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2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAIDEN GOLDS FOR FOLLETT (GBR) AND BERECZKI (HUN)

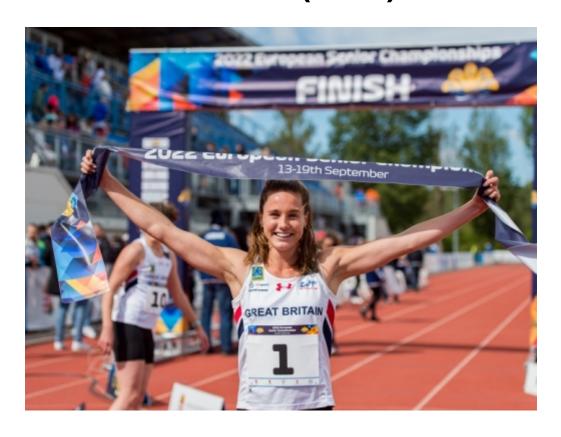


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Two of Modern Pentathlon's emerging talents defeated a high-quality field to become individual champions for the first time at the 2022 European Championships in Szekesfehervar (HUN).

Charlie Follett led an impressive team effort by Great Britain to win the Women's Final on September 18, with team-mate Joanna Muir (GBR) claiming silver and Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Kate French (GBR) finishing 5th.

World No.1 **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary** added to her burgeoning tally of major medals with the bronze, with **leva Serapinaite** of **Lithuania** coming 4th and **Sarolta Simon** (HUN) completing the top six.



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Later in the day, **Richard Bereczki** (HUN) delivered a champagne moment for the host nation as he claimed Men's Final gold and celebrated on the podium with team-mate **Balazs Szep** (HUN), who took silver ahead of bronze medallist **Maksym Aharushev** of **Ukraine**.

Lukasz Gutkowski of **Poland** was 4th and **Christopher Patte** of **France** and **Bence Demeter** (HUN) occupied the next two places.



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With the format mirroring the new Pentathlon World Championships and Paris 2024 Olympic Games format, all individual athletes competed in Qualification and Semi-finals to reach the 18-strong Final line-up.

The Women's Team medals went to Great Britain (gold), Hungary (silver) and Lithuania (bronze), while Hungary (gold), France (silver) and **Czech Republic** (bronze) claimed the Men's Team medals.



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The championships closed with the Mixed Relay on September 19, won by French (GBR) and Myles Pillage (GBR) ahead of Italy (Alessandra Frezza & Matteo Cicinelli) and France (Marie Oteiza & Ugo Fleurot).

Earlier in the week, Lithuania (**Elzbieta Adomaityte** & **Ieva Serapinaite**) won the Women's Relay ahead of Poland and Czech Republic, who won gold in the Men's Relay thanks to **Jan Kuf** and **Martin Vlach**. Poland and France completed the Men's Relay podium.

Martin Dawe, UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, who attended the championships, said: "We saw some exceptional competition throughout the 2022 European Championships and, as always, the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Federation organised a high-quality event that was enjoyed by both athletes and spectators.

"Finals day was particularly memorable, with excellent performances in weather that felt like a mix of four seasons. Congratulations to all countries who enjoyed success at the 2022 European Championships."

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