumps the whole season and I won two international medals this year. I'm happy with that ... so far.

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**Orlando ORTEGA (ESP)****110m Hurdles Men - 2nd**

Nothing to say about my race. The weather was good, I ran really fast, my second personal best of the season but it was a final race and Shubenkov was just inaccessible.

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**Andrius GUDZIUS (LTU)****Discus Throw Men**

Fedrick Dacres was just too good tonight, he beat me several times this year. I only beat him in Ostrava this year when he had an offday. But today, when it mattered for the Diamond League he was just too good. Neyt year, I have another chance.

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**Shelby HOULIHAN (USA)****1500m Women**

I made a tactical error today. I should have been with the leading group from the beginning, but I wasn't. I still managed to catch up with them during the race and in the end I thought I could win the race in the sprint. However, the last 70 m I saw that Laura [Muir] kept the good pace and I knew I would have to settle for second place. Too bad, because I really thought I could win the race today.

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**Elise VANDERELST (BEL)****1500m Women - !!11e**

Franchement, j'avais un peu peur d'être ridicule auprès des meilleures mondiales mais, au contraire, j'ai su m'accrocher longtemps à elles pour accrocher ma meilleure performance personnelle, tout près du record de Belgique. Si j'ai des regrets de ne pas l'avoir accroché? Aucun, chaque chose viendra en son temps. J'avais de bonnes jambes et cela s'est confirmé. Je pense avoir répondu aux attentes et surtout démontre que j'avais appris à gérer la pression, ce qui était mon gros problème la saison dernière.

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### Yohan BLAKE (JAM)

#### 100m Men

I'm not satisfied about my performance. My reacting time was awful, I tried to catch up my opponents after that but it was impossible and I don't know why. It's so disappointing because I had the feeling that my legs were good today. I could have won the race.

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### Fedrick DACRES (JAM)

#### Discus Throw Men

I didn't have the opportunity to compete much this year, yet I felt pretty comfortable tonight. The 30 second rule indeed gives us an extra challenge, you don't get the chance to really get into the competition. But it's okay, next year another DL win.

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### Pascal MARTINOT-LAGARDE (FRA)

#### 110m Hurdles Men - 4th

Après les championnats d'Europe, j'avais bien remis le couvert pour préparer au mieux cette course qui était la plus relevée de la saison. J'avais déjà pratiqué de la sorte après les Jeux mais cela n'a pas payé ce soir. J'avais pourtant de bonnes jambes mais peut-être que le mental n'a pas suivi. J'ai tapé deux ou trois haies en début de course, ce qui m'a considérablement déstabilisé, sans quoi j'aurais pu gagner ce soir. Dommage, cette finale de Diamond League me tenait tant à cœur.

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**Sergey SHUBENKOV (ANA)****110m Hurdles Men**

I am very happy. This is my second Diamond Trophy, and another sub 13 clocking. I am feeling strong again, after the disappointment in Berlin. Today was about the win, but the time gives me the confidence I needed for the last three races.

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**Laura MUIR (GBR)****1500m Women**

It was very heavy and even my arms were full of lactic acid, but on the other side I felt very good at the same time. The positioning, I have learnt with my mistakes from the past. For one time, I did not want go too fat in the first half.

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**Kendra HARRISON (USA)****100m Hurdles Women**

It was clearly not a fast race and I'm not happy to have lost today ... but nobody likes to lose, right? The last half year me and my coach changed some things in training and competitions in order to keep me fresh for the upcoming seasons with the world championships next year and the Olympics in 2020. I'm healthy and in good shape, so I'm happy.

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### Emmanuel Kipkurui KORIR (KEN)

#### 800m Men

This is my biggest achievement so far. It was a long and heavy season, but I managed to do it. To win the Diamond League was one of the big goals this season. To win a big final, is never easy. Today was about the positions, but next year I would like to run faster.

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### Christian COLEMAN (USA)

#### 100m Men

I got the trophy everyone was shooting for this season. Growing up and looking to the track and field competitions you dream from things like this Christian Coleman said afterwards in the press room. Of course this was my best race of the season. In the beginning of this year I suffered from a hamstring injury. I never could practice without problems. Some people advised to quit for this season but it is not in my nature to give up. Today I put myself back in the discussion.

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### Marcin LEWANDOWSKI (POL)

#### 800m Men

I really loved the race today and I'm really happy to come in second in such a strong field. There were several athletes who have won medals at the world championships and I've managed to beat several of them. In the next years I will continue to combine the 800m with the 1500m. I know that the 1500m is my future, but I need this kind of 800m races in order to keep up my speed, which is my big weapon in a 1500m race.

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### Brianna McNEAL (USA)

#### 100m Hurdles Women

I had been talking about this race to my coach and I really wanted to make it a clean race. So I did, I didn't even notice Manning stumbling next to me. So I kept my focus, and somehow, after the last hurdle I knew I could go for the victory. Now I have an Olympic gold, a WCh gold and this Diamond League. What else can I wish? World record maybe?

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### Mateusz PRZYBYLKO (GER)

#### High Jump Men - 2nd

After Berlin I was completely tired, mentally and I couldn't imagine to achieve great things tonight. But when I arrived here I receive a boost of energy. 2m33, it is a good result after a great fight, with a great winner.

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### Bashir ABDI (BEL)

Mijn laatste race op de piste en ik loop mijn PB, mooier kan niet. Ik ben bewust niet meegegaan met de snelsten, want dan zou ik me te pletter gelopen hebben. En toch kwam ik nog door in 7.50 na 3000 meter, zo snel heb ik nooit eerder gelopen. Dit was gewoonweg super.

