

2026 Lausanne Diamond League – As It Happened

The first athletics meet since the European Championships produced some exquisite results below the Swiss skyline in much anticipated events like the men's pole vault, women's 200 metres, men's 800m, 200m and finally, the women's 4x100 relay.

The following are quick summaries and highlight reels from each of the races.

Men's Pole Vault

No surprises on the big stage, as the favourite Mondo Duplantis won yet again, with the usual runner up in Emmanouil Karalis, who set a career best – jumping 6.16 metres.

While the Swede passed 6.21 metres, he attempted 6.32 moments later, in pursuit of breaking the world record, but two failed attempts paid his due for the day – maybe another time, after all.

200 Metres (W)

The race marked Amy Hunt's immediate return to action after a scintillating European Championships tournament, where she won four gold medals for Great Britain – the first athlete to do so in the history of the event.

While stakes weren't the highest for the British national, and rightfully so, testing her body to the limits just a week prior - she capped off the race with a second-place finish in 22.32, just behind American Kayla White, who crossed the line in 22.18.

Favour Ofili came third at roughly the same time as Hunt, creating a perfect, closed-range photo finish between the two.

Men's 800 Metres

The Olympic Champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi took home a flawless first place finish in 1:42:19, followed by Djamel Sedjati of Algeria, who set a season best of 1:42:31. In third was Brandon Miller from the USA, with a timing of 1:42:55.

While Wanyonyi's widely discussed counterpart, Marco Arop of Canada was also in attendance amongst those competing, he had a rather disappointing race, finishing fourth and ultimately missing the podium.

Men's 200 Metres

Yet another case of an Olympic Champion taking home the victory yet again – Letsile Tebogo of Botswana effortlessly crossed the finish line to win his 10th Diamond League contest.

Sinesipho Dambile of South Africa, and the winner of the Glasgow Games, finished in second place, and Makanakaishe Charamba of Zimbabwe came third, securing the final podium position.

While it was a commendable performance each podium finisher throughout 200 metres, none of them could match up to Tebogo's calibre, as he continues his upward trajectory from here on now.

Women's 4x100 Relay

Switzerland won in outstanding fashion in front of a deafening home crowd, beating the likes of the Portuguese and funnily enough, another Swiss mixed team that came third.

It was a fitting way to put an end to the event – La Pontaise stadium crowd rising to its feet as the anchor leg brought the baton home, capping off a night that had already delivered plenty for the home fans. The result solidified Swiss strength in building the sprint relays ahead of the Diamond League final in Brussels, while Portugal's second-placed finish will offer some encouragement as they continue to build a squad capable of testing the top nations on this stage.