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An explosive 5000m and shot put

Olympic champions Selemon Barea, Ryan Crouser and Katie Moon join the list of champions who will be present at Athletissima, the 6th stage of the Wanda Diamond League, on 30 June in Lausanne. The Ethiopian will run the 5000m, the American will compete in the shot put and the American in the pole vault.

These three disciplines will constitute, with the men's 1500m, the most competitive events in Lausanne. Barea, winner of the Tokyo 2021 Olympics in the 10'000m, will be challenged in the 5000m by the world record holder Joshua Cheptegei (Oug) but also by most of the 13 athletes who, with Cheptegei, ran under 13 minutes during the 5000m in Florence on the 2nd of June.

Wavelight Technology (the luminous pace setter) will also set a fast pace for the 1500m athletes. The star of this race, as already announced, will be the Norwegian Jakob Ingebrigtsen. Athletissima announced on Monday, to challenge him, the reigning world champion Jake Wightman (GBR), the Ethiopian Lamecha Girma, brand new world record holder in the 3000m steeplechase, and possibly the Spaniard Mohamed Katir (he may run the 5000m).

The double Olympic champion and American world record holder Ryan Crouser will face his compatriot Joe Kovacs, double world champion, the Italian Leonardo Fabbri, the New Zealander Tom Walsh (2017 World Champion) and the Italian Zane Weir, among others.

Apart from Sandi Morris, who will be absent, the women's pole vault will bring together the "cream of the cream" of the discipline. Katie Moon (born Nageotte) will come head-to-head with the Canadian Alysha Newman, the Finnish Wilma Murto (current European champion), the Slovenian Tina Sutej, winner in 2022 in Lausanne, the Greek Ekaterini Stefanidi, the Briton Holly Bradshaw and the Swiss Angelica Moser.

The women's 4x100m, which will round off the meeting, will allow us to witness a re-match between Mujinga Kambundji's Swiss team, winner in 2022, and the Netherlands, 2nd last year. Ivory Coast, Denmark, Portugal, Austria, Australia and Switzerland U23 will also compete.

Note that the meeting would not have been held without the massive participation of volunteers from the Swiss Volunteers platform. No less than 490 volunteers are working at Athletissima to ensure its success.



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