



# Samsung Diamond League

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## BASIC INFORMATION

The **Samsung Diamond League** is composed of 14 of the best invitational track and field meetings in the world. The meetings are spread across Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the USA, and compose the top tier of the IAAF's global one-day meeting competition structure.

This series of 14 meetings, which began in 2010, showcases 32 event disciplines which are carefully distributed amongst the meetings.

In each of the 32 event disciplines there is a **"Diamond Race"** with points available throughout the 14 meeting season. Winners of each Diamond Race receive a 40,000 USD cash prize and a spectacular Diamond Trophy but more importantly, they will have shown season long consistency to earn the unchallenged honour of being the World Number 1.

Each of the 32 event disciplines is staged seven times with the top three Athletes being awarded the same amount of points at each meeting with the exception of the Final where the points are doubled. *The AVIVA London Grand Prix which takes place over two days counts as one meeting.*



## POINTS

### Points per event discipline at each meeting

1st place - 4 points (Final: 8 points)

2nd place - 2 points (Final: 4 points)

3rd place - 1 point (Final: 2 points)

The athlete with the highest number of points in each event discipline at the end of the Samsung Diamond League season wins the "Diamond Race". In case of equality on points, the number of victories decides, if there still is a tie, the better result at the Final decides. For an athlete to win a Diamond Race and its associated prize, and/or to be ranked in the final points standings, he / she must compete in the final (Zürich or Brussels) of their event discipline.

## PRIZE MONEY

### Per each event discipline at each of the 14 meetings

All 32 disciplines have the same prize money with a total of 30,000 USD x 16 = 480'000 USD per meeting

#### Place - Prize Money

- 1. 10,000 USD
- 2. 6000 USD
- 3. 4000 USD
- 4. 3000 USD
- 5. 2500 USD
- 6. 2000 USD
- 7. 1500 USD
- 8. 1000 USD

*+ rewards for 9th - 12th place finishers in distance races and 9th lane runners in sprints*

### Per each Diamond Race winner at the end of the season

The overall winner of each of the 32 Diamond Races will receive a 40,000 USD cash prize and a spectacular Diamond Trophy created by Beyer, one of the oldest and most respected jewellers in the world, which was established in Zürich in the 18th century.

Combine the meeting prize money with the Diamond Race cash, and the Samsung Diamond League is offering a total of **8 Million USD in prize money in 2012.**





## THE 2011 SAMSUNG DIAMOND LEAGUE SEASON

8 September 2011 – First Final, [Zürich SDL](#)



16 September 2011 – Second Final, [Brussels SDL](#)





## DIAMOND RACE TROPHY WINNERS

### 2010

#### MEN

**100m** Tyson Gay (USA)  
**200m** Wallace Spearmon (USA)  
**400m** Jeremy Wariner (USA)  
**800m** David Rudisha (KEN)  
**1500m** Asbel Kiprop (KEN)  
**5000m** Imane Merga (ETH)  
**3000m Steeplechase** Paul Kipsiele Koech (KEN)  
**110m Hurdles** David Oliver (USA)  
**400m Hurdles** Bershawn Jackson (USA)  
**High Jump** Ivan Ukhov (RUS)  
**Pole Vault** Renaud Lavillenie (FRA)  
**Long Jump** Dwight Phillips (USA)  
**Triple Jump** Teddy Tamgho (FRA)  
**Shot Put** Christian Cantwell (USA)  
**Discus Throw** Piotr Malachowski (POL)  
**Javelin Throw** Andreas Thorkildsen (NOR)

#### WOMEN

**100m** Carmelita Jeter (USA)  
**200m** Allyson Felix (USA)  
**400m** Allyson Felix (USA)  
**800m** Janeth Jepkosgei (KEN)  
**1500m** Nancy Jebet Langat (KEN)  
**5000m** Vivian Cheruiyot (KEN)  
**3000m Steeplechase** Milcah Chemos Cheiywa (KEN)  
**100m Hurdles** Priscilla Lopes-Schliep (CAN)  
**400m Hurdles** Kaliese Spencer (JAM)  
**High Jump** Blanka Vlašić (CRO)  
**Pole Vault** Fabiana Murer (BRA)  
**Long Jump** Brittney Reese (USA)  
**Triple Jump** Yargelis Savigne (CUB)  
**Shot Put** Nadezhda Ostapchuk (BLR)  
**Discus Throw** Yarelis Barrios (CUB)  
**Javelin Throw** Barbora Špotáková (CZE)

## DIAMOND RACE TROPHY WINNERS

### 2011

#### MEN

**100m** Asafa Powell (JAM)  
**200m** Walter Dix (USA)  
**400m** Kirani James (GRN)  
**800m** David Rudisha (KEN)  
**1500m** Nixon Kiplimo Chepseba (KEN)  
**5000m** Imane Merga (ETH)  
**3000m Steeplechase** Paul Kipsiele Koech (KEN)  
**110m Hurdles** Dayron Robles (CUB)  
**400m Hurdles** David Greene (GBR)  
**High Jump** Jesse Williams (USA)  
**Pole Vault** Renaud Lavillenie (FRA)  
**Long Jump** Mitchell Watt (AUS)  
**Triple Jump** Phillips Idowu (GBR)  
**Shot Put** Dylan Armstrong (CAN)  
**Discus Throw** Virgilijus Alekna (LTU)  
**Javelin Throw** Matthias De Zordo (GER)

#### WOMEN

**100m** Carmelita Jeter (USA)  
**200m** Carmelita Jeter (USA)  
**400m** Amantle Montsho (BOT)  
**800m** Jennifer Meadows (GBR)  
**1500m** Morgan Uceny (USA)  
**5000m** Vivian Cheruiyot (KEN)  
**3000m Steeplechase** Milcah Chemos Cheiywa (KEN)  
**100m Hurdles** Danielle Carruthers (USA)  
**400m Hurdles** Kaliese Spencer (JAM)  
**High Jump** Blanka Vlašić (CRO)  
**Pole Vault** Silke Spiegelburg (GER)  
**Long Jump** Brittney Reese (USA)  
**Triple Jump** Olha Saladukha (UKR)  
**Shot Put** Valerie Adams (NZL)  
**Discus Throw** Yarelis Barrios (CUB)  
**Javelin Throw** Christina Obergföll (GER)





## COMPETITION REVIEW – 2011 SEASON

**6 May**

**Doha, QAT**

The opening Samsung Diamond League meeting of the season prompted 10 athletes to achieve World leading performances, with Allison Felix moving closer to her own personal set of double figures as she recorded the ninth win of her career at this meeting.

A hot but blustery night ended with two crowd-pleasing efforts. First Ethiopia's Yenew Alamirew burst past Kenya's former World 5000m champion Eliud Kipchoge 200 metres from the end of the 3000m, winning in a World leading, meeting record of 7:27.26 which sent his compatriots into a flag-waving frenzy at their gathering point on the bottom bend of the Qatar Sports Club stadium.

