

# Worksheet

# Men Hammer Throw

*Athletic season 2023*

The last time that Paweł Fajdek did not finish on top of the men's hammer podium at the World Championships was 2011, when Japan's Koji Murofushi took the title. Now, at the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23, the Polish great goes for a sixth successive victory, one that would match the record number of world titles won in a single event achieved by Sergey Bubka in the pole vault between 1983 and 1997.

But it is another Polish global gold medallist – Olympic champion Wojciech Nowicki – who is the clear world No.1 in the event right now. Fajdek and Nowicki have clashed a total of 123 times in their career so far, with Fajdek leading that head-to-head record, 90-33. But Nowicki has finished ahead of Fajdek in their last eight competitions and he also got the upper hand at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, when he threw a PB of 82.52m to win his first global gold. That came after he gained bronze in Rio, and medals of the same colour at the World Championships in Doha in 2019, London in 2017 and Beijing in 2015.

While Nowicki leads this season's top list with his 81.92m throw from the Oslo Diamond League, and goes into the competition in Budapest as the favourite, the 34-year-old is not unbeaten this year and there are some strong contenders if he is not in top form come 20 August.

Nowicki has eight wins to his name so far in 2023, but he has finished second on two occasions – first to Rudy Winkler at the Irena Szewinska Memorial in Bydgoszcz on 6 June and then to Mykhaylo Kokhan at the Gyulai Istvan Memorial in Szekesfehervar on 18 July.

USA's Winkler finished seventh at the Tokyo Olympics and sixth at last year's World Championships on home soil in Oregon, but this season he sits second on the world top list behind Nowicki with his 80.88m throw at the USATF Throws Festival in Arizona in May.

Ukraine's 22-year-old Kokhan set his PB of 80.78m in Szekesfehervar in 2021 and he recorded 79.37m – his farthest throw in two years – to win again in the Hungarian city last month. That performance came three days after Kokhan's European U23 title win in Espoo and he will be hoping for more success on his return to Hungary as he targets a first senior world medal after his world U18 gold in 2017 and world U20 silver in 2018.

Bence Halasz carries home hopes. The Hungarian 26-year-old, who claimed world bronze in Doha in 2019, finished fifth in Oregon last year and set his PB of 80.92m when finishing second to Nowicki at the European Championships last August. He has a best of 78.27m in 2023, achieved in his most recent competition – on home soil in Szombathely – on 30 July. One place above him on the entry list is Ethan Katzberg, who threw a PB of 78.73m to win the Canadian title at the end of July. Along with Fajdek, who has a best of 78.10m in 2023, Mexico's Diego del Real and Denzel Comenentia of the Netherlands have also surpassed 78 metres so far this year, with respective marks of 78.05m and 78.01m.

## Medal winners

### 2008 Olympic

1	Primož Kozmus	SLO	82.02
2	Vadim Devyatovskiy	BLR	81.61
3	Ivan Tsikhan	BLR	81.51

### 2009 World

1	Primož Kozmus	SLO	80.84
2	Szymon Ziółkowski	POL	79.30
3	Aleksey Zagorniy	RUS	78.09

### 2010 Europe

1	Libor Charfreitag	SVK	80.02
2	Nicola Vizzoni	ITA	79.12
3	Krisztián Pars	HUN	79.06

### 2011 World

1	Koji MUROFUSHI	JPN	81.24
2	Krisztián PARS	HUN	81.18
3	Primož KOZMUS	SLO	79.39

### 2012 Europe

1	Krisztián Pars	HUN	79.72
2	Aleksey Zagorniy	RUS	77.40
3	Szymon Ziółkowski	POL	76.67

### 2013 World

1	Paweł FAJDEK	POL	81.97
2	Krisztián PARS	HUN	80.30
3	Lukáš MELICH	CZE	79.36

### 2014 Europe

1	Krisztián Pars	HUN	82.69
2	Paweł Fajdek	POL	82.05
3	Pavel Kryvitski	BLR	78.50

### 2015 World

1	Paweł Fajdek	POL	80.88
2	Dilshod Nazarov	TJK	78.55
3	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	78.55

### 2016 Europe

1	Paweł Fajdek	POL	80.93
2	Ivan Tikhon	BLR	78.84
3	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	77.53

### 2016 Olympic

1	Dilshod Nazarov	TJK	78.68
2	Ivan Tikhon	BLR	77.79
3	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	77.73

### 2017 World

1	Paweł Fajdek	POL	79.81
2	Valeriy Pronkin	RUS	78.16
3	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	78.03

### 2018 Europe

1	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	80.12
2	Paweł Fajdek	POL	78.69
3	Bence Halász	HUN	77.36

