

Worksheet

Athletic season 2023

Sweden’s Daniel Stahl, world and then European silver medallist in 2017 and 2018 respectively, broke through for world gold in Doha in 2019 and followed up by winning the Olympic title in Tokyo two years later.

But another talent was rising; Slovenia’s Kristjan Ceh, who had finished fifth in the Tokyo Olympic final, earned the world title in Oregon last year with a championship record of 71.13m.

Another talent was also rising in the form of Lithuania’s 19-year-old Mykolas Alekna, son of the double Olympic champion Virgilijus. He took silver in Oregon with 69.27m, becoming the youngest world discus medallist.

And a month later, even more extraordinarily, he beat Ceh and all three Olympic medallists – Stahl, his Swedish teammate Simon Pettersson and Daniel Weissshaidinger – to take gold at the European Championships in Munich with a championship record of 69.78m.

This year the rivalry has been renewed in earnest.

In California in April, Alekna became the youngest discus thrower in history to throw beyond 70 metres, moving up to 18th on the world all-time list with 71.00m, a European U23 record and an early leader on the 2023 world list.

Only another 3.88m to match his dad’s best, set in 2000, which puts him second on the world all-time list behind the world record of 74.08m set in 1986 by East Germany’s Jurgen Schult.

Ceh has taken the initiative in the Diamond League, winning in Doha – with a meeting record of 70.89m – Rabat and Stockholm.

In June in the Estonian town of Johvi, Ceh and Stahl put together a monumental contest which ended with the Slovenian winning in a personal best of 71.86m, the best seen in 2023, which saw him join Stahl and Russia’s Yuri Dumchev at joint fourth place on the world all-time list.

But Stahl will have taken huge encouragement in Estonia from finishing second with 71.45m, which leaves him second on this year’s world list.

And at the London Diamond League meeting in July, the Olympic champion served notice that he is not to be underestimated in Budapest as he won with 67.03m, with Matt Denny of Australia finishing second with 66.77m and Ceh third with 66.02m.

Meanwhile Olympic bronze medallist Weissshaidinger is fourth on the 2023 list with 70.68m, with Alex Rose of Samoa next on 70.39m. It’s the first season in 40 years in which five or more men have thrown beyond 70 metres in the discus.

Lithuania’s 2017 world champion and 2018 European champion Andrius Gudzius has thrown 67.66m this year and should not be underestimated.

Nor indeed should another Alekna, Mykolas’s 22-year-old brother Martynas, who is 12th on the world list with 67.23m, one place above Olympic fourth-place finisher Denny (66.84m).

Like Lithuania, Jamaica also boasts three strong challengers: Roje Stona, who threw 68.84m in May, 2018 Commonwealth champion and 2019 world silver medallist Fedrick Dacres, and national champion Traves Smikle.

