

Series	<u>1.75</u>	<u>1.80</u>	<u>1.84</u>	<u>1.88</u>	<u>1.92</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>1.97</u>
Sommer	-	o	o	o	XO	XXO	XXX
Brandt	-	o	XO	XXO	XO	XXX	
Brill	-	o	o	o	XXX		
Helm	-	o	o	XO	XXX		
Juha	o	o	XO	XO	XXX		

Bykova and Meyfarth staged a compelling battle for the gold medal. The former (half Russian, half Greek) had a perfect record of first-time clearances at every height up to and including 1.97. Meyfarth – the world record holder – was the only other athlete to go that high, but had recorded one failure at both 1.95 and 1.97. Meanwhile the bronze medal had been won by Ritter, who cleared 1.95 on her second attempt to beat her compatriot Sommer on countback.

At 1.99, Bykova faltered for the first time with a clumsy failure. Meyfarth saw her chance and went over first time to take the lead. Bykova made it on her second try and the bar went up to 2.01.

The Soviet jumper went over first time again and regained the lead, as Meyfarth failed. The West German passed and took her remaining two tries, unsuccessfully, at 2.03. Bykova, now confirmed as the winner, also had three unsuccessful attempts at this world record height.

Qualifying round (1.90 or top 12 to final) (Aug 7)

Group A qualifiers: Brandt, Bykova, Sommer & Helm 1.90; Soetewey, Vehmästo, Sterk & Zheng 1.87

Non-qualifiers: Sara Simeoni ITA, Gillian Evans GBR, Gaby Meier SUI & Brigitte Reid CAN 1.84; Thordis Gisladóttir ISL, Megumi Sato & Christine Stanton AUS 1.80; Iona Smith AIA 1.50

Group B qualifiers: Meyfarth, Ritter, Bienias & Brill 1.90; Juha, Kositsyna, Ewanjé-Epée, Browne, Costa & Yang 1.87

Non-qualifiers: Niculina Vasile ROU 1.84; Emese Bela HUN, Susanne Lorentzon SWE & Lidija Lapajne YUG 1.80; Hisayo Fukumitsu JPN 1.75; Kawther Akremi TUN & Klodeta Gjini ALB 1.70

fail for the first time. The Bulgarian followed with a miss. Bykova failed a second time, before Kostadinova produced a successful clearance to take the lead.

The Soviet jumper now needed to go higher with her last try to win. Amid the excitement of Ben Johnson's sprint win, she went for 2.08 and failed. The triumphant Kostadinova then had the bar raised to 2.09 which she cleared on her second try. Just 10 minutes after the infamous 9.83 100m, Rome had seen its second world record.

Qualifying round (1.93 or top 12 to final) (Aug 29)

Group A qualifiers: Sommer, Costa, Kostadinova, Beaugendre, Avdyeyenko & Redetzky 1.91

Non-qualifiers: Amra Temim YUG, Ni Xiuling CHN, Alina Astafei ROU & Kim Hee-Sun KOR 1.88; Alessandra Bonfiglioli ITA 1.85; Sigrid Kirchmann AUT NH

Group B qualifiers: Ritter, Beyer, Bykova, Kositsyna, Andonova & Isaeva 1.91

Non-qualifiers: Megumi Sato JPN & Christine Stanton AUS 1.88; Phyllis Bluntson USA & Hanne Haugland NOR 1.85; Orlane dos Santos BRA & Thordis Gisladóttir ISL 1.80

Tokyo 1991

Final (Aug 31)

1,	Heike Henkel	GER	2.05
2,	Yelena Yelovina	URS	1.98
3,	Inga Babakova	URS	1.96
4,	Beata Holub	POL	1.96
5,	Birgit Köhler	GER	1.93
6,	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	1.93
7,	Tamara Bykova	URS	1.93
8,	Judit Kovács	HUN	1.90
9,	Sárka Nováková	TCH 1.90; 10, Vanessa Ward	AUS 1.90; 11, Alison Inverarity
		AUS 1.87; 12, Heike Balck	GER 1.84

