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UIPM 2024 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST: SEONG (KOR) AND GNEDTCHIK (AIN) WELL SET FOR WOMEN'S FINAL



- Two 20-year-olds lead the way after tightly-fought Fencing round
- Gulyas (HUN) poised to launch another podium bid on Super Saturday
- Micheli (ITA), Clouvel (FRA) and Ozyuksel (TUR) among qualifiers

An epic Women's Final awaits at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest after two intriguing Semi-finals saw the list of 18 qualifiers take shape.

Two 20-year-olds will head into the Final sharing the lead having top-scored in the Fencing Ranking Round with 26 victories and eight defeats apiece – **Seungmin Seong** of **Korea** and **Mariya Gnedtchik** (AIN).

Only five points behind is **Haydy Morsy** of **Egypt** but local favourite **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary** is also well set after scoring 24V/10D, while **Elodie Clouvel** of **France** and **Ilke Ozyuksel** of **Türkiye** are within touching distance.

Two-time world champion **Elena Micheli** of **Italy** has work to do after managing only 17 touches in Fencing, but such is her all-round prowess she was able to win Semi-final A by a 4sec margin with an impressive 1,117 overall points. Gnedtchik (AIN) and **Valeriya Permykina** of **Ukraine** were next to finish, with Morsy (EGY) narrowly holding off the challenge of **Anastasiya Prokopenko** (AIN) to secure the 9th and final place.

Last year's Pentathlon World Cup Budapest champion **Blanka Guzi** (HUN), last week's Pentathlon World Cup Ankara medallist **Malak Ismail** (EGY) and **Genevieve Janse van Rensburg** of **Australia** – one of the top Fencing performers with 24V/10D – were among those who missed the cut after a ruthless Laser Run.

Semi-final B was won by Ozyuksel (TUR), bouncing back from last week's Semi-final elimination, along with Seong (KOR) and Gulyas (HUN), with Clouvel (FRA) only 1sec behind and **Laura Asadauskaite** of **Lithuania** among those who safely qualified.

Pentathlon World Cup Budapest continues tomorrow (April 26) with the Men's Semi-finals, followed by the Finals on April 27 and the Mixed Relay on April 28.

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 Women's Final are:

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	MICHELI Elena	ITA	1117
2	GNEDTCHIK Mariya	AIN	1113
3	PERMYKINA Valeriya	UKR	1112
4	LANGREHR Rebecca	GER	1109
5	NOVOTNA Veronika	CZE	1109
6	HLAVACKOVA Lucie	CZE	1106
7	GREEN Olivia	GBR	1104
8	KIM Sunwoo	KOR	1103
9	MORSY Haydy	EGY	1103
10	OZYUKSEL Ilke	TUR	1082
11	SEONG Seungmin	KOR	1082
12	GULYAS Michelle	HUN	1082
13	CLOUVEL Elodie	FRA	1081
14	KOHLMANN Janine	GER	1080
15	ASADAUSKAITE Laura	LTU	1079
16	BAUER Blanka	HUN	1079
17	ZILLEKENS Annika	GER	1079
18	MEDINA GONZALEZ Andrea	ESP	1078