

## Press release

### Superb Line-up for the Men's Triple Jump and Women's 400m Hurdles

The men's triple jump has a history of creating exciting showdowns in Lausanne. The struggle between this year's top two athletes will again draw an enthusiastic crowd on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, with the magic mark of 18 meters under close scrutiny this year.

**Christian Taylor**, the Olympic and World Champion, returns to one of the few jump pits where he has achieved this mark. He managed it in 2015 with a jump of 18.06m, while at the same time establishing a new stadium record. The American is the only athlete to have achieved the 18m limit on four separate occasions. He holds the second-best performance of all time with 18.21m, only 8cm off from Jonathan Edwards' world record. The world record still remains one of his primary objectives.

The Cuban, **Pedro Pablo Pichardo**, twice runner-up at the World Championships in 2013 and 2015, will be Taylor's main opponent. He has already jumped more than 18m on two occasions and won in Doha last month with a jump of 17.95m, a distance that puts him at the top of this year's rankings. Lausanne is a venue that he is fond of having recorded his second victory here last year and he is now looking for his third victory in the Olympic Capital. Putting all the luck on his side, he is preparing exclusively for Lausanne by skipping the other meetings between now and the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. The American, **Will Claye**, who won silver at the Olympic Games and the World Championships is another athlete to watch closely. **Alexis Copello (Azerbaijan)**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Qatar and 4<sup>th</sup> in Eugene this year, will also be present.

#### A New Crazy Race for Lea ?

Concerning the women, the 400m hurdles is going to be tough for **Lea Sprunger**. With a sublime 2<sup>nd</sup> last year, the Vaudoise entertained the crowd but will need to raise herself again this year to repeat her feat. She will be up against not only the American, **Ashley Spencer**, who beat her last year, but also her compatriot, **Dalilah Muhammad**, current Olympic Champion and runner-up at the World Championships. The latter is in strong form having recently won in Shanghai. **Georganne Moline (USA)**, winner in Rome, is also going to be hard to beat. The Jamaican, **Janieve Russell**, winner in Eugene and the Commonwealth Champion this spring, will also be pushing hard to stake her claim. **Eilidh Doyle (GBR)**, runner-up at the Gold Coast and **Cassandra Tate (USA)** who took bronze at the Beijing World Championships should not be ignored. It is going to be an explosive showdown!

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