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Yarisley Silva Rodríguez. Glory of Cuban sport. Cuban Pole Vault

Athlete. Champion in the Pan American Games Guadalajara 2011, Toronto 2015 and Olympic runner-up in the London Games in 2012.

She made her debut at the age of 19 at the 2006 Central American and Caribbean Games in Cartagena, winning the silver medal with a jump of 3.95 meters. Since then, she has made progress that has made her one of the top jumper of her generation. On August 6, 2012, the main result of her athletic career came when she won the silver medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games, with a record of 4.75, the same as the champion, Jennifer Suhr.

### Biographical Synthesis

Born on June 1, 1987 in Pinar del Río, Cuba. In 1999, when she was 12, she began to practice pole vaulting.

### Sports career

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2007 - 2012

In May 2007 she participated in the II ALBA Sports Games, winning the gold medal with a jump of 4.15 meters and in the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro 2007 she finished in bronze with a result of 4.30 meters.

During the Olympic Games, China faced the a level jumper for the first time, finishing in thirteenth place with a result of 4.15 meters. The following year at the Central American and Caribbean Athletics Championships in Havana, 2009, she obtained first place with a jump of

4.40 meters.

At the Barcelona Athletics Meeting in August 2011, he set a new record for the competition by jumping 4.66 metres. Shortly afterwards, he achieved a great result at the 2011 World Athletics Championships in Daegu (Daegu World Athletics Championships), South Korea, when he jumped 4.70 metres, a national record for Cuba, good for a fifth place.

In September at the Berlin Athletics Meeting, she finished second after not being able to jump 4.71 meters. The most important result of that year was first place at the XVI Pan American Games Guadalajara 2011, Mexico with a jump of 4.75 meters, beating world champion Fabiana Murer, setting a new Cuban record and a Pan American record. On February 17, 2012, she won the gold medal at the International Meeting of Stabhochsprung, in Potsdam, Germany with a jump of 4.70 meters in her first indoor raid. On May 17, he won the gold medal at the Sao Paulo Athletics Grand Prix, Brazil, with a 4.65-meter record for the tournament. On that occasion he beat Fabiana Murer for the second time. Ten days later she won the Havana Athletics Meeting, held at the Pan American Stadium in Havana in greeting the IAAF centennial, with a modest record of 6.40 meters.

#### Sao Paulo Grand Prix

In the sixth stop of the Diamond League held on June 9 in New York was placed in second place with a jump of 4.70 meters. One month later, on July 20, in the ninth stop in Monaco, she finished second again with a jump of 4.62 meters.



On August 6, 2012, the main result of her athletic career came when she won the silver medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games, with a record of 4.75, the same as the champion, Jennifer Suhr. Interviewed after the competition she said: "I am very happy to have achieved my dream. This medal, apart from my family and friends, is one of the most beautiful things that has happened to me. And I really feel very proud" (...)

Eleven days later she won the gold medal in the tenth round of the

Swedish Diamond League in Stockholm. In this tournament, it took just one jump to beat the 4.70m mark and beat Germany's Silke Spiegelburg, who finished second at 4.55. On Sunday, August 26, she won the silver medal in the twelfth stop in Birmingham, United Kingdom. There she showed stability in the jumps and flew over the rod at the height of 4.65 meters, but was ahead by Olympic champion Jennifer Suhr, who got the same record in fewer attempts.

At the end of the year she was chosen among the most outstanding athletes of the year in Cuba in the annual survey of INDER and the UPEC Circle of Sports Journalists. She was also selected as the best athlete in individual sports in her native province, Pinar del Río.

2013 - 2016

The 2013 season began on February 9, 2013, winning with a Cuban record and a personal best of 4.76 meters at the Pole Vault Festival in the city of Donetsk, Ukraine, a tournament held in homage to the legendary pole vaulter Sergey Bubka. In the competition he beat Russia's Anastasia Savchenko (4.65) and Greece's Nikoleta Kiriakopoulou (4.60). On Saturday 16 February she won the Birmingham Grand Prix silver medal in Great Britain with a jump of 4.70 metres, the same record as the winner Holly Bleasdale.

