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#### Flash Quotes

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# **Arthur CISSÉ (CIV)**

200m Men - NR, SB

I am happy to be here in Doha at the last competition of the Diamond League. Today has been good for me and I am happy to win. The condition is good and the organisation of the meeting has been splendid. Breaking the National Record is something of joy for me and I hope to be back next year and hopefully it will be a full stadium.

After here, I will be in Nairobi for my next race and hopefully the momentum from here will help me there as well.

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### Mohamed Nasir ABBAS (QAT)

400m Men - SB

It was a wonderful race and I am glad with my performance though I would have loved to win. I am happy to make Qatar proud here tonight and I thank everyone for their support. It has been a tough season but it is good to be back on the track doing what I loved to do best. I started training about six weeks back in Antalya, Turkey and to emerge third here tonight is a good result. Hopefully the result will push me on going forward.

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## **Stewart McSWEYN (AUS)**

1500m Men - NR, SB

I wasn't in the best of shape coming into this race but to win tonight is something I am very delighted about. I just wanted to race again considering how this season has been. It was a very competitive race but I executed my plan quite well and I maintained the pace. I intend to go back to Australia and take a short break after this before resuming training again. My target is next year's Olympics and I'll have to be in the best of shape for it.

Tonight, I will just enjoy the moment by having a nice dinner to celebrate the win. I am happy to be heading home with a win in Doha.

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### Aaron MALLET (USA)

#### 110m Hurdles Men - PB

After the two false starts, I just recalibrated the whole race in my head and I tried to stay focussed. I've been preparing for this competition for quite a long time and tonight I just went out to execute what I've been training for. It wasn't an issue for me to race in an empty stadium because I've mentally prepared for it all along. I've a good support system back at home and they've helped me a lot in getting in shape. I've enjoyed my stay here in Doha - good hotel, nice and friendly people and wonderful organisation. The Olympics is the next major thing and I am going home to start preparation in earnest. I am happy to win tonight and I hope to come back next year and do the same.

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# Faith KIPYEGON (KEN)

### 800m Women - WL, PB

I am happy to win here in Doha considering this is my second 800m race after about three years break from it. I wasn't really expecting to win and that's why I am very surprised not only with the win but with my record here tonight. It's a great feeling and I am happy to be here in Doha. The year has been a disturbing one for everyone and I am glad it is coming to an end. We can't wait enough for 2021 to be here. I am going back home to celebrate with my husband and daughter and after that start the preparation for next year and particularly for the Olmpics.

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## Payton CHADWICK (USA)

#### 100m Women

I felt great about the 100m hurdles which I won tonight but the feeling about the 100m race isn't great. It wasn't easy running two races. The first part of my performance in the hurdles wasn't great but I came back strongly in the second and I ended up winning. I've been focusing on running without fans in my training and I guess I am used to it by now. I just want to get back to the hotel and have some rest before heading back home. I've got about 26 hours flight to take and then I start preparing for the Olympics.

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## **Elaine THOMPSON-HERAH (JAM)**

#### 100m Women

It's been wonderful been here in Doha and I want to thank the organisers for putting together such a great event. I am happy to win but my major focus is to finish the year healthy. Preparations for the Olympics is the next on my agenda and it begins in earnest. I don't normally celebrate a win for long and tonight I am just going to have some rest, eat good food before heading to the airport. I hope to resume training in earnest.

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# Ferguson Cheruiyot ROTICH (KEN)

#### 800m Men - SB

I am happy to win tonight and end the season on a high note. The pandemic has affected the season but everyonehad to adapt. We were all preparing for the Olympics but unfortunately it was postponed. I wasn't under any pressure tonight because I usually run against the time and I don't consider who I am competing against. Preparations for the Olympics is next but before then I will be racing in Nairobi to round up the year. I hope to end the year on a strong note.

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## Maryna BEKH-ROMANCHUK (UKR)

### Long Jump Women

I am happy with my jump and I am delighted to win in Doha. The season hasn't gone the way everyone expected but for me I am glad to be ending it on a high. The Olympics is my next focus just like everyone else and I hope to perform well in Tokyo. I am going to take a short break and then start preparation for 2021 in earnest. I am happy to be here and I hope to come back next year.

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## Hellen OBIRI (KEN)

#### 3000m Women - WL

Doha has become more like a second home to me as I've won so many races here including the World Championship last year. I love coming back to Doha again and again. I've had the opportunity of training in Doha for about a month in preparation for this event and I believe it has helped me to get in shape and acclimatised quite well. The season has not been the best for everyone but I am happy it is coming to an end. We are all focussing on next year - an Olympic year. I am going back to Nairobi a happy woman and I look forward to coming back here again.

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# **Armand DUPLANTIS (SWE)**

### Pole Vault Men - MR

It's been a fantastic season and I enjoyed sharing the moment tonight with the guys. We've not been able to see each other this season as we often do due to obvious reasons. I enjoyed the jump and the rivalry with Sam. It's been fun with him as we have always got back at each other. It's been a rollercoaster year sort of. I broke the indoor world record earlier in the year and I was enjoying the season but all of a sudden the pandemic came and everything shut down and no one knew what will happen next. It's great back and I hope things keep improving.

Tonight's win is for my sister who is celebrating her 18th birthday. Though I'm not there with her but I believe I've given her a wonderful gift.

I've always loved coming to Doha because to me I believe heat is better than cold and I enjoyed competing here. I look forward to coming back.

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