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Elliott CRESTAN (BEL)

800m Men

Ik wilde mijn seizoen afsluiten met een mooie tijd en dat is gelukt. Hier mag ik heel tevreden mee zijn, want het is de derde tijd die ik ooit gelopen heb. En dan ook nog tweede worden voor het Belgische publiek, dat is heel leuk. Ik wilde me tonen. Dat er hier een 800 meter zou zijn wist ik nog maar een week, maar de vorm is er nog gelukkig. Als ik terugkijk op mijn hele seizoen, mag ik stellen dat het mijn beste jaar ooit was. Ik heb een seconde van mijn persoonlijk record gedaan en de halve finales op de Spelen gehaald. Nu neem ik één week vakantie zonder te lopen, en daarna nog een paar weken waarin ik maximaal drie keer zal trainen.

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Ferguson Cheruiyot ROTICH (KEN)

I'm very happy with the race. It wasn't easy to maintain the form after the Olympics but to be able to participate in the Diamond League kept me motivated. Today I just wanted to win and to run 1.43, which I did.

The other competitors also had run a fast time this year and I'm very happy to have won the race.

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Alexander DOOM (BEL)

400m Men

Het was een zware wedstrijd. Ik heb duidelijk niet meer de scherpte van een paar weken geleden op de Olympische Spelen, maar ik ben zeker tevreden met mijn tijd van 45.84. Het is mijn tweede prestatie ooit en ik sprokkel hiermee toch ook de nodige puntjes voor de World Ranking. Het was heel leuk om voor dit publiek te mogen lopen en nu is het tijd voor wat rust.

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Michael CHERRY (USA)

400m Men

I am very happy with my win and a good personal best of 44.03. It felt so good to race here. The crowd was amazing, the weather was nice, I had good competition here. And also, getting that meeting record here in Brussels. I still have a few races to go so no vacation for me yet, I still have to focus and try to be better each time.

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Elise VANDERELST (BEL)

1 Mile Women

Dit is toch een beetje een ontgoocheling. Ik voel me nog moe van de Spelen en had totaal geen jus in de benen vandaag. Al van in het begin voelde ik dat de benen niet top waren. Nu ga ik twee weken rusten, ik kijk er naaruit. Ik zal alleen enkele alternatieve trainingen afwerken, zoals fietsen bijvoorbeeld. Eind september zal ik weer hernemen. Mijn uithouding wordt steeds beter, dus ik zie me in de toekomst wel opschuiven naar de 5.000 meter.

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Trayvon BROMELL (USA)

100m Men - second

I had a very good start today. It is something I worked on very hard these past weeks so to put it out in a race feels good. I still have some work to do if I want to be first. Today I came in second behind Fred Kerley so I am very happy with that. I loved to race here in Brussels and will definitely return.

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Fred KERLEY (USA)

I'm happy with the win, but I'm not satisfied with my race. I didn't execute the race how I wanted. That gives me working points because I always want to be better. At the Olympics I took the silver medal after Jacobs. People say that his win was a surprise, but everybody works so hard to be the best and to be ready for the championships, so there are no surprises. Anything can happen at a championship and the final in Tokio was Jacob's moment. I'm very happy with the silver medal I won because it makes me one of the fastest sprinters in the world. After the Olympics I kept working and I always stay motivated until the last race of the season. 9.94 is a nice way to finish the season.

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Sifan HASSAN (NED)

1 Mile Women

I'm really happy with the time. After Tokyo I was so tired so I just wanted to run the short distance. My goal was to run fast here tonight and that is what I did. It is a beautiful time. No I was not thinking about the world record, although I knew I was on world record pace in the beginning. But in the middle, it slowed down a bit. It does not matter. Like I said, I am happy with the time and meeting record, I am not running any long distances anymore this year. In Zurich I will run the 1500m.

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Francine NIYONSABA (BDI)

It was fantastic to run here. I enjoyed every second of it and the national record is the cherry on top. Mentally and physically I was ready for today. Today's result confirms this. To be able to run for a crowd was funny. It really helped me.

