

Athletic season 2023

Yaroslava Mahuchikh fled the Russian bombardment of her native city of Dnipro last year and, after a six-day car journey, arrived in Belgrade where she added the world indoor high jump title to the world outdoor silver and Olympic bronze she had already collected.  
 At last year's World Athletics Championships in Oregon she missed out on gold on countback. Will Budapest be where this huge talent earns the outdoor global gold she deserves?  
 Her form this year has maintained its high level - indoors, she headed the world list with 2.02m and won the European title; outdoors she stands second in the top list with a best of 2.01m achieved at the Rabat Diamond League meeting.  
 But the 21-year-old faces formidable opposition from two athletes who have electrified the event in Australia over the past two years - Eleanor Patterson, who claimed the world title in Oregon after both she and her Ukrainian rival cleared 2.02m, and Nicola Olyslagers, who won silver at the Tokyo Olympics as she set the Oceanian record that Patterson later equalled.  
 On 29 June in Lausanne's Place Centrale Olyslagers, 26, matched that record again to defeat a field including Mahuchikh, and at the Monaco Diamond League meeting on 21 July the Australian won the honours as she cleared 1.99m, with Mahuchikh, her Ukraine teammate Iryna Herashchenko, Patterson and Serbia's Angelina Topic all clearing 1.96m.  
 Patterson, 27, who took world indoor silver behind Mahuchikh last year, is currently equal ninth on the season top list thanks to that performance. Gerashchenko stands third in the world list with the 2.00m she cleared in Lausanne.  
 Meanwhile, Serbia will be expecting more from their 18-year-old phenomenon Angelina Topic - whose mother Biljana is the Serbian women's triple jump record-holder who was fourth in the 2009 World Championships, and whose father Dragutin is the Serbian high jump record-holder and winner of the 1990 European title.  
 In 2022, aged 16, Topic set a Serbian record of 1.96m before going on to take the European U18 title in Jerusalem with 1.92m and world U20 bronze with 1.93m. She concluded her breakthrough season by earning bronze at the European Championships in Munich, again with an effort of 1.93m, becoming the youngest medalist of that edition of the competition.  
 In January this year she improved her national record to 1.94m. Can this startling talent reach another major podium in the Hungarian capital?  
 Also moving into medal contender mode is Britain's former heptathlete Morgan Lake, who has cleared 1.97m outdoors and 1.99m indoors this season.  
 A third Ukrainian is also in the mix - 2017 world silver medalist Yuliya Levchenko, who has jumped 1.98m this season, as has Germany's Christina Honsel.  
 Jamaica's hopes will be carried by Lamara Distin, who has an indoor height of 1.97m to her credit this year.

