

Sierra, 10th in Australia's Route Cycling



Havana, (RHC) - The Cuban Arlenis Sierra crossed tenth this Thursday in the Torquay race, held in a circuit in Melbourne, Australia, in which the local Brodie Chapman, of the Aquitaine Futuroscope team, from France, managed to specify a break that granted her the victory in 106.4 kilometres.

Chapman defended her escape when two laps were missing, although she was reached by her compatriot Emily Herfoss (Roxsolt), and the Americans Tayler Wiles (Trek-Segafredo) and Lauren Stephens (Tibco), but Chapman increased her pedaling in the last meters to enter with an advantage of 4, 6 and 11 seconds, respectively, on their accomplices of escape, that in several occasions attacked with the same purpose to arrive first.

The winner came to have an advantage of up to a minute and 45 seconds over the leading lot, from which the others took off and worked hard together with her to avoid being absorbed by the group of 29 in which Sierra, from Manzanillo, Granma captain of the Astana Women's, and her companions the Mexican Lizbeth Salazar and the Italian Katia Ragusa, who entered only 26 seconds after Chapman.

Further back a batch of 23 runners who completed the 56 that made the eight laps of the 87 that took the start, including the members of the Astana, the Italian Francesca Pettaro (in the place 48 at 1:09 minutes) and the Ukrainian Maryna Ivaniuk (at 52 to 3:49), according to the transmission through the event site.

In this competition of the UCI world elite road the first intermediate sprint was won by the German Tanja Erath (Canyon Sram Racing) and the following packaging was already fled Brodie Chapman on a sunny day and in which 15 professional teams were presented.

The next challenge, the Cadel Evans Great Ocean on February 1, will be very special for the 27-year-old Cuban. She is the champion of 2019, undoubtedly a logical inspiration to fight for the best position in this part of the season in preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, where she aspires to improve the 28th place of Rio de Janeiro 2016.

Arlenis and her Astana club will conclude the tour of the mainland island on February 5 and 6 when they run the Luxes of Blackburn-Herald Sun Tour. It began with the Santos Down Under Tour from January 16 to 19 and in which it concluded sixteenth (exceeded on 24 last year) after occupying the seats 9, 14, 15 and 15 at different stages.

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