I still do not know if I like the long distance more than the 800m, but I love challenges. I won't think too much about it because it is what it is. A good thing about it is that I have a lot to improve- I'm still learning and am sure that I can go a lot faster in the future. What's next? Diamond League in Zurich.

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Christine MBOMA (NAM)

I was really excited to run here in Brussels. It was my first Diamond League experience and to be able to win in such a strong field is great.

It has been a very tough and busy season with the Olympics and the World junior championships, but I'm still in good shape. I ran almost a personal best today, so that pleases me. I still have one race to go in Zurich and after that I will take some rest.

Currently I'm focussing on the 200m, but I hope in future also to get faster at the 400m.

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Nadine VISSER (NED)

100m Hurdles Women

I expected to run better today, but the conditions were not as good as in Paris where I run a NR with a tailwind of 1.7. But I am still happy with how my race went. I made a mistake in the end and had the force to correct myself which made me really happy. That is something I could not always do in previous races this season. It is also my first win of the season today. That winning feeling is amazing. I missed it.

I still have a lot of races coming up. First Zurich, then Berlin and Bellinzona. Due to my injury I was forced to start my season very late so it is nice to have some opportunities left this season. Although it still felt like a really long season because there was the pressure to perform at my best during the Olympics while I knew my preparation was not perfect.

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Shericka JACKSON (JAM)

200m Women

I'm happy with my race but I really wanted to win today. I had a good start so I'm happy with that but there's still room for improvement. I was able to accelerate towards the end but couldn't get the win. I loved to race here and the feeling was good.

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Anne ZAGRÉ (BEL)

100m Hurdles Women

Dit is héél goed, zeker als je weet dat ik sinds Tokio maar één hordetraining gedaan heb. Ik zat met een kleine blessure en heb maar één training uit startblokken gedaan. Het deed me heel veel deugd om hier op mijn favoriete meeting voor het Belgische publiek te kunnen aantreden. Door die blessure heb ik met de schrik gezeten dat ik hier niet zou kunnen aantreden, maar het is gelukt. Als ik terugkijk op dit seizoen mag ik heel erg tevreden zijn.

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Dina ASHER-SMITH (GBR)

200m Women

I'm so happy with my race! I ran a season's best and had a good feeling. It felt so good to be here and to be able to run this fast. I worked so hard after my injury to return and feel strong again. I really love to run here in Brussels. I still have a few races to go so I hope I can improve myself and feel good. The relaxed feeling is back so I'm very happy with that.

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Stewart McSWEYN (AUS)

1500m Men

I think I ran a pretty good race. Unfortunately the pace dropped a little during the race and that changed my tactics. I was kind of sitting there and waiting for the last 150 meters to attack. I had a great finish and that gives me a lot of confidence. To take the win here in Brussels is special to me as it is one of my favourite races. Now the focus is on Zurich where many other strong guys will be competing. I'm really looking forward to that.

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Megan TAPPER (JAM)

100m Hurdles Women

I'm not happy with my race today. I try to win everytime I race but today I was not in the competition. I will have to watch the video and figure out what went wrong today because I felt very strong. But it's not the end of the season yet. I still have to race in Poland and Zurich. So I'll stay positive and try to win next time. Actually I'm not so sad it was very nice to run here. I like Brussels and to run in front of a big crowd.

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Nicola McDERMOTT (AUS)

High Jump Women

Jumping 2m again feels so great. It was also inspiring to see Mariya and Yaroslava jump over 2m. I won here last year with no crowd, so to perform here with an enthusiastic crowd was wonderful. I loved them.

I got the chance to talk to Blanca Vlasic here right after my competition. She told me that I should try to attack my jump more aggressively in order to jump higher. I really appreciate her advice because she was and still is my biggest inspiration. It was the first time I met her. That makes today even better than it already was. I loved jumping here and am happy with the result.

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Alison dos SANTOS (BRA)

400m Hurdles Men

This was a really nice victory. I'm satisfied with the time of 48.23. It's not as fast as in Tokio, but that's normal. We didn't have the time to do some quality trainings and I just tried to maintain the form. I had a fantastic season and I was expecting a performance around 47.00, but I didn't think I would run 46.72.