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Medal winners			Relevant records						
<b>2012 Olympic</b>			WR	2.09	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Roma	30 Aug 1987	
1	Anna CHICHEROVA	RUS	2.05	WJR	2.04	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Doha	30 Sep 2019
2	Brigetta BARRETT	USA	2.03						
3	Svetlana SHKOLINA	RUS	2.03						
<b>2013 Europe indoor</b>			Eur	2.09	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Roma	30 Aug 1987	
1	Ruth Beitia	ESP	1.99	Afr	2.06	Hestrie Cloete	RSA	Paris Saint-Denis	31 Aug 2003
2	Ebba Jungmark	SWE	1.96	Ame	2.05	Chaunte lowe	USA	Des Moines	26 Jun 2010
3	Emma Green Tregaro	SWE	1.96	CZE	2.00	Zuzana Hlavořová	CZE	Praha	5 Jun 2000
<b>2013 World</b>			WIR	2.08	Kajsa Bergqvist	SWE	Arnstadt	04 Oct 2006	
1	Svetlana SHKOLINA	RUS	2.03	<b>All-time list</b>					
2	Brigetta BARRETT	USA	2.00	1	2.09	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Roma	30 Aug 1987
3	Ruth BEITIA	ESP	1.97	2	2.08	Blanka Vlašić	CRO	Zagreb	31 Aug 2009
=	Anna CHICHEROVA	RUS	1.97	3	2.07	Lyudmila Andonova	BUL	Berlin	20 Jul 1984
<b>2014 World indoor</b>				3	2.07	Anna Chicherova	RUS	Cheboksary	22 Jul 2011
1	Maria KUCHINA	RUS	2.00	5	2.06	Kajsa Bergqvist	SWE	Eberstadt	26 Jun 2003
=	Kamila LICWINKO	POL	2.00	5	2.06	Hestrie Cloete	RSA	Saint-Denis	31 Aug 2003
3	Ruth BEITIA	ESP	2.00	5	2.06	Yelena Slesarenko	RUS	Athina	28 Aug 2004
<b>2014 Europe</b>				5	2.06	Ariane Friedrich	GER	Berlin	14 Jun 2009
1	Ruth Beitia	ESP	2.01	5	2.06	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	Lausanne	6 Jul 2017
2	Mariya Kuchina	RUS	1.99	10	2.05	Tamara Bykova	RUS	Kyiv	22 Jun 1984
3	Ana Šimić	CRO	1.99	10	2.05	Heike Henkel	GER	Tokyo	31 Aug 1991
<b>2015 Europe indoor</b>			<b>World season list</b>						
1	Mariya Kuchina	RUS	1.97	1	2.02	Nicola Olyslagers	AUS	Lausanne	29 Jun
2	Alessia Trost	ITA	1.97	2	2.01	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Rabat	28 May
3	Kamila Ličwinko	POL	1.94	3	2.00	Iryna Herashchenko	UKR	Lausanne	29 Jun
<b>2015 World</b>			4	1.98	Vashti Cunningham	USA	Walnut CA	15 Apr	
1	Mariya Kuchina	RUS	2.01	4	1.98	Yuliya Levchenko	UKR	Chorzów	16 Jul
2	Blanka Vlašić	CRO	2.01	6	1.97	Angelina Topić	SRB	Paris	9 Jun
3	Anna Chicherova	RUS	2.01	6	1.97	Morgan Lake-Barton	GBR	Turku	13 Jun
4	Kamila Ličwinko	POL	1.99	6	1.97	Karyna Demidik	BLR	Chelyabinsk	5 Aug
<b>2016 World indoor</b>			9	1.96	Daniela Stanciu	ROU	București	3 Jun	
1	Vashti Cunningham	USA	1.96	9	1.96	Eleanor Patterson	AUS	Monaco	21 Jul
2	Ruth Beitia	ESP	1.96	11	1.95	Lamara Distin	JAM	Baton Rouge LA	22 Apr
3	Kamila Ličwinko	POL	1.96	<b>European list</b>					
<b>2016 Europe</b>			1	2.01	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Rabat	28 May	
1	Ruth Beitia	ESP	1.98	2	2.00	Iryna Herashchenko	UKR	Lausanne	29 Jun
2	Mirela Demireva	BUL	1.96	3	1.98	Yuliya Levchenko	UKR	Chorzów	16 Jul
=	Airinė Palšytė	LTU	1.96	4	1.97	Angelina Topić	SRB	Paris	9 Jun
<b>2016 Olympic</b>			4	1.97	Morgan Lake-Barton	GBR	Turku	13 Jun	
1	Ruth Beitia	ESP	1.97	4	1.97	Karyna Demidik	BLR	Chelyabinsk	5 Aug
2	Mirela Demireva	BUL	1.97	7	1.96	Daniela Stanciu	ROU	București	3 Jun
3	Blanka Vlašić	CRO	1.97	8	1.95	Natalya Spiridonova	RUS	Moskva	22 Jul
<b>2017 Europe indoor</b>			8	1.95	Lia Apostolovskii	SLO	Heilbronn	5 Aug	
1	Airinė Palšytė	LTU	2.01	10	1.94	Mariya Zhodzik	BLR	Poznań	20 May
2	Ruth Beitia	ESP	1.94	11	1.93	Nawia Meniker	FRA	Tucson AZ	29 Apr
3	Yuliya Levchenko	UKR	1.94	<b>Czech list</b>					
<b>2017 World</b>			1	1.90	Michaela Hrubá	CZE	Chorzów	25 Jun	
1	Maria LASITSKENE	ANA	2.03	1.89	Michaela Hrubá	CZE	Sotteville-lès-Rouen	7 Jul	
2	Yuliiia LEVCHENKO	UKR	2.01	2	1.88	Denisa Pešová	CZE	Tábor	29 Jul
3	Kamila LICWINKO	POL	1.99	1.87	Michaela Hrubá	CZE	Haniá	28 May	
<b>2018 World indoor</b>			1.87	Denisa Pešová					
1	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	2.01	1.86	Denisa Pešová				
2	Vashti Cunningham	USA	1.93	1.86	Michaela Hrubá				
3	Alessia Trost	ITA	1.93	1.85	Denisa Pešová				
<b>2018 Europe</b>			1.85	Michaela Hrubá					
1	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	2.00	1.84	Michaela Hrubá				
2	Mirela Demireva	BUL	2.00	1.84	Michaela Hrubá				
3	Marie-Laurence Jungfleisch	GER	1.96	1.84	Michaela Hrubá			Košice 7 Jun	
<b>2019 Europe indoor</b>			<b>World indoor season list</b>						
1	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	2.01	1	2.02	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Metz	11 Feb
2	Yuliya Levchenko	UKR	1.99	2	2.00A	Vashti Cunningham	USA	Albuquerque NM	17 Feb
3	Airinė Palšytė	LTU	1.97	3	1.99	Morgan Lake-Barton	GBR	Hustopecė	4 Feb
<b>2019 World</b>			4	1.98	Christina Honsel	GER	Weinheim	3 Feb	
1	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	2.04	4	1.98	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	Slavyansk-na-Kubani	4 Feb
2	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	2.04	6	1.97	Iryna Herashchenko	UKR	Hustopecė	4 Feb
3	Vashti Cunningham	USA	2.00	6	1.97	Lamara Distin	JAM	Clemson SC	11 Feb
<b>2021 Europe indoor</b>			8	1.96	Britt Weerman	NED	Weinheim	3 Feb	
1	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	2.00	8	1.96	Yuliya Levchenko	UKR	Kyiv	18 Feb
2	Iryna Herashchenko	UKR	1.98	8	1.96	Kateryna Tabashnyk	UKR	Kyiv	18 Feb
3	Ella Junnila	FIN	1.96	11	1.95	Kristina Ovchinnikova	KAZ	Hustopecė	4 Feb
<b>2021 Olympic</b>									
1	Mariya Lasitskene	RUS	2.04						
2	Nicola McDermott	AUS	2.02						
3	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	2.00						
<b>2022 World indoor</b>									
1	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	2.02						
2	Eleanor Patterson	AUS	2.00						
3	Nadezhda Dubovitskaya	KAZ	1.98						
<b>2022 World</b>									
1	Eleanor Patterson	AUS	2.02						
2	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	2.02						
3	Elena Vallortigara	ITA	2.00						
<b>2022 Europe</b>									
1	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	1.95						
2	Marija Vuković	MNE	1.95						
3	Angelina Topić	SRB	1.93						
<b>2023 Europe indoor</b>									
1	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	1.98						
2	Britt Weerman	NED	1.96						
3	Kateryna Tabashnyk	UKR	1.94						

