

## MEN'S POLE VAULT

# Like The Good Old Days?

### THE FORMCHART

1. Tim Mack (US) .....	5.90 ...	19-4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('04)
2. Toby Stevenson (US) .....	6.00 ...	19-8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('04)
3. Alex Averbukh (Israel) .....	5.93 ...	19-5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ('03)
4. Tim Lobinger (Germany) .....	6.00 ...	19-8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('97)
5. Patrick Kristiansson (Sweden) .....	5.85 ...	19-2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('03)
6. Dmitri Markov (Australia) .....	6.05 ...	19-10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('01)
7. Derek Miles (US) .....	5.82 ...	19-1 ('01)
8. Igor Pavlov (Russia) .....	5.76 ...	18-10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('04)
9. Romain Mesnil (France) .....	5.95 ...	19-6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('03)
10. Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy) .....	5.90 ...	19-4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ('03)

### THE SCOOP

A 1–2 U.S. finish? There was a time when Americans were almost guaranteed of taking the top two medals. It happened in 10 of the first 14 Games. In the same span the U.S. won all the golds—and did so for another two. Then came a 7-Games drought before Hysong in Sydney...

Stevenson actually has a solid 7–3 margin over Mack on the year, but we'll give the latter a slight edge for his wins at the Trials and the big Zürich meet. This will also be the be-helmeted Stevenson's first international outdoor champs, whereas Mack has competed in the Worlds twice (6th last year)...

Yearly list leader Stevenson is just the eleventh (and second American) to join the elite 6-meter club. Mack came close at the Trials. "Close enough to make it next time," he judged.

### THE STATS

WR: 20-1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>/6.14 Sergey Bubka (Ukr) '93

AR: 19-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>/6.03 Jeff Hartwig (Nik) '00

OR: 19-5/5.92 Jean Galfione (France), Andrei Tivontchik (Germany) & Igor Trandenkov (Russia) all '96

'00 Medalists: Hysong–Johnson–Tarasov

'03 WC Medalists: Gibilisco–Brits–Kristiansson

[link to event's yearly list \(IAAF\)](#)

[link to past medalists](#)

**ATHENS SCHEDULE**  
qualifying—19:15 August 25  
final—20:00 August 27



Olympic Trials winner Tim Mack could be part of a resurgent U.S. 1–2.

### ON THE U.S. TUBE

8/25—NBC 20:00/24:00, 24:35/02:00 (replay 02:00/05:00), HDTV 24 hours

8/27—NBC 20:00/24:00 (replay 02:00/05:00); HDTV 24 hours

[link to event's official results \(IAAF\)](#)