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Sumptuous Line-Up in the 800m and Long Jump at Athletissima

The full men's long jump podium from the Paris Olympics, as well as the Olympic champion and runner-up in the 800m, will be present at the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of Athletissima on 20 August. The Lausanne meet also announces the attendance of 100m Olympic champion Julien Alfred (Saint Lucia), and Italy's Marcell Jacobs, the double Olympic champion from Tokyo 2021 (100m and 4x100m).

Last year, Athletissima was the stage for one of the greatest 800m races in history: **Emmanuel Wanyonyi** became the second-fastest man of all time (1:41.11), winning ahead of **Marco Arop** (1:41.72) and **Gabriel Tual** (1:42.30). The Kenyan, the Canadian, and the Frenchman are set to meet again this year in Lausanne for what promises to be another spectacular showdown. They are, respectively, the reigning Olympic, World, and European champions.

In the long jump, the discipline's seasoned star, double Olympic and world champion **Miltiadis Tentoglou** (GRE), will be challenged by rising talent **Mattia Furlani** of Italy (20 years old), and Jamaica's **Wayne Pinnock**—bronze and silver medalists respectively in Paris. Swiss athlete **Simon Ehammer**, winner of the 2023 Wanda Diamond League final, is also expected.

Sprint queen **Julien Alfred** will compete in the 200m. The Olympic 100m champion is also a formidable force in the half-lap event. She kicked off her season with a 21.88 time in Florida. **Marcell Jacobs** will line up in the 100m, his specialty.

A word to fans who don't want to miss the event on 20 August: nearly 95% of tickets have been sold. With two months to go until the Lausanne meet, around 800 tickets remain available.

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#### **About Athletissima**

Athletissima, now a fixture of Lausanne's summer season, was first held on 8 July 1977 at the Pierre-de-Coubertin Stadium, spearheaded by former 800 m runner Jacky Delapierre. Over the years, it has become a renowned international meeting, attracting the biggest stars in athletics to the Olympic capital. Now based at the La Pontaise Olympic Stadium, Athletissima has been part of the Wanda Diamond League circuit since 2010, establishing itself as one of the world's most prestigious athletics meetings.

## **About the Wanda Diamond League**

The Wanda Diamond League is the elite one-day meeting series in global athletics. It comprises 15 of the most prestigious events in global track and field. Athletes compete for points at the 14 series meetings in a bid to qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final, which will be held in Zurich on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

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