### 2019 World

1	Paweł Fajdek	POL	80.5
2	Quentin Bigot	FRA	78.19
3	Bence Halász	HUN	78.18

### 2021 Olympic

1	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	82.52
2	Eivind Prestegård Henriksen	NOR	81.58
3	Paweł Fajdek	POL	81.53

### 2022 World

1	Paweł Fajdek	POL	81.98
2	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	81.03
3	Eivind Prestegård Henriksen	NOR	80.87

### 2022 Europe

1	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	82.00
2	Bence Halász	HUN	80.92
3	Eivind Prestegård Henriksen	NOR	79.45

## Relevant records

WR	86.74	Yuriy Sedykh	UKR	Stuttgart	30 Aug 1986
WJR	78.33	Olli-Pekka Karjalainen	FIN	Seinäjoki	5 Aug 1999
Eur	86.74	Yuriy Sedykh	UKR	Stuttgart	30 Aug 1986
CZE	81.28	Vladimír Maška		Pacov	25 09 1999
Ame	82.71	Rudy Winkler	USA	Eugene	20 Jun 2021

## All-time list

1	86.74	Yuriy Sedykh	UKR	Stuttgart	30 Aug 1986
2	86.04	Sergey Litvinov	RUS	Dresden	3 Jul 1986
3	84.90	Vadim Devyatovski	BLR	Minsk	21 Jul 2005
4	84.86	Koji Murofushi	JPN	Praha	29 Jun 2003
5	84.62	Igor Astapkovich	BLR	Sevilla	6 Jun 1992
6	84.51	Ivan Tikhon	BLR	Grodno	9 Jul 2008
7	84.48	Igor Nikulin	RUS	Lausanne	12 Jul 1990
8	84.40	Jüri Tamm	EST	Banská Bystrica	9 Sep 1984
9	84.19	Adrián Annus	HUN	Szombathely	10 Aug 2003
10	83.93	Paweł Fajdek	POL	Szczecin	9 Aug 2015
11	83.68	Tibor Gécsek	HUN	Zalaegerszeg	19 Sep 1998

## World season list

1	81.92	Wojciech Nowicki	POL	Oslo	15 Jun
2	80.88	Rudy Winkler	USA	Tucson AZ	20 May
3	80.26	Aliaksandr Shymanovich	BLR	Brest	1 Jul
4	79.94	Valeriy Pronkin	RUS	Brest	1 Jul
5	79.37	Mykhaylo Kokhan	UKR	Székesfehérvár	18 Jul
6	78.73	Ethan Katzberg	CAN	Langley	29 Jul
7	78.36	Denis Lukyanov	RUS	Adler	21 Feb
8	78.27	Bence Halász	HUN	Szombathely	30 Jul
9	78.10	Paweł Fajdek	POL	Gorzów Wielkopolski	28 Jul
10	78.05	Diego Del Real	MEX	Tucson AZ	20 May
11	78.01	Denzel Comenentia	NED	Tucson AZ	20 May

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9	77.97	Thomas Mardal	NOR	Oslo	28 Jun
10	77.92	Kenneth Ikeji	GBR	Austin TX	7 Jun
11	77.42	Mihail Anastasákis	GRE	Alexándria GRE	6 May

## Czech season list

1	76.42	Patrik Hájek	CZE	Nové Město nad Metují	15 Jul
	74.80	Patrik Hájek		Jablonec	31 May
	74.74	Patrik Hájek		Jablonec	24 May
	73.94	Patrik Hájek		Pardubice	6 Jun
	73.85	Patrik Hájek		Jablonec	10 May
	73.77	Patrik Hájek		Tábor	30 Jul
	73.53	Patrik Hájek		Praha	19 May
	73.53	Patrik Hájek		Pižeň	27 May
	73.30	Patrik Hájek		Kolín	8 Jul
	73.22	Patrik Hájek		Jablonec	17 May
	73.02	Patrik Hájek		St. Pölten	8 Jun

