

Roxana and Zayas win in Europe, but Povea shines

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Liadagmis Povea

Havana, June 12 (RHC) - Victories by Roxana Gómez (400 m) and Luis Zayas (high jump) marked the most recent performances of Cuban athletics in Europe, although the most outstanding result was achieved by triathlete Liadagmis Povea, with her best mark of the season, very close to the winner, the out-of-series Yulimar Rojas.

In the Iberdrola Athletics Club League, based in Madrid, Spain, Povea ran 14.83m, to improve by 10 cm her best mark of the season and to be only 13 cm behind the Olympic and world champion, the Venezuelan Rojas, in her debut in Europe with the best world mark of the year (14.96 m).

Now Povea, Olympic finalist in Tokyo-2020, is placed third in the world list, behind Yulimar and Cuban Leyanis Perez (14.84 m).

On the other hand, also in the Club League, the Olympic 400m finalist, Roxana Gómez, maintained her stability in the season and dominated in the oval lap with 50.75 sec, against rivals who hardly demanded anything from her.

The world champion with the 4x400 relay in Silesia-2021 was close to her best time of the season, 50.60 achieved a few days ago in Forbach (France).

Another first place in the Sunday competitions was achieved by the Pan American champion and world finalist in the high jump, Luis Enrique Zayas, winner at the Stockholm Meeting, with 2.25m.

Zayas, who achieved his best outdoor result this year (2.31), failed in his three attempts over 2.30.

In the 800m in Madrid, the 4x400 world champion and three-time Barranquilla-2018 champion Rose Mary Almanza finished second in a slow race with discreet result of 2:05.77 minutes.

And in the Barrientos Memorial, here in Cuba, the most outstanding result was achieved by the 20-year-old Ronald Mencías, who achieved a personal best in hammer, with 76.66m, a result that augurs a good future and his inclusion in the elite team of Cuban athletics in a short time.

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