

Athletic season 2023

A new winner will emerge in the women's long jump and with four athletes having jumped seven metres or more this season, and with eight of them within the 6.90m range, the stage is set for an electrifying contest.

Germany's 2019 and 2022 winner Malaika Mihambo, who also won Olympic gold in Tokyo, is out of the championships due to injury, and her rivals would no doubt cherish their prospect of one less hurdle to surmount.

Topping the world standings is Jamaican Ackelia Smith, who soared to a PB of 7.08m to win the Big 12 Conference Championships, taking her to second on the Jamaican all-time list. The 21-year-old NCAA champion will hope to become the first Jamaican woman in World Championship history to win a medal in the event.

Over the years, USA have won a total of eight gold medals, and the trio of Tara Davis-Woodhall, Quanesha Burks and Jasmine Moore will aim to continue that tradition, with four-time winner Brittney Reese being the last champion from the US (2017).

Ranked fourth in the world, Davis-Woodhall has gone over seven metres three times this season, including a wind-aided mark of 7.11m (2.1m/s) set at the USATF Bermuda Grand Prix back in May, and a season's best of 7.07m two weeks prior. The US champion has recorded top three finishes in her three Diamond League appearances this season, and having missed out on competing at the World Championships last year, the 24-year-old will have a point to prove in Budapest.

Moore will be going for the long jump and triple jump double at these championships, as she did in Oregon last year, and will first compete in the former. With a PB leap of 7.03m, which she posted to win at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the 22-year-old will hope to replicate that form once again.

Burks was beaten to the bronze medal in Oregon by Brazilian Leticia Oro Melo, whose jump of 6.89m was just 1cm farther than the US athlete's. Burks' victory at the London Diamond League, where she jumped 6.98m, will be a big boost to her confidence ahead of the championships.

While her rise in the women's long jump would appear as sudden to some, it is evident that Larissa Iapichino has been putting in the work as she follows in the footsteps of her mum, two-time world champion Fiona May. The European U23 champion, who won the U20 title in 2019, stunned the likes of Mihambo and Ivana Vuleta to secure three consecutive Diamond League victories, first on her home turf in Florence, and then in Stockholm and Monaco, where she was inspired to a PB of 6.95m.

The city of Budapest holds some significance for the silver medalist at this year's European Indoor Championships. Exactly 25 years ago, her mother ascended to the long-standing Italian record of 7.11m during the 1998 European Championships where she claimed a silver medal, and as the 21-year-old heads to the same city, a thought on her mind must be breaking that record, having already erased her indoor national record of 6.91m, replacing it with 6.97m.

With an illustrious career spanning nearly two decades and with a massive PB of 7.24m, two world indoor titles, two World Championships bronze medals and four Diamond League trophies among many other impressive laurels, clinching a long-evasive global gold medal would be the perfect icing for Vuleta. Coming with a best this year of 6.98m, which she set at the European Indoor Championships where she won bronze, the 33-year-old Serbian has shown no signs of slowing down.

Great Britain's Jazmin Sawyers will be making her fourth appearance at the World Championships, and replicating her 7.00m jump at the European Indoor Championships where she struck gold, would greatly improve her chances for a medal.

Asian champion Sumire Hata (6.97m), Romanian Alina Rotaru-Kottmann (6.96m), Marthe Koala (6.94m) of Burkina Faso and Serbian Milica Gardašević (6.91m) are hitting form at the right time.

Silver medalist from Oregon, Ese Brume, will target a longer jump than her season's best of 6.81m if she's to be in contention for a medal. The same is the case for Maryna Bekh-Romanchuk, the silver medalist at Doha 2019, whose best jump this year is 6.59m recorded at the Diamond League in Florence. The 2022 European champion will also compete for honours in the triple jump.

