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Johannes Vetter back at the place of triumph

Javelin thrower Johannes Vetter is partly responsible for the fact that top athletics Lucerne became a javelin throwing Mecca. In 2017 he catapulted himself to second place in the all-time world toplist with the new German record of 94.44m. He now tops the current list with 96.29m. The next stop could be Jan Zelezny's world record from 1996 (98.48m).

It is still the highlight in the 35-year-old history of top athletics Lucerne, the javelin throwing competition on July 11, 2017 between Olympic champion Thomas Röhler (30) and the German champion Johannes Vetter (28). Vetter threw over 90m in the first attempt and increased to 94.44m with the fourth throw. Röhler was pleased with second place and an excellent 89.45m with his buddy about one of the most high-quality javelin competitions in history.

Johannes Vetter, world champion 2017, will return to the Lucerne stadium as number 1 in the world on Tuesday. Olympic and European champion Thomas Röhler, who won in Lucerne in 2019, is also registered. This year Vetter has to face competitors from India, Neeraj Chopra (24), the current number three in the world (88.07), from Latvia, Gatis Akss (26), the number four in the world (87.57m) and the former Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott (28, Trinidad/Tobago).

This javelin throwing competition is like an early Olympic final. The thermal conditions for javelin throwing are often better in the open Lucerne stadium than in a large closed stadium. Once again the audience can hope for and expect long throws and a great show from the world's best javelin throwers.

Caption:

In 2017 Johannes Vetter (left) made the headline at Top Athletics Lucerne, the last meeting under the leadership of the former CEO Max Plüss (right). (Picture: pd)