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UIPM 2024 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP ANKARA: BRYSON (GBR) POWERS INTO WOMEN'S FINAL



After a dramatic day of Semi-final action, **Kerenza Bryson** of **Great Britain** took a commanding lead into the Women's Final at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara.

Bryson (GBR), the 2023 world bronze medallist, will start on Super Saturday with a 20-point advantage after a superb return of 27 victories and eight defeats in the Fencing Ranking Round.

Her nearest rival on the start line will be **Alessandra Frezza** of **Italy**, who scored 23V/12D, followed by **Uliana Batashova** (AIN), who returned to the sport with a competitive 22V/13D.

All three of the leading fencers qualified comfortably from their Semi-finals, the first of which saw the downfall of three of the sport's biggest names.

Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist **Elodie Clouvel** of **France** had started the Semi-final A Laser Run in the lead position, but she lost a huge amount of time due to an apparent technical issue with her laser pistol, and finished a distant 17th with only the top nine qualifying for the Final.

Surprisingly, local favourite **Ike Ozyuksel** of **Türkiye** also crashed out with an uncharacteristically poor Laser Run, 15th overall, while two-time Olympic medallist **Laura Asadauskaite** of **Lithuania** fell three places short of the top nine.

Taking their place at the front of the field were the day's top overall performers with 1,078 points – Frezza (ITA), Batashova (AIN) and Pentathlon World Cup Cairo silver medallist **Sunwoo Kim** of **Korea**.

In Semi-final B, all nine qualifiers crossed the line together with 1,068 and 1,069 points after an excellent run by two-time world champion **Anastasiya Prokopenko** (AIN) settled the debate. At the end of a tense race, the veteran left **Rebecca Langrehr** of **Germany** and **Mariana Arceo** of **Mexico** in her wake with a decisive final shoot.

Pentathlon World Cup Ankara continues tomorrow (April 19) with the Men's Semi-finals, followed by the Finals on April 20 and the Mixed Relay on April 21.

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

The 18 athletes who qualified for the Women's Final are:

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	FREZZA Alessandra	ITA	1078
2	BATASHOVA Uliana	AIN	1078
3	KIM Sunwoo	KOR	1078
4	ISMAIL Malak	EGY	1077
5	SOTERO Alice	ITA	1077
6	GNEDTCHIK Mariya	AIN	1076
7	VEGA Tamara	MEX	1073
8	VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare	LTU	1069
9	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	EGY	1069
10	DOMINIAK Natalia	POL	1069
11	PERMYKINA Valeriya	UKR	1069
12	SEONG Seungmin	KOR	1069
13	BAUER Blanka	HUN	1068
14	POTAPENKO Elena	KAZ	1068
15	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya	AIN	1068
16	HLAVACKOVA Lucie	CZE	1068
17	BRYSON Kerenza	GBR	1068
18	OTEIZA Marie	FRA	1068