A few minutes later 19-year-old home high jumper Mutaz Essa Barshim provoked applause from home supporters as he cleared first 2.29m and then 2.31 with his third and final attempts, thus equalling the national record he had set in winning the previous year's World Junior title.

There had been a rumble of home excitement earlier in the evening as Qatari runner Femi Ogunode set a national record of 20.36 in the 200m in chasing home the favourite, Walter Dix, who won with a World leading 20.06.

Andreas Thorkildsen, the double Olympic and World champion, could only manage fifth in the Javelin with 83.63 metres as victory went to his young rival from the Czech Republic, Petr Frydrych, with 85.32m.

Felix's ninth Doha win came in the 400 metres, where she ran a World leading 50.33 to hold off Amantle Montsho of Botswana, who recorded 50.41.

Teddy Tamgho had set the first of his World indoor Triple Jump records in Doha – 17.90 metres – at the previous year's World Indoor Championships, but the 21-year-old Frenchman did not require such lengths to secure another victory in Qatar as he won with 17.49m – a meeting record and World leading mark nevertheless.

There was disappointment for Tamgho's French team-mate, European and World Indoor Pole Vault champion Renaud Lavillenie, who was fourth with 5.50 metres in an event won by Germany's Malte Mohr in a World leading 5.81m.

Kellie Wells of the United States, coming off an unbeaten indoor season, won the 100m Hurdles in 12.58, a World leading time which equalled her personal best.

Gerd Kanter, Estonia's Olympic champion, celebrated his birthday by earning victory in the Discus with his last effort of 67.49 metres – another World leading effort, and the effervescent Funmi Jimoh also produced a World leading performance in the women's Long Jump with 6.88 metres on her first effort, beating Brazil's Olympic champion Maurren Maggi by a centimetre.

"I don't know what it is about Doha," said Jimoh, "it is a lot like where I am from in Texas. It is hot and the sun is always up. I love it."

Swift finishes earned Anna Mishchenko of Ukraine and Milcah Chemos of Kenya victory in the 1500 metres and 3000m Steeplechase respectively in World leading times. Mishchenko recorded 4:03.00, while Chemos ran 9:16.44, also a meeting record.



## **15 May Shanghai, CHN**

Victory for the city's favourite son, Liu Xiang, brought the Dunlop Shanghai Golden Grand Prix to a tumultuous conclusion in front of a crowd of 30,000.

The former World and Olympic 110 metres Hurdles champion lived up to all the local expectations – and apparently exceeded his own – in putting an end to the unbeaten outdoor sequence of 18 races established by one of the other marquee names of this meeting, David Oliver. And Liu's time of 13.07 became the eighth World leading performance of the night.

Liu's new starting technique – taking seven rather than eight steps to the first hurdle – appeared to work perfectly as he took hold of the race and never let go, unleashing pandemonium as he crossed the line with his face breaking into a smile that was at least partly of relief.

His US opponent, whose last loss had been on 31 August 2009, was not so sharp at the start and never established the expected challenge to his Chinese opponent, taking second place in 13.18.

"I am very, very satisfied with the time. I wasn't quite expecting it," said Liu. "But I do not think Oliver ran his best. I think he looked a little bit nervous."

Liu's was the fifth clear World leading performance of the night, with the other highlight being an exhilarating last lap in the women's 5000 metres which saw Kenya's World champion Vivian Cheruyiot hold off the challenge of Ethiopia's Sentayeha Ejigu and fellow countrywoman Linet Masai, the World 10,000m champion, to win in a World leading time of 14:31.92. Ejigu clocked 14:32.87 and Masai 14:32.95, with another Kenyan, Viola Kibiwot, running a personal best of 14:34.86 to claim fourth place.

Other World bests came from Jamaica's Kaliese Spencer in the 400m Hurdles (54.20) and two Kenyan athletes. Brimin Kipruto won the 3000m Steeplechase (8:02.28), and Nixon Chepseba held off his fellow countryman Asbel Kiprop, the Olympic champion, over 1500 metres to earn a famous victory in 2:31.42.

And there were performances equalling the World leading mark from Australia's Mitchell Watt in the Long Jump (8.44 metres), Croatia's Blanka Vlasic in the High Jump (1.94m) and Tero Pitkamaki in the Javelin. The Finn threw 85.33 to beat the World and Olympic champion Andreas Thorkildsen, who had managed a season's best of 85.12 before staggering to a halt during his fifth effort and dropping out. "I felt something in my groin, close to my knee," said the Norwegian.

Asafa Powell, having performed disappointingly over 200 metres at the Kingston meeting, won the 100 metres in 9.95. Fellow Jamaican Veronica Campbell-Brown celebrated her 29th birthday by winning the 100m in 10.92, with Carmelita Jeter of the United States clocking 10.95.

## **26 May Rome, ITA**

"I got through my first race, I was so nervous. I got a bad start and then kind of started to panic."

These are not the kind of words we associate with Usain Bolt, but it was indeed the World 100 and 200 metres record holder who uttered them in Rome's Olympic stadium after completing his first race at the shorter distance since the defeat by Tyson Gay in Stockholm which had helped persuade him to cut short his season nine months earlier.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Bolt, who had helped attract a crowd of 47,732 for his track return, made a sluggish start – he was the third last sprinter in the nine man field to emerge from his blocks. But he finished fast to overhaul his Jamaican friend and rival Asafa Powell and win in 9.91, with Powell clocking 9.93 and France's Christophe Lemaitre third in 10.00.





Fortunately the 24-year-old Olympic and World champion showed no signs of the Achilles tendon or back problems which had undermined his previous season, and he was inclined to look on the bright side afterwards. "I am getting there," he said.

The huge crowd at the Compeed Golden Gala had plenty to cheer besides Bolt. Sanya Richards-Ross, making a top class comeback after a season ruined by injury, indicated her intention of trying to defend her World 400m title as she finished fifth in 50.98 in a race where fellow American Allyson Felix produced the first sub-50 seconds performance of the year in lowering her World lead to 49.81. As in Doha, Commonwealth champion Amantle Montsho was runner-up, this time in 50.47 with US indoor record holder Francena McCorory a surprise third in 50.70.

Felix and Richards-Ross were back on the track of the Olympic Stadium around 45 minutes later for the 200m, but both were unable to cope with fellow countrywoman Bianca Knight, who won in 22.64.

The 22-year-old was followed across the line by Jamaica's Olympic and World 100m silver medallist Kerron Stewart in 22.74. Felix was fifth in 22.81, and Richards-Ross sixth in 22.88. "I enjoyed being back," said Richards. "But I would have liked to come back stronger."

Ethiopia's Imane Merga ran the season's fastest time of 12:54.21 in a 5000m where 17-year-old Kenyan Isaiah Koech finished a close second in a terrific personal best of 12: 54.59.

Other World leading performances came from Renaud Lavillenie in the Pole Vault (5.81m), Phillips Idowu in the Triple Jump (17.59m), Maryam Yusuf Jamal in the 1500m (4: 01.60), Milcah Chemos in the 3000m Steeplechase and Mariya Abakumova in the Javelin, while Blanka Vlašić equalled Bulgaria's Venelina Veneva-Mateeva's five-day-old High Jump mark of 1.95m.

