

WOMEN'S JAVELIN

Špotáková To Defend

LONDON SCHEDULE

qualifying — 10:00 August 7

final — 21:00 August 9

THE FORMCHART

1. Barbora Špotáková (Czech Rep) ..72.28....237-2('08)
2. Sunette Viljoen (South Africa) ...69.35....227-6('12)
3. Mariya Abakumova (Russia).....71.99....236-2('11)
4. Christina Obergföll (Germany) ..70.20....230-4('07)
5. Vira Rebryk (Ukraine).....66.86....219-4('12)
6. Goldie Sayers (Great Britain)66.17....217-1('12)
7. Linda Stahl (Germany)66.81....219-2('10)
8. Huihui Lu (China)64.95....213-1('12)
9. Lingwei Li (China)65.11....213-7('12)
10. Katharina Molitor (Germany) ...64.67....212-2('11)

The Americans:

Brittany Borman 61.51/201-9 ('12)

Kara Patterson 66.67/218-8 ('10)

Rachel Yurkovich 61.06/200-4 ('12)

THE SCOOP

Defending champ Špotáková may not win, but she'll surely medal. She hasn't failed to podium in a major starting with '06... Any of the first four has to be viewed as a potential gold medalist.

THE STATS

WR: 237-2/72.28 Barbora Špotáková (Czech Rep) '08

AR: 218-8/66.67 Kara Patterson (Asics) '10

OR: 234-8/71.53 Osleidys Menéndez (Cuba) '04

'08 OG Medals: Špotáková–Abakumova–Obergföll

'09 WC Medals: Nerius–Špotáková–Abakumova

'11 WC Medals: Abakumova–Špotáková–Viljoen

THE ALL-TIME TOP 10

1. 72.28 237-2 ... Barbora Špotáková (Czech Republic) 9/13/08
2. 71.99 236-2..... Mariya Abakumova (Russia) 9/02/11
3. 71.70 235-3 Osleidys Menéndez (Cuba) 8/14/05
4. 70.20 230-4 Christina Obergföll (Germany) 6/23/07
5. 69.48 227-11 Trine Hattestad (Norway) 7/28/00
6. 69.35 227-6 Sunette Viljoen (South Africa) 6/09/12
7. 68.34 224-2 Steffi Nerius (Germany) 8/31/08
8. 67.67 222-0 Sonia Bisset (Cuba) 7/06/05
9. 67.51 221-6 Miréla Manjani (Greece) 9/29/00
10. 67.20 220-6 Tatyana Shikolenko (Russia) 8/18/00

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The WR holder makes a habit of medaling

WINNERS SINCE 1972

1972 — Ruth Fuchs (EG) 209-7/63.88

1976 — Ruth Fuchs (EG) 216-4/65.94

1980 — María Colón (Cub) 224-5/68.40

1984 — Tessa Sanderson (GB) 228-2/69.56

1988 — Petra Felke (EG) 245-0/74.68

1992 — Silke Renk (Ger) 224-2/68.34

1996 — Heli Rantanen (Fin) 222-11/67.94

2000 — Trine Hattestad (Nor) 226-1/68.91

2004 — Osleidys Menéndez (Cub) 234-8/71.53

2008 — Barbora Špotáková (CzR) 234-4/71.42