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Spotlight on Shericka Jackson, the Javelin and the 800m

Shericka Jackson, Shaunae Miller-Uibo, Marco Arop, and eight of the world's top ten 5000m performers this season have confirmed their participation at Athletissima on 21 August. The latest additions promise world-class fields in the men's javelin and triple jump, alongside an outstanding programme of track events.

Never before has a throwing event reached such a remarkable level of depth in Lausanne. The five athletes who have claimed the last four Olympic and World Championship javelin titles will all be in action: **Arshad Nadeem (PAK)**, **Neeraj Chopra (IND)**, **Keshorn Walcott (TTO)**, **Thomas Röhler (GER)** and **Anderson Peters (GRN)**. Yet the favourite may well be **Rumesh Pathirage (SRI)**, who owns the world-leading mark of **92.62m** this season. European champions **Jakub Vadlejch (CZE)** and **Julian Weber (GER)** will also be in contention. The event has been designated a **Diamond League+ discipline**, with the winner receiving double the usual prize money.

The women's 200m will feature a fascinating clash of styles between **Shericka Jackson (JAM)**, the second-fastest woman in history, and **Shaunae Miller-Uibo (BAH)**, the 2022 world champion and Olympic 400m champion in both 2016 and 2021, who has successfully switched to the 200m this season after becoming a mother for the second time, in 2025. World silver medallist **Amy Hunt (GBR)** will be aiming to disrupt what promises to be a captivating duel.

The men's 800m came within two-tenths of a second of a world record in Lausanne two years ago. The two protagonists from that unforgettable race, **Emmanuel Wanyonyi (KEN)** and **Marco Arop (CAN)**, return this year alongside the breakout star of the summer, **Brandon Miller (USA)**, fresh from his recent victory in London.

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The men's 5000m promises a spectacular showdown between the season's leading performers, headed by **Addisu Yihune (ETH)** and **Birhanu Balew (BRN)**. Qualification for the Diamond League Final is particularly competitive in this event, adding even more significance to the race. Yihune and Balew will face a formidable American contingent led by **Grant Fisher** and **Parker Wolfe**. Switzerland's **Dominic Lobalu**, who recently produced a sensational sprint finish to win in Monaco, will also be among the favourites for victory.

The men's triple jump brings together the very best athletes of the season, led by **Andy Diaz Hernandez (ITA)**, Olympic champion and two-time world champion **Pedro Pichardo (POR)**, and **Jordan Scott (JAM)**.

As a reminder, alongside Lobalu, spectators will have the chance to cheer on Switzerland's biggest stars, notably **Audrey Werro**, **Simon Ehammer**, **Ditaji Kambundji**, **Angelica Moser**, **Géraldine Di Tizio-Frey**, and the Swiss **4x100m relay team**.

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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 800m 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 athletics. It comprises 15 of the most prestigious events in global track and field, delivering world-class competitions for fans and athletes in all four corners of the world.

The series provides a unique opportunity for athletes across the full diversity of track and field to compete regularly at the highest level throughout the outdoor season. In 32 different disciplines, athletes compete for points at the 14 series meetings in a bid to qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final.

With events in 13 different countries across four different continents, the Diamond League is one of the most truly global series in world sport.

In 2025, it welcomed 400,000 spectators to some of the planet's most iconic arenas and was broadcast on television in 170 different countries. It also reached an online fanbase of five



million social media followers worldwide, notching up more than one billion impressions and more than 900 million video views across all platforms.

The 2026 Diamond League season will begin in Shanghai/Keqiao on May 16 and culminate at the two-day series final in Brussels on September 4-5.

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