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An Abundance Of Champions as Olympic Stars Are Gathering In Lausanne

At least eighteen current Olympic or world champions will be present in Lausanne for the 49th edition of Athletissima on the 22nd of August (as well as the 21st for the City Event). The organisers took advantage of the Paris Olympics to finalise the line-up of athletes.

The 800m race in this 11th stage of the Wanda Diamond League promises to be "hot," twelve days after the Olympic final, which saw four men run under 1'42", something never seen before. Four of the top five finishers from the Games will run in Lausanne: Olympic champion **Emmanuel Wanyonyi (KEN)**, the third fastest man in history, Olympic silver medallist and world champion **Marco Arop (CAN)**, and the 4th and 5th place finishers in Paris, **Bryce Hoppel (USA)** and **Mohamed Attaoui (ESP)**.

In the 200m, the new Olympic champion from Botswana, **Letsile Tebogo**, will be the main attraction in a race that is always highly anticipated and very fast at La Pontaise. He will face, among others, triple world champion (100m and relay) and 100m bronze medallist in Paris, **Fred Kerley (USA)**, and young prodigy **Erriyon Knighton (USA)**.

Another highlight, the 100m hurdles, will feature Puerto Rican **Jasmine Camacho-Quinn**, the 2021 Olympic champion, current world champion **Danielle Williams (JAM)**, Paris silver medallist **Cyréna Samba-Mayela (FRA)**, and of course, as previously announced, Swiss athlete **Ditaji Kambundji**.

The organisers have also gathered a magnificent lineup in the men's long jump, with double Olympic champion **Miltiadis Tentoglou (GRE)**, who will compete against **Wayne Pinnock (JAM)**, **Mattia Furlani (ITA)**, and **Simon Ehammer (SUI)**, who finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively at the Paris Olympics.

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Among other stars whose participation had not yet been confirmed are the British athletes **Daryll Neita** and **Dina Asher-Smith**, as well as Ivorian **Marie-Josée Ta Lou-Smith** in the 100m, **Yemisi Ogunleye (GER)** and **Maddison-Lee Wesche (NZL)** in shot put, the current Olympic champion and runner-up, **Rushell Clayton (JAM)** in the 400m hurdles, **Anderson Peter (GRN)** in javelin, and **Narve Nordas (NOR)** in the 1500m.

More than 13'000 spectators are expected at La Pontaise (the stadium is sold out) and probably a couple of thousand at Ouchy (Place de la Navigation) for the City Event, which will bring together all the top pole vault specialists, including, of course, "**Mondo**" **Duplantis**, on the 21st of August from 6:00 PM. The City Event is free of charge for the public.

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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 athletics' premier one-day series. The competition encompasses 15 of the sport's most prestigious one-day meetings. Athletes compete for points at 14 series meetings from May to September, with the most successful in each discipline qualifying for the Wanda Diamond League Final.

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