Five days later she jumped over 4.78m at the XL Galan in Stockholm, Sweden, and not only won the gold medal, but also set a new national record for Cuba and top record for the indoor season. On March 16, 2013, at the 2013 Cuban Athletics Cup, held at the Pan American Stadium in Havana, she won by jumping 4.81 meters, a new personal and national height. On April 24, 2013, she broke the national record again by jumping 4.82 meters and winning the gold medal at the Pole Vault in the Mall in Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States. Just one day later, she confirmed herself at the top of the outdoor world ranking by passing over 4.85 meters in just one attempt to dominate Iowa's iconic Drake Relays, surpassing his own national and personal record by three centimeters.

On May 26, she won the bronze medal in the third stop of the Diamond League held in New York, United States, with the same mark as Fabiana Murer, a modest 4.53.

On June 8 in Hengelo, Holland, home of the Fanny Blankers-Koen Games, she jumped for the first time in her 4.90-meter run after missing twice over 4.05. Her performance in this fight reaffirmed her at the top of that year's ranking as owner of the top three records: 4.90, 4.85 and 4.81. These records also placed her among the three best pole vaulters of all time, only surpassed by Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva (5.06) and U.S. Jennifer Suhr (4.92).

After this great result she competed in the Athletic Meeting Paavo Nurmi, in Finland, where surprisingly she could not pass the 4.25

meters in the pole vault. However, she recovered quickly at Sainsbury's Grand Prix in Birmingham, United Kingdom, where she was crowned when she jumped 4.73 meters.

On July 8th she won gold by dominating the Meeting de Sotteville les Rouen, in France, after surpassing 4.50 metres in her second attempt and renouncing 4.60 metres, the Olympic runner-up scored 4.70 in the last possibility and was ahead of the American Mari Saxer (4.60) and the Irish Tori Pena (4.50). This triumph was her fourth outdoor crowning in seven international appearances.

On July 17, she reached the gold medal again with an excellent 4.81 meters, in the Athletic Meeting of Lucerne, Switzerland which placed her as the most stable elite pole vaulter of the moment, becoming the new record holder of the contest, as she erased the 4.70 shown since 2008 by the Brazilian world champion Fabiana Murer.

On July 26 in the Diamond League in London, the pole vaulter won with 4.83 meters in the eleventh stage of a series that dominates with nine stripes, becoming the solitary leader of the ranking of this event, with this performance she reached five jumps over 4.81 meters to confirm herself as the only one that this year has surpassed that mark outdoors.

On July 11, she was among the 12 medalists in the final of the World Athletics Championships in Moscow. On August 13, she obtained the bronze medal with a jump of 4.82 metres. Although he did not reach his golden dream, he was ratified among the stars of the moment and for the first time Cuba made its debut in the Pole Vault medal in world athletics championships.

On August 22, he was second in the Diamond League stop, in Stockholm, Sweden, with a record of 4.59. It remains in the ranking of the modality with 11 units. On August 29th, the Diamond Athletics League of Zurich, Switzerland, won a bronze medal, although she came back as leader of the ranking, she could not be the jewel in the crown either. She did not pass the 4.72m that left her in third place behind Spiegelburg (4.79) and Brazilian Fabiana Murer (4.72).

She began her season abroad in 2014 in Birmingham, Great Britain, in the last phase the Indoor Permit circuit, as part of her preparation for the XV World Indoor Athletics Championships in Sopot, Poland, scheduled for March 7-9, where he finished fourth with a record of 4.46 meters on January 15. On February 3 he was bronze in the indoor athletics meeting Moscow Winter with 4.65m and on February 5 in his second presentation in the winter season at the Pardubice Meeting, in the Czech Republic he obtained gold with a jump of 4.71m.

On 12 February, she became the first European to win the Pole Vault of the Peter's Cup, an athletics meeting organised since 2005 by the Polish city of Bydgoszcz with a discreet 4.60m mark, adding her fourth consecutive medal in the winter season.

On 9 March at the World indoor championships in Sopot, Poland won the gold medal with a clean jump over 4.70 metres, beating Russia's Anzhelika Sidorova and Czech Jirina Svobodová, who finished with an identical 4.70 but with one foul per capita.