## **4 June** **Eugene, USA**

Home athletes David Oliver and Carmelita Jeter sparkled most brightly in a Samsung Diamond League meeting which produced nine World leading performances. Oliver, whose unbeaten record over 18 110 metres Hurdles finals had been ended by China's Liu Xiang in Shanghai, earned revenge as he became the first high hurdler to dip under 13 seconds in 2011, clocking 12.94, with Liu lowering his season's best to 13.00 in second place.

Jeter produced a winning 100 metres time of 10.70s, a mark only she – with 10.64 – Marion Jones, with 10.65 and World record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner, with 10.49, have ever bettered.

The other World leading marks at a Prefontaine Classic watched by a near capacity 12,188 crowd at Hayward Stadium came from Abubaker Kaki of Sudan in the 800 metres (1:43.68), Ryan Gregson of Australia, who won the International Mile in 3:53.86, and Haron Keitany of Kenya, who won the subsequent Bowerman Mile in 3:49.09, Kenia Sinclair of Jamaica, who won the 800m in 1:58.29, Lashinda Demus of the United States, who won the 400m Hurdles in 53.31, Ukraine's Olha Saladukha, who won the Triple Jump with 14.98m and Nadezhda Ostapchuk of Belarus, who reached 20.59m in the Shot Put.

Steve Mullings of Jamaica was assumed to have set a World lead with his time of 9.80 in the 100 metres until news came through of Tyson Gay's clocking of 9.79 at a minor meeting in Florida on the same day.

Taking into account the previous evening's achievements by Moses Mosop of Kenya, who set a World record of 1hr 26:47.40 for the 30,000 metres and a world record of 1:12.25.40 for the 25,000m en route, and Britain's Mo Farah, who ran a European record 10,000m time of 26min 46.57, breaking Mohammed Mourhit of Belgium's 11-year-old mark of 27:52.30 and Jon Brown's UK 1998 record of 27:18.14, it was one of the best Prefontaine Classics ever.

The 110m Hurdles lived up to all expectations as Oliver, marginally beaten out of the blocks by Liu, moved decisively ahead over the seventh rank of hurdles. "It's cool," said Oliver.

By contrast, Jeter ran a race all on her own, assisted by a following wind bang on the legal limit of 2.00 metres per second.



South Africa's World 800 metres champion Caster Semenya, making her debut on American soil, finished second behind Sinclair in 1:58.88, her first sub-2min of the season, but fellow countryman and Paralympian Oscar Pistorius was dissatisfied after finishing last in 46.33 in a 400 metres won by the double Olympic 400m Hurdles champion Angelo Taylor in 45.16.

Britain's former European Silver medallist Greg Rutherford earned one of his most prestigious victories in the Long Jump, where what would have been a personal best of 8.32m was disallowed for record purposes by a wind marginally over the allowable limit at 2.1mps.

## **9 June Oslo, NOR**

Usain Bolt's sublime confidence in his ability to run the 200 metres better than anyone else turned out to be fully justified at a rainswept Bislett Stadium as he completed his first long sprint for 13 months in a time of 19.86. He finished easily clear of his nearest challenger at the ExxonMobil Bislett Games in Oslo, home runner Jaysuma Ndure.

But Bolt, whose two previous races this season had seen him win in 9.91, relatively ordinary for the man with a 9.58 to his credit, happily batted away the suggestion after the race that he was "back in business."

"I've never been out of business," he said with a grin after completing a long, wet lap of honour which appeared to have taken more out of him than his watery run. "I think business was just slow."

"I think people expect too much of me. I'm only human. I'm taking steps to get back to my best. I'm feeling good. I'm going to get there."

"I've got two and a half months until the World Championships so now I am going to go back home and get back to work and I am going to try and stay injury free. That's the key."

Bolt's galloping performance produced the third and final World leading mark of a meeting that began in drifting rain and ended in a steady downpour, with the other high points being provided by Morocco's Halima Hachlaf, who recorded 1:58.27 in beating an 800m field which included World champion Caster Semenya, and Paul Kipsiele Koech, who turned from a would-be pacemaker into a winner in the 3000m Steeplechase, crossing the line in 8:01.83.

For the crowd who had sat so patiently in the rain, the Jamaican's performance, and indeed his generous and slow tour of the stadium afterwards, clad in a blue waterproof cagoule which shone under the lights, made the waiting worthwhile.

"It was a good race," he concluded, after finishing oceans clear of Ndure, who clocked 20.43, and his training partner Mario Forsythe, who recorded 20.49. "I'm glad I came out of it injury-free. I'm back to being Usain Bolt. I'm not perfect, but I'm getting there."

The Bolt effect worked wonders for this Samsung Diamond League meeting in terms of ticket sales – all 14,800 seats were reported sold out three days before the competition began.

Kenya's Olympic 1500m champion Asbel Kiprop weathered the rain best in the Exxon Dream Mile, coming through with a final burst in the last 10 metres to take the win in 3:50.86.

Valerie Adams made an emphatic debut in this season's Samsung Diamond League as she beat a Shot Put field that included the overwhelming Diamond Race winner of last year, Nadezhda Ostapchuk, producing the four best efforts of the competition, the best of which was her fourth round of 20.26m.



## **11 June** **New York, USA**

Two days later in New York the weather was even worse for the sixth stage of the Samsung Diamond League – the adidas Grand Prix – and on a cold, wet and windy day Steve Mullings of Jamaica made the headlines with a narrow 100 metres victory over his training partner, the former World champion Tyson Gay.

The eagerly awaited head-to-head between the world's two fastest men this year lived up to its billing despite a 3.4 metres per second wind blowing in their faces. Before the New York meet, Gay had clocked 9.79 and Mullings 9.80 at the respective races in Florida and Eugene on the previous Saturday. On this occasion, both clocked 10.26, with victory going to the Jamaican.

"I wouldn't be going around saying I beat Tyson," Mullings insisted. "He's just 70 per cent (fit) and believe me will be ready for the World Championships." Gay insisted he wasn't distracted by the three false starts, but added: "The conditions were a nightmare."

Another eagerly awaited meeting failed to live up to expectations however as Teddy Tamgho, who had registered the world's third best ever Triple Jump of 17.98m in the Icahn Stadium the previous year failed to challenge Britain's reigning World champion Phillips Idowu as he failed to make the six-man final cut. Idowu won with 16.67m.

Following her defeat in the previous week's 400m in Eugene, three-times World 200m champion Allyson Felix won over her favourite distance in 22.98. "I felt good but conditions were crazy," said the US sprinter.

Danielle Carruthers followed her win against a world class 100m Hurdles field in Hengelo a fortnight earlier by re-stating her domination ahead as she beat fellow American Kellie Wells and Great Britain's former US athlete Tiffany Ofili-Porter by recording 13.04 into a 3.7mps headwind.