OH: 6.86

Medal winners				Relevant records				
2012 Europe				WR	7.52 Galina Chistyakova	URS	Leningrad	11/6/88
1	Éloyse Lesueur	FRA	6.81	WJR	7.14 Heike Drechsler	GDR	Bratislava	4/6/83
2	Volha Sudareva	BLR	6.74	Eur	7.52 Galina Chistyakova	URS	Leningrad	11/6/88
3	Margrethe Renstrøm	NOR	6.67	Asi	7.01 Weili Yao	CHN	Jinan	5/6/93
2012 Olympic				Ame	7.49 Jackie Joyner-Kersey	USA	New York	22/5/94
1	Brittney REESE	USA	7.12		7.49 Jackie Joyner-Kersey	USA	Sestriere	31/7/94
2	Elena SOKOLOVA	RUS	7.07	CZE	6.89 Jarmila Strejčková	CZE	Praha	18/9/82
3	Janay DELOACH	USA	6.89	WIR	7.37 Heike Drechsler	GDR	Wien	13/2/88
2013 Europe indoor				All-time list				
1	Darya Klishina	RUS	7.01	1	7.52 Galina Chistyakova	RUS	Leningrad	11 Jun 1988
2	Éloyse Lesueur	FRA	6.90	2	7.49 Jackie Joyner-Kersey	USA	New York NY	22 May 1994
3	Erica Jarder	SWE	6.71	3	7.48 Heike Drechsler	GER	Neubrandenburg	9 Jul 1988
2013 World				4	7.43 Anisoara Cusmir	ROU	București	4 Jun 1983
1	Brittney REESE	USA	7.01	5	7.42 Tatyana Kotova	RUS	Anney	23 Jun 2002
2	Blessing OKAGBARE	NGR	6.99	6	7.39 Yelena Belevskaya	BLR	Bryansk	18 Jul 1987
3	Ivana ŠPANOVIC	SRB	6.82	7	7.37 Inessa Kravets	UKR	Kyiv	13 Jun 1992
2014 World indoor				8	7.33 Tatyana Lebedeva	RUS	Tula	31 Jul 2004
1	Éloyse LESUEUR	FRA	6.85	9	7.31 Yelena Khlopotnova	KAZ	Alma-Ata	12 Sep 1985
2	Katarina JOHNSON-THOMPSON	GBR	6.81	9	7.31 Marion Jones	USA	Eugene OR	31 May 1998
3	Ivana ŠPANOVIC	SRB	6.77	9	7.31 Brittney Reese	USA	Eugene OR	2 Jul 2016
2014 Europe				World season list				
1	Éloyse Lesueur	FRA	6.85	1	7.08 Ackelia Smith	JAM	Norman OK	13 May
2	Ivana Španović	SRB	6.81	2	7.07 Tara Davis-Woodhall	USA	Fayetteville AR	5 May
3	Darya Klishina	RUS	6.65	3	7.03 Agate De Sousa	STP	Weinheim	27 May
2015 Europe indoor				4	6.98 Quanesha Burks	USA	London	23 Jul
1	Ivana Španović	SRB	6.98	5	6.97 Sumire Hata	JPN	Bangkok	14 Jul
2	Sosthene Taroum Moguenara	GER	6.83	6	6.96 Alina Rotaru-Kottmann	ROU	Inningingen	30 Jul
3	Florentina Marincu	ROU	6.79	7	6.95 Larissa Iapichino	ITA	Monaco	21 Jul
2015 World				8	6.94 Marthe Yasmine Koala	BUR	Kinshasa	2 Aug
1	Tianna Bartoletta	USA	7.14	9	6.93 Malaika Mihambo	GER	Kassel	9 Jul
2	Shara Proctor	GBR	7.07	10	6.91 Mikaelle Assani	GER	Weinheim	27 May
3	Ivana Španović	SRB	7.01	10	6.91 Monae' Nichols	USA	Chula Vista CA	18 Jun
2016 World indoor				European				
1	Brittney Reese	USA	7.22	1	6.96 Alina Rotaru-Kottmann	ROU	Inningingen	30 Jul
2	Ivana Španović	SRB	7.07	2	6.95 Larissa Iapichino	ITA	Monaco	21 Jul
3	Lorraine Ugen	GBR	6.93	3	6.93 Malaika Mihambo	GER	Kassel	9 Jul
2016 Europe				4	6.91 Mikaelle Assani	GER	Weinheim	27 May
1	Ivana Španović	SRB	6.94	4	6.91 Milica Gardašević	SRB	Kraljevo	23 Jul
2	Jazmin Sawyers	GBR	6.86w	6	6.86 Hilary Kpatcha	FRA	Pézenas	10 Jun
