

# Belgacom Memorial Van Damme 2008 • Biographical Summaries • Women

## Women's 100 Metres

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| 2008 World Best: | 10.78 | Torri Edwards USA     | Eugene  | 28 Jun 08 |
|                  | 10.78 | Shelly-Ann Fraser JAM | Beijing | 17 Aug 08 |

|           |  | Age        | (Days)      | Born        | Season's Best | Personal Best    |
|-----------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>1,</b> | <b>DURST Stephanie</b> USA   | <b>26y</b> | <b>243d</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>11.19</b>  | <b>11.09 -07</b> |
|           | 200 pb: 22.48 -02 (22.99 -08). 3 US 200 2002. Graduate of Sociology from Louisiana State University ... coach-Dennis Shaver<br>In 2008: 1 Baton Rouge 100/200 'B'; 2 Baie Mahault 100 (dnf 200); 4 Kingston 100 (May 3); 6 Hengelo 100; 3 Belgrade 100; 7 Berlin Golden League 200; 6 Oslo Golden League 100   |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>2,</b> | <b>KWAKYE Jeanette</b> GBR   | <b>25y</b> | <b>170d</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>11.14</b>  | <b>11.14 -08</b> |
|           | Britain's first woman Olympic 100m finalist since Los Angeles 1984 ... 2008 World Indoor silver at 60<br>200 pb: 23.11 -07 (23.34 -08). 3 WJC 4x100 2002 (sf 100); 7 under-23 ECH 100 2003; sf WSG 100 2003; sf EIC 60 2005; qf WCH 100 2007;<br>6 OLY 100 2008. 1 UK 100 2007/2008 (1 200 2008). Studied Politics at Loughborough University ... lives-Chingford ... coach Mike Afilaka<br>In 2008: 2 WIC 60; 1 Loughborough "international" 200; 3 Hengelo 100; 4 Zhukovskiy 100; 2 ECP 4x100; 1 Jerez de la Frontera 100; 6 Lille 100; 1 UK Champs 100; 6 OLY 100 (dnf 4x100 final); 7 Gateshead 100  |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>3,</b> | <b>JETER Carmelita</b> USA   | <b>28y</b> | <b>286d</b> | <b>1979</b> | <b>10.97</b>  | <b>10.97 -08</b> |
|           | Jeter is pronounced "Jetter" ... 2007 World 100m bronze, just 0.01 from gold<br>200 pb: 22.35w, 22.47 -08. 3 WCH 100 2007, also ran heat of 4x100 so awarded gold medal won by USA in final. 2 NCAA Division 2 100 2002/2003, representing California State University, Dominguez Hills where she studied Kinesology. At age 15 her basketball coach suggested she tried sprinting and she ran 11.8 for 100m ... her younger brother Eugene Jeter plays for the Miami Heat team in the NBA (Basketball) ... coach-Larry Wade<br>In 2008: 3 US indoor 60; 2 Mt SAC Relays 200; 1 Osaka 100; 2 Carson 200 (5 100); 2 New York 200 (6 100); 5 Eugene 100; 1 Walnut 100; 6 US Olympic Trials 200 (sf 100); 5 Rome Golden League 200; 7 Athens 100; 1 Rethymno 200 (3 100); 2 Paris Golden League 200; 3 Heusden 100; 8 Stockholm 100; 5 London Grand Prix 100; 4 Monaco 100; 4 Gateshead 200; 2 Lausanne 100 'B'   |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>4,</b> | <b>FERGUSON McKENZIE Debbie</b> BAH  | <b>32y</b> | <b>233d</b> | <b>1976</b> | <b>11.11</b>  | <b>10.91 -02</b> |
|           | She has contested both sprint finals in three successive Olympic Games, a unique achievement (Merlene Ottey reached more finals, but not all consecutively)<br>200 pb: 22.19 -99 (22.49 -08). sf OLY 100 96 (silver 4x100, ran in heat); 1 Central American 100 97; sf WCH 100 97/99; 1 Pan-Am Games 200 99; 5 WCH 200 99 (1 4x100); 1 OLY 4x100 2000 (8 100, 5 200); 1 WCH 200 2001 (6 100); 1 COM 100/200/4x100 2002; 1 WCP 200/4x100 2002; sf WCH 100 2003 (qf 200); sf WIC 60 2004; 3 OLY 200 2004 (4 4x100, 7 100); sf WCH 100/200 2007; 7 OLY 100/200 2008. 1 NCAA 100/200 98. Appointed a UN Ambassador for Food & Agriculture in October 2002 ... missed 2005 season with illness, married Adrian McKenzie on December 23, 2005 ... coach-Amy Deem<br>In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 100; 1 Carson 100 'B'; 5 Hengelo 100; 6 Berlin Golden League 200; 5 Oslo Golden League 200; 1 Zhukovskiy 200 (3 100); 1 Bahamian 200 (2 100); 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 200; 1 Athens 100 'B'; 1 Lucerne 200 (2 100); 2 Stockholm 100 'B' (6 100); 3 London Grand Prix 200; 7 OLY 100/200; 4 Zurich Golden League 200; 2 Gateshead 200 (3 100); 7 Lausanne 100 |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>5,</b> | <b>GEVAERT Kim</b> BEL   | <b>30y</b> | <b>32d</b>  | <b>1978</b> | <b>11.05</b>  | <b>11.04 -06</b> |