If you ask me to choose between 400m and 400m hurdles, I choose the hurdles. No doubt about that. I only run 400m races in function of the 400m hurdles.

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Ben BROEDERS (BEL)

Pole Vault Men

Het was een mooie avond. Ik heb de laatste jaren aan alle edities deelgenomen, maar dit was veruit een van de betere avonden wanneer we het over de sfeer hebben. Het publiek heb ik jaren niet zo enthousiast geweten. Ik heb enorm genoten.

Ik ben zeker tevreden over mijn prestatie. Ik noteerde maar een misser op 5m35, wat mij heel tevreden stemde. De piste was zoals altijd weer beton, behalve de laatste vijf meter waar ze nieuwe mondo hadden aangelegd. Ik ga het zeker niet daarop steken dat die 5m85 er niet is uitgekomen, maar ik voelde wel dat mijn kuit daarop reageerde. Ik voelde een kramp waardoor ik geen volwaardige poging meer op 5m85 kon neerzetten, al zat de algemene vermoeidheid er ook voor iets tussen. Die hoogte zit er echt wel in, zeker nu ik mijn regelmaat heb teruggevonden. Ik heb nog vier wedstrijden om het waar te maken. Ik voel me nog goed dus hopelijk kan ik goed eindigen en met een goed gevoel mijn rustperiode ingaan.

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Keely HODGKINSON (GBR)

800m Women

I really wanted that win today. I came really close, but Natoya Goule is class. She is a bit older so I still have time. I felt okay when going into the home stretch. It was much better than in Eugene, just like the crowd here in Brussels. The crowd was really big.

This season was a whole new experience. I am not used to this. But it has been a dream. To achieve all these amazing things is unbelievable. I couldn't be happier. Of course I can say I have a bit talent. but I worked hard for this and I am surrounded by an amazing team who supports me all the time. One more race this season and then it is finally time for holidays. I look forward to it.

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Natoya GOULE (JAM)

800m Women

I'm extremely happy with my win today! I'm just so excited and happy to win my first Diamond League race. I have to thank God and my coach for believing in me. To race here today, especially against these girls. They are all so strong. I have a lot of respect for Keely Hodgkinson. She's so good and humble, a very good athlete and still so young. So I'm very happy I could still sprint and take the win. The big crowd today definitely helped with that. You just feel everyone's excitement for today. I hope I can win in Zurich as well but it will be hard.

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Nafissatou THIAM (BEL)

High Jump Women

The fact that I equal my season's best here, while I feel super tired from the season, is very nice. The explanation? It's because I had fun today. Simple as that. After my olympic title of course I expected some cheering, but it is still incredible to hear and feel it here in the stadium. Now I really need a break after two heavy years. I need to disconnect from athletics for a while.

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Camille LAUS (BEL)

400m Women BEL vs NED

Dit was mijn mooiste koers van het seizoen. Na de Spelen was ik heel erg moe en geraakte ik niet meer vooruit op training. Mijn coach Jacques is een paar keer boos geworden omdat ik het zo slecht deed, maar vandaag is het er alsnog uitgekomen. Een hele leuke manier om het seizoen zo af te sluiten. Als ik dit kan terwijl ik zo moe ben, dat belooft toch voor volgend jaar.

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Yaroslava MAHUCHIKH (UKR)

High Jump Women

Today was perfect. The conditions were so good, the crowd was amazing they were so loud and were cheering for everyone. I had such an amazing time and I try to enjoy myself for every jump. I'm the happiest when I can jump and then to win here is a great feeling. Next week Zurich, I hope to win there and then a bit of vacation for me.

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Armand DUPLANTIS (SWE)

I felt good. I was really close to the world record. That height demands perfection out of you. It is a game of centimetres and today I lost the game, but one of these days I am gonna take it. That for sure.

I could not ask for better conditions. It was hot enough, there was no wind, all perfect... It was just up to me.

The crowd was unreal. I haven't had such an amazing atmosphere during the competition in a really long time. All eyes were on me when I attacked the world record. It is still a special feeling, really cool.

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