Milcah Chemos had her toughest race of the summer's campaign so far when stuttering at the last barrier in the 3000m Steeplechase but promptly recovered to earn a tight third Samsung Diamond League victory in 9:27.29, just 0.08 ahead of Ethiopia's Sofia Assef with World record holder Gulnara Samitova-Galkina third in 9:29.75.

World 400 Hurdles Silver medallist Javier Culson narrowly defeated Bershawn Jackson of the United States and Britain's David Greene, clocking 48.50.

Conditions turned the Pole Vault into a farce, with former European Silver medallist Romain Mesnil winning on countback from Brad Walker with a clearance of 5.52m.

Reigning Olympic champion Stephanie Brown-Trafton was the only thrower to exceed 60m when leading a USA clean sweep in the discus ahead of Gia Lewis-Smallwood and Aretha Thurmond.

## **30 June** **Lausanne, SUI**

Asafa Powell responded to the recent efforts of his 100m rivals Tyson Gay and Steve Mullings by running a new World season lead of 9.78, 0.01 faster than Gay had managed, and 0.02 faster than his fellow Jamaican's 2011 best.

The former World record holder, who had won three previous races at the Stade de la Pontaise, setting the meeting record of 9.72 seconds three years earlier, pulled four of his rivals under the 10 seconds barrier with him.

Fellow Jamaican Michael Frater, who finished runner-up, struck 0.06 off his previous best with a time of 9.88, whilst third-placed Christophe LeMaitre equalled his French record of 9.95.

They were followed home by another Jamaican Nesta Carter who along with Jaysuma Saidy Ndure, who became Norway's first ever sub-10 man, clocked 9.99.





"It was a wonderful race, I got a perfect start," said Powell. "Now for the moment I'm the best. I'm in a good mood for Daegu."

World Indoor Triple Jump champion and record holder Teddy Tamgho restated his credentials despite managing only one valid Triple Jump. The Frenchman's third round leap of 17.91 metres (+1.4m/s) was a World leading mark and meeting record.

Tamgho, who was only seven centimetres short of his year-old personal best, was ecstatic after returning to winning form having failed to make the cut in New York earlier in June. World champion Phillips Idowu, was second with 17.52.

"I'm ready to beat the World record but the way is long," Tamgho said.

Olympic silver medallist Sally Pearson opened her European season with a flourish, only the illegal wind of +3.3m/s denying her 12.47 second run from being counted as an Area record (which stood to her at 12.53 from Monaco 2008), and the fastest time in the world this year.

The 24-year-old Australian led from gun-to-tape, finishing 0.01 ahead of Danielle Carruthers.

World record holder David Rudisha produced another electrifying 800m run and if anyone had challenged him over the final circuit and the wind hadn't been so strong his winning time of 1:44.15 would certainly have been much faster.

A fourth 3000m Steeplechase victory virtually assured Kenya's Milcah Chemos of a second Diamond Race Trophy.

Pole Vaulteur Renaud Lavillenie, who had no-heighted in the stormy conditions in New York, easily won here with a height of 5.83m.

Norway's World and double Olympic Javelin Throw champion Andreas Thorkildsen made a phenomenal return to Samsung Diamond League action after injury in Shanghai when sending his opening effort out to the winning distance of 88.19m - just three centimetres short of Latvia's Vadims Vasilevskis World season lead.

Sanya Richards, still battling to recover the form which won her the World 400m title in 2009, had her fastest race of the season, 50.61, when taking second place behind favourite Amantle Montsho of Botswana, who won in 50.23.

David Greene, the European 400m Hurdles champion, earned one of the best victories of his career as he beat the respective World gold and silver medallists Kerron Clement and Javier Culson, clocking 48.41.

## 8 July

### Paris, FRA

The newly laid Mondo track at the Stade de France did not get a superfast christening from Usain Bolt, but Jamaica's World and Olympic champion comfortably held off local hero Christophe Lemaitre to win the 200 metres in 20.03 on a night when an appreciative crowd of 49,174 spectators saw four World season leading marks set and victories for their other home hopes in Renaud Lavillenie and Mahiedine Mekhissi Benabbad.

The Meeting Areva's four finest efforts of the season so far came from Cuba's Yargelis Savigne, with a Triple Jump of 14.99 metres, Christina Obergföll of Germany, who won the Javelin with a throw of 68.01 metres, Ethiopia's Meseret Defar, who earned a 5000 metres victory in 14:29.52 after a 62.79 last lap, and Zuzana Hejnova, who won the 400m Hurdles in 53.29, which was also a Czech Republic record.

Bolt revealed after a race in which he had slowed dramatically over the final 30 metres that he had been in two minds about racing because of what he described as "a flu".

In the circumstances, he would have had particular reason not to appreciate the lengthy delay before the night's finale - caused by problems with the timing equipment. The field had to take to their blocks three times before getting belatedly away.



The World record holder, who had initially joked and laughed as the camera lingered on him, was more subdued after finishing. Lemaître, straining to keep in touch, took second place in a season's best of 20.21, with Darvis Patton of the United States third in 20.59. It was the first time Bolt had finished a 200 metres, excluding rounds, in more than 20 seconds since 14th September 2007, when he finished third in Brussels.

David Oliver's progress towards the IAAF World Championships 110m Hurdles, upset by his defeat at the hands of former World and Olympic champion Liu Xiang at the Shanghai Samsung Diamond League in May, received another jolt as he was beaten by his other great rival, Cuba's World record holder Dayron Robles, with both men recording 13.09.

Both men had warm memories of this stadium, Robles having set a stadium record of 12.88 in 2008, and Oliver having run his best of 12.89 here last season.

Savigne had to reach out to the brink of the 15 metres mark in order to head off the challenge of her Ukrainian Triple Jump rival Olha Saladuha, who had arrived with the season's best mark of 14.98 to her credit.

France's European champion Mahiedine Mekhissi Benabbad caused the stadium to fill with patriotic noise as he came home half a straight clear of his Kenyan rivals in the Men's 3000m Steeplechase to reduce his personal best from 8:02.52 to 8:02.09. It was not quite what the tall, bearded figure in the green top and shoes wanted – he has been seeking the European record of 8:01.18, held his compatriot Bob Tahri, all season.

The Stade de France spectators soon had another reason to be waving the large, bright yellow sponsor cards which had been distributed throughout the stadium as another of their European champions delivered. This time it was the personable Lavillénie, who secured victory in the Pole Vault with an effort of 5.73 metres.

Chris Tomlinson took second place in the Long Jump as he regained the British record which had been taken from him by Greg Rutherford with a third round effort of 8.35m.

## **10 July** **Birmingham, GBR**

It may have rained on Birmingham's parade as the city staged its first Samsung Diamond League meeting in an Alexander Stadium transformed by the new, as-yet unnamed, stand on the back-straight, but a full house was able to enjoy some of the most stirring contests yet seen in this season's series and World leading performances from Andreas Thorkildsen, who won the Javelin Throw with a third round 88.30 metres, and Sally Pearson who earned a pulsating victory over the 100 metres Hurdles in 12.48, an Oceania Area record.

