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### **Duplantis Back in Lausanne**

**Armand Duplantis will make his big return to Lausanne on 20<sup>th</sup> August at Athletissima. The double Olympic champion, world record holder, and seven-time world champion in pole vault will be the headline act of a City Event that promises to be spectacular once again.**

This will be the Swedish prodigy's eighth appearance in Lausanne. He first competed there in 2017, when he was not yet 18 years old and largely unknown on the top international circuit. Even then, the organizers had shown their keen eye for spotting emerging talents.

Nine years later, "Mondo" has set the bar incredibly high, at 6.31 m, his current world record. In seven appearances, he has won three times in Lausanne: in 2020 with a 6.07 m jump at Place de l'Europe in the city center, in 2022 with 6.10 m, and in 2024 at the City Event in Ouchy with 6.15 m, the current meeting record.

Each time, the event has never failed to deliver - especially as the field is always exceptionally strong. This year, the organizers plan to expand the entertainment around the competition and further enhance the fan experience. The event will take place by the lakeside in Ouchy. This season, Duplantis has set himself the goal of winning the Diamond League trophy for the sixth consecutive time.

The main meeting itself will take place the following day, Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, at La Pontaise Stadium. Ticket sales will open on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Swiss and international stars will once again be present in large numbers.

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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 Doha on May 8 and culminate at the two-day series final in Brussels on September 4-5.

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