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UIPM 2023 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP FINAL: JUN (KOR) AND CHOONG (GBR) STAR IN MEN'S SEMI-FINALS



- Top fencer Shaban (EGY) leads going into Men's Final
- Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion and bronze medallist in hot pursuit
- Thriller awaits as world's top athletes chase Paris 2024 qualification

The stage is set for an epic duel between the world's top-ranked male pentathletes, Tokyo 2020 Olympic **Joseph Choong** of **Great Britain** and bronze medallist **Jun Woongtae** of **Korea**, at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

World No.1 Jun (KOR) crossed the line together with **Emiliano Hernandez** of **Mexico** at the end of Semi-final A, with **Mohanad Shaban** of **Egypt** 4sec behind them.

World No.2 Choong (GBR) then cruised home after an early slip in Semi-final B, which was won jointly by **Changwan Seo** (KOR), **Pavlo Tymoshchenko** of **Ukraine** and **Balazs Szep** of **Hungary**.

Shaban (EGY) will be the early leader on Super Saturday after another fine Fencing Ranking Round performance, with Jun (KOR) and **Linbin Zhang** of **China** trailing by five points and Choong (GBR) by 15.

The full list of qualifiers for the Men's Final is as follows:

| Rank | Name | Nation | Points |
|------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | HERNANDEZ Emiliano | MEX | 1459 |
| 2 | JUN Woongtae | KOR | 1459 |
| 3 | SHABAN Mohanad | EGY | 1455 |
| 4 | DOGUE Marvin Faly | GER | 1454 |
| 5 | GUTKOWSKI Lukasz | POL | 1454 |
| 6 | BOHM Csaba | HUN | 1454 |
| 7 | ZHANG Linbin | CHN | 1454 |
| 8 | GRYCZ Marek | CZE | 1453 |
| 9 | PARK Woojin | KOR | 1452 |
| 10 | SEO Changwan | KOR | 1441 |
| 11 | TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo | UKR | 1441 |
| 12 | SZEP Balazs | HUN | 1441 |
| 13 | CICINELLI Matteo | ITA | 1438 |
| 14 | BELAUD Valentin | FRA | 1438 |
| 15 | CHOONG Joseph | GBR | 1438 |
| 16 | KUF Jan | CZE | 1437 |
| 17 | VLACH Martin | CZE | 1432 |
| 18 | LUO Shuai | CHN | 1429 |

Road to Paris 2024

The first direct qualification quota places for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be won on 3 June – the individual finals day at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

There are another 14 competitions taking place in 2023 and 2024 where points count towards the dream of competing in the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris (FRA). Discover the Modern Pentathlon qualification pathway.

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Live coverage of the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final is available to subscribers on UIPM.TV where annual packages cost €14.99.

The competition reaches a climax on June 3 with the Women's and Men's Finals, before concluding with the Mixed Relay on June 4. Visit the UIPM website or download the "UIPM Central" app to keep track of competition results.

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Competition schedule

UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final

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June 3: Women's Final (9am) | Men's Final (3pm)

June 4: Mixed Relay (11.30am)