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UIPM 2023 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST: MORSY (EGY) THRIVES IN WOMEN'S SEMI-FINALS



Haydy Morsy of **Egypt** took a five-point lead into the Women's Final after a strong Semi-final performance on the third day of UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Olympian Morsy (EGY) top-scored with 24 victories and 11 defeats in the Fencing Ranking Round, two more successes than team-mate **Salma Abdelmaksoud** (EGY) with **Mingyu Zhang** of **China** splitting them with her score of 23V/12D.

The top three will be put under serious scrutiny on Super Saturday with world champion **Elena Micheli** of **Italy** and world No.1 **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary** lurking close behind, while two-time Olympic medallist **Laura Asadauskaite** of **Lithuania** will also resume 40 points off the lead.

Semi-final A was won by **Ilike Ozyuksel** of **Türkiye** with Morsy (EGY) and Asadauskaite (LTU) both finishing within 10sec of the world No.6.

There was something to cheer for the host nation in Semi-final B as **Blanka Guzi** (HUN) crossed

first with a slender lead from **Charlie Follett** of **Great Britain** and Zhang (CHN).

The biggest surprise of the day came when **Ieva Serapinaite** (LTU), winner of UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara less than two weeks ago, narrowly failed to reach the 18-strong Final line-up after an unusually low Fencing return of 14V/21D.

UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest continues tomorrow (April 28) with the Men's Semi-final before the Finals on 'Super Saturday' (April 29), with the Mixed Relay concluding the competition on April 30.

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	Points
1	GUZI Blanka	HUN	1101
2	FOLLETT Charlie	GBR	1100
3	OZYUKSEL Ilke	TUR	1099
4	ZHANG Mingyu	CHN	1099
5	ABDELMAKSOUUD Salma	EGY	1097
6	MICHELI Elena	ITA	1097
7	BARTA Luca	HUN	1096
8	VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare	LTU	1096
9	EUDES Anais	BEL	1091
10	RETI Kamilla	HUN	1091
11	MORSY Haydy	EGY	1090
12	ASADAUSKAITE Laura	LTU	1089
13	BAUER Blanka	HUN	1088
14	DOMINIAK Natalia	POL	1088
15	ARCEO Mariana	MEX	1086
16	GULYAS Michelle	HUN	1085
17	GREEN Olivia	GBR	1085
18	KOHLMANN Janine	GER	1084