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### **PUMA signs double event US National Champion JuVaughn Harrison**

**Boston, Massachusetts, July 5, 2021** - Global sports brand PUMA has signed JuVaughn Harrison, the freshly crowned U.S. National Champion in both the men's high jump and long jump at the recent US Olympic track and field trials, where he qualified for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. JuVaughn will be the first US athlete to compete in both high jump and long jump since 1912.

The 22-year-old JuVaughn pulled off the epic double last week in Eugene, where he also punched his ticket to the Games on the last day at Hayward Field to close out the U.S. Track and Field Championships. JuVaughn first cleared a solid 2.33 meters in the afternoon, and later returned that evening with an impressive 8.47 meters in the long jump.

"JuVaughn Harrison is one of the most exciting athletes in all of the sport of Track and Field," said Pascal Rolling, Head of Running Sports Marketing at PUMA. "He has not just the talent, but also the personality and confidence to help him go far. You don't come across many athletes who are as good in either event, let alone able to set personal bests in both the high jump and long jump within hours of each other at major championships."

JuVaughn will join fellow LSU alumnus Mondo Duplantis in the PUMA Family of world-class athletes and brand ambassadors and will add to an already incredibly strong roster of jumpers across multiple events.

"PUMA just felt like the right fit," said JuVaughn. "They have several athletes who are simply at the top in their respective event, including my friend Mondo Duplantis. I'm excited to be part of such an elite group. On a side note, my parents are Jamaican, so growing up I followed athletes like Usain Bolt and so it makes me proud to join such a brand and be part of the legacy."

The newly crowned US champion has not lost a high jump competition since March 30, 2019, - which includes 15 straight competitions in the high jump that he hasn't been beaten.

In his short, but already illustrious career, JuVaughn has accomplished what no other athlete has ever been able to do: winning six NCAA titles and two U.S. titles, in addition to winning both the long jump and high jump titles in the last three NCAA Championships.

The most incredible fact, however, is that with JuVaughn qualifying for the US team in both the high jump and long jump, he will be the first male athlete in U.S. history since Jim Thorpe (1912) to represent Team USA in both events at the upcoming Games. He is also the first athlete in history to jump at least 8.40m in the long jump and 2.30m in the high jump.

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