|           | Anchored Belgium to 2008 Beijing 4x100 silver, her country's first woman's Olympic medal in athletics ... reigning European Champion at 60m, 100m & 200m<br>200 pb: 22.20 -06 (22.74 -08). 400 pb: 51.45 -05. 1 WSG 200 99 (2001-2); 3 under-23 ECH 100 99 (5 200); 1 EIC 60 2002/2005/2007 (2000 -6); 2 ECH 100/200 2002; 2 WIC 60 2004 (2006-3, 2008-4); 6 OLY 200 2004 (sf 100); 1 ECH 100/200 2006; 2 WCP 200 2006 (4 100); 5 WCH 100 2007 (2005-7); 3 WCH 4x100 2007; sf OLY 100 2008 (2 4x100). 1 Belgian 100 98-2007 (1 200 98-2001/2004-2006). Partner is Belgian triple jumper Djéké Mamba ... she was a serious classical pianist before her older brother Marlon, also a sprinter, introduced her to athletics ... coach-Rudi Diels<br>In 2008: 1 Nivelles 100/200; 1 Hengelo 100; 5 Berlin Golden League 200; 1 ECP 1st League 100; 2 Lille 100; 1 Brussels 100; 1 Liège 100; 1 Heusden 100; 7 London Grand Prix 100; 5 Monaco 100; On August 5 she announced that she would retire at the end of the season - "I want children and at my age I'd better not wait to long"; 2 OLY 4x100 (sf 100)<br><br>Her final race                               |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>6,</b> | <b>STURRUP Chandra</b> BAH   | <b>36y</b> | <b>359d</b> | <b>1971</b> | <b>11.06</b>  | <b>10.84 -05</b> |
|           | Ran second leg of gold-medal winning 4x100 teams in Seville 1999 & Sydney 2000<br>200 pb: 22.33 -96. LJ pb: 6.80w -95. 4 OLY 100 96 (6 200); 1 Central American & Caribbean 100 98/2008; 2 WCP 100 98; 1 COM 100 98; 1 Pan-Am Games 100 99; 1 WCH 4x100 99; 6 OLY 100 2000 (qf 200); 1 OLY 4x100 2000; 1 WIC 60 2001 (97-2, 2003-sf); 3 WCH 100 2001/2003 (99-7, 2005-4, 2007-sf); 1 COM 4x100 2002; qf OLY 100 2004 (4 4x100); 3 Pan-Am Games 100 2007; sf OLY 100 2008 ... former volleyball player ... has teenage son, Sean ... suffered freak accident in 2005 World Championships relay when she was knocked over by a passing runner<br>In 2008: 3 Durham NC 200; 2 Osaka 100; 2 Hengelo 100; 2 Belgrade 100; dq Tallinn 100; 1 Bahamian 100; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 100; 2 Athens 100; 1 Lucerne 100; 2 Heusden 100; 3 Stockholm 100; 5sf OLY 100; 5 Lausanne 100   |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>7,</b> | <b>POLYAKOVA Yevgeniya</b> RUS   | <b>25y</b> | <b>100d</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>11.13</b>  | <b>11.09 -07</b> |
|           | Ran first leg for Olympic gold winning sprint relay team in Beijing ... 2007 European Cup winner at 100m<br>200 pb: 23.61 -08. 2 EIC 60 2007; 1 ECP 100 2007; sf WCH 100 2007; 5 WIC 60 2008; sf OLY 100 2008 (1 4x100). 1 Russian 100 2007/2008. Graduate of the Moscow University of Physical Culture and Sports .. her grandmother Lidiya Savushkina was an international sprinter for the USSR ... Coach-Nikolay Chemerisov<br>In 2008: 1 Russian indoor 60; 5 WIC 60; 2 Caucasus Cup 100; 6 Moscow Open 200; 1 Zhukovskiy 100; 1 Russian 100; 1 Irkutsk 100; 7sf OLY 100 (1 4x100)  |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>8,</b> | <b>BARBER Me'Lisa</b> USA  | <b>27y</b> | <b>336d</b> | <b>1980</b> | <b>11.07</b>  | <b>10.95 -07</b> |
|           | 2006 World Indoor Champion at 60m by a margin of just one thousandth from Lauryn Williams ... World relay golds at 4x400 in 2003 and 4x100 in 2005<br>10.87w -05. 200 pb: 22.37 -05. 400 pb: 50.87 -02. 1 WSG 4x400 2001; 5 Pan-Am Games 400 2003 (1 4x400); 1 WCH 4x400 2003; 5 WCH 100 2005 (1 4x100); 1 WIC 60 2006. 2 NCAA 2002. Twin sister of Mikele Barber (1 WCH 4x100 2007). Has a pet Chihuahua called "Nino" ... Coach-Gail Devers<br>In 2008: 8 Carson 100; 3 Clermont FL 200 (4 100); 6sf US Olympic Trials 100; 4 Athens 100; 1 Rethymno 100; 4 Heusden 100; 6 Stockholm 100 'B'; 2 Monaco 100; 1 Padua 100; 1 Lausanne 100 'B'  |            |             |             |               |                  |
| <b>9,</b> | <b>MARIËN Hanna</b> BEL  | <b>26y</b> | <b>113d</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>11.44</b>  | <b>11.41 -06</b> |
|           | Ran second leg for Belgian sprint relay team which won 2007 world bronze & 2008 Olympic silver<br>200 pb: 22.68 -06 (23.13 -08). sf ECH 200 2006; 3 WSG 200 2007; 2 OLY 4x100 2008. Made startling improvement over 200m from 23.28 to 22.68 behind Kim Geveart at 2006 Belgian Championships<br>In 2008: 2 Flemish indoor 60; 1 Belgian indoor 60; 1 Lisse 150; 1 Oordegem 200; 1 Flemish 200; 2 Geneva 200 (1 100 'E'); 3 Zhukovskiy 200; 2 ECP 1st League 200; 3 Belgian 100/200; 3 Liège 200 (4 100); 4 Heusden 200; 3 Oordegem 200; 4 Wattenscheid 100; 2 OLY 4x100   |            |             |             |               |                  |

