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UIPM 2024 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST: JUN (KOR) CHASES ANOTHER TITLE IN MEN'S FINAL



- Olympic medallist on course for eighth Pentathlon World Cup gold
- Svecovs (LAT), Seo (KOR), Prades (FRA) and Demeter (HUN) in close pursuit
- Luo (CHN) wins second Semi-final as Olympic qualification race continues

Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist **Woongtae Jun** of **Korea** will be the one to catch in the Men's Final at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

Jun (KOR) returned to form with a top score of 25 victories and 10 defeats in the Fencing Ranking Round, before safely qualifying from Semi-final B.

The seven-time Pentathlon World Cup winner will hold a five-point advantage over **Pavels Svecovs** of **Latvia** when the action resumes on Super Saturday, with team-mate **Changwan Seo** (KOR) joining **Valentin Prades** of **France** and local favourite **Bence Demeter** of **Hungary** on a 10-point deficit.

The in-form Seo (KOR) won Semi-final A by a 2sec margin with a total of 1,186 points, followed across the line by **Yuriy Kovalchuk** of **Ukraine**, **Mohamed Elgendy** (EGY) and **Csaba Bohm** (HUN). **Sebastian Stasiak** of **Poland** held his nerve to secure the ninth and last Final berth.

Semi-final B was won by **Shuai Luo** of **China** with the day's top score of 1,208 points, finishing 2sec ahead of team-mates **Mihaly Koleszar** (HUN) and **Balazs Szep** (HUN). European champion **Giorgio Malan** of **Italy** just managed to escape the cut in 9th place.

Pentathlon World Cup Budapest reaches a climax tomorrow (April 27) with the Women's and Men's Finals, concluding with the Mixed Relay on April 28.

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 Men's Final are:

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	LUO Shuai	CHN	1208
2	KOLESZAR Mihaly	HUN	1206
3	SZEP Balazs	HUN	1206
4	JUN Woongtae	KOR	1206
5	PRADES Valentin	FRA	1205
6	HAMED Ahmed	EGY	1204
7	DEMETER Bence	HUN	1203
8	KUF Jan	CZE	1202
9	MALAN Giorgio	ITA	1201
10	SEO Changwan	KOR	1186
11	KOVALCHUK Yuriy	UKR	1184
12	BOHM Csaba	HUN	1183
13	ELGENDY Mohamed	EGY	1183
14	MOURCIA Jean-Baptiste	FRA	1182
15	BORIES Leo	FRA	1182
16	SHABAN Mohanad	EGY	1182
17	SVECOVS Pavels	LAT	1181
18	STASIAK Sebastian	POL	1178