**LeBron James keeps Brittney Reese awake**

**Diamond race leader, Ivana Spanovic, Serbia faces stiff competition from Olympic Champion, Brittney Reese (USA) and Brooke Stratton (AUS), both of whom have jumped more than 7m this season. Khaddi Sagnia of Sweden will be looking to gain some good experience at the top level in front of her home crowd.**

**Brooke Stratton** said: “I started jumping at just 6 years old.  After a few setbacks including a stress fracture and a diagnosis of coeliac disease I am delighted with this season’s personal best of 7.05m.  I have had a big block of training this winter and I jumped well in Australia breaking the Australian record.

“My father is my coach and it is great to have him with me when I am traveling. This is my first year in Europe.  I am hoping for better weather as it was very poor conditions in Lucerne last night.

“I am very excited to have qualified for the Olympics and really pleased that two Australians have qualified in the long jump.”

Britney Reese said “I was a basketball player during my student days and I am still a big fan catching up with games whenever I can.  I will watch next game of the NBA Finals after the meet on Thursday. I will be awake until 5, if I have to. After 2012 I had surgery and I really suffered and I did even contemplate retiring but I talked to a sports psychologist and I focused on the mental side of things.  This has really made a difference as well as the support of my coach and my family.  I needed to talk with someone who didn’t know me. Now I meditate and get myself mentally tough.

“Recently I have adopted a little boy.  Last winter I home schooled him which was tough but very enjoyable.  He came to a lot of events with me so he knows what it takes to succeed.”

Khaddi Sagnia said “After Portland I had a little break.  It is a relief to get back to competition.  I have cheered Brittney on for a long time so it is amazing to be competing against her.  Carolina Kluft was my inspiration.  I tried a few events and started with the triple jump but, after injury, I went to the long jump.”