## Women's 200 Metres

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Golden League Event



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| 2008 World Best: | 21.74 | V. Campbell-Brown JAM | Beijing | 21 Aug 08 |
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|---|---------------------------------|--------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>1,</b>   | <b>JETER Carmelita</b>          | USA    | <b>28y</b> | 286d          | 1979          | <b>22.47</b> | <b>22.47 -08</b> |
| <p>Jeter is pronounced "Jetter" ... 2007 World 100m bronze, just 0.01 from gold<br/>22.35w -08. 100 pb: 10.97 -08. 3 WCH 100 2007, also ran heat of 4x100 so awarded gold medal won by USA in final. 2 NCAA Division 2 100 2002/2003, representing California State University, Dominguez Hills where she studied Kinesology. At age 15 her basketball coach suggested she tried sprinting and she ran 11.8 for 100m ... her younger brother Eugene Jeter plays for the Miami Heat team in the NBA (Basketball) ... coach-Larry Wade<br/>In 2008: 3 US indoor 60; 2 Mt SAC Relays 200; 1 Osaka 100; 2 Carson 200 (5 100); 2 New York 200 (6 100); 5 Eugene 100; 1 Walnut 100; 6 US Olympic Trials 200 (sf 100); 5 Rome Golden League 200; 7 Athens 100; 1 Rethymno 200 (3 100); 2 Paris Golden League 200; 3 Heusden 100; 8 Stockholm 100; 5 London Grand Prix 100; 4 Monaco 100; 4 Gateshead 200; 2 Lausanne 100 'B'</p>   |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>2,</b>   | <b>FERGUSON McKENZIE Debbie</b> | BAH    | <b>32y</b> | 233d          | 1976          | <b>22.49</b> | <b>22.19 -99</b> |
| <p>She has contested both sprint finals in three successive Olympic Games, a unique achievement (Merlene Ottey reached more finals, but not all consecutively)<br/>100 pb: 10.91 -02 (11.11 -08). sf OLY 100 96 (silver 4x100, ran in heat); 1 Central American 100 97; sf WCH 100 97/99; 1 Pan-Am Games 200 99; 5 WCH 200 99 (1 4x100); 1 OLY 4x100 2000 (8 100, 5 200); 1 WCH 200 2001 (6 100); 1 COM 100/200/4x100 2002; 1 WCP 200/4x100 2002; sf WCH 100 2003 (qf 200); sf WIC 60 2004; 3 OLY 200 2004 (4 4x100, 7 100); sf WCH 100/200 2007; 7 OLY 100/200 2008. 1 NCAA 100/200 98. Appointed a UN Ambassador for Food &amp; Agriculture in October 2002 ... missed 2005 season with illness, married Adrian McKenzie on December 23, 2005 ... coach-Amy Deem<br/>In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 100; 1 Carson 100 'B'; 5 Hengelo 100; 6 Berlin Golden League 200; 5 Oslo Golden League 200; 1 Zhukovskiy 200 (3 100); 1 Bahamian 200 (2 100); 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs 200; 1 Athens 100 'B'; 1 Lucerne 200 (2 100); 2 Stockholm 100