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UIPM 2022 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP FINAL: KANDIL (EGY) TAKES SOLID LEAD INTO FINAL

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- Gulyas (HUN), Micheli (ITA) and Clouvel (FRA) dominate first Semi-final
- Second Semi-final won by Abdelmaksoud (EGY) ahead of Varley (GBR)
- Home favourite Ozyuksel (TUR) earns Super Saturday opportunity

Amira Kandil of **Egypt** holds pole position going into the Women's Final after performing strongly in the Semi-finals at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

Tokyo 2020 Olympian Kandil (EGY) scored highest in the Fencing Ranking Round alongside **Charlie Follett** of **Great Britain**, whose elimination in Riding wrecked her hopes of competing for a medal on Super Saturday.

Semi-final A was won by three top athletes who crossed the line together – **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary**, **Elena Micheli** of **Italy** and **Elodie Clouvel** of **France**.

Others who qualified automatically for the Final were **Elena Potapenko** of **Kazakhstan**, **Misaki Uchida**

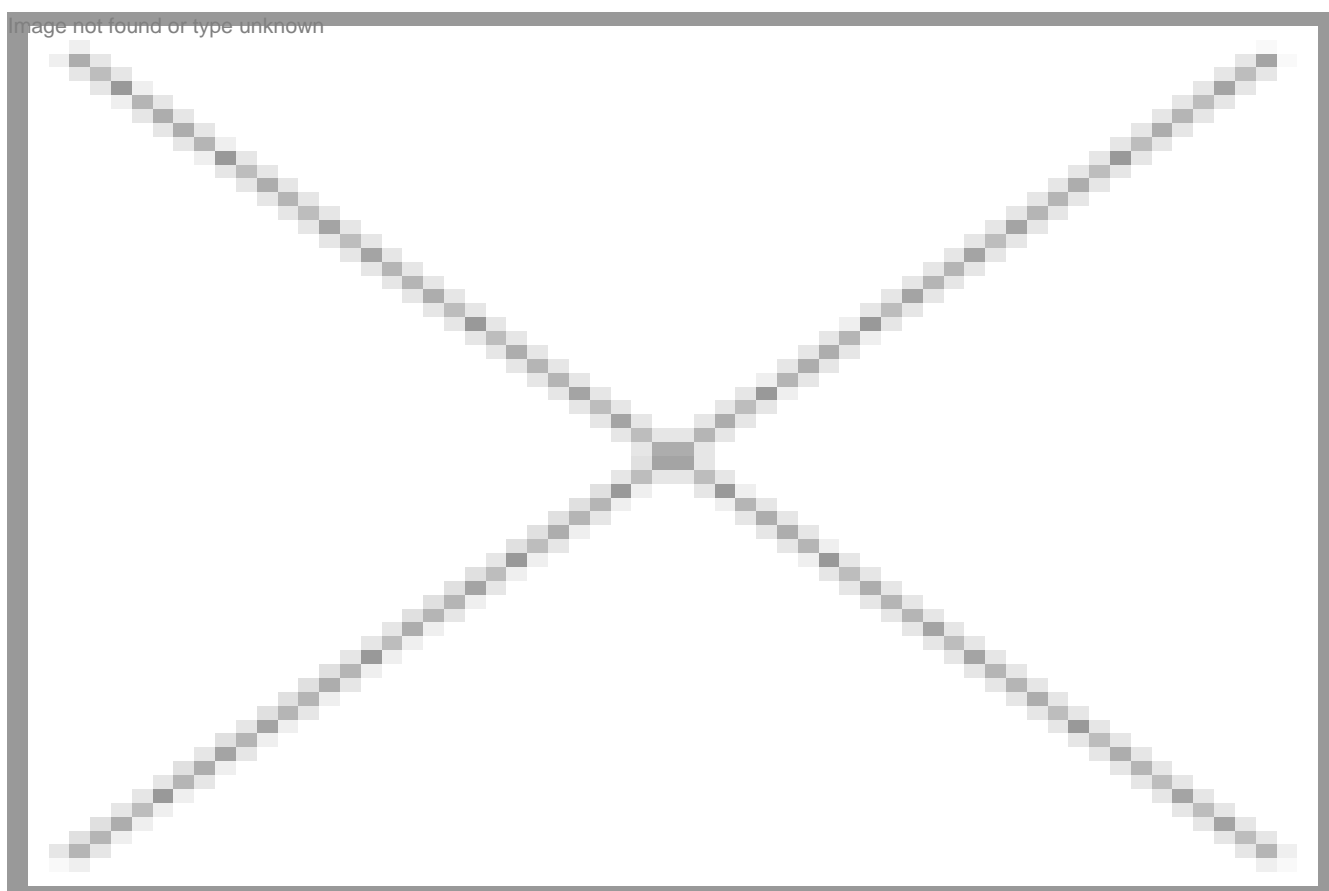
of **Japan**, **Malak Ismail** (EGY) and **Sehee Kim** of **Korea**.

However, the addition of Riding to the Semi-finals for the first time – introducing a format that will be replicated during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games – ended the hopes of Follett (GBR) as well as four other competitors including **Veronika Novotna** of **Czech Republic**, a silver medallist during the regular season.

In Semi-final B, Kandil (EGY) scored maximum points in the Fencing Bonus Round and Riding, but struggled in the Laser Run and finished 8th, only narrowly qualifying for the Final.

She was overtaken in the Laser Run by the seven automatic qualifiers – team-mate **Salma Abdelmaksoud** (EGY), **Jessica Varley** (GBR), **Beatrice Mercuri** of **Italy**, **Olivia Green** (GBR), **Sunwoo Kim** (KOR), **Ieva Serapinaite** of **Lithuania** and home favourite **Ilke Ozyuksel** of **Turkey**.

In the second Semi-final only one athlete – **Phaelen French** of **United States** – was eliminated in Riding.



It all means that Kandil (EGY) will start the Women's Final with 250 points, 15 more than Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist Clouvel (FRA) and 20 more than world No.1 Gulyas (HUN) with Abdelmaksoud (EGY) and Green (GBR) a further five points behind.

The UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final continues tomorrow (June 24) with the Men's Semi-finals, followed by the Women's and Men's Finals on June 25 and the Mixed Relay on June 26.

Live stream of all Semi-finals and Finals is available on UIPM TV and all competition results are available at the UIPM website.

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

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	EGY	1347
2	VARLEY Jessica	GBR	1346
3	MERCURI Beatrice	ITA	1345
4	GREEN Olivia	GBR	1344
5	KIM Sunwoo	KOR	1343
6	SERAPINAITE Ieva	LTU	1342
7	OZYUKSEL Ilke	TUR	1341
8	GULYAS Michelle	HUN	1339
9	MICHELI Elena	ITA	1339
10	CLOUVEL Elodie	FRA	1339
11	KANDIL Amira	EGY	1339
12	POTAPENKO Elena	KAZ	1333
13	UCHIDA Misaki	JPN	1332
14	ISMAIL Malak	EGY	1332
15	EGLOFF Lea	SUI	1332
16	KIM Sehee	KOR	1329
17	VEGA Tamara	MEX	1324
18	KRENKOVA Karolina	CZE	1320