



« LE SAUT DES GÉANTS » *Open Athletics Championships in Tignes*

**LONG JUMP: LUVU MANYONGA AND JEFF HENDERSON AIM TO
BETTER MIKE POWELL'S RECORD OF 8.95 M!**

From 16th to 18th August 2017

After the incredible success of the Indoor edition in January this year, the alpine resort of Tignes launches a new challenge: to gather top international athletes around the highest jumping pits on the planet. Perched at 3032 m altitude, in a spectacular setting at the foot of la Grande Motte glacier, Olympic champions and top international athletes will compete in two exceptional men's long jump and triple jump competitions in an attempt to better the present world records.

LONG JUMP – One jump from Rio to Tignes...

For its outdoor version, "Le Saut de Géants" promises to be exciting with no less than **4 Olympic medalists** due to compete in the long jump event.

On 16th August (until 18th August, depending on weather conditions) the Olympic medalists in Rio in 2016 will try their best to topple the mythical world record of 8.95 m, **set at the Tokyo World Championships in 1991 by the American Mike Powell.**

The Olympic Champion **Jeff Henderson** and runner up **Luvu Manyonga** will meet again at the summit after their epic battle in the Rio Olympics when the American snatched first place (8.38 m) from the South African (8.37 m) by a centimetre!

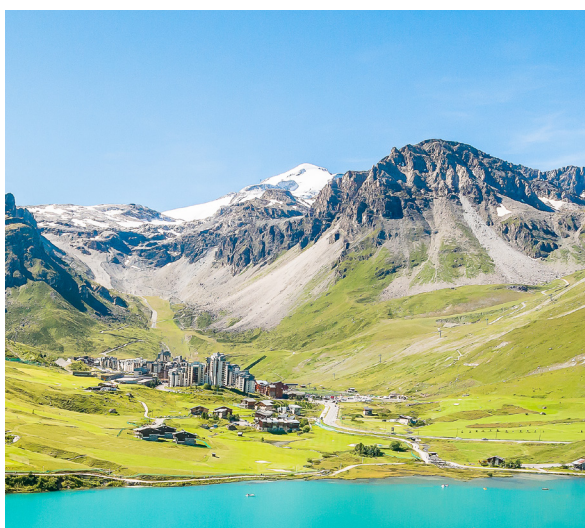
Since the beginning of the season, the South African has been performing well, jumping 8.65 m at the South African Championships on 22nd April. Based on these results, the young athlete is aiming to better the world record. Will he seek revenge for his missing centimetre on 16th August in Tignes?

Representing France, **Kafétien Gomis**, national long jump star, and his teammate, **Jean-Pierre Bertrand**, the young French Elite Champion who shone this winter, beating his personal best at the Indoor Open Championships in Tignes.

Competing in the men's long jump event:

- **Jeff Henderson (USA)** – Olympic Champion in 2016 – Record : 8.52 m
- **Luvo Manyonga (RSA)** – Vice Olympic Champion in 2016 – Record : 8.65 m
- **Greg Rutherford (GBR)** – Olympic Champion in 2012 and bronze medalist in Rio in 2016 – Record : 8,51 m
- **Kafétien Gomis (FRA)** – Vice European Champion in 2010 – Record : 8.26 m
- **Jean-Pierre Bertrand (FRA)** – French Elite Champion in 2016 – Record : 8.26 m
- **Godfrey Mokoena (RSA)** – Vice Olympic Champion in 2012 – Record : 8.50 m

New...The highest meeting in the world!



In Tignes, there is no athletics track or traditional stadium. This summer, Philippe Perinet, resort manager, takes on a new challenge in the world of outdoor athletics: to install regulation jumping pits at 3,032 m altitude, at the foot of la Grande Motte glacier.

Three full days will be required to set up 50 tons of equipment on-site. As for the general public who wish to attend the championships, access will be by funicular!

Tignes has been working on this adventurous project for several months, in association with **Renaud Longuèvre**, manager of the French athletics team.

The goal? To change the athletics code, to propose a new type of athletics competition and to make the alpine resort of Tignes an essential platform for world sport.

On 16th August (and until 18th August depending on weather conditions) , climb high to watch the "Saut des Géants" in Tignes, at the foot of its famous glacier.

Thrilling sensations guaranteed!

To register, please complete the online form before 31st July 2017 at :
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