For the home crowd, however, two of the highlights of this thoroughly enjoyable Aviva Birmingham Grand Prix will have been the victories by Mo Farah and Dai Greene in the 5000 metres and 400m Hurdles respectively which boded well for the forthcoming IAAF World Championships in Daegu and beyond.

Asafa Powell, who won his 100m here with ease in 9.91, was also left feeling increasingly confident about the possibility of securing his first global title, even if he did have to face fellow countryman Usain Bolt.

Pearson, Australia's Olympic silver medallist, had already indicated what might be in store by winning her 100m Hurdles heat in a time of 12.57, equalling the meeting record. In the final, despite coming under sustained pressure from the Diamond Race leader Danielle Carruthers and her US colleagues Ginnie Crawford and Kellie Wells, who led the 2011 season list coming into this meeting with 12.50, the Australian kept her form impeccably over the final four sets of hurdles to maintain the lead she has established from the gun and cross in 12.48.

Carruthers, grimacing with every effort over the barriers, finished second with a personal best of 12.52, with Crawford third in 12.79 and Wells fourth with 12.80.

"I've come to Europe to get ready for the World Championships and I've had fantastic preparation," said Pearson. "It's all just come together. I've always wanted to be the best in the world and I'm heading in that direction."



Mo Farah's winning 5000 metres time of 13:06.14 may not have been impressive, but his final 400m time of 54.03 certainly was, and also the overall manner of his win against a world class field as he left Ethiopia's Diamond Race winner of last year and leader of this, Imane Merga, in his wake.

In the final straight Farah's training partner Galen Rupp moved up to take second place in a personal best of 13:06.06.

Greene, sandwiched between Puerto Rico's World silver medallist Javier Culson and the former World champion Bershawn Jackson, set the fireworks flaring at the end of the stadium with an impressive victory in the 400 metres Hurdles in 48.20, a season's best.

Asked about the rain which was falling steadily at the time, Greene joked: "As a Welshman I consider these conditions to be almost tropical."

Croatia's World champion Blanka Vlašić maintained her lead in the High Jump Diamond Race – but only after a prolonged struggle with Russia's Anna Chicherova, whom she beat on count-back, by dint of just one extra failure, after both had cleared 1.99 and then failed at 2.01.

Dylan Armstrong extended his lead in the Shot Put Diamond Race with victory in 21.55 metres.

## **22 July** **Monaco, MON**

Olympic champion Brimin Kipruto's 3000m Steeplechase victory in a Kenyan record of 7:53.64, the second fastest time ever, outshone even a hard-fought 100m victory by Usain Bolt in a season's best of 9.88 at the Herculis / Samsung Diamond League meeting.

Kipruto, with a last lap of around 60 seconds, missed by just 0.01 the World record time of 7:53.63 which Saif Saaeed Shaheen, a fellow Kenyan who switched allegiance to Qatar in 2003, achieved at the 2004 Golden League meet in Brussels. It was arguably the most impressive performance of the season thus far.

Behind Kipruto, the 2004 Olympic gold medallist Ezekiel Kemboi and World leader Paul Koech were rewarded with lifetime bests, the former moving to fourth position on the all-time list with 7:55.76 while Koech's clocking of 7:57.32 lifted him to seventh.

Bolt was the last sprinter to rise out of his blocks and at 50 metres looked vulnerable as fellow Jamaican Michael Frater, with another three rivals in contention, was half a stride ahead.

But then the long legs of the World record holder began to exert traction and he eventually crossed the line ahead of fellow countryman Nesta Carter who lowered his season's best by 0.02 with Michael Rodgers of the USA third in 9.96.

World 800m record holder David Rudisha won in a World leading time of 1:42.61 but was chased home by fellow Kenyan Asbel Kiprop, the Olympic 1500m champion who had won the 800m series opener in Doha and was rewarded with a personal best by 0.02 clocking 1:43.15.

Amantle Montsho maintained her impressive form with a fourth consecutive victory in a national record of 49.71 which would have been a World lead if Anastasiya Kapachinskaya had not run 49.35 earlier in the day at the Russian Championships.

Mo Farah held off former World champion Bernard Lagat to win the 10,000 metres, lowering his British record to 12:53.11. Lagat broke his US record in a time of 12:53.60 while in third place Kenya's 17-year-old Isaiah Koech, who ran a World Youth Best of 12:54.59 at the Rome meet two months ago, lowered that outstanding mark to 12:54.18.

Olympic silver medallist Sally Pearson, leading from gun-to-tape, again proved herself the World No.1 when scoring a third Samsung Diamond League victory in three weeks over the 100m Hurdles with a time of 12.51.





Carmelita Jeter, the world's second fastest ever 100m performer, earned an inspirational win at 200m over her fellow American, the triple world champion Allyson Felix, in a personal best of 22.22.

Renaud Lavillenie, given massive support by the enthusiastic crowd, went to the top of the world Pole Vault rankings in clearing a height of 5.90m at his third attempt.

The men's 1500m, a non-Diamond League event, saw Silas Kiplagat improve the World lead he achieved at altitude in the previous weekend's Kenyan Championships with a time of 3:30.47. It also saw French athletes Mehdi Baala and Mahiedine Mekhissi-Benabbad coming to blows on the track after the race, for which both lost their appearance fees and were suspended pending an inquiry by the French Federation.

## **29 July Stockholm, SWE**

World champion Vivian Cheruiyot produced one of the most dominant 5000 metres performances in living memory at a DN Galan meeting which saw her World season lead matched by Andreas Thorkildsen and Mitchell Watt respectively in the Javelin and Long Jump.

The other headline efforts came from Olympic Pole Vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva, who sent a message to the world that she was back after taking the 2010 outdoor season off, and Usain Bolt – back at the track where he had been beaten by Tyson Gay over 100 metres the previous year – who managed a victory in the 1912 Olympic stadium at the third time of asking.

Having established a lead of 40 metres with seven laps remaining, Cheruiyot finished more than 120 metres ahead of her shocked rivals as she clocked a national record and World season leading time of 14:20.87. It was a clear message that she intended to defend her title in Daegu.

The wind was favourable for the Javelin, and Thorkildsen took advantage as he extended his World season best to 88.43m. Watt, returning from a heel injury, also laid down a marker for Daegu as he cleared a new Oceania Area record of 8.54m (+1.7mps) in the Long Jump.

After she had no heighted in Lignano the previous week and then withdrawn from the Lucerne meet in Lucerne two days later after injuring her wrist in a fall in warm-up, there were doubts about whether Isinbayeva could be a force at the IAAF World Championships.

But in a competition containing her main rivals for Daegu including Germany's Silke Spiegelburg, Jen Suhr of the United States and World Indoor champion Fabiana Murer of Brazil, the 29-year-old Olympic champion eventually won with a first-time clearance of 4.76m.

"The competition and the technique was okay, it was nice to be back," Isinbayeva said.

Bolt had to battle with the elements in the 200m, eventually settling for a time of 20.03 into a wind of -1.2 mps. But it was a win.

