

Athletic season 2023

One year on from Chase Ealey winning her country's first world title in the women's shot put, the US squad heads to Budapest with strong medal chances once again. Ealey has been working on a new technique this year, which she hopes will be the key to her improving on her PB of 20.51m. While she has been working on ironing out the kinks of her throw, she has lost some of the consistency she enjoyed in 2022 when she was undefeated for the entire outdoor season. Nevertheless, she remains one of the best throwers in the world, and she goes into Budapest with the second-best mark in the world this year. Teammate Maggie Ewen goes to Budapest as the world leader and perhaps the most consistent performer on the circuit, having finished in the top two in eight of her past nine competitions. She smashed her PB with 20.45m in Westwood in May, then went on to win the US title in Eugene. Ewen finished fourth at the 2019 World Championships and fifth at last year's World Indoors, but it looks as though she could finally claim her first global medal in Budapest. Ealey and Ewen have gone head-to-head in 10 meetings this season (indoors and outdoors) and tied at 5-5. Teammates Adelaide Aquilla and Jalani Davis will also aim to impress. With 12 global medals to her name - including two world titles and an Olympic gold - Gong Lijiao is the most decorated athlete in the line-up. She hasn't competed outside of China so far this year, but has displayed good form with a season's best of 20.06m at the end of June. Teammate Song Jiayuan, a world and Olympic finalist in recent years, heads to Budapest off the back of victories at the Asian Championships and World University Games. Portugal's Auriol Dongmo has also enjoyed a strong season so far, winning at the Diamond League meetings in Rabat and Paris. Having finished fourth in Tokyo and fifth in Oregon, the world indoor champion will have a strong desire to win her first outdoor global medal. In Oregon last year, Jessica Schilder of the Netherlands beat Canada's Sarah Mitton to the bronze medal on countback, both throwing 19.77m. Mitton then went on to win the Commonwealth and NACAC titles. Mitton has thrown consistently beyond 19 metres this year, while Schilder has managed that feat just twice outdoors. Danniell Thomas-Dodd, the world silver medallist in 2019, has this year improved her own Jamaican record to 19.77m. She followed that with 19.66m two weeks later, the second-best mark of her career, and then won at the Diamond League meeting in Stockholm. Fanny Roos, the fourth-place finisher at the 2022 World Indoors, is joined on the Swedish team by NCAA champion Axelina Johansson, the rising talent who has this year broken Roos' national records, indoors and outdoors. Germany, meanwhile, will be represented by Yemisi Ogunleye and Sara Gambetta, both of whom have surpassed 19 metres for the first time this year.

