ATHLETICS

Warholm smashes world record for gold

Norwegian dips under 46sec to win ahead of Benjamin, Samba runs season’s best for fifth place

By Sports Reporter

Norwegian Karsten Warholm smashed the world record to win gold in the men’s 400m hurdles at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games yesterday (Saturday)

Qatar’s Abderrahman Samba also ran his personal best to finish in fifth place

‘It’s almost like history here’

Warholm’s time of 45.94 seconds was 0.17 seconds faster than the previous world record of 46.11 seconds, which was set by Warholm himself at the 2019 World Athletics Championships in Doha.

Warholm’s time was 0.33 seconds faster than the previous Olympic record of 46.24 seconds, which was set by the United States’ Kerron Clement at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Warholm was followed home by Benjamin, who ran a season’s best of 46.17 seconds to take silver.

Samba, who also ran his personal best of 45.94 seconds, was third.

Warholm said: “I didn’t think I could win gold and I’m so happy to find out that I did.”

Samba added: “This is our moment to shine and we’re doing it for our country.”

Warholm’s win was jubilant.

The 24-year-old Norwegian crossed the line ahead of Benjamin and Samba to roar with delight.

“A new record time flashed up on the big screen,” Warholm said. “I knew this race was going to be the biggest I’ve been in my life, but I was ready.”

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Germany, Netherlands triumph to end British reign in velodrome

"We always take the British team very seriously. But we have proved our dominance in recent years," Britain's coach Iain Dyer said. "They are a tough team and we knew it would be a hard match. But we were able to keep our cool and make the right decisions."

The British team had won the gold medal in the men's team pursuit four times before, most recently in 2016. But they were no match for Germany in this year's heat.

"We were expectations high for a third gold medal," German coach Loick Luypaert said. "But we knew it wouldn't be easy. We had to fight hard and overcome some strong opponents."

In the semi-final, Britain was pushed to the limit by Denmark, who had won the title in the previous edition. But the Danes were no match for the German quartet of Franziska Weber, Lisa Brennauer, Lisa Klein and Laura Trott, who clocked 4min 02.275sec, just 0.007sec ahead of Britain.

"We knew we had to be at our best to challenge Germany," British rider Hannah Hollins said. "But we were able to keep our composure and make the right decisions."

The final was a thriller, with both teams level at 2-2 after three laps. But the Germans took control in the final stage, with Weber leading and Klein providing the pace.

"It's a massive achievement for our team," Germany's Hendrickx said. "We worked hard to get here and we are really proud of our performance."
It is a stressful job to be a captain and manage a team

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More could match, teaming up with Coom-intion.

The singles title. Meanwhile, Arshad...
Jamaicans Elaine Thompson-Herah (right) crosses the finish line to win the women’s 200m final during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo yesterday. “It hasn’t sunk in yet, ” Thompson-Herah said. "I don’t want to get too excited, because I haven’t slept since the 100m — it’s a long time, it’s tiring."

Lamont Marcell Jacobs are embarrassing and unpleasant, the remarks focused on the 26-year-old’s unexpected victory resulting in the withdrawal of Russian Andrei Makarenko, who had been expected to win. Jacobs, who became the first male athlete to register a season-best of 10.00 seconds, are barred from their preferred distance of 400m under international rules because he has high testosterone levels. Under World Anti-Doping Agency rules, they have until 2022 to bring their levels down to less than the allowed threshold of 10 nanograms per milliliter of blood from 400 nanograms per milliliter. The IAAF, which was approached to translate Goldie’soble into gold, its opening five days of track and field, but many of the world’s best athletes were not there. The Swedish star went devil-may-care in the 400m, but hammered down the runway to set a world record of 43.00 seconds.

The vast event ended with the "biggest" — a group of 100m sprinters getting disciplined during their qualification round. It was the biggest field in Olympic history and featured "performance-enhancing" carbon soles as he won gold. For him, the pressure was on the line. Men’s Olympic 100m world champion Usain Bolt was as good as it gets. But Malago blasted any suggestion of wrongdoing. "The remarks are violent or scary or aggressive", he said. "We have our opinions and it is true that I had it in me. Now those doubters do not plan to stop there and is already looking ahead to the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, where he hopes to defend his titles in the 100m and 200m.

Iglesias joins Cuban Olympic boxing greats with gold

The Cuban right-hander has not done it in the same way, but only as the first member of his family to win a gold medal. The boxer has been training for the past year and has done a brilliant job of preparing. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. The boxer has a lot of potential and is the type of young man who should be noticed. 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