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UIPM 2024 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP SOFIA: SHABAN (EGY) AND DEJARDIN (FRA) CARRY LEAD INTO MEN'S FINAL



- Tight Fencing Ranking Round sets up classic Super Sunday
- Szep (HUN) and Dallenbach (SUI) win Semi-finals
- Egypt, France and Germany celebrate triple qualification

Mohanad Shaban of Egypt and **Pierre Dejardin of France** carried a slender lead into the Men's Final at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia after safely qualifying from the Semi-finals.

World No.3 Shaban (EGY) and Paris 2024 Olympic hopeful Dejardin (FRA) each won 23 bouts in a tight Fencing Ranking Round and continued to progress serenely through the disciplines, both finishing within 2sec of the top performer in Semi-final A, **Balazs Szep** of Hungary.

Semi-final B was won by **Alexandre Dallenbach** of **Switzerland**, who led all day after a competitive Fencing score of 22V/13D – a mark that was matched by **Germany** duo **Christian Zillekens** and **Patrick Dogue**.

Pentathlon World Cup Budapest champion **Mohamed Elgendi** (EGY) was never far behind and takes a Fencing score of 21V/14D into the Final on Super Sunday, while Pentathlon World Cup Ankara gold medallist **Changwan Seo** of Korea will have a lot of work to do after a modest 15V/20D in Fencing.

Germany will have three athletes in the Final – all competing for one remaining male spot in their Olympic team – after a dramatic Laser Run comeback in Semi-final B by **Fabian Liebig** (GER).

Moutaz Mohamed (EGY) will also form part of a national team of three on Super Sunday, while Dejardin (FRA) is joined by team-mates **Valentin Prades** (FRA) and **Jean-Baptiste Mourcia** (FRA).

Pentathlon World Cup Sofia reaches a climax tomorrow (May 12) with the Women's and Men's Finals, followed by the Mixed Relay on Monday May 13.

Live stream of the Semi-finals and Finals is available on UIPM TV and all competition results are available at the UIPM website.

The 18 athletes who qualified for the Men's Final are:

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	DALLENBACH Alexandre	SUI	1179
2	SZEP Balazs	HUN	1172
3	SHABAN Mohanad	EGY	1171
4	DEJARDIN Pierre	FRA	1170
5	MOHAMED Moutaz	EGY	1170
6	ZILLEKENS Christian	GER	1169
7	LAWRYNOWICZ Daniel	POL	1168
8	GRYCZ Marek	CZE	1168
9	DEMETER Bence	HUN	1165
10	LUO Shuai	CHN	1165
11	KASPERCZAK Kamil	POL	1165
12	DOGUE Patrick	GER	1164
13	PILLAGE Myles	GBR	1164
14	ELGENDY Mohamed	EGY	1163
15	PRADES Valentin	FRA	1163
16	MOURCIA Jean-Baptiste	FRA	1163
17	SEO Changwan	KOR	1163
18	LIEBIG Fabian	GER	1161