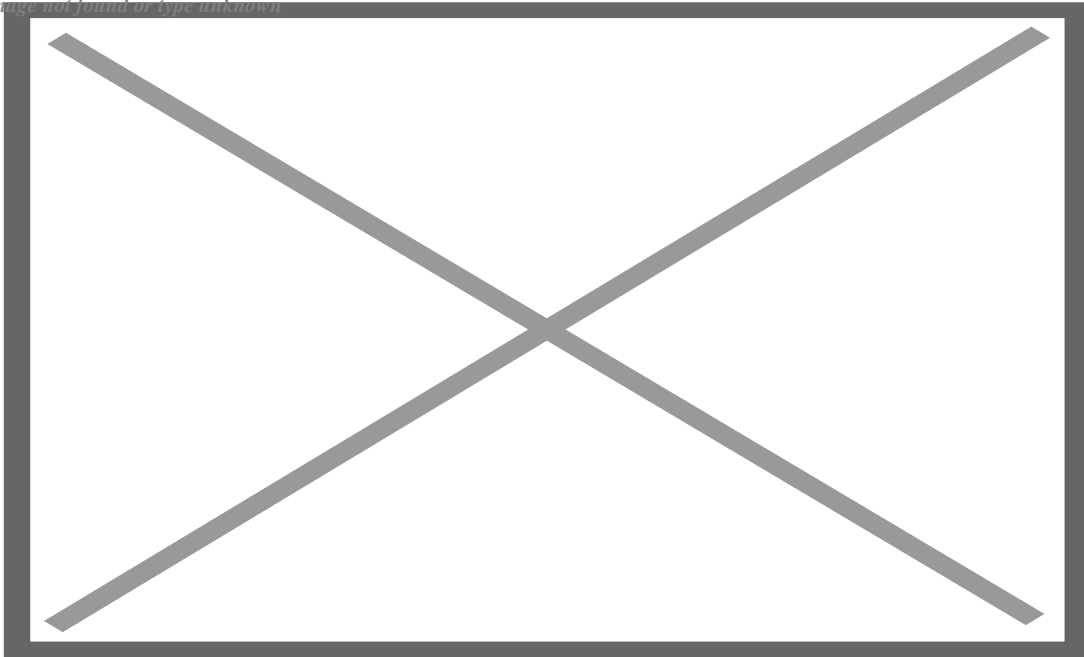


# *Spain led the 2023 Laureus Awards*

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Havana, April 23 (JIT) -- Spain celebrates three Laureus Awards directly and one transversal, after a pompous ceremony at the Palacio de Cibeles in Madrid.

The great victor of the evening was the Spanish women's soccer team, world champion in 2023 and qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games directly.

The leader of the team, midfielder Aitana Bonmatí, who had already won the Ballon d'Or last year, was chosen as the best athlete of 2023.

In the sport for all category, the Rafa Nadal Foundation won, which helps more than a thousand vulnerable young people in Spain and India.

To complete the good feelings of the Iberian nation, although indirectly, the English offensive midfielder Jude Bellingham, Real Madrid's rising star at 20 years of age, received the trophy for best revelation athlete of 2023.

In the men's singles section, Serbian Novak Djokovic received the award from legendary NFL player Tom Brady. An award that he had already obtained in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2019. The American gymnast

Simone Biles achieved the maximum recognition as the best comeback of the year.

Michael Johnson, Nadia Comaneci, Fabio Capello, Miguel Indurain, Ruud Gullit, Raúl González, Lindsay Vonn and Cafú, members of the academy, along with Brady, Usain Bolt, Martina Navratilova, Boris Becker, Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz, were among those present in the act.

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