World and Olympic Shot Put champion Valerie Adams secured another morale-boosting win over the 2010 Diamond Race winner Nadezhda Ostapchuk on the day before the main event. The New Zealander, who said she was fitter and leaner under her new training regime in Switzerland, where she is guided by the three-times World champion Werner Gunthor and his coach, Jean Pierre Egger, won with 20.57m.

Kaliese Spencer's 400m Hurdles victory over her fellow Jamaican, the Olympic champion Melaine Walker, was rewarded with a 1-Carat Diamond worth US\$10,000 for her stadium record of 53.74.

Jason Richardson scored the best 110m Hurdles victory of his career in beating the world No1 and fellow American David Oliver in a time of 13.17 against a -2.4m wind.



## 5-6 August London, GBR

Some of the great rivalries in world athletics played themselves out as the first episode of London's two-day Samsung Diamond League show produced some clear pointers towards who might medal in Daegu.

The opening day of the Aviva London Grand Prix saw David Rudisha maintain his pre-eminence over Abubaker Kaki at 800 metres. Dayron Robles, the Olympic 110m Hurdles champion, did the same over his US challenger David Oliver, winning in a season's best of 13.04, although another US challenger Jason Richardson pushed him hardest, earning a personal best of 13.08. Oliver, third in 13.19, still maintained a three point lead in the Diamond League race.

In the women's Javelin, Germany's Christina Obergföll threw 66.74m to nudge ahead of the Olympic champion, Barbora Špotáková, who managed 66.41, while in the men's Long Jump, Mitchell Watt of Australia produced an effort of 8.45m which kept him ahead of a supercharged British duo of Chris Tomlinson – who managed 8.30 – and Greg Rutherford.

There were also two World leading times for 2011, as Kaliese Spencer won the women's 400m Hurdles in 52.79 and Grenada's precociously talented 18-year-old World Junior champion Kirani James won the 400m in 44.61. James, the upwardly mobile one-lap talent, added to his growing reputation with a perfectly judged Diamond League race which took him clear of Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales, second in 44.85.

The first meeting of the season between the two greatest 800 metres talents of the moment ended with the Kenyan World record holder winning in 1:42.91, a meeting record and UK All Comers' record, bettering the time of 1:43.22 set by Steve Cram in winning the 1986 Commonwealth title in Edinburgh.

Kaki, who plans to double up over 1500 metres at next year's London Games following his hugely promising third place in Monaco, where he reduced his personal best from 3.39 to 3:31.76, finished with a season's best of 1:43.13.

Asafa Powell, leading the 2011 100m World lists with 9.78, had said on the day before the meeting that he was running better than at any time since his first World record-breaking year of 2005, but he made a late decision to withdraw from the 100m in order not to exacerbate a groin problem he had picked up racing in Hungary during the previous week.

In Powell's absence, Jamaican colleagues Yohan Blake and Nesta Carter stepped, swiftly, up to the plate, with Blake – a relatively late addition to the 100m field here – proving to be the first to finish with the event as he managed a time of 9.95, which equalled his season's best, but was surely superior to his previous version given the headwind of 1.6 metres per second.

But home fans will have gone home from this south-east London venue convinced that they had seen a British World champion-to-be in the shape of Mo Farah, who produced what you could only describe as an Ethiopian finish to win a top class 3000m in 7:40.15, with an electric burst at the end which saw him cover the final 200 metres in 25.2 seconds.

The women's 800m was won in a season's best of 1:58.60 by home runner Jenny Meadows, who moved decisively past Kenia Sinclair as the field entered the final straight. Jamaica's Diamond Race leader clocked 1:59.16.

Towards the end of the evening, spectators produced sustained applause for the former Jamaican sprinting legend Merlene Ottey, who was running the final leg of the sprint relay for her new nation of Slovenia at the age of 51.

She told spectators that she was looking forward to coming back to London next year, adding: "I'm talking about the Olympics..."

Sanya Richards-Ross demonstrated on day two at Crystal Palace that she was back in business – and in perfect time to defend her World 400m title.

The 26-year-old American had missed all the previous season with injury and, by her own admission, has found it hard to return to her previous form. But her victory in 49.66 – almost a second faster than her previous season's best of 50.61 – put her right into the medal reckoning for Daegu.



Britain's Olympic champion, Christine Ohuruogu, was characteristically forthright after a race in which she had finished last, describing it as "appalling."

But Carmelita Jeter and Sally Pearson were looking good bets in Daegu after emphatic wins in the 100m and 100m Hurdles respectively. The American won in 10.93 against a field which included Jamaica's World and Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, and Pearson finished a stride clear of her opposition in 12.58 after another beautifully composed performance over the hurdles, with Danielle Carruthers of the United States finishing second in 12.67.

"I'm slightly disappointed with my time today," said Pearson, who led the year's World list with 12.48. "But hopefully I can run quicker in Korea."

Despite taking an early Triple Jump lead with a first round effort of 17.07m, Britain's World champion Phillips Idowu was overtaken by the exuberant 21-year-old American Christian Taylor, whose victory in a personal best of 17.68m put him right into the picture for Korea.

Walter Dix restated his medal potential for Daegu as he won the 200m by five metres, finishing in 20.16 despite running into a 2.0 metres per second headwind.

The win took Dix to 12 points in the Diamond Race for this event, where he now held joint leadership with Usain Bolt.

"It was a tough wind out there, but I ran a great race, I think," Dix said. "I need a couple of medals at the World Championships and people will start to look out for me."

## **8 September** **Zurich, SUI**

The Weltklasse meeting, the first of the two finals of the Samsung Diamond League, took place in front of a full house in the Letzigrund Stadium. With Valerie Adams having secured the Shot Put title on the previous evening in a competition held at the main railway station, there remained 15 more Diamond Races to be decided on the night, with Trophies and US\$40,000 in cash due to be distributed to each overall series winner, and with the offer of double points raising the stakes in each competition.

Many of the competitors had returned to Europe only a couple of days earlier from the IAAF World Championships in Daegu, but there was plenty of energy on display, most notably from the 100m gold medallist Yohan Blake, who ran a lifetime best of 9.82, taking 0.07 off his previous best.

The 21-year-old defeated a field which included fellow Jamaican Asafa Powell – who had already effectively secured the Diamond Trophy following the decision made by his only rival for the distinction, Usain Bolt, not to race in the Swiss venue. Powell took second place in 9.95.

Two other Daegu World champions – Grenada's 400m winner Kirani James, and Kenya's Vivian Cheruiyot, who won 5000 and 10,000m gold – also distinguished themselves.

The 19-year-old James secured the Diamond Race with another win over the man he had beaten in South Korea, Olympic champion LaShawn Merritt, finishing 0.31 ahead of the American in 44.36.

The meeting organisers were paying double prize money rather than time bonuses after the stamina-sapping schedules some of the 5000m entrants had undertaken in Daegu, but Cheruiyot still won in a meeting record of 14:30.10 to retain her Diamond Race title.

After losing the 110m Hurdles World gold on a disqualification for obstructing China's Lui Xiang in the final, Cuba's Olympic champion Dayron Robles had something to prove in Zurich. He did so, defeating the American who had benefited from the debacle in Daegu to win the title, Jason Richardson, with his fastest time of the season, 13.01. Richardson clocked 13.10. David Oliver, who had arrived with a three-points lead, could only finish third in 13.26.





