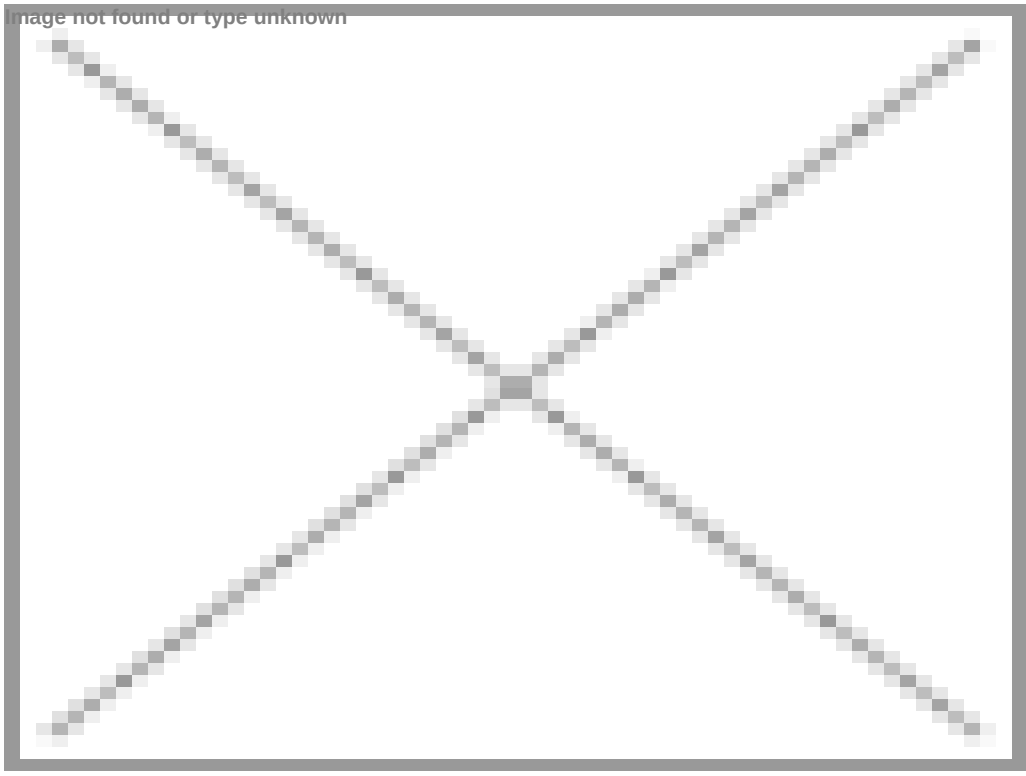


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UIPM 2017 WORLD CUP FINAL: WHO TO WATCH

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Anticipation is growing ahead of the 2017 UIPM World Cup Final, which takes place at Vingis Park in Vilnius (LTU) from June 23-25.

The World Cup Final, which will be televised on Eurosport as part of a new partnership between the continental broadcaster and UIPM, has attracted many of Modern Pentathlon's biggest names and most of the in-form athletes who have lit up the 2017 season.

Four Olympic champions – Lena Schoeneborn (GER, 2008), Laura Asadauskaite (LTU, 2012), David Svoboda (CZE, 2012) and Alexander Lesun (RUS, 2016) – are on the entry list along with both 2016 individual world champions, Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) and Valentin Belaud (FRA).

Asadauskaite (LTU) will start as favourite for many as she competes in front of her home crowd along with compatriots Justinas Kinderis, Ieva Serapinaite and Lina Batuleviciute. But the world No.1, winner of World Cup Final gold in 2012 and 2015, is sure to find stiff competition from the likes of Annika Schleu (GER), Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) and Kim Sunwoo (KOR).

Lesun, Olympic gold medallist in Rio 10 months ago, also goes to Vilnius defending the world No.1

spot and he is sure to relish renewing a long-running battle with Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR), who took Olympic silver behind Lesun in Rio but who has been the standout performer in this World Cup season, occupying every position from 1st to 4th in the four rounds to date.

Other Men's Individual contenders are likely to be Valentin Prades (FRA) and the Korean duo of Jun Woongtae and Jung Jinhwa.

All three days of the 2017 World Cup Final can be watched on Eurosport 2, according to the following schedule:

Men's Final on the 23/06 at 21:45 CET (replay on Eurosport 2, on the 24/06 at 8:30)

Women's Final on the 24/06 at 22:15 CET (replay on Eurosport 2, on the 25/06 at 8:30)

Mixed Relay on the 25/06 at 21:45 CET (replay on Eurosport 2, on the 26/06 at 8:30)

Find the finalists:

men		women		
1 Ilya	PALAZKOV	BLR Anastasiya	PROKOPENKO	BLR
2 Pavel	TSIKHANAU	BLR Tatsiana	KHALDOBA	BLR
3 Kirill	KASYANIK	BLR Volha	SILKINA	BLR
4 Ondrej	POLIVKA	CZE Natalie	DIANOVA	CZE
5 David	SVOBODA	CZE Haydy	MORSY	EGY
6 Jan	KUF	CZE MARIAM	AMER	EGY
7 Eslam	HAMAD	EGY Sondos	ABOUBAKR	EGY
8 Sherif	RASHAD	EGY Laura	SALMINEN	FIN
9 Yasser	HEFNY	EGY Julie	BELHAMRI	FRA
10Valentin	PRADES	FRA Annika	SCHLEU	GER
11Alexandre	HENRARD	FRA Lena	SCHONEBORN	GER
12Valentin	BELAUD	FRA Ronja	Steinborn	GER
13Fabian	LIEBIG	GER Sophia	HERNANDEZ	GUA
14Alexander	NOBIS	GER Eszter	VARGA	HUN
15Christian	ZILLEKENS	GER Sarolta	KOVACS	HUN
16Bence	HARANGOZO	HUN Tamara	ALEKSZEJEV	HUN
17Robert	KASZA	HUN Kate	COLEMAN LENEHAN	IRL
18Gergely	DEMETER	HUN Natalya	COYLE	IRL
19Giuseppe	PARISI	ITA Alessandra	FREZZA	ITA
20Tomoyuki	ONO	JPN Francesca	TOGNETTI	ITA
21Taishu	SATO	JPN Gloria	TOCCHI	ITA
22Pavel	ILYASHENKO	KAZ Ayumu	SAITO	JPN
23Vladislav	SUKHAREV	KAZ Natsumi	TOMONAGA	JPN
24Woongtae	JUN	KOR Elena	POTAPENKO	KAZ
25Jinhwa	JUNG	KOR Soo jin	YANG	KOR
26Jihun	LEE	KOR Sunwoo	KIM	KOR
27Ruslan	NAKONECHNYI	LAT Ieva	SERAPINAITE	LTU
28Pavels	SVECOVS	LAT Laura	ASADAUSKAITE	LTU
29Justin	Kinderis	LTU Lina	BATULEVICIUTE	LTU
30Jaroslav	SWIDERSKI	POL Andrea	PONCE	MEX
31Aleksander	LESUN	RUS Anna	MALISZEWSKA	POL
32Danil	KALIMULLIN	RUS Ekaterina	KHURASKINA	RUS
33Alexander	SAVKIN	RUS Gulnaz	GUBAYDULLINA	RUS
34Pavlo	TYMOSHCHENKO	UKR Uliana	BATASHOVA	RUS
35Denys	PAVLYUK	UKR Zinayida	BATRAK	UKR

36Pavlo

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