

## High Jump

## Helsinki 1983

## Final (Aug 13)

1, Gennadiy Avdyeyenko	URS	2.32
2, Tyke Peacock	USA	2.32
3, Zhu Jianhua	CHN	2.29
=4, Igor Paklin	URS	2.29
Dietmar Mögenburg	FRG	2.29
6, Dwight Stones	USA	2.29
7, Carlo Thränhardt	FRG	2.26
8, Valeriy Sereda	URS	2.26
9, Mitt Otey CAN 2.26; 10, Luca Toso ITA 2.26; 11, Patrik Sjöberg SWE 2.23; 12, Leo Williams USA 2.23; 13, Jacek Wszola POL 2.23; 14, Eddy Annys BEL 2.19; 15, Francisco Centelles CUB 2.19; 16, Paul Frommeyer FRG 2.19; 17, Sorin Matei ROU 2.15		

Series	2.10	2.15	2.19	2.23	2.26	2.29	2.32	2.34
Avdyeyenko	-	o	o	o	o	xo	o	xxx
Peacock	-	o	o	xo	o	o	xxx	xxx
Zhu	-	o	o	o	o	o	xxx	
Mögenburg	-	o	o	xo	-	o	xxx	
Paklin	o	o	o	o	xo	o	xxx	
Stones	-	o	o	o	o	xxx	xxx	
Thränhardt	-	o	o	o	o	-	xxx	
Sereda	o	o	xo	o	o	o	xxx	

Of the six men still in at 2.29, world record holder Zhu had the best record, with no failures from five jumps. The Chinese went on to fail three times at 2.32 and was forced to settle for the bronze – the first medal won at this level by an athlete from mainland China. Meanwhile, a first-time clearance at 2.32 proved to be the winning leap for the little-known Avdyeyenko, a 19 year-old soldier. Formerly a triple jumper, the Ukrainian had been a controversial selection for the Soviet team after placing only sixth in the 1983 Spartakiad.

The silver went to the popular American, Peacock, who was the only other jumper successful at 2.32.

## Qualifying round (2.24 or top 12 to final) (Aug 12)

**Group A qualifiers:** Centelles & Williams 2.21  
**Non-qualifiers:** Takao Sakamoto JPN & Takashi Katamine JPN 2.18; Othmane Belfaa ALG, Moussa Fall 2 SEN, Eugen Popescu ROU, Roberto Cabrejas ESP, Nick Saunders BER & Wolfgang Tschirk AUT 2.15; Jouko Kilpi FIN, Constantin Militaru ROU, Gianni Davito ITA & Alain Metellus CAN 2.10; Liu Chin-Chiang TPE 2.00; Alphonse Gaglozoun BEN & France-Henry Lisette MRI 1.95; Ardeshir Ghanedame IRI NH; Joseph Raju SUD DNS  
**Group B qualifiers:** Otey, Paklin & Zhu 2.24; Avdyeyenko, Matei, Sereda, Sjöberg, Stones, Thränhardt, Toso, Wszola, Frommeyer, Annys, Mögenburg & Peacock 2.21  
**Non-qualifiers:** Roland Dalhäuser SUI & Dariusz Bizysko POL 2.15; Franck Verzy FRA & Stephen Wray BAH 2.10

## Rome 1987

## Final (Sep 6)

1, Patrik Sjöberg	SWE	2.38
=2, Igor Paklin	URS	2.38
Gennadiy Avdyeyenko	URS	2.38
4, Dietmar Mögenburg	FRG	2.35
5, Nick Saunders	BER	2.32
6, Sorin Matei	ROU	2.32
7, Ján Zvara	TCH	2.32
8, Carlo Thränhardt	FRG	2.29
9, Javier Sotomayor CUB 2.29; =10, Krzysztof Krawczyk POL & Geoff Parsons GBR 2.25; =12, Tom McCants USA & Arturo Ortiz ESP 2.25; 14, Gerd Nagel FRG 2.20; 15, Robert Marinov BUL 2.20; Sergey Malchenko URS NH		

Series	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.29	2.32	2.35	2.38	2.40
Sjöberg	-	o	-	o	o	o	o	xxx
Paklin	-	o	o	oxo	o	xo	xxx	xxx
Avdyeyenko	-	o	o	o	o	xxx	xxx	xxx
Mögenburg	-	o	o	o	o	x	xx	
Saunders	-	o	o	-	o	xxx		
Matei	-	o	xxxo	o	o	x	xx	
Zvara	o	o	o	o	xxx	xxx		
Thränhardt	-	o	o	o	xxx			

All of top-8 passed 2.10

In the best mass-quality high jump in history, a jump of 2.32 – the winning height in 1983 – was good enough only for seventh place. At 2.35, four of the seven men were successful, with Olympic gold and silver medalists, Mögenburg and Sjöberg having no failures. Paklin failed with his first attempt at 2.38, before world record holder Sjöberg maintained his perfect record to take the lead. Avdyeyenko also failed, as did Mögenburg. The two Soviets managed 2.38 on their third trial, while Mögenburg passed his remaining attempts to try unsuccessfully for 2.40. The leading three also failed 2.40, meaning that Sweden took the gold while the two Soviets shared the silver.