There was satisfaction for Javelin thrower Christina Obergföll of Germany, who had finished outside the medals in Daegu. The 30-year-old had already done enough to secure her event's Diamond Trophy, but produced a season's best of 69.57m, a meeting record.

Kaliese Spencer, who arrived with an eight point lead over her nearest 400m Hurdles rival, the Czech Republic's Zuzana Hejnova, was the first athlete of the night to retain a Diamond Trophy, doing so in style with victory in 53.36.

World champion Mariya Savinova won the 800 metres in 1:58.27, but Britain's Jenny Meadows secured the Diamond Trophy by finishing third in 1:58.92 as Jamaica's Kenia Sinclair, who had been the Diamond Race leader before this race, blew her chances by finishing ninth.

Robert Harting, who had won a second World Discus title in Korea, extended his winning run to 17 with an effort of 67.02m, but Lithuania's two-times World and Olympic champion Virgilijus Alekna took the Diamond Trophy in second place with 66.69.

Australia's World Long Jump silver medallist Mitchell Watt was already assured of Diamond Race success, so it did not matter too much when, last after three rounds, he withdrew citing fatigue.

Nixon Chepseba was an athlete with perhaps more to prove than any other in Zurich, given that he had not been selected for the Kenyan team in Daegu despite some outstanding performances. Relatively fresh, he beat his higher profile rivals in the 1500m with a time of 3:32.74 and collected the overall Diamond Race win. Olympic and World 1500m champion Asbel Kiprop, who had arrived at the meet as the Diamond Race leader, was third with 20 metres but slowed dramatically to finish seventh to finish in 3:34.89 and lose the title by a single point.

Kiprop's fellow Kenyan Paul Koech made no such mistake in the 3000m Steeplechase as he retained his Diamond Trophy by finishing second to fellow countryman and World champion Ezekiel Kemboi, who won by 0.12 in 8:07.72.

World 100m champion Carmelita Jeter took the Diamond Race in the 200m with victory in 22.37, finishing three points ahead of fellow Americans Bianca Knight and Allyson Felix.

Silke Spiegelburg, ninth finish in Daegu, captured the Diamond Race Pole Vault in finishing second on count-back to Jennifer Suhr, both having cleared 4.72m.

World High Jump champion Jesse Williams also finished the night with a Diamond Trophy despite only managing 2.28m to finish fourth. Both Williams and Andrei Silnov of Russia finished the series with nine points and one victory each, but the American took the prize by virtue of finishing above Silnov, who could only manage 2.25, on the night.

Double World Long Jump gold medallist Brittney Reese led from start to finish to retain her Diamond Race win, her furthest distance of 6.72m coming in the third round.

## **16 September Brussels, BEL**

You would not have bet on Usain Bolt being upstaged by anyone at the final Samsung Diamond League meeting of the season in Brussels, especially after he had succeeded in his ambition of running the fastest 100 metres recorded this year, 9.76, in a race that was outside the night's Diamond Race events.

But upstaged he was, by the training partner who profited from his 100 metres false start in Daegu to take the World title, Yohan Blake. With Bolt still waving to the crowd and signing autographs on the back straight, Blake won the Van Damme Memorial 200 metres in a startling 19.26 – the second fastest time ever behind Bolt's World record of 19.19.

No wonder the senior partner was registering a certain amount of shock as he hugged his smaller compatriot. Blake had spoken on his arrival of wanting to run "the perfect race" here. "I knew I could do something crazy," he said. "But to be honest I was surprised when I saw the clock at the finishing line. This was a perfect controlled race. I started slow, and while I'm not a good bend runner I accelerated afterwards."



"Usain stays the best runner, but after tonight I feel I'm capable of breaking the World record over 200 metres. I'm looking forward to competing with Usain next season."

Despite the final two events on the Diamond League circuit carrying double points, Blake was not in a position to win the Diamond Race Trophy and accompanying \$40,000 on offer to 16 athletes on a night when the crowd was also around the 40,000 figure.

Interestingly, his reaction time was 0.269, slowest of the field. Had he got away to a sharper start, or perhaps not taken things a little cautiously on the bend, as he said he had afterwards, who knows what time he might have run...

The cash and the trophy for the 200m Diamond Race went to Walter Dix of the United States, who ran a personal best of 19.53 in second place. It was a nice counterpoint to the previous season, when injury prevented the American from contesting the final as he appeared poised to win overall.

There was a shock of a less happy kind in the 100m Hurdles, where Sally Pearson appeared on course to add a Diamond Race Trophy to the World gold she so consummately won in Daegu, only to come to grief at the seventh hurdle as she led the field. By the time the Australian had risen to her feet and walked away with a sad wave to the crowd, the race – and the Diamond Race – had gone to Danielle Carruthers of the United States, who won in 12.65.

Carmelita Jeter emulated Allyson Felix's achievement of last year as she completed a Diamond Race double, adding the 100m title to the 200m honours she had secured in Zurich the previous week.

Russia's World champion Anna Chicherova had no chance of overtaking Blanka Vlasic in the overall Diamond Race standings, but she finished her season with a winning flourish as the only high jumper to clear 1.99 here, and went on to clear 2.02, then 2.05, before having three decent attempts at a world record of 2.10.

The women's 1500 metres might have had a sub-title – The Fall and Rise of Morgan Uceny. Having seen her World Championship ambitions disappear when she was tripped, the American came into this event leading the Diamond Race stakes by a two-point margin and sealed her position by winning in 4:00.06, the fastest time in the world this year.

Andreas Thorkildsen will not look back on 2011 with great satisfaction. Having lost his World title to Matthias De Zordo in Daegu, the Norwegian also saw the German deprive him of the Diamond Race Trophy as he won with a personal best of 88.36m.

World 800m champion David Rudisha was unable to break the 14-year-old stadium record of 1:42.20 set by his predecessor as World record holder, Wilson Kipketer. But the Kenyan secured the Diamond Race Trophy and prize by winning in 1:43.96.

The 400m Hurdles proved to be a race too far for Britain's World champion, David Greene as he was beaten by World silver medallist Javier Culson – but second place was enough to secure the Welshman the Diamond Trophy. Daegu all over again for Culson...

China's new world Discus champion Li Yanfeng only narrowly failed to bring off a winner-takes-all triumph in the Diamond Race as she won with 66.27m. Yarelis Barrios took the Race by a single point after finishing second.

Renaud Lavillenie turned his big lead in the Pole Vault into trophy and cash as he secured second place with an effort of 5.72. Milcah Chemos, already assured of retaining her Diamond Race Trophy in the 3000m Steeplechase, was not able to deliver on the World record she had been hoping for.

World 400m champion Amantle Montsho was also an unassailable Diamond Race winner, and she underlined her superiority by winning in 50.16.

Imane Merga secured the Diamond Race Trophy in the 5000 metres, winning here in 12:58.32, and Olha Saladukha, the newly ensconced world champion, sealed the formality of her Diamond Race victory in the Triple Jump, winning with 14.67m.



