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UIPM 2021 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP FINAL: FENCING RANKING ROUND

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The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final got under way today with all 36 female and 36 male athletes taking part in the Fencing Ranking Round.

With a competition format that mirrors the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, there was an intense battle for positions ahead of the remaining disciplines in the Women's Final (Friday May 14) and Men's Final (Saturday May 15).

The women fenced first and **Amira Kandil** of **Egypt** emerged as the leading scorer with a superb 26V/9D. Kandil (EGY) will be aiming to be crowned as the winner of the Fencing event during tomorrow's Bonus Round, where she will meet **Xiaonan Zhang** of **China** in the final bout.

Zhang (CHN) also dominated on the piste with a score of 25V/10D, putting some daylight between herself and the top performer of the 2021 Modern Pentathlon season to date. **Kate French** of **Great Britain** looks likely to be in contention tomorrow after scoring 23V/12D.

Four athletes managed 22V/13D – **Ieva Serapinaite** of **Lithuania**, reigning world champion **Volha Silkina** of **Belarus**, **Marie Oteiza** of **France** and **Francesca Summers** (GBR).

When the men fenced in the afternoon, competition was a little tighter with 2018 champion **Jinhwa Jung** of **Korea** topping the standings with 24V/11D.

There was no chance of Jung (KOR) putting distance between himself and the chasing pack, and 2017 champion **Valentin Prades** (FRA) was only one victory behind him – alongside Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist **Pavlo Tymoshchenko** of **Ukraine** on 23V/12D.

One victory behind them on 22V/13D were **Thomas Toolis** (GBR) and **Justinas Kinderis** (LTU).

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