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World-class long jump: Great distances guaranteed at the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe 2021

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Regional meets international: Local hero Julian Howard faces considerable international competition

Watching athletes plunge into the sand after their run-up in the long jump is always a spectacular sight. Every year, the long jump is one of the flagship events at INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe. On 29 January 2021 at the 36th session of the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, **Juan Miguel Echevarria**, **Miltiadis Tentoglou** and **Eusebio Caceres** will also be lining up at the start of the long jump alongside local hero **Julian Howard**. The men's long jump is part of the 2021 World Athletics Indoor Tour, where athletes compete in Karlsruhe in 2021 for points that count towards the final overall victory.

Local hero **Julian Howard** will be competing for the seventh time. At his first appearance in 2015, his 8.04-metre jump awarded him second place as well as a personal best indoors. The Karlsruhe athlete has since added an event win to his name. In 2016, he cleared 8.03 metres, which eventually earned him victory. And that Julian Howard has nothing to fear from big name athletes is also proven by the fact that he has already collected four titles at German championships - 2017 outdoors and 2014, 2017 and 2018 indoors. On 29 January 2021 Howard will face considerable international competition at INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe.

For example, from Cuban **Juan Miguel Echevarria**, who was crowned indoor world champion in 2018. 2018 was also the year of his international breakthrough, and since then Echevarria has experienced a steady ascent. First, he secured gold and a personal best at the indoor world championships in Birmingham with 8.46 metres. In June, he jumped 8.66 metres at the Ostrava Golden Spike outdoors, a distance that he exceeded by two centimetres just three days later at the long jump meeting in Bad Langensalza with 8.68 metres. To date, this distance remains his personal best outdoors. 2019 was no less successful for Juan Miguel Echevarria, as he secured bronze at the World Championships in Doha in addition to gold at the Pan American Games in Lima. After his two meeting appearances so far in 2018 (winner) and 2019 (runner-up), it will be interesting to see where he ends up in his third take-off in Karlsruhe.

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With **Miltiadis Tentoglou**, an athlete is coming to Karlsruhe at the end of January who will surely have a say in the long jump final victory at the World Athletics Indoor Tour. At just 22 years old, the Greek is one of the top athletes competing in the long jump and can already call himself European champion. In 2018, he secured gold in the European championships in Berlin with a jump of 8.25 metres. His personal bests, however, were achieved in 2019. Both distances translated into medals in international competitions. With his personal best of 8.38 metres, he first achieved gold at the Indoor European Championships in Glasgow in March; five months later his personal best of 8.38 metres outdoors won him gold at the U23 European Championships.

The last of the bunch, at 29 years old, has been part of the long jump family for somewhat longer. **Eusebio Caceres** most commonly made a splash at national championships, and can in fact call himself a nine-time Spanish champion. Alongside his three outdoor titles, Caceres has won the title six times indoors. Eusebio Caceres celebrated his one international success back in 2013 when he won the gold medal at the U23 European Championships in Tampere. Caceres' personal best indoors dates to 2015 during his first appearance at INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe. 8.16 metres secured his victory at the time. At subsequent appearances in Karlsruhe he came in fifth in 2016 and third in 2017. In the past year, Eusebio Caceres once again stood at the very top of the winner's podium at the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe with a jump of 7.99 metres.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, an event in New York had to be cancelled. This means that the NYRR Millrose Games, which would have been part of the tour for the first time in 2021, cannot take place. The New Balance Indoor Grand Prix in Boston, planned for 6 February, will now take place on the actual New York date – 13 February 2021. Alongside the launch of the tour in Karlsruhe on 29 January, the later stages of the event will be in Liévin, France (9 February), Torun, Poland (17 February) with the tour conclusion in Madrid, Spain (24 February).

Stages of the World Athletics Indoor Tour 2021:

- 29.01.2021: INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, Germany)
- 09.02.2021: Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, France)
- 13.02.2021: New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)
- 17.02.2021: ORLEN Copernicus Cup (Torun, Poland)
- 24.02.2021: Villa de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)

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