Like Saladukha, Dylan Armstrong had already done enough in the season to be assured of his \$40,000 bonus. He finished second on the night to Reese Hoffa of the United States, who threw 22.09m – a season's best with his season's last effort.

Phillips Idowu of Britain did enough to secure his Diamond Race Trophy in the Triple Jump, despite only managing 16.29m to finish fifth.

Kenenisa Bekele won a 10,000 metres that was not part of the Diamond League programme in 26:43.16, taking over from the 26:46.57 run by the absent Briton, Mo Farah, at the top of this year's World list. Farah's training partner Galen Rupp set an Area record of 26:48.00 in third place.

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## TV VIEWING FIGURES: 2010-2011

World audience totals for the 14 meetings of Samsung Diamond League increased by almost 17% and reached the unprecedented figure of almost 300 million of TV audience globally.

The most incredible increase from 2010 to 2011 seasons is in Asia-Pacific region where the TV audience in only one year doubled although only one Samsung Diamond League meeting is hosted in the region.

Even bigger was the increase of the coverage duration in hours from the host broadcasters and rights holders reaching the +31% in comparison with the 2010 season.

*NOTE figures may not be 100% final*

Region	Coverage Duration (hh:mm)			Cumulative Audience (000s)		
	2010	2011	Change %	2010	2011	Change %
Europe	1688:23	2484:52	47.4%	56,571.6	55,958.9	-1.0%
Middle East	508:55	655:30	28.8%	25,571.8	24,781.0	-3.1%
Africa	552:48	585:12	5.9%	87,889.6	77,481.1	-11.8%
Asia Pacific	276:54	406:51	46.9%	55,262.1	116,459.0	110.7%
North America	277:47	251:00	-9.6%	21,547.5	16,392.5	-23.9%
Central & South America	120:00	114:06	-4.9%	5,607.0	3,370.3	-39.9%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3424:48</b>	<b>4487:32</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>252,449.6</b>	<b>294,442.8</b>	<b>16.6%</b>



## THE 2012 SAMSUNG DIAMOND LEAGUE SEASON



### 2012 MEETING DATES

Fri 11 May - **Doha QAT**  
Sat 19 May - **Shanghai CHN**  
Thu 31 May - **Rome ITA**  
Sat 2 June - **Eugene USA**  
Wed 7 June - **Oslo NOR**  
Sat 9 June - **New York USA**  
Fri 6 July - **Paris FRA**  
Fri 13 / Sat 14 July - **London GBR**  
Fri 20 July - **Monaco MON**  
Fri 17 August - **Stockholm SWE**  
Thu 23 August - **Lausanne SUI**  
Sun 26 August - **Birmingham GBR**  
Thu 30 August - **Zurich SUI - FINAL**  
Fri 7 September - **Brussels BEL - FINAL**



## 2012 SAMSUNG DIAMOND LEAGUE SEASON (DIAMOND RACE) PER DISCIPLINE

### TRACK EVENTS

100m M	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
100m W	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
200m M	Doha 11/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
200m W	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
400m M	Doha 11/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
400m W	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
800m M	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
800m W	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
1500m M	Doha 11/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
1500m W	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
3000/5000m M	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
3000/5000m W	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
3000m SC M	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
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110m H. M	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Eugene 02/06/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012
100m H. W	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
400m H. M	Shanghai 19/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	Oslo 07/06/2012	Paris 06/07/2012	London 13./14.07.2012	Stockholm 17/08/2012	Zurich 30/08/2012
400m H. W	Doha 11/05/2012	Rome 31/05/2012	New York 09/06/2012	Monaco 20/07/2012	Lausanne 23/08/2012	Birmingham 26/08/2012	Brussels 07/09/2012



## FIELD EVENTS

HJ M	Doha	Rome	New York	Monaco	Lausanne	Birmingham	Zurich
	11/05/2012	31/05/2012	09/06/2012	20/07/2012	23/08/2012	26/08/2012	30/08/2012
HJ W	Shanghai	Eugene	Oslo	Paris	London	Stockholm	Brussels
	19/05/2012	02/06/2012	07/06/2012	06/07/2012	13./14.07.2012	17/08/2012	07/09/2012
PV M	Shanghai	Rome	Oslo	Paris	London	Lausanne	Zurich
	19/05/2012	31/05/2012	07/06/2012	06/07/2012	13./14.07.2012	23/08/2012	30/08/2012
PV W	Doha	Eugene	New York	Monaco	Stockholm	Birmingham	Brussels
	11/05/2012	02/06/2012	09/06/2012	20/07/2012	17/08/2012	26/08/2012	07/09/2012
LJ M	Doha	Rome	New York	London	Monaco	Birmingham	Brussels
	11/05/2012	31/05/2012	09/06/2012	13./14.07.2012	20/07/2012	26/08/2012	07/09/2012
LJ W	Shanghai	Eugene	Oslo	Paris	Stockholm	Lausanne	Zurich
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<b>Paris</b>	<b>Canal +</b>
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## **PREVIEW – 2012**

The third season of the **Samsung Diamond League** will blast out of the blocks on 11 May 2012 in Doha, Qatar.

The structure of the Samsung Diamond League follows the successful format of the first two seasons, with the inclusion of one very interesting innovation:

### **WILD CARDS FOR DIAMOND RACE WINNERS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS...**

The overall event winners of the 32 Diamond Races which compose the Samsung Diamond League from the previous year will now benefit from a wild card much in the same way as already happens with the defending champion.

However, only one or the other can participate as a wild card in case both are from the same country (so the maximum entry from a country will be limited to four in any individual event).

The decision to finally enter the athlete still rests entirely with the National Federation, which maintains full control of the final entries.

### **...AND TO NEXT SAMSUNG DIAMOND LEAGUE SEASON**

Apart from this innovation and helping to guarantee the strongest possible fields of competitors at each Samsung Diamond League meeting, all winners of the previous year's Diamond Race Trophies will receive an invitation to compete in their event discipline during the following Samsung Diamond League season.



## **WORLD'S TOP STARS GUARANTEED**

The top stars of athletics will once again be taking part in the Samsung Diamond League in 2012. After two seasons the goal of ensuring head-to-head competition between the best athletes in the world has been achieved in almost every event discipline. The names of the participating athletes will be announced on a meeting by meeting basis as was the case during the first two seasons.

Here are just some of the world stars who have already been announced or you can expect to see in 2012 - *in alphabetical order* – Kenenisa Bekele, Yohan Blake, Usain Bolt, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Vivian Cheruiyot, Tirunesh Dibaba, Allyson Felix, Elena Isinbaeva, Kirani James, Carmelita Jeter, Renaud Lavillenie, Christophe Lemaitre, Sally Pearson, Dwight Phillips, Asafa Powell, Sanya Richards-Ross, David Rudisha, Barbora Spotakova, Andreas Thorkildsen, Liu Xiang... to name but a few.

***Get set for a new season of the very best of the best of track and field***

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