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A Five-Star Pole Vault Showdown

The organizers of Athletissima did not return from Scandinavia empty-handed. Following the Diamond League meetings in Oslo and Stockholm, the commitments of five major champions were finalized, including Armand Duplantis, for the pole vault competition that will serve as the City Event on 21 August, the day before the meeting.

On Sunday in Stockholm, in front of his home crowd, "Mondo" Duplantis won with a jump of 6 meters, reaching or exceeding this height for the 57th time in his career. In Lausanne, the world's number one athlete has two recent victories where he achieved the 6m feat, in 2022 (6.10 meters) and 2020 (6.07 meters).

Americans Sam Kendricks, two-time world champion, and Chris Nilsen, Olympic silver medalist, once again appear as his main rivals on the shores of Lake Geneva. The competition will also feature Frenchman Renaud Lavillenie, former world record holder, and Filipino Ernest Obiena, world silver medalist.

The event will take place at the Place de la Navigation, in Ouchy.

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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.

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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 premier one-day meeting series in athletics. It comprises 14 of the most prestigious events in global track and field. Athletes compete for points at the 13 series meetings in a bid to qualify for the two-day Wanda Diamond League Final in Eugene on 16th-17th September.

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