In the same month she was expected to uplace in the Pan-American Stadium, in Havana, but due to inclement weather it was not possible to develop the pole vault competition between women.

On April 23, she won the Pole Vault in the Mall, a peculiar athletic event included in the Drake Relays that takes place every year in the U.S. city of Des Moines, reaching the 4.68 meters since her first attempt in the same roofed enclosure where she competed in 2013. Two days later, with a single jump of 4.66 meters, she won the gold medal in the open air competition at Drake University, re-editing the dodle dominion achieved last year in this city in the United States.

On May 9 in the first stop of the Diamond Athletics League, held in the city of Doha, was placed second with a modest performance.

On May 18 at the Ponce Grand Prix, Puerto Rico finished with a discreet 4.48 meters, reaching the silver medal, surpassed by U.S. Mary Saxer.

In the fourth stop of the Diamond League in Rome, Italy, on June 5, 2014 won the gold medal with a jump of 4.70 meters, surpassed by (the best of the season so far), surpassing Germany's Lysa Ryzih (4.60) and Silke Spiegelburg (4.50). On June 14 in New York, United States, in the sixth round of the Diamond League, she obtained the bronze medal with 4.70 meters achieved in the second attempt. She was surpassed by the Brazilian Fabiana Murer (4,80) and the local Jennifer Suhr (4,70), who beat them in the first jump. On July 12, she won the bronze medal in the ninth round of the Diamond League that took place in Glasgow, Scotland, with a mark of 4.65 meters. In the tenth stop of the Diamond League that took place in Monaco, he could not reach the medal, placing 7th with a record of 4.40 meters.

As part of the Cuban athletics delegation, he participated in the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Veracruz 2014, reaching the gold medal with a jump of 4.60 meters, which represented a record for the competition, ahead of the Puerto Rican Diamara Planell and the Venezuelan Rosbeilys Peinado.



She was selected by the UPEC Circle of Sports Chroniclers and INDER among the ten best athletes of 2014.

In the recently started international season of Cuban athletics, on May 10 he made his 2015 debut, reaching the gold medal at the Great City Games in the British city of Manchester, with discreet 4.30 meters. Her participation in this competition is part of the preparation for the Pan American Games next July in Toronto, Canada, and the World Championship in August in Beijing, China.

On May 17, 2015, she placed third, reaching the bronze at the Shanghai stop, corresponding to this year's Diamond League with a jump of 4.58 meters, behind the Greek Nikoleta Kiriakopoulou (4.73 WL and NR) and Ekaterini Stefanidi (4.58).

On June 7, 2015, in the fifth phase of the Diamond League of the Grand Prix of athletics held in Sainsburys in Birmingham, with just 4.42 meters took sixth place.

In Beckum, Germany, where she broke her own personal record and set a

world record for 2015 with 4.91m.

At the XVII Pan American Games held in July in the Canadian city of Toronto, Yarisley gave Cuba its first gold medal in athletics, beating Brazil's Fabiana Murer (4.80 meters) and U.S. Jennifer Suhr (4.60 meters) - world and Olympic champions, respectively - with a big jump of 4.85 meters, which was a new Pan American record. "Attacked" by the press in a Mixed Zone where the Cuban flag arrived in hand, she said: "It has been the most exciting competition of my career, it was difficult in a year of vicissitudes in the trainings and previous tests, but even so I tried to give the best and I achieved it".

A few days later, on July 30 of this year, she won the gold medal at the Stockholm Diamond League stop in Sweden, the last one before the World Championship, with a jump of 4.81 meters, to leave the Greek Nikoléta Kyriakopoúlou (4.76) and the Brazilian ex-owner of the Fabiana Murer orb in the next positions.

On August 3 she would ratify her great form at the International Pole Vault Meeting in Beckum, Germany; competition in which she would impose herself with a great jump of 4.91 meters, best mark of the year and national record of Cuba, breaking also the mark (4.82) of the traditional athletic meeting, set by the Polish Anna Rogowska in 2005. On August 5 in the 21st edition of the International Meeting of Stabhochsprung, dedicated only to pole vaulting in the German city of Jockgrim won again gold medal with 4.72 meters, record for this competition.

