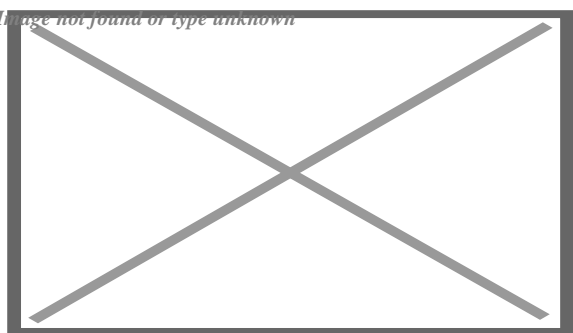


National record in sprinting and other high marks for Cuban athletics

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Yunisleydis Garcia

Havana, May 29 (RHC) - The national record of sprinter Yunisleidys Garcia and the reaffirmation in the elite of triple jumper Leyanis Perez were the highest marks of a weekend full of competitions for Cuban athletics.

Yunisleydis flew over the track of the Fort de France stadium in the island of Martinique and became the fastest woman in the history of Cuban athletics (11.08 sec +1.8), to improve the national 100m record in force for more than three decades.

With her record, the new speed talent not only erased from the books the record of world medalist Liliana Allen (11.10 in 1992), but also achieved the mark for the World Athletics Championships in August in Budapest.

Although perhaps it is too late to enroll her in the current tour of Europe, the new Cuban athletics management agrees that the girl is ready for greater endeavors and will do everything possible to look for higher profile races for her.

In fact, before the Centrocariibes of San Salvador she will have two competitions in Argentina, confirmed to Radio Habana Cuba the manager of the Cuban athletics team, Jorge Luis Aguilera.

Behind the 23-year-old Villaclareña, who won a few days ago the ALBA Games in Venezuela (11.22), crossed the finish line with the American Taylor Anderson (11.32) and the 18-year-old Cuban promoter Yarima García (11.38).

Leyanis Pérez, meanwhile, reaffirmed herself as leader of the outdoor season in the triple jump, by winning the Diamond League in Rabat (Morocco) with 14.84m (1.1), improving by 4 centimeters her lifetime best result, achieved a week ago in Havana.

At just 21 years old, the student of Ricardo Ponce had a phenomenal winter season and has started the outdoor campaign in style, raising expectations for the World Championships in Budapest, where she hopes to climb the podium she already reached in Eugene-2022.

Other outstanding athletes of the last days were Roxana Gómez, Alejandro Parada, Rose Mary Almanza and Mario Díaz.

Olympic finalist Roxana dominated the oval lap at the Forbach meeting (France) with 50.63 sec, her best time of the season, while Almanza was second in 800 with 1.59.66 (also SB), in a race won by Ethiopian Olympic finalist Alemu (1.58.59).

Another outstanding athlete in Forbach was the reappeared triple jumper Cristian Napoles, winner with 17.04m.

Among the young blood of Cuban athletics, Alejandro Parada (18 years old) continued to make headlines, winning in a meeting in Taipei with 8.13m (), just two centimeters away from his personal record, while discus thrower Mario Díaz and hammer thrower Ronald Mencías remained stable.

Díaz (23 years old) won in Martinique with 63.69m, while Mencías (20) won in a confrontation in Havana (74.50).

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