Men Discus Throw

Medal winners				Relevant records			
2008 Olympic				WR	74.08	Jürgen Schult	GER Neubrandenburg 6 Jun 1986
1	Gerd Kanter	EST	68.82				
2	Piotr Malachowski	POL	67.82	Eur	74.08	Jürgen Schult	GER Neubrandenburg 6 Jun 1986
3	Virgilijus Alekna	LTU	67.79	Ame	71.32	Ben Plucknett	USA Eugene OR 4 Jun 1983
2009 World				CZE	71.26	Imrich Bugár	CZE San José, CA 25/5/85
1	Robert Harting	GER	69.43	Asi	69.32	Ehsan Hadadi	IRI Tallin 3 Jun 2008
2	Piotr Malachowski	POL	69.15	WJR	65.62	Werner Reiterer	AUS Melbourne 15 Dec 1987
3	Gerd Kanter	EST	66.88				
2010 Europe				All-time list			
1	Piotr Małachowski	POL	68.87	1	74.08	Jürgen Schult	GER Neubrandenburg 6 Jun 1986
2	Robert Harting	GER	68.47	2	73.88	Virgilijus Alekna	LTU Kaunas 3 Aug 2000
3	Róbert Fazekas	HUN	66.43	3	73.38	Gerd Kanter	EST Helsingborg 4 Sep 2006
2011 World				4	71.86	Yuriy Dumchev	RUS Moskva 29 May 1983
1	Robert Harting	GER	68.97	4	71.86	Daniel Ståhl	SWE Bottnaryd 29 Jun 2019
2	Gerd Kanter	EST	66.95	4	71.86	Kristjan Čeh	SLO Jöhvi 16 Jun 2023
3	Ehsan Hadadi	IRI	66.08	7	71.84	Piotr Małachowski	POL Hengelo 8 Jun 2013
2012 Europe				8	71.70	Róbert Fazekas	HUN Szombathely 14 Jul 2002
1	Robert Harting	GER	68.30	9	71.50	Lars Riedel	GER Wiesbaden 3 May 1997
2	Gerd Kanter	EST	66.53	10	71.32	Ben Plucknett	USA Eugene OR 4 Jun 1983
3	Rutger Smith	NED	64.02	11	71.26	John Powell	USA San José CA 9 Jun 1984
2012 Olympic				World season list			
1	Robert Harting	GER	68.27	1	71.86	Kristjan Čeh	SLO Jöhvi 16 Jun
2	Ehsan Hadadi	IRI	68.18	2	71.45	Daniel Ståhl	SWE Jöhvi 16 Jun
3	Gerd Kanter	EST	68.03	3	71.00	Mykolas Alekna	LTU Berkeley CA 29 Apr
2013 World				4	70.68	Lukas Weißhaidinger	AUT Schwechat 19 May
1	Robert Harting	GER	69.11	5	70.42	Alex Rose	SAM Ramona OK 16 Apr
2	Piotr Małachowski	POL	68.36	6	69.35	Andrius Gudžius	LTU Kaunas 24 Apr
3	Gerd Kanter	EST	65.19	7	68.64	Roje Stona	JAM Baton Rouge LA 13 May
2014 Europe				8	68.57	Fedrick Dacres	JAM Tucson AZ 18 May
1	Robert Harting	GER	66.07	9	68.22	Aleksey Khudiyakov	RUS Brest 9 Jun
2	Gerd Kanter	EST	64.75	10	68.14	Traves Smikle	JAM Kingston 11 Feb
3	Robert Urbanek	POL	63.81	11	67.49	Sam Mattis	USA La Jolla CA 8 Apr
2015 World				World season list			
1	Piotr Małachowski	POL	67.40	1	71.86	Kristjan Čeh	SLO Jöhvi 16 Jun
2	Philip Milanov	BEL	66.90	2	71.45	Daniel Ståhl	SWE Jöhvi 16 Jun
3	Robert Urbanek	POL	65.18	3	71.00	Mykolas Alekna	LTU Berkeley CA 29 Apr
2016 Europe				4	70.68	Lukas Weißhaidinger	AUT Schwechat 19 May
1	Piotr Małachowski	POL	67.06	5	69.35	Andrius Gudžius	LTU Kaunas 24 Apr
2	Philip Milanov	BEL	65.71	6	68.22	Aleksey Khudiyakov	RUS Brest 9 Jun
3	Gerd Kanter	EST	65.27	7	67.23	Martynas Alekna	LTU Jelgava 9 Jun
2016 Olympic				8	66.75	Daniel Jasinski	GER Halle 25 Feb
1	Christoph Harting	GER	68.37	9	66.54	Philip Milanov	BEL Torhout 2 Jul
2	Piotr Małachowski	POL	67.55	10	66.51	Henrik Janssen	GER Magdeburg 25 May
3	Daniel Jasinski	GER	67.05	11	66.15	Lawrence Okoye	GBR Walnut CA 15 Apr
2017 World				Czech season list			
1	Andrius Gudžius	LTU	69.21	1	62.96	Marek Bárta	CZE Olomouc 8 May
2	Daniel Ståhl	SWE	69.19		62.86	Marek Bárta	Kladno 13 Jun
3	Mason Finley	USA	68.03		62.29	Marek Bárta	St. Pölten 8 Jun
2018 Europe					62.25	Marek Bárta	Limassol 25 May
1	Andrius Gudžius	LTU	68.46		61.84	Marek Bárta	Turnov 23 May
2	Daniel Ståhl	SWE	68.23	2	61.28	Michal Forejt	CZE Plzeň 27 May
3	Lukas Weißhaidinger	AUT	65.14		60.51	Michal Forejt	Ostrava 27 Jun
2019 World					60.08	Michal Forejt	Plzeň 24 Apr
1	Daniel Ståhl	SWE	67.59		59.93	Michal Forejt	Pardubice 6 Jun
2	Fedrick Dacres	JAM	66.94		59.90	Michal Forejt	Chorzów 24 Jun
3	Lukas Weißhaidinger	AUT	66.82		59.83	Michal Forejt	Olomouc 8 May
2021 Olympic							
1	Daniel Ståhl	SWE	68.90				
2	Simon Pettersson	SWE	67.39				
3	Lukas Weißhaidinger	AUT	67.07				
2022 World							
1	Kristjan Čeh	SLO	71.13				
2	Mykolas Alekna	LTU	69.27				
3	Andrius Gudžius	LTU	67.55				
2022 Europe							
1	Mykolas Alekna	LTU	69.78				
2	Kristjan Čeh	SLO	68.28				
3	Lawrence Okoye	GBR	67.14				

