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## **Pascal Martinot-Lagarde and Andrew Pozzi over the hurdle distance at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe**

Last year's winner Belocian and German Martin Vogel at the start / Pictures from Karlsruhe worldwide in more than 70 countries / In Germany, meeting live on the SWR stream and in the ARD-Mediathek / No tickets at the box office

When the athletes compete over the hurdle distance at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, an atmosphere in the arena is guaranteed. The 60-metre hurdles have a long tradition in Karlsruhe. When the men start on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022, this starting field will once again include world-class athletes. Among others, the Frenchman Pascal Martinot-Lagarde, the Brit Andrew Pozzi, last year's winner Wilhelm Belocian from France as well as the German Martin Vogel.

Pascal Martinot-Lagarde has already collected plenty of precious metal in his career. Probably the most valuable medal is the gold at the 2018 European Outdoor Championships in Berlin, when the 30-year-old beat the favourite Sergei Shubenkov in the 110 metres hurdles in 13.17 seconds. After bronze from Zurich four years earlier, it was the second medal with which he also stood on the podium at the outdoor World Championships in Doha one year after the European Championships in Berlin, where he ran to third place in 13.18 seconds behind Grant Holloway of the USA and Shubenkov. Martinot-Lagarde is even more successful indoors. He has a total of one gold medal (European Indoor Championships 2015 in Prague) as well as four silver and two bronze medals from World and European Championships. Besides this, he also holds the French record in the 110 metres hurdles in 12.95 seconds.

Andrew Pozzi is also a real indoor specialist. The 29-year-old Briton won gold at the 2017 European Indoor Championships in Belgrade in 7.51 seconds, narrowly beating Martinot-Lagarde. In 2018, Pozzi celebrated his greatest success to date by winning the gold medal at the World Indoor Championships in Birmingham in 7.46 seconds. In 2021 he then won silver at the European Indoor Championships in Torun in 7.43 seconds behind France's Wilhem Belocian. Pozzi has also been to the INIT INDOOR MEETING before. In his only appearance in Karlsruhe so far, he won the 60 metre hurdles in 2017 in a strong 7.44 seconds.

Last year's winner Wilhelm Belocian will also be at the start. Last year, the 26-year-old Frenchman won the 60-metre hurdles in Karlsruhe in 7.49 seconds ahead of the US American Aaron Mallett as part of the World Indoor Tour. His victory in Karlsruhe and his two second places in Liéviin and Torun meant second place in the overall Tour ranking behind world indoor record holder Grant Holloway. Belocian has also had some international successes. Last year he won gold at the European Indoor Championships in Torun. In addition, he won bronze at the European Championships in 2016 and the European Indoor Championships in 2015, two more international medals. Belocian's personal best indoors is 7.42 seconds.

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Martin Vogel from LAC Erdgas Chemnitz is also a German hurdle sprinter. The 29-year-old, who was German junior champion back in 2012, was set back by injuries in the years that followed. Now Vogel, who was once said to have talent but did nothing with it, wants to try to improve his personal indoor best, which stands at 7.67 seconds, perhaps at the meeting. There should be no lack of motivation given the quality of Pozzi, Martinot-Lagarde and Belocian.

As part of the World Indoor Tour Gold, Karlsruhe and the INIT INDOOR MEETING are part of the Champions League of athletics. When the top stars of the athletics scene compete in a total of seven meetings as part of the tour from the end of January, the live images will be broadcast by a total of 19 broadcasters in over 70 countries worldwide. In addition to Europe, the sports pictures will then also be shown in North and South America as well as in Australia. In Germany, SWR will be broadcasting the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe live in a stream in the ARD-Mediathek from 6:30pm to 10pm. The meeting will also be shown on the website of the World Athletics Association. Regionally, a summary of the meeting will be broadcast on Baden TV.

A total of 500 spectators will be able to join the event on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the athletics arena at Messe Karlsruhe. All tickets were sold out within a week after the start of advance sales at the beginning of December. Unfortunately, the pandemic situation and the Corona regulations of the state of Baden-Württemberg do not allow more visitors. For this reason, there will be no tickets available at the box office as in previous years.

**Info World Indoor Tour Gold:**

Karlsruhe and the INIT INDOOR MEETING will be the opening event of the World Indoor Tour Gold on 28th January 2022. This means that Karlsruhe, as an athletics venue, will also be one of the seven meetings with gold status in 2022, the highest category in which an indoor meeting can be classified. Next year, the two meetings in New York (USA, 6th February) and Birmingham (GBR, 19th February), which could not take place last year due to the Corona pandemic, will also be returning to the calendar. The tour will also make stops in Boston (USA, 6<sup>th</sup> February), Liévin (FRA, 17<sup>th</sup> February), Torun (POL, 22<sup>nd</sup> February) and Madrid (SPA, 2<sup>nd</sup> March).

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#### **Various Stations of the World Indoor Tour Gold 2022:**

28.01.2022: INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)

29.01.2022: Millrose Games (New York, USA)

06.02.2022: New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)

17.02.2022: Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)

19.02.2022: Müller Indoor Grand Prix (Birmingham, GBR)

22.02.2022: Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)

02.03.2022: Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)

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