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Newham's Leroy Slue has been celebrating his own athletics success recently.

The World Championships at London Stadium caught the imagination of the public once again, after Slue took 100 metre honours at home and abroad.

Ranked as the fourth fastest British 100m runner in his V35 age group after a season's best of 10.89 seconds in Spain in May, Slue was picked to represent Great Britain at the European Masters.

An impressive 11.07 at the British Championships was his second-fastest time of the year and saw him finish in second place.

And he went on to replicate that performance in Denmark, finishing second in a time of 11.21 behind Israel's Asaf Malka (11.17).

Slue's hard work and determination have been key to his success and he has been selected for the Great British squad for the World Masters Championships in Malaga from September 5-16 next year.



Newham's Leroy Slue celebrates.



Muktar Edris celebrates with a 'Mobot' after beating six-time world champion Mo Farah.

Picture: PA

I've had incredible career says Farah after losing his crown on final outing

Sir Mo Farah admitted his athletics career had been 'incredible' after signing off with 5,000 metre silver at the World Championships at London Stadium.

Four-time Olympic champion Farah was bidding for his fourth 5,000m world title and seventh in total, having won his third 10,000m crown eight days earlier, but was beaten in a typically dramatic sprint finish by Ethiopia's Muktar Edris.

And the 34-year-old revealed his exertions had caught up with him, after running out of energy in front of his passionate home crowd, saying: "It's been amazing. It's been a long journey but it's been incredible.

"It doesn't quite sink in until you compete here and cross the line - I had a couple of minutes to myself - that this is it.

"To be honest with you it

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takes so much out of me. It's not an excuse, but it took a lot more out of me than I realised. Tactically, I was trying to cover every move.

"They had the game plan: one of them was going to sacrifice themselves. That's what they did tonight, and the better man won on the day. I gave it my all, I didn't have a single bit left at the end."

The pace for most of the race looked to be reasonably comfortable for Farah, but he was suddenly up against it on the final lap and on entering the home straight, he found himself in fourth place for a brief moment.

Asked whether he thought gold was still possible, he added: "I thought it might be possible, but my legs had it. I got boxed in early on - it doesn't normally happen - but I got boxed in early and

couldn't get out."

New champion Edris celebrated with a 'Mobot' tribute to Farah after dethroning the legend and said: "I was highly prepared for this race and I knew I was going to beat Mo Farah. After the 10km he was maybe tired so he did not have enough for the last kick. I was stronger.

"Mo has many victories, that's why I did the Mobot. I have won the gold in front of his home crowd. I didn't have much support but we did it. I did the Mobot out of respect as well for him."

Bronze medalist Paul Chelimo had his own thoughts, adding: "I think the Ethiopians had a plan because Kejelcha was out there to push the pace early and try and dampen Mo Farah's kick.

"Edris was just waiting to see and sitting by in the last 200m. Mo is leaving, someone else has to take over now."

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Bowls

Central Park's battle to make the final of the Group 5 Beckett Trophy ended in their last four clash with Wanstead on Friday.

The prestigious competition is a double fours, home and away event and it proved to be a tough battle.

Over at Wanstead it was a battle royal between John Batten and Harry Morley of

Central, with both putting in some excellent woods.

Morley's team included John Huckstepp and Eddie Grigg with skip Jim Grummett and despite the skip playing some excellent saving shots, it was Wanstead skip Brian Kelly who pushed hard to take the game 24-14.

That made it very difficult for the home team to turn

things round and Ken Cutts and his team battled hard, but eventually went down 20-19 as Wanstead won by 44-33.

Meanwhile, Moosa Patel of Plashet Park is into the semi-finals of the Group 5 Waur Trophy competition.

He pipped George Warren of Phoenix 21-19 and will face another Phoenix bowler in John Curtis in the semis.