

Three Cubans in the Diamond League of athletics in Zurich

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Leyanis Perez was crowned Pan American junior champion in the triple jump with a mark of 14.39 meters.

Havana, August 29 (RHC) - Three of Cuba's top athletes will compete on Thursday in Zurich (Switzerland), in the post-World Diamond League stop that will bring prestige to several medalists of Budapest-2023.

The trio is headed by triple jumper Leyanis Perez, brand-new bronze medalist in the Hungarian capital, and is completed by high jumper Luis Zayas and triple jumper Liadagmis Povea.

For Leyanis, 21 years old and leader in the bid for the diamond, the competition will be another acid test against the other medalists of the world championships, Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas and Ukraine's Maryna Beck-Romanchuk.

At the world championships, Yulimar suffered as never before and had to rise again like a phoenix, jumping in her last attempt from an unusual eighth place to first (15.08m), followed by Romanchuk (15.00) and Leyanis (14.96).

The triple duel - 10 figures will be there - will have the additional spice of the fight for supremacy: Leyanis currently leads (21 points), followed by Romanchuk (20) and Yulimar (16).

The other Cuban, Povea, finished sixth in the world competition with her best jump of the season (14.87m) and is fifth in the fight for the diamond.

Zayas, owner of a superlative fourth place in Budapest, completes the Cuban presence in Zurich, in an event where two of the world medalists, Gianmarco Tamberi (gold) and Mutaz Barshim (bronze) will be present.

The student of Juan Francisco Centelles achieved in the world championship his best outdoor mark (2.33m), in his best historical season, and is in the eleventh position among those who are fighting for the league.

As for the triple jump world runner-up and second in the Diamond League, Lázaro Martínez, he will not compete for the time being in Europe to preserve his health, as he is still recovering from an ankle ailment.

The focus of the traditional Weltklasse Zürich will be on the sprint (100 and 200), with the confirmation of stars such as Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson, Sha Carri Richardson, Noah Lyles, Letsile Tebogo and Erriyon Knighton.

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