

DAY 6 • FINAL • Men’s 1500m free • 15 August 2026

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| <b>World Record</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>14:30.67</b> | <b>Bobby Finke (USA)</b>                     | <b>04 AUG 2024, Paris</b>    |
| (26.79 – 55.47 (100m) – 1:24.72 – 1:53.59 (200m) – 2:22.69 – 2:51.69 (300m) – 3:21.12 – 3:50.38 (400m) – 4:19.81 – 4:40.10 (500m) – 5:18.59 – 5:47.86 (600m) – 6:17.30 – 6:46.51 (700m) – 7:15.88 – 7:45.18 (800m) – 8:14.43 – 8:43.37 (900m) – 9:12.65 – 9:41.72 (1000m) – 10:10.85 – 10:40.01 (1100m) – 11:09.21 – 11:38.41 (1200m) – 12:07.49 – 12:36.69 (1300m) – 13:06.02 – 13:35.33 (1400m) – 14:04.40 – 14:30.67)    |                 |                                              |                              |
| <b>European Record</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>14:32.80</b> | <b>Gregorio Paltrinieri (ITA)</b>            | <b>25 JUN 2022, Budapest</b> |
| (27.00 – 55.57 (100m) – 1:24.53 – 1:53.67 (200m) – 2:23.00 – 2:52.32 (300m) – 3:21.69 – 3:51.04 (400m) – 4:20.24 – 4:49.44 (500m) – 5:18.55 – 5:47.88 (600m) – 6:16.85 – 6:46.02 (700m) – 7:14.94 – 7:44.19 (800m) – 8:13.44 – 8:42.68 (900m) – 9:11.90 – 9:41.14 (1000m) – 10:10.27 – 10:39.56 (1100m) – 11:08.84.24 – 11:37.95 (1200m) – 12:06.93 – 12:36.21 (1300m) – 13:05.35 – 13:34.72 (1400m) – 14:04.11 – 14:32.80) |                 |                                              |                              |
| <b>World Best Time 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>14:39.67</b> | <b>Johannes Liebmann (GER)</b> (10 APR 2026) |                              |
| <b>Olympic Champion 2024</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>14.30.67</b> | <b>Robert Finke (USA)</b>                    |                              |
| <b>World Champion 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>14:34.41</b> | <b>Ahmed Jaquadi (TUN)</b>                   |                              |
| <b>European Champion 2024</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>14:55.64</b> | <b>Kuzey Tunceli (TUR)</b>                   |                              |
| <b>Championships Record</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>14:34.04</b> | <b>Gregorio Paltrinieri (ITA), 2016</b>      |                              |

