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UIPM 2022 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST: GULYAS (HUN) AND MICHELI (ITA) STAY ON COURSE

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- Cairo medallists destined for repeat showdown in Women's Final
- Competition is fierce as Mercuri (ITA) wins first Semi-final
- Kandil (EGY), Oteiza (FRA) and Oliver (MEX) remain in contention

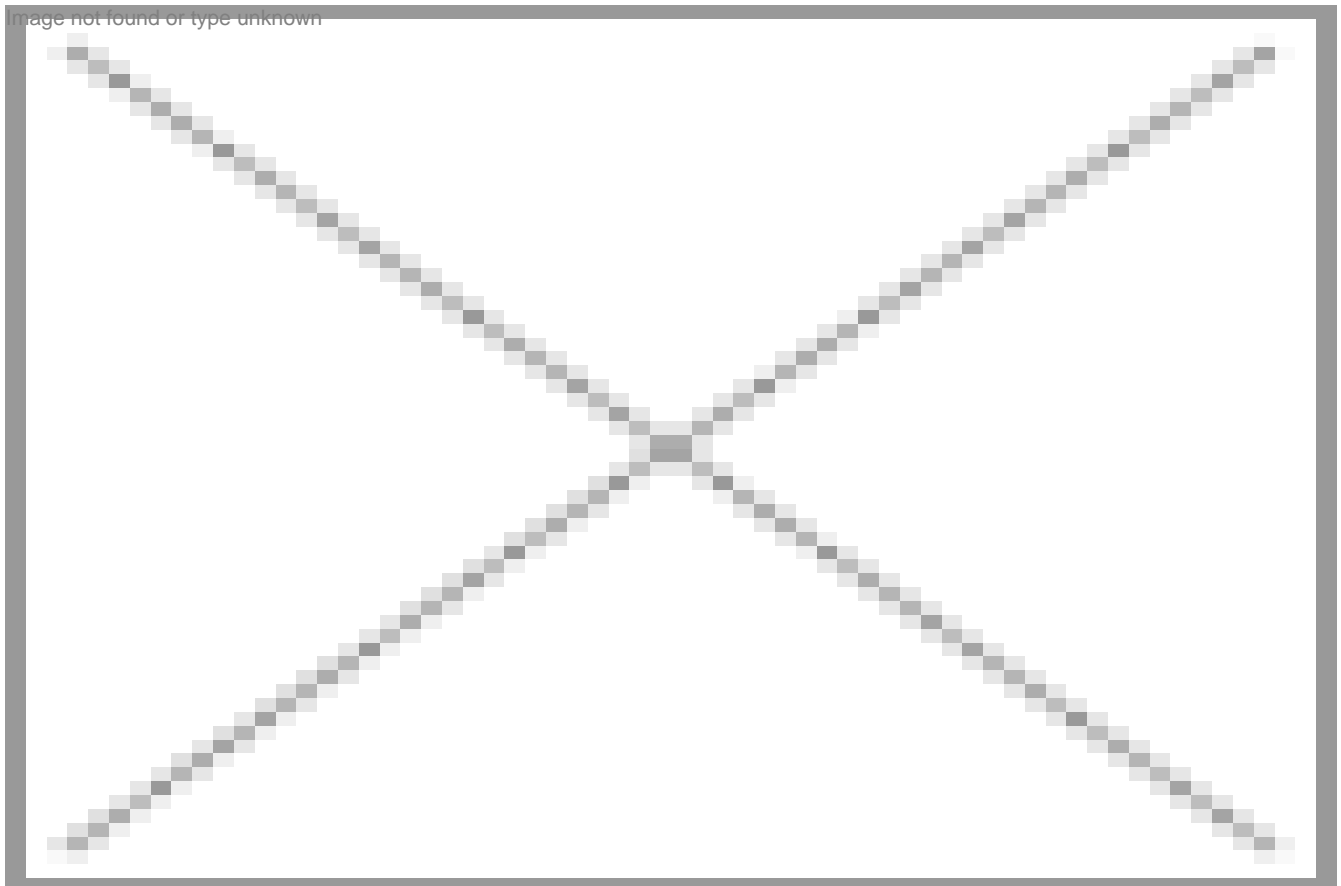
Another showdown between **Elena Micheli** of **Italy** and **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary** looms large as UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest approaches a dramatic weekend climax.

Pentathlon World Cup Cairo champion Micheli (ITA) won the second Semi-final by 8sec from **Katerina Krejci** of **Latvia**, matching her compatriot **Beatrice Mercuri** (ITA) who crossed the line first in a congested finish to the opening Semi-final.

But Micheli (ITA), the 2019 world silver medallist, will have work to do in tomorrow's Women's Final after scoring a modest 18V/17D in the Fencing Ranking Round. World No.1 Gulyas (HUN) will start the Final 25 points better off but still 15 points off the lead after scoring 23V/12D on the piste.

Amira Kandil of Egypt was the top fencer with 26V/9D, achieving one more victory than **Marie Oteiza** of **France** and two more than team-mate **Salma Abdelmaksoud** (EGY).

Other athletes lurking with intent in the 18-strong Final line-up will be **Elena Potapenko** of **Kazakhstan**, **Ieva Serapinaite** of **Lithuania** and **Mayan Oliver** of **Mexico**, whose Laser Run time of 11:26.10 was the fastest of either Semi-final.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today in the Women's Semi-finals we saw how Laser Run decides which 18 athletes will qualify for the Final according to the new format introduced in this 2022 season.

"Tomorrow we will have the Finals for women and men and in this new format I think it is exciting for everybody to watch, and also we are very happy that the New 5th Discipline Working Group has been able to visit Budapest and watch this format in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

"Thanks again for the excellent organisation, we had wonderful weather today and all athletes who have qualified for tomorrow, I wish you a good sleep and a strong night so that you can perform tomorrow at the highest level."

The climax of UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest comes tomorrow (April 30) with the Men's and Women's Finals, before the Mixed Relay concludes the competition on Sunday, May 1.

Live stream of both Finals will be available on UIPM TV and up-to-date results of all competitions are available at the UIPM website and via the UIPM Central app.

The list of qualified athletes for the Women's Final is as follows:

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	MERCURI Beatrice	ITA	1087
2	MICHELI Elena	ITA	1086
3	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	EGY	1086
4	GULYAS Michelle	HUN	1086
5	KANDIL Amira	EGY	1086
6	OLIVER Mayan	MEX	1083
7	KREJCI Katerina	LAT	1078
8	NOVOTNA Veronika	CZE	1078
9	SERAPINAITE Ieva	LTU	1077
10	OTEIZA Marie	FRA	1077
11	LOPEZ Maria Lea	ITA	1076
12	KRENKOVA Karolina	CZE	1076
13	BRYSON Kerenza	GBR	1075
14	UCHIDA Misaki	JPN	1075
15	GUZI Blanka	HUN	1073
16	BRASSIL Sive	IRL	1073
17	GREEN Olivia	GBR	1071
18	POTAPENKO Elena	KAZ	1070