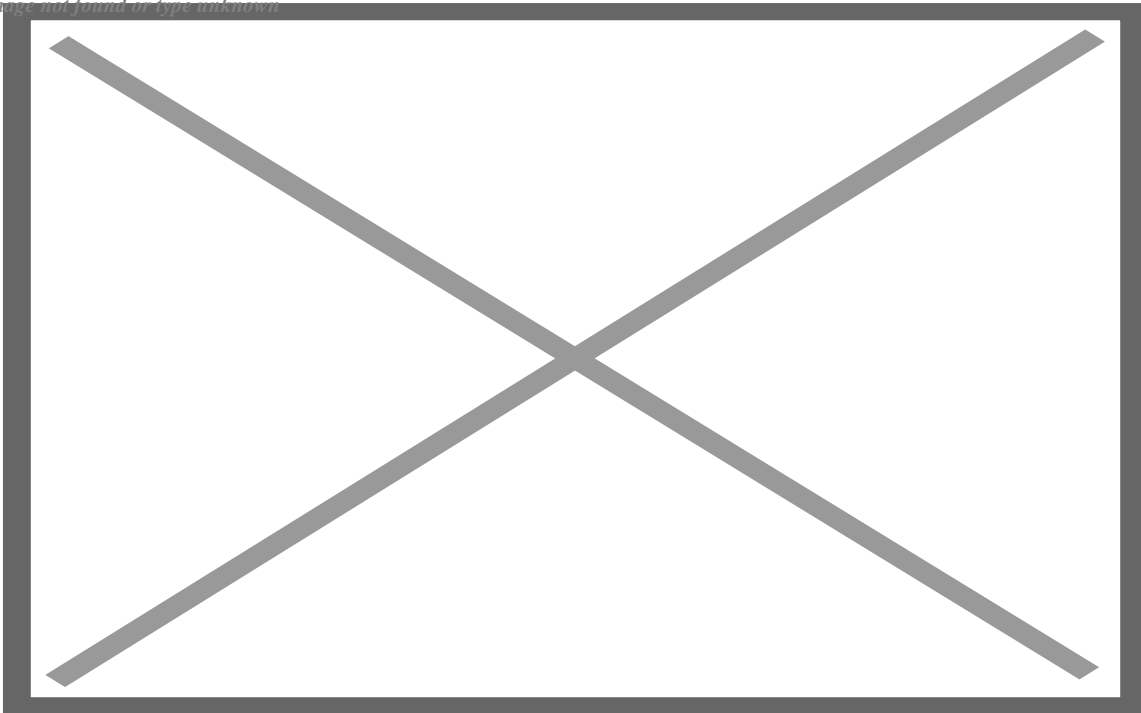


Cuban triple jumper Martinez comes in second at Paris meeting

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Martinez stretched to 17.24 meters (m) on his first attempt.

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Havana, February 12 (RHC -- Cuban triple jumper Lazaro Martinez, world indoor champion in Belgrade, Serbia, last March, finished in second place the day before at the World Athletics Indoor Tour silver medal event in Paris, France.

Martinez went 17.24 meters (m) in his first attempt, thus achieving his best mark of the current season.

In his sequence, after that initial triple jump he made three mistakes, while in his fifth and sixth attempts he reached 17.00 and 17.02 m, respectively.

Hugues Fabrice Zango (17.43 m), bronze medalist at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and owner of two medals in world events, silver in Eugene 2022 and bronze in Doha 2019, won that competition as he did a week ago in Val de Reuil, also in France, where he beat the athlete from Cuba.

In that Parisian meeting, the leading trio was completed by Andy Diaz (16.91 m), who no longer represents the Cuban Athletics Federation.

The three of them were identical in the first positions on February 4 in Val de Reuil, in a competition in which Martinez made his debut in the current winter tour with a mark of 17.16 m.

In the French capital, another triathlete from the Caribbean nation, Cristian Nápoles, finished fifth among six competitors with a discreet record of 16.22m.

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