3	Malaika Mihambo	GER	6.65	6	6.86 Ivana Vuleta	SRB	Monaco	21 Jul
2016 Olympic				8	6.84 Maryse Vlzolo	GER	Inningingen	30 Jul
1	Tianna Bartoletta	USA	7.17	9	6.81 Fatima Diame	ESP	Castellón	14 Jun
2	Brittney Reese	USA	7.15	10	6.80 Tessa Ebosele	ESP	Castellón	14 Jun
3	Ivana Španović	SRB	7.08	11	6.78 Jazmin Sawyers	GBR	Nice	17 Jun
2017 Europe indoor				Czech list				
1	Ivana Španović	SRB	7.24	1	6.26 Michaela Kučerová	CZE	Regensburg	3 Jun
2	Lorraine Ugen	GBR	6.97	6.24	Michaela Kučerová		Pízeň	27 May
3	Claudia Salmaan-Rath	GER	6.94	2	6.19 Daniela Volná	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul
2017 World				6.18	Daniela Volná		Pízeň	27 May
1	Brittney Reese	USA	7.02	6.17	Michaela Kučerová		Chorzów	25 Jun
2	Darya Klishina	RUS	7.00	6.15	Michaela Kučerová		Nové Město nad Me	15 Jul
3	Tianna Bartoletta	USA	6.97	6.15	Michaela Kučerová		Tábor	30 Jul
2018 World indoor				3	6.14 Tereza Vlčková	CZE	Praha	17 Jun
1	Ivana Španović	SRB	6.96	3	6.14 Linda Suchá	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul
2	Brittney Reese	USA	6.89	6.12	Daniela Volná		Praha	20 Jul
3	Sosthene Taroum Moguenara	GER	6.85	6.10	Daniela Volná		Tábor	30 Jul
2018 Europe				World indoor season list				
1	Malaika Mihambo	GER	6.75	1	7.03A Jasmine Moore	USA	Albuquerque NM	10 Mar
2	Maryna Bekh	UKR	6.73	2	7.00 Jazmin Sawyers	GBR	Istanbul	5 Mar
3	Shara Proctor	GBR	6.70	3	6.98 Ivana Vuleta	SRB	Istanbul	4 Mar
2019 Europe indoor				4	6.97 Larissa Iapichino	ITA	Istanbul	5 Mar
1	Ivana Španović	SRB	6.99	5	6.90 Milica Gardašević	SRB	Beograd	18 Feb
2	Nastassia Mironchik-Ivanova	BLR	6.93	6	6.88A Ackelia Smith	JAM	Albuquerque NM	10 Mar
3	Maryna Bekh-Romanchuk	UKR	6.84	6	6.88A Claire Bryant	USA	Albuquerque NM	10 Mar
2019 World				8	6.87 Ruth Usoro	NGR	Lubbock TX	27 Jan
1	Malaika Mihambo	GER	7.30	8	6.87 Malaika Mihambo	GER	Istanbul	4 Mar
2	Maryna Bekh-Romanchuk	UKR	6.92	10	6.79A Alysah Hickey	USA	Albuquerque NM	10 Feb
3	Ese Brume	NGR	6.91	11	6.75 Khaddi Sagnia	SWE	Göteborg/FH	26 Jan
2021 Europe indoor								
1	Maryna Bekh-Romanchuk	UKR	6.92					
2	Malaika Mihambo	GER	6.88					
3	Khaddi Sagnia	SWE	6.75					
2021 Olympic								
1	Malaika Mihambo	GER	7.00					
2	Brittney Reese	USA	6.97					
3	Ese Brume	NGR	6.97					
2022 World indoor								
1	Ivana Vuleta	SRB	7.06					
2	Ese Brume	NGR	6.85					
3	Lorraine Ugen	GBR	6.82					
2022 World								
1	Malaika Mihambo	GER	7.12					
2	Ese Brume	NGR	7.02					
3	Leticia Melo	BRA	6.89					
2022 Europe								
1	Ivana Vuleta	SRB	7.06					
2	Malaika Mihambo	GER	7.03					
3	Jazmin Sawyers	GBR	6.80					
2023 Europe indoor								
1	Jazmin Sawyers	GBR	7.00					
2	Larissa Iapichino	ITA	6.97					
3	Ivana Vuleta	SRB	6.91					