Coming as it did on the final day of the World Championships, the contest was frequently interrupted by medal ceremonies, during which the athletes were not permitted to jump.

## Qualifying round (2.29 or best 12 to final) (Sep 5)

**Group A qualifiers:** Zvara, Malchenko, Sjöberg, McCants, & Thränhardt 2.27  
**Non-qualifiers:** Zhu Jianhua CHN, Luca Toso ITA & Roland Dalhäuser SUI 2.24; Lee Balkin USA & Georgi Dakov BUL 2.21; Markus Emberger AUT 2.18; Sasa Apostolovski YUG, Milton Riitano BRA, Motochika Inoue JPN & Jean-Charles Gicquel FRA 2.10; Fouad Fahriedin JOR & Hilaire Onwanlele GAB NH  
**Group B qualifiers:** Parsons, Matei, Sotomayor, Avdyeyenko, Marinov, Saunders, Paklin, Mögenburg, Nagel, Ortiz, Krawczyk 2.27  
**Non-qualifiers:** Jerome Carter USA & Troy Kemp BAH 2.24; Róbert Ruffini TCH 2.21; Othmane Belfaa ALG, Mikko Levola FIN & Paul Ngadjadum CHA 2.15

## Tokyo 1991

## Final (Sep 1)

1, Charles Austin	USA	2.38
2, Javier Sotomayor	CUB	2.36
3, Hollis Conway	USA	2.36
4, Dalton Grant	GBR	2.36
=5, Marino Drake	CUB	2.34
Troy Kemp	BAH	2.34
7, Patrik Sjöberg	SWE	2.31
8, Rick Noji	USA	2.28
9, Dragutin Topić YUG 2.28; =10, Arturo Ortiz ESP & Igor Paklin URS 2.24; 12, Artur Parytko POL 2.24; 13, Rudolf Povarnitsyn URS 2.24; 14, Steinar Hoen NOR 2.20		

Series	2.20	2.24	2.28	2.31	2.34	2.36	2.38	2.40
Austin	o	o	-	o	o	-	xo	-
Sotomayor	-	o	-	o	-	o	-	x-
Conway	o	o	-	xo	-	o	xxx	xxx
Grant	-	-	-	o	-	xxx	xxx	
Drake	o	-	xo	-	o	xxx		
Kemp	o	-	o	xo	o	xxx		
Sjöberg	-	o	-	xxx	x			
Noji	o	-	xo	xxx				

All of top-8 passed 2.15

In 1989, Sotomayor made history by becoming the first man to leap eight feet (2.43). The Cuban looked set for victory when he cleared 2.36 on his first attempt, but an ankle injury meant that he was forced to retire after one failure at 2.40. This meant that the gold medal went to the unheralded American Charles Austin, who had cleared 2.38 on his second attempt. Sotomayor went over to congratulate both Austin and Conway as soon as he realised he could compete no more.

The 24 year-old Texan had earlier taken a big risk by passing at 2.36. He ended the contest by failing three times at 2.45. The bronze medal also went to the USA, while in fourth place was Grant, who had courageously started the contest at 2.31.

## Qualifying round (2.30 or top 12 to final) (Aug 31)

**Group A qualifiers:** Austin, Grant, Ortiz, Topić, Kemp, Noji & Povarnitsyn 2.27  
**Non-qualifiers:** Ian Garrett AUS, Takahisa Yoshida JPN, Róbert Ruffini TCH & Georgi Dakov BUL 2.24; Håkon Särnblom NOR, Fouad Fahriedin JOR, Zhou Zhonghe CHN, Steve Smith GBR & Michael Mikkelsen DEN 2.20; Jaroslav Kotewicz POL & Roger Te Puni NZL 2.15; Fernando Moreno ARG NH  
**Group B qualifiers:** Parytko, Sotomayor, Paklin, Conway, Sjöberg & Hoen  
**Non-qualifiers:** Juha Isolehto FIN, Othmane Belfaa ALG, Sorin Matei ROU, Gustavo Becker ESP, Tim Forsyth AUS & Alex Zaltauskas CAN 2.24; Sergey Dymchenko URS & Xu Yang CHN 2.20; David Anderson AUS 2.15; Karl Scatliffe IVB 2.05; Valery Abugattas PER 2.00; Emmanuel Ngadjadum CHA & Khalid Ahmed Mousa SUD 1.90; Geoff Parsons GBR DNS