Medal winners				Relevant records			
2013 World				WR	22.63	Natalya Lisovskaya	URS Moskva 7/6/87
1	Valerie ADAMS	NZL	20.88	WJR	20.54	Astrid Kumbernuss	GDR Orimattila 1/7/89
2	Christina SCHWANITZ	GER	20.41	Asi	21.76	Meisu Li	CHN Shijiazhuang 23/4/88
3	Lijiao GONG	CHN	19.95	Eur	22.63	Natalya Lisovskaya	URS Moskva 7/6/87
2014 World indoor				Ame	20.96	Belsy Laza	CUB Ciudad de México 2/5/92
1	Valerie ADAMS	NZL	20.67	CZE	22.32	Helena Fibingerová	TCH Nitra 20/8/77
2	Christina SCHWANITZ	GER	19.94				
3	Lijiao GONG	CHN	19.24	WIR	22.50	Helena Fibingerová	TCH Jablonec 19/2/77
2014 Europe				All-time list			
1	Christina Schwanitz	GER	19.90	1	22.63	Natalya Lisovskaya	RUS Moskva 7 Jun 1987
2	Yevgeniya Kolodko	RUS	19.39	2	22.45	Ilona Slupianek	GER Potsdam 11 May 1980
3	Anita Márton	HUN	19.04	3	22.32	Helena Fibingerová	CZE Nitra 20 Aug 1977
2015 Europe indoor				4	22.19	Claudia Losch	GER Hainfeld 23 Aug 1987
1	Anita Márton	HUN	19.23	5	21.89	Ivanka Khristova	BUL Belmeken 4 Jul 1976
2	Yulia Leantsiuk	BLR	18.60	6	21.86	Marianne Adam	GER Leipzig 23 Jun 1979
3	Radoslava Mavrodieva	BUL	17.83	7	21.76	Li Meisu	CHN Shijiazhuang 23 Apr 1988
2015 World				8	21.73	Natalya Akhrimenko	RUS Leselidze 21 May 1988
1	Christina Schwanitz	GER	20.37	9	21.69	Vita Pavlysh	UKR Budapest 20 Aug 1998
2	Gong Lijiao	CHN	20.30	10	21.66	Sui Xinmei	CHN Beijing 9 Jun 1990
3	Michelle Carter	USA	19.76	11	21.61	Verzhiniya Veselinova	BUL Sofia 21 Aug 1982
2016 World indoor				World season list			
1	Michelle Carter	USA	20.21	1	20.45	Maggie Ewen	USA Westwood CA 27 May
2	Anita Márton	HUN	19.33	2	20.06	Chase Ealey	USA Halle 20 May
3	Valerie Adams	NZL	19.25	2	20.06	Gong Lijiao	CHN Shenyang 28 Jun
2016 Europe				4	19.83	Sarah Mitton	CAN Langley 14 Jul
1	Christina Schwanitz	GER	20.17	5	19.77	Danniell Thomas-Dodd	JAM Westwood CA 27 May
2	Anita Márton	HUN	18.72	6	19.72	Auriol Dongmo	POR Paris 9 Jun
3	Emel Dereli	TUR	18.22	7	19.54	Axelina Johansson	SWE Bloomington IN 13 May
2016 Olympic				8	19.47	Song Jiayuan	CHN Chengdu 8 Apr
1	Michelle Carter	USA	20.63	9	19.46	Aliona Dubitskaya	BLR Brest 1 Jul
2	Valerie Adams	NZL	20.42	10	19.35	Jessica Schilder	NED Breda 28 Jul
3	Anita Márton	HUN	19.87	11	19.31	Yemisi Ogunleye	GER Rehlingen 28 May
2017 Europe indoor				European season list			
1	Anita Márton	HUN	19.28	1	19.72	Auriol Dongmo	POR Paris 9 Jun
2	Radoslava Mavrodieva	BUL	18.36	2	19.54	Axelina Johansson	SWE Bloomington IN 13 May
3	Yulia Leantsiuk	BLR	18.32	3	19.46	Aliona Dubitskaya	BLR Brest 1 Jul
2017 World				4	19.35	Jessica Schilder	NED Breda 28 Jul
1	Gong Lijiao	CHN	19.94	5	19.31	Yemisi Ogunleye	GER Rehlingen 28 May
2	Anita Márton	HUN	19.49	6	19.29	Fanny Roos	SWE Bottnaryd 15 Jul
3	Michelle Carter	USA	19.14	7	19.08	Sara Gambetta	GER Paris 9 Jun
2018 World indoor				8	19.02	Jorinde van Klinken	NED Sacramento CA 25 May
1	Anita Márton	HUN	19.62	9	18.65	Jessica Include	POR Białystok 21 May
2	Danniell Thomas-Dodd	JAM	19.22	10	18.49	Eliana Bandeira	POR Viana do Castelo 7 May
3	Gong Lijiao	CHN	19.08	11	18.40	Anita Márton	HUN Budapest 8 Jul
2018 Europe				Czech season list			
1	Paulina Guba	POL	19.33	1	16.53	Katrin Brzyszkowská	CZE Raleigh NC 12 May
2	Christina Schwanitz	GER	19.19		16.44	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Philadelphia PA 29 Apr
3	Aliona Dubitskaya	BLR	18.81		16.30	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Jacksonville FL 25 May
2019 Europe indoor					16.22	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Ostrava 2 Jul
1	Radoslava Mavrodieva	BUL	19.12		16.18	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Kladno 13 Jun
2	Christina Schwanitz	GER	19.11		16.13	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Chorzów 23 Jun
3	Anita Márton	HUN	19.00		16.12	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Gainesville FL 1 Apr
2019 World					16.03	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Espoo 13 Jul
1	Gong Lijiao	CHN	19.55	2	15.99	Martina Mazurová	CZE Olomouc 8 May
2	Danniell Thomas-Dodd	JAM	19.47		15.94	Martina Mazurová	Pizeň 4 Jun
3	Christina Schwanitz	GER	19.17		15.93	Katrin Brzyszkowská	Tábor 29 Jul
2021 Europe indoor							
1	Auriol Dongmo	POR	19.34				
2	Fanny Roos	SWE	19.29				
3	Christina Schwanitz	GER	19.04				
2021 Olympic							
1	Gong Lijiao	CHN	20.58				
2	Raven Saunders	USA	19.79				
3	Valerie Adams	NZL	19.62				
2022 World indoor							
1	Auriol Dongmo	POR	20.43				
2	Chase Ealey	USA	20.21				
3	Jessica Schilder	NED	19.48				
2022 World							
1	Chase Ealey	USA	20.49				
2	Gong Lijiao	CHN	20.39				
3	Jessica Schilder	NED	19.77				
2022 Europe							
1	Jessica Schilder	NED	20.24				
2	Auriol Dongmo	POR	19.82				
3	Jorinde van Klinken	NED	18.94				
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1	Auriol Dongmo	POR	19.76				
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