

Three Cubans to Gotzis: Mecca of Combined Trials



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Considered one of the most prestigious meetings dedicated to decathlon and heptathlon, the Hypo Gotzis-2023 will be attended by Cubans Adriana Rodriguez, Pan American champion in Lima-2019, Marys Patterson and Yancarlos Hernandez.

The three of them are already in Europe since last Monday with the award-winning trainer Gabino Arzola.

In the 48th edition of Gotzis, 29 men (decathlon) and 29 women (heptathlon) will participate.

The announced entry is a luxury one, with no less than 19 men with a personal score of more than 8,000 points, including the Olympic champion of Tokyo-2020, the Canadian Damien Warner (9,018 points).

Among the women, according to the specialized Facebook portal Decamérica, 23 have more than 6,000 points, including Doha-2019 world champion Katarina Johnson Thompson (6981) and American Anna Hall (6836).

All three Cubans are young figures on the rise and will be looking to improve their personal records and add points to the world ranking in Austria.

Adriana (23) boasts a personal best 6313 points, achieved in Havana in 2019, while Patterson (21) reached her top record last March also in Havana (6113).

Yan Carlos (22 years old) exhibits as his most outstanding record the one achieved last March in a confrontation at the Pan American Stadium in Havana (7820).

Patterson and Yan Carlos were crowned champions in their specialties at the ALBA Games in Venezuela (April), and, like Adriana, only competed in individual events at the recent Copa Cuba - Cuba's national championship.

Adriana shined in the long jump with a record of 6.74m, although with a wind of +2.7, and sent the shot put up to 13.13m, Patterson dominated the high jump with 1.80, and Yan Carlos sent the discus up to 41.11m.

For Adriana it will be her third appearance in Gotzis, the mecca of multiple events, after competing in 2018 and 2021 with excellent results, while Patterson and Yan Carlos will make their debut in the event.

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