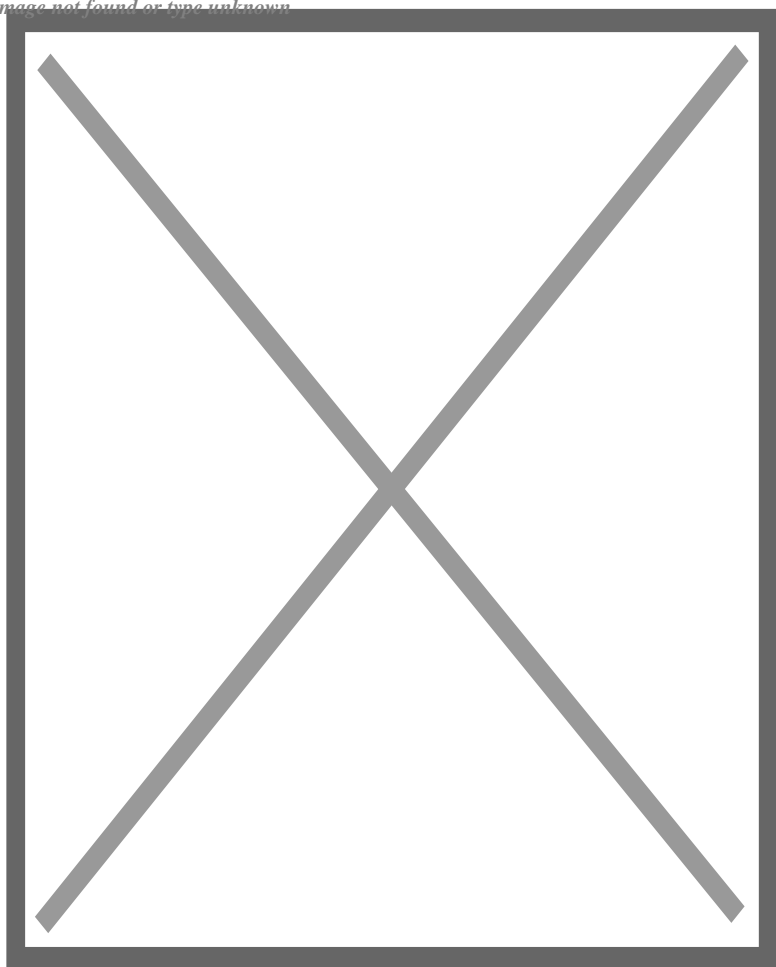


Two Cuban titles in Cali Parathlon Open

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Havana, September 15 (JIT) - Titles by Raciél Gonzalez and Leinier Savon marked Cuba's performance at the Cali 2022 International Parathletics Open, which awards points for the world ranking.

Raciél, silver medalist in the 200 meters at the London 2012 Paralympic Games in the T-46 category, reencountered the double hectometer and won with a time of 22.82 seconds.

"It's a very good record and I'm happy because he hadn't run the 200 meters since 2015," coach Miriam Ferrer told JIT from the Colombian city.

The also bronze winner in the long jump at the Lima 2019 Parapan American Games faces his third international competition of the year. Previously, he won prizes in the Grand Prix of Tunis and Monterrey.

Those events, as well as this event in the coffee city, will serve to accumulate points in the classification system for important competitive commitments, including the next world championship, the Parapan American Games of Santiago 2023 and the Paralympic Games of Paris 2024.

Savón, double Paralympic champion, dominated the long jump in the T-12 category with a record of 6.29 meters, a result also praised by the experienced Ferrer.

This Friday and Saturday, javelinists Ulicer Aguilera (F-13 category), Guillermo Varona (F-46) and Gerdan Fonseca (F-64) will compete, in addition to shot put and discus thrower Noraivis de las Heras (F-44).

According to news released from the venue, more than 600 parathletes from Mexico, Peru, Cuba and the host country have gathered at the Pascual Guerrero Olympic Stadium. For the local representatives, this event serves as a qualification for the 2023 Paranaional Games.

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