Series	<u>1.84</u>	<u>1.87</u>	<u>1.90</u>	<u>1.93</u>	<u>1.96</u>	<u>1.98</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.02</u>
Henkel	-	o	-	o	-	o	o	o
	o	xxx						
Yelovina	o	o	o	o	o	XO	xx	x
Babakova	o	o	o	o	o	xxx		
Holub	o	o	XO	XXO	XO	xxx		
Kähler	o	o	o	o	xxx			
Kostadinova	o	XO	o	o	xxx			
Bykova	o	o	XO	XXO	xxx			
Kovács	o	o	o	xxx				

Henkel, who as Heike Redetzky had finished sixth in Rome, was unquestionably the world's best high jumper and proved this in Tokyo with a crushing victory.

The German, who wore a tee-shirt with the message "to the top without doping", between jumps, had effectively won the gold with her first-time clearance at 1.98. The only other woman in at that height was Yelovina. She failed twice before going out with one last try at 2.02.

Henkel then had a massive clearance at 2.02 before setting a personal best of 2.05. It was only at 2.07 that the German failed for the first time.

Qualifying round (1.92 or top 12 to final) (Aug 29)

Group A qualifiers: Inverarity 1.90; Yelovina, Bykova, Nováková & Balck 1.88

Non-qualifiers: Svetlana Leseva BUL 1.86; Donata Janczewicz POL, Yolanda Henry USA, Megumi Sato JPN & Tisha Waller 1.83; Lucienne N'da CIV, Venelina Veneva BUL & Thordis Gisladóttir ISL 1.79; Leslie Estwick CAN 1.75

Group B qualifiers: Babakova, Kostadinova, Henke, Köhler & Holub 1.90; Ward & Kovács 1.88

Non-qualifiers: Orlane dos Santos BRA, Debbi Marti GBR & Sue Rembao USA 1.86; Tania Murray NZL & Jana Brenkusová TCH 1.79; Sigrid Kirchmann AUT 1.75; Margarida Moreno AND 1.70; Vermiltila Philip SKN NH

Stuttgart 1993

Final (Aug 21)

1,	Ioamnet Quintero	CUB	1.99
2,	Silvia Costa	CUB	1.97
3,	Sigrid Kirchmann	AUT	1.97
=4,	Alina Astafei	ROU	1.94
	Yelena Rodina	RUS	1.94
6,	Antonella Bevilacqua	ITA	1.94

Rome 1987

Final (Aug 30)

1,	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	2.09 _{WR}
2,	Tamara Bykova	URS	2.04
3,	Susanne Beyer	GDR	1.99
4,	Silvia Costa	CUB	1.96
5,	Larisa Kositsyna	URS	1.96
6,	Heike Redetzky	FRG	1.96
7,	Svetlana Isaeva	BUL	1.93
=8,	Lyudmila Avdyeyenko	URS	1.93
	Louise Ritter	USA	1.93
10,	Madelly Beaugendre	FRA 1.93; 11, Coleen Sommer	USA 1.93; 12, Lyudmila
	Andonova	BUL 1.85	

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Kostadinova	o	o	-	o	o	o	XXO	XO
Bykova	-	XO	o	o	o	o	o	xx
	x							
Beyer	o	o	o	o	XO	xxx		
Costa	o	o	o	o	xx	x		
Kositsyna	o	o	XXO	o	xxx			
Redetzky	o	o	o	XO	xxx			
Isaeva	o	o	o	xxx				
Avdyeyenko	XO	o	o	xxx				
Ritter	o	XO	o	xxx				

Like in Helsinki four years earlier, Tamara Bykova was involved in a terrific contest for the gold medal. This time her opponent was Stefka Kostadinova, the world record holder at 2.08. These two dominated the final in which they were the first two to jump.

At 1.99 the medallists were clear. Bykova and Kostadinova continued their record of first-time clearances. The only other woman to make 1.99 was Beyer, on her second attempt. She went out at 2.02. The leading two each succeeded first time. It was the first time two women had cleared that high in the same meeting.

At 2.04, Bykova went clear again but Kostadinova failed twice. She made it, easily, on her third try. The next height, 2.06, saw Bykova