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### **Gout Gout Takes on Tebogo in an Explosive Showdown in Lausanne**

**Athletissima will feature a thrilling 200m clash between Gout Gout and Letsile Tebogo on 21 August. In his first Diamond League season, the 18-year-old Australian prodigy will take on the Olympic champion who lit up the Pontaise Stadium two years ago with a stunning 19.64 performance over the 200m.**

Lausanne will be Gout Gout's only European race during the second half of the season. The sprint sensation, often compared to Usain Bolt because of his precocious talent and devastating finishing speed, attracts attention wherever he competes - especially since setting a sensational World Junior Record of 19.67 in Sydney in mid-April. The Brisbane-born athlete, whose hometown will host the 2032 Olympic Games, has faced Tebogo only once so far, in the semi-finals of the 2025 World Championships in Tokyo, where the Botswana star came out on top.

At just 22 years old, Letsile Tebogo is already building an impressive résumé across the 100m, 200m and 400m. The smooth-running Botswanan, a double World U20 champion in the 100m in 2022, World Champion with the 4x400m relay in 2025, and Olympic champion over 200m, will be looking to take full advantage of the legendary curve of the Pontaise track and challenge Noah Lyles' meeting record of 19.50.

In a different event, but one that promises to be just as explosive, the women's 800m is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the evening. Following her incredible 1:53.98 performance on Sunday in Stockholm - the third-fastest time in world history - Athletissima ambassador Audrey Werro will return before her home crowd with the ambition of delivering another unforgettable moment.

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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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