She participates in the World Athletics Championships that take place in Beijing, China, where on August 23, 2015 she secured her place in the final with a jump of 4.55 meters. On August 26, with a jump of 4.90m in her third attempt, she won the gold medal in this event, beating the Brazilian Fabiana Murer (4,85) and the Greek Nikoleta Kyriakopoulou (4,80).

On September 3, she won the silver medal in the final of the Diamond League held in Zurich, Switzerland, with a mark of 4.72 meters, surpassed by the Greek Nikoleta Kyriakopoulou, who was the only one who surpassed the 4.77 .

On May 20, 2016, at the Ostrava Meeting in the Czech Republic, she won a silver medal with a time of 4.60 meters, surpassed by the host Dalia Ptacnikova who beat the same 4.60 meters but in the first attempt. On May 22 she reached the third place in the Rabat Athletic Meeting, in Morocco, in the third stop of the Diamond League with a single valid jump of 4.50 meters.

On June 2 in Golden Gala Pietro Mennea Athletics held in Rome, Italy, the Potiguista was placed fifth in the ranking of the Diamond League owner of eight points after pair of raids, with a jump of 4.60 meters, the same height achieved in mid-May in Ostrava, but this time more easily, ranking third. On June 5, the sixth stop was dominated by the Diamond Athletics League, organized in the Alexander Stadium in

Birmingham, England, surpassing the Greek Ekaterini Estefanidi and the Swiss Nicole Büchler with a record of 4.84 that was registered as an absolute record for the circuit, in addition to providing 10 points that took him to third place in the series with 18. On June 12, he added another prize to his competitive tour of Europe by reaching first place in the Himmelsstürmer Pole Vault Cup in the Zweibrücken region of Germany. Without opposition that pushed him to more domino owner of 4.65 meters expired of second intention after beating without problems 4.55.

During the International Athletics Meeting in Padua, Italy, on July 17, Yarisley jumped 4.71 meters in her first attempt to win the gold medal in the competition and leave behind the record for the event that belonged to the American Stacy Dragila and dated from 2002. The same record had been set two days earlier in Monaco, where she had been left behind season leader Ekaterini Stefanidi of Greece.

## Results

Year	Tournament	City	Country	Result	Brand
2006	Central American and Caribbean Games	Cartagena	Colombia	3ero	3.95
2007	II Alba Sports Games	Havana	Cuba	1st	4.15
2007	Pan American Games	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	3rd	4.30
2008	Olympic Games	Beijing	China	3rd	4.15
2009	Central American and Caribbean Athletics Championship	Havana	Cuba	1st	4.40
2011	Barcelona Athletic Meeting	Barcelona	Spain	1st	4.66
2011	XIII World Athletics Championships	Daegu	South Korea	5to	4.70
2011	Berlin Athletics Meeting	Berlin	Germany	2do	4.71
2011	Pan American Games	Guadalajara	Mexico	1st	4.75
2012	International Meeting of Stabhochsprung	Posrdam	Germany	1st	4.70
2012	Sao Paulo Grand Prix	Brazil		1st	4.65
2012	Athletics Meeting	Havana	Cuba	1st	
2012	Diamond League	New York	United States	2do	4.70
2012	Monaco Diamond League	Monaco		2nd	4.62
2012	Olympic Games	London	United Kingdom	2nd	4.75
2012	Stockholm Diamond League	Sweden		1st	4.70
2012	Birmingham Diamond League	United Kingdom		2nd	4.65
2013	Pole Vault Festival	Donetsk	Ukraine	1st	4.76
2013	Grand Prix	Birmingham	United Kingdom	2nd	4.70
2013	XL Galan	Stockholm	Sweden	1st	4.78
2013	Cuba Athletics Cup	Havana	Cuba	1st	4.81
2013	Pole Vault in the Mall	Des Moines	United States	1st	4.82
2013	Drake Relays	Des Moines	United States	1st	4.85
2013	Diamond League	New York	United States	3rd	4.53
2013	Fanny Blankers-Koen Hengelo Games	Netherlands		1st	4.90
2013	Athletic Meeting	Paayo Nurmi	Finland		4.25
2013	Sainsbury's Grand Prix	Birmingham	United Kingdom	1st	4.73
2013	International Meeting	Sotteville	France	1st	4.70



