

Yarisley Silva among the award winners in Ostrava

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The world indoor champion in Sopot 2014, returned to competitions of this type a few days ago with a jump of 4.52 meters in Nevers, France, and now with 4.51 was again included on the podium.

According to what was published on the competition's website, the London 2012 Olympic runner-up cleared 4.31m in her second attempt and then won the heights of 4.41 and 4.51 from her first attempt.

The 4.61-meter pole eluded her, a height that only Belarus' Iryna Zhuk and Slovenia's Tina Sutej, ranked first and second, in that order, managed to surpass on Thursday.

Zhuk cleared 4.71 -she missed 4.78 three times- to set a meet record, while Sutej, European indoor runner-up and defending champion, cleared 4.61.

Yarisley is, at 34 years of age, the island's pole vault reference and although her 2021 season was not at the level of previous years, she continues to achieve records that place her among the world's elite women in this discipline.

Three-time Pan American Games champion and with 4.91 m as a personal record outdoors and 4.82 indoors, Yarisley will compete again in the French town of Val-de-Reuil, next 14th.

This Thursday in Ostrava, Cuban long jumper Maikel Vidal also made his indoor debut. The winner of the recent Cali 2021 Junior Pan American Games nailed the spikes at 7.92 m from the board, scored for now as his personal best in this type of scenario.

To qualify for the World Indoor Championships in Belgrade, March 15-18, he will need to comfortably surpass 8m, as a minimum of 8.22m is required.

The competition in the Czech city served Vidal to "rub shoulders" with several of the best in the world, among them the Greek Miltiadis Tentoglou, Olympic champion in Tokyo, whose best jump of 8.15 m was not enough to win the title.

This went to Sweden's Thobias Montler, owner of a leap of 8.21 m, from now on a record for the competition. He was followed by Tentoglou, and behind him was another Olympian at the Japanese Games, American JuVaughn Harrison, who jumped 7.98m.

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