



The world's best Triple Jump and Long Jump athletes perform in a majestic setting

« Le Saut des Géants »
Open Athletics Championships in Tignes
Wednesday 16th August

The “**Saut de Géants**” athletics meeting in Tignes held its promise this Wednesday, 16th August. In an incredible setting, at 3032 metres altitude, in front of a crowd of 3000 people, the first edition of this novel athletics meeting ended with the victory of two of the best athletes in the world: the long jumper, **Luvo Manyonga**, the new World Champion, and the triple jumper, **Will Claye**, who snatched victory from his favourite rival, **Christian Taylor**.

To the delight of the public, present in numbers to watch the top international athletes perform, the surprise came from the Frenchman, **Kafétien Gomis**, who took 2nd place in the long jump event.

LONG JUMP

Manyonga leaps to victory whilst Gomis makes his best jump of the season (8, 22 m)
in the “*most beautiful stadium in the world*”

A crowd of spectators, gathered at the foot of the Grande Motte glacier, lived the suspense of the event until the very last second! The Uruguayan, **Emiliano Lasa**, the Jamaican, **Damar Forbes** and the Frenchman, **Kafétien Gomis**, all jumped further than 8 metres before Luvo Manyonga ended the competition with a jump of 8,46 metres, just 2 cm short of his performance at the recent World Championships!

The French athlete, **Kafétien Gomis**, surpassed himself in a setting that apparently inspired him to perform his best jump of the season, 8.22 metres, improving on his previous best this year of 8, 01 metres. At the end of the competition Gomis stated: *"I felt carried by the crowd, their applause and the atmosphere that reigns here. The spectators road the funicular especially to watch us perform. I've seen some beautiful Olympic stadiums in my career but an open air stadium like Tignes, never! For me it is the most beautiful stadium in the world! This meeting is an extraordinary initiative that highlights our discipline. I'll be back, that's for sure! »*

Results of the Long Jump event:

1. Luvo Manyonga (RSA) – 8,46 metres
2. Kafetien Gomis (FRA) - 8,22 metres
3. Emiliano Lasa (URU) – 8,18 metres

TRIPLE JUMP

Will Claye takes revenge on Christian Taylor, whilst Cristian Napoles reveals himself to the French crowd

Deprived of a gold medal for 5 centimetres by **Christian Taylor** a week ago in London, the American, **Will Claye**, took his revenge at 3032 metres altitude, establishing the best jump of the day at 17,42 metres.

If Taylor particularly appreciated the incredible panorama and the warmth of the public ("**one of the best days of my career**"), he failed to better the current world record of 18,29 metres due to strong winds.

He finished in 2nd place with a jump of 16.99 metres, while the Azerbaijani, **Alexis Copello**, completed the podium of the day.

The public will also retain the incredible performance of **Cristian Napoles**, the young Cuban who is still competing in the Junior category. With a jump of 16.92 metres, he came close to threatening the international stars of the discipline, thus promising a bright future for Triple Jump.

The winner ,Will Claye, announced: *"Coming to Tignes, I wanted to meet the public and share a close moment with the crowd so the gold medal is a bonus! On every jump, I felt better and better. The pressure was on from the other competitors. I had never jumped in such conditions and I really hope to come back next year and do even better".*

Results of the Triple Jump event:

- 1 Will Claye (USA) - 17,42 metres
2. Christian Taylor (USA) – 16,99 metres
3. Alexis Copello (AZE) – 16,95 metres

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RESULTS /

Long jump : 1. Manyonga (AFS) 8,46 m ; 2. GOMIS (FRA) 8,22 m ; 3. Lasa (URU) 8,18 m ; 4. Forbes (JAM) 8,06 m ; 5. Henderson (USA) 7,90 m ; 6. BERTRAND (FRA) 7,88 m.

Triple jump : 1. Claye (USA) 17,42 m ; 2. Taylor (USA) 16,99 m ; 3. Copello (AZE) 16,95 m ; 4. Napoles (CUB) 16,92 m ; 5. PONTVIANNE (FRA) 16,44 m ; 6. Craddock (USA) 16,34 m.

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