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UIPM 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: DEMETER (HUN) IN FRONT AFTER MEN'S SEMI-FINALS



Bence Demeter of **Hungary** will go into a mouth-watering Men's Final at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Championships with the slimmest of margins after today's dramatic Semi-Finals.

Demeter (HUN) will line up alongside vaunted teammate and world No.3 **Csaba Bohm** (HUN) in a glittering final field of 18 carrying a five-point overall lead after impressing in the Fencing Ranking Round.

While Demeter (HUN) scored 23 victories from his 35 bouts to lead the field, hot on his heels are some of the biggest names in the game including **Mohanad Shaban** of **Egypt**, the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final winner, and **Joseph Choong** of **Great Britain**, the reigning Olympic champion who is sure to be roared on by the home fans in Bath (GBR) on Super Sunday. Also scoring 22 victories were **Mohamed Elgendy** of **Egypt** and **Linbin Zhang** of **China**.

Today's Semi-final A culminated in an exciting sprint finish which saw **Emiliano Hernandez** of **Mexico** and **Martin Vlach** of **Czechia** cross the line together with Vlach (CZE) clocking a

scorching Laser Run time of 9:56.80. Just a second behind the leaders, there was a four-strong blanket finish including teammates Shaban (EGY) and **Ahmed Elgendy** (EGY), the Tokyo 2020 Olympics silver medalist. **Charles Brown** of **Great Britain** was another to impress as he comfortably advanced to the final.

It was the younger of the Elgendy brothers, Mohamed (EGY) who led home the field in Semi-final B with a daily high score of 1,211 points, finishing just 1sec ahead of **Korea** teammates **Woongtae Jun** and **Jihun Lee**. While **Myles Pillage** of **Great Britain** progressed to Sunday's decider there was almost a stunning upset when Choong (GBR) scraped through to claim the last of the 18 Final places by just a second from **Patrick Dogue** of **Germany**. In a field stacked full of potential winners, **Valentin Belaud** of **France**, a two-time winner in this competition, also progressed and shapes as a dark horse.

Up to three places in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be on the line in both the Women's and Men's Finals on Super Sunday (August 27).

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The UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Championships runs from August 22-28, based on the following schedule (UIPM TV live coverage times in Central European Summer Time).

- Sunday, August 27 | Women's Final (11.15am) | Men's Final (4.15pm)
- Monday, August 28 | Mixed Relay (2.15pm)

The UIPM 2023 Laser Run World Championships took place from August 19-21. [Click here to read reports.](#)

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	ELGENDY Mohamed	EGY	1211
2	JUN Woongtae	KOR	1210
3	LEE Jihun	KOR	1210
4	BOHM Csaba	HUN	1209
5	POPOV Roman	UKR	1208
6	MALAN Giorgio	ITA	1207
7	PILLAGE Myles	GBR	1207
8	BELAUD Valentin	FRA	1206
9	CHOONG Joseph	GBR	1206
10	VLACH Martin	CZE	1203
11	HERNANDEZ Emiliano	MEX	1203
12	BROWN Charles	GBR	1202
13	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	1202
14	ZHANG Linbin	CHN	1202
15	SHABAN Mohanad	EGY	1202
16	DOGUE Marvin Faly	GER	1200

17	JUNG Jinhwa	KOR	1200
18	DEMETER Bence	HUN	1200