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### Brandon STARC (AUS)

#### High Jump Men

This season has been unbelievable for me. I started at 2.31 and now I'm the DL Winner. Yet I had the best mark of all competitors in this field with my recent 2.36 from Eberstadt. But it's amazing what I'm going through in my first year on the DL tour. Eberstadt was already a mythical place for me and for all jumpers, but this crowd in Brussels is incredible: full house and so noisy ... I have one more meet to go, in Ostrava, and then I'll be heading back home to Sydney.

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### Eline BERINGS (BEL)

#### 100m Hurdles Women

Ik loop alweer sub 13, dat was het doel. Dit was echt een gestoord goed seizoen. Elke week een heel jaar lang was ik in staat onder die 13 te duiken. De trainingen goed afwerken was na het EK niet evident, maar de vorm is er duidelijk nog.

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### Selemon BAREGA (ETH)

#### 5000m Men

YES, I am so happy with this time. The public was so good today, that was cray. And also the track is so fast. I came for the win and was not at all thinking about a time, but in some way everything came together.

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### Pedro Pablo PICHARDO (POR)

This victory means a lot to me. I cannot participate in international competitions for Portugal for the moment, because the IAAF hasn't authorized it yet. I don't even know when they will authorize it. That's really disappointing, because today and during the season I've proven to be one of the best triple jumpers in the world. I'm now working with my father in Portugal and that really pays off. That's actually the main reason why I left Cuba, because they didn't let me work with my father.

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### Nafissatou THIAM (BEL)

#### High Jump Women

Le sentiment etait parfait. Je venais ici juste pour le public, et c'était geniale. Pouvoir gagner devant mon public, ca fait du bien. Meme comme championne olympique, ca reste speciale, cette accueil du public belge. Nous sommes en Belgique, et ca veut dire que l'atmosphere est toujours speciale pour moi.

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### Shaunae MILLER-UIBO (BAH)

#### 200m Women - 1st

It was a hard battle to win this race, especially after such a long season. I think my reacting time was quite good then I had to push a little bit at the end to beat Dafne Schippers. Winning another Diamond League represents a lot to me.

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### Cynthia BOLINGO (BEL)

#### 200m Women

Comment me montrer decue apres une telle annee? Bien sur, j'aurais aime terminer la saison sur une note plus positive mais je pense m'etre quelque peu affaissee dans le virage. Contrairement au 400, ou on peut eventuellement rattraper ce genre d'erreur, ici cela ne pardonne pas. Ceci dit, j'ai adore participer a ce meeting: cela me donne envie de revenir plus forte encore.

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### Caterine IBARGUEN (COL)

#### Long Jump Women - Winner

Caterine Ibarguen: "Share the money with my family to go on holidays"  
Yesterday she won the triple jump in Zurich, today the long jump in Brussels. Thanks to the IAAF Diamond League Caterine Ibarguen's bankaccount increases with USD 100,000. "This money I will share with my family to go on holidays," she declared afterwards. Ibarguen left her hotel in Zurich this Morning at 05h00 in the morning to arrive in Brussel only 10h00. She could only take a power nap before putting her spikes on again.

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### Renaud LAVILLENIE (FRA)

#### Pole Vault Men - 5e

Forcement, c'est surtout la deception qui prevaut ce soir meme s'il y a certaines circonstances attenuantes a avancer et que le concours a ete interessant tout de meme: il faisait assez froid, on est au stade depuis 18 h. Le concours a ete assez long. J'ai cru pouvoir me meler a l'autte pour la victoire mais les sensations n'etaient pas excellentes comme c'est deja le cas depuis des semaines voire des mois. Ne pas gagner la Diamond League est dommage mais, par rapport a la periode ou je la gagnais, ce n'est plus vraiment le meme sport ou de systeme de recompense en tout cas. A l'epoque, il fallait juste etre le plus regulier, pas specialement briller lors de la finale. Personnellement, je trouve cela un peu regrettable.

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### Kevin BORLÉE (BEL)

#### 400m Men - Second

"My legs blocked in the last 50 meters," Kevin Borlee. "Just on the moment I passed Jonathan Sacoor I had suddenly problems to finish. This is was my first race after the European Championships, so this is maybe normal in this cold weather though I felt great Today. Next week it will be better in the Continental Cup while it will be warmer."

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### Jonathan SACOOR (BEL)

#### 400m Men - Winner

Jonathan Sacoor: "You can not run a 400 meter without dying on the end"

First participation on the AG Memorial Van Damme, first victory. Life seems easy for Jonathan Sacoor. "That's an illusion," he said afterwards. "maybe I gave the impression to run smooth but every muscle hurted. You can not run a 400 meter without dying on the end."

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### Timur MORGUNOV (ANA)

#### Pole Vault Men

It was a very tough and high level competition today. I didn't even expect I could win it at some point. But the result is fantastic. Very fantastic. My 6 metres and the diamonds are equally precious to me. I cannot even choose between the ECh in Berlin and this victory here at my first appearance in Brussels. Jumping six metres is already fantastic, but these 'brilliant stones' are awesome. And in the end, I had a fantastic season, I was only beaten 4 times this year: in Zagreb, Ostrava Linz and Berlin.

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#### 400m Men - Winner

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"Next season will be an interesting one with my studies in the USA and than later on the world championships in Doha. I think I will focus on the relays," Jonathan Sacoor said. "You have to plan carefull," his coach Jacques Borlee added. "At maximum you are allowed to run 16 courses over the whole next season, relays included. One of the major reasons that my twin sons are still medal winners in their 30's is that they planned their carreer well and didn't run too much each season."

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