| Lane             | Name                                                                                                                                | Personal Info                                                                                                                                                                                | OG                                                                                                                                                                                       | WC                                                                                                                                                                                              | EC                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1<br>QT 14:57.97 |  <b>Andrei-Theodor PROCA</b><br>ROU<br>PB 14:57.97 | DoB: 20 SEP 2007 (18)<br>PoB / Residence: Bucharest<br>Club: CSM Pitesti<br>Coach: Viorel Ciobanu<br>Height 183cm                                                                            | <b>Note</b><br>National Record Holder<br>1500m freestyle                                                                                                                                 | SC-23. 800FR 24<br>JUN-8. 800FR + 1500FR 25                                                                                                                                                     | <b>LC-12. 800FR 26</b><br>SC-10. 800FR 25<br>SC-12. 1500FR 25<br>SC-14. 800FR + 1500FR 25<br>JUN-11. 7.5km 24                                                                                                   |
| 2<br>QT 14:52.29 |  <b>Daniel WIFFEN</b><br>IRL<br>PB 14:34.07        | DoB: 14 JUL 2001 (25)<br>PoB: Magheralin<br>Residence: Dublin<br>Club: Larne SC/National Centre (Dublin), IRL<br>Coach: Steve Beckerleg<br>Occupation: Student (IT with Business Management) | 1. 800FR 24<br>3. 1500FR 24<br>14. 800 FR 21<br>20. 1500FR 21<br><b>OWS</b><br>18. 10km 24<br><b>Commonwealth Games</b><br>2. 1500FR 22 + 26<br>4. 800FR 26                              | LC-1. 800FR + 1500FR 24<br>LC-4. 800FR + 1500FR 23<br>LC-7. 400FR 24<br>LC-8. 800FR 22, 25<br><b>Note</b> First ever EC record holder for IRL. Twin brother of Nathan, also competing in Paris. | <b>LC-4. 800FR 26</b><br>LC-11. 800FR 21<br>SC-1. 400FR + 800FR + 1500FR 23<br>SC-1. 1500FR 25<br>SC-3. 400FR + 800FR 25<br>U23-1. 1500FR 23<br>U23-2. 400FR + 800FR 23                                         |
| 3<br>QT 14:51.49 |  <b>Sacha VELLY</b><br>FRA<br>PB 14:51.23          | DoB: 09 FEB 2005 (21)<br>PoB: Laon<br>Club: FC Laon<br>Coach: Thomas Javaux (Lille)<br>Height: 189cm                                                                                         | <b>OWS</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> overall ranking World Cup 2026                                                                                                                             | <b>OWS</b><br>19. 5km 25<br>10. 5km 23<br>12. 10km 23<br>4. Team 22<br>19. 10km, 25km 22<br>JUN-1. 10km 24                                                                                      | <b>OWS</b><br><b>4. Team 26</b><br><b>21. 10km 26</b><br>3. Team 25<br>4. 5km 24, 25<br>6. 10km 25<br>3. Team 24<br>JUN-1. 7.5km 22                                                                             |
| 4<br>QT 14:48.51 |  <b>Oliver KLEMET</b><br>GER<br>PB 14:39.03       | DoB: 18 MAR 2002 (24)<br>PoB.: Bad Homburg<br>Residence: Magdeburg<br>Club: SG Frankfurt<br>Coach: Bernd Berkahn<br>Occupation: Sport soldier<br>Height: 175cm                               | <b>POOL</b><br>7. 400FR 24<br><b>OWS</b><br>2. 10km 24<br><b>Note</b> Celebrated his first World Cup victory in April 2025 at the debut of the new knockout sprint format in open water. | <b>OWS</b><br>1. Team 25<br>4. 10km 25<br>9. 5km 25<br>17. 3km-Ko 25<br>1. Team 22<br>3. 10km 23                                                                                                | <b>LC-14. 800FR 26</b><br><b>OWS</b><br><b>1. Team 26</b><br><b>9. 3km-Ko 26</b><br><b>3. 10km 26</b><br>JUN-2. 10km + Team 21                                                                                  |
| 5<br>QT 14:50.83 |  <b>Johannes LIEBMANN</b><br>GER<br>PB 14:39.67  | DoB: 21 MAR 2007 (19)<br>PoB: Eckernfoerde<br>Residence: Magdeburg<br>Club: SC Magdeburg<br>Coach: Bernd Berkahn<br>Occ.: High school student<br>Height:185cm                                | <b>Note</b><br>Current European record holder<br>800FR (LC), swum in April 2026 in Stockholm                                                                                             | <b>POOL</b><br>JUN-4. 1500FR 25<br>JUN-6. 800FR 25<br>JUN-7. 400FR 25                                                                                                                           | <b>POOL</b><br><b>LC-1. 800FR 26</b><br>SC-4. 400FR + 800FR 25<br>SC-11. 800FR 25<br>JUN-2. 1500FR 24, 25<br><b>OWS</b><br><b>8. 3m-Ko26</b><br><b>JUN-2. 3km-Ko 26</b><br><b>JUN-1. Team 26</b>                |
| 6<br>QT 14:51.94 |  <b>Zalan SARKANY</b><br>HUN<br>PB 14:39.67      | DoB: 15 OCT 2003 (22)<br>PoB / Res.: Budapest / Veszprem<br>Club: Balaton UK Veszprem<br>Coach: Laszlo Szokolai<br>Height: 180cm                                                             | 11. 1500FR 24<br>14. 400FR 24<br>14. 800FR 24                                                                                                                                            | LC-7. 1500FR 25<br>LC-13. 400FR 25<br>SC-1. 800FR 24<br>SC-6. 400FR 24<br>SC-8. 1500FR 24                                                                                                       | <b>LC-3. 800FR 26</b><br>LC-3. 800FR + 1500FR 24<br>LC-4. 400IM 24<br>SC-1. 800FR 25<br>SC-2. 1500FR 25<br>U23-4. 800 FR + 1500FR 23                                                                            |
| 7<br>QT 14:57.96 |  <b>David BETLEHEM</b><br>HUN<br>PB 14:40.91     | DoB: 04 SEP 2003 (22)<br>PoB.: Szombathely<br>Res.: Veszprém<br>Club: Ferencváros<br>Coach: Laszlo Szokolai<br>Height: 175cm                                                                 | 3. 10km 24                                                                                                                                                                               | 2. 3km-Ko 25<br>3. Team 25<br>3. Team 24<br>2. Team 22, 23                                                                                                                                      | LC-2. 1500FR 21<br>SC-7. 800FR 21<br><b>OWS</b><br><b>1. 3m-Ko26</b><br><b>2. 10km 26</b><br><b>3. Team 26</b><br>1. Team 25 / 1. 5km + Team 24<br>JUN-1. 10km 21, 22                                           |
| 8<br>QT 14:59.49 |  <b>Luca DE TULLIO</b><br>ITA<br>PB 14.48.77     | DoB: 21 SEP 2003 (22)<br>PoB: Bari<br>Club: GS Fiamme Oro / Circolo Canottieri Aniene<br>Coach: Fabrizio Antonelli<br>Height: 181cm                                                          | 7. 800FR 24<br>12. 1500FR 24<br><b>Note</b><br>Brother of Marco de Tullio, also competing in Paris.                                                                                      | LC-13. 800FR 25<br>LC-7. 800FR 24<br>LC- 11. 800FR 23<br>LC-13. 1500FR 23 + 24 + 25                                                                                                             | <b>LC-6. 800m 26</b><br>LC-8. 800FR 22 (heats, 4 <sup>th</sup> Italian)<br>LC-6. 1500FR 22 (heats, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Italian)<br>SC-5. 800FR 23<br>SC-9. 1500FR 23<br>U23-3. 800FR + 1500FR 23<br>JUN-3. 800FR 21 |

All-time World Rankings (WA)

|          |                           |          |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 14:30.67 | Bobby Finke, USA          | 04/08/24 |
| 14:31.02 | Yang Sun, CHN             | 04/08/12 |
| 14:31.54 | Achmed Hafnaoui, TUN      | 30/07/23 |
| 14:32.80 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | 25/06/22 |
| 14:34.07 | Daniel Wiffen, IRL        | 18/02/24 |
| 14:34.41 | Ahmed Jaouadi, TUN        | 03/08/25 |
| 14:34.56 | Grant Hackett, AUS        | 29/07/01 |
| 14:34.89 | Florian Wellbrock, GER    | 21/04/23 |
| 14:35.69 | Sven Schwarz, GER         | 03/08/25 |
| 14:36.10 | Mykhailo Romanchuk, UKR   | 16/08/22 |

Current World Rankings (since 01.01.2026)

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|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 14:39.67 | Johannes Liebmann, GER  | 10/04/26 |
| 14:40.93 | Sven Schwarz, GER       | 17/04/26 |
| 14:41.71 | Oliver Klemet, GER      | 10/04/26 |
| 14:42.09 | Samuel Short, AUS       | 12/06/26 |
| 14:44.70 | Daniel Wiffen, IRL      | 29/07/26 |
| 14:45.57 | Kaito Tabuchi, JPN      | 22/03/26 |
| 14:49.50 | Benjamin Goedemans, AUS | 29/07/26 |
| 14:50.22 | Matthew Galea, AUS      | 12/06/26 |
| 14:51.23 | Sacha Velly, FRA        | 01/07/26 |
| 14:51.93 | Zhanshuo Zhang, CHN     | 20/03/26 |

European Record History (last 10)

|          |                           |                 |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 14:54.76 | Vladimir Salnikov, URS    | Moscow, 1983    |
| 14:50.36 | Joerg Hoffmann, GER       | Perth, 1991     |
| 14:45.95 | David Davies, GBR         | Athens, 2004    |
| 14:45.94 | Mateusz Sawrymowicz, POL  | Melbourne, 2007 |
| 14:43.21 | Yury Prilukov, RUS        | Beijing, 2008   |
| 14:39.93 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | Berlin, 2014    |
| 14:39.67 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | Kazan, 2015     |
| 14:34.04 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | London, 2016    |
| 14:33.10 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | Rome, 2020      |
| 14:32.80 | Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | Budapest, 2022  |

Medallists at Recent Major Championships

| 2022 Rome (ECh)                      | 2024 Doha (WCh)                   | 2024 Belgrade (ECh)                | 2024 Paris (OG)                      | 2025 Singapore (WCh)          |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 14:36.10 Mykhailo Romanchuk, UKR   | 1 14:34.07 Daniel Wiffen, IRL     | 1 14:55.64 Kuzey Tuncelli, TUR     | 1 14:30.67 Bobby Finke, USA          | 1 14:34.41 Ahmed Jaquadi, TUN |
| 2 14:39.79 Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | 2 14:44.61 Florian Wellbrock, GER | 2 15.00.00 Mykhailo Romanchuk, UKR | 2 14:34.55 Gregorio Paltrinieri, ITA | 2 14:35.69 Sven Schwarz, GER  |
| 3 14:50.86 Damien Joly, FRA          | 3 14:44.85 David Aubry, FRA       | 3 15:06.67 Zalan Sarkany, HUN      | 3 14:39.63 Daniel Wiffen, IRL        | 3 14:36.60 Bobby Finke, USA   |