2013 Lucerne Athletic Meeting Lucerne Switzerland 1st 4.81  
2013 Diamond League London United Kingdom 1st 4.83  
2013 XIV World Championship Moscow Russia 3rd 4.82  
2013 Stockholm Diamond League Sweden 2nd 4.59  
2013 Zurich Diamond League Switzerland 3rd 4.72  
2014 Athletic Meeting Indoor Circuit Permit Birmingham United Kingdom 4th 4.46  
2014 Athletic Meeting Moscow Winter Moscow Russia 3rd 4.65  
2014 Pardubice Meeting Pardubice Czech Republic 1st 4.71  
2014 Pedro Bydgoszcz Cup Poland 1st 4.60  
2014 World Championship Under Roof Sopot Poland 1st 4.70  
2014 Pole Vault in the Mall Des Moines United States 1st 4.68  
2014 Drake Relays Des Moines United States 1st 4.66  
2014 Diamond League Doha Qatar 2nd 4.53  
2014 Grand Prix Ponce Puerto Rico 2nd 4.48  
2014 Diamond League Rome Italy 1st 4.70  
2014 Diamond League New York United States 3rd 4.70  
2014 Diamond League Glasgow Scotland 3rd 4.65  
2014 Monaco Diamond League Monaco 7mo 4.40  
2014 Central American and Caribbean Games Veracruz Mexico 1st 4.60  
2015 Great City Games Manchester United Kingdom 1st 4.30  
2015 Shanghai Diamond League China 3rd 4.58  
2015 Birmingham Diamond League United Kingdom 6th 4.42  
2015 Toronto Canada Pan American Games 1st 4.85 PR  
2015 Stockholm Diamond League Sweden 1st 4.81  
2015 International Pole Vault Meeting Beckum Germany 1st 4.91  
2015 International Jockgrim Meeting Germany 1st 4.72  
2015 World Championship Beijing China 1st 4.90  
2015 Zurich Diamond League Switzerland 2nd 4.72  
2016 International Meeting Ostrava Czech Republic 2nd 4.60  
2016 Rabat Diamond League Morocco 3rd 4.50  
2016 Golden Gala Pietro Mennea Rome Italy 3rd 4.60  
2016 Birmingham Diamond League United Kingdom 1st 4.84  
2016 Himmelsstürmer Cup Zweibrücken Germany 1st 4.65  
2016 Monaco Athletic Meeting Monaco Monaco 2nd 4.71  
2016 Padua Padua Athletic Meeting Italy 1st 4.71

#### Awards, distinctions and recognitions

- Barbados Martyrs Medal, awarded on November 19, 2012 at the Sports City Coliseum.
- Selected among the ten best athletes of the year in Cuba according to the annual survey of INDER and the Circle of Sports Journalists of the UPEC in 2012.
- Elected again by INDER and the Circle of Sports Chroniclers among the ten best athletes of the year 2013 in Cuba
- It was also selected among the two most outstanding athletics in

Cuba in 2013.

- Selected as the most outstanding female athlete in individual sport in Pinar del Río in 2013.
- On March 19, 2014, together with the best athletes of 2013, she received the recognition of the National Assembly of People's Power of the Republic of Cuba in a meeting headed by its president Esteban Lazo Hernández, who highlighted their significance for the Cuban people.
- On October 28, 2014, during the flag ceremony for the Central American Games Veracruz 2014, he was selected to escort the national flag together with Olympic leader Idalis Ortiz and multichampion Mijaín López, flag bearer of the Cuban delegation.
- Selected as the most outstanding female in Cuban athletics in 2015.
- Selected by the survey organized by INDER and the specialized press as the best female athlete in Cuba in individual sport in 2015.
  
- Proclaimed December 17, 2015 as the number one exponent of athletics in North, Central America and the Caribbean (NACAC).
- Chosen as the best female individual athlete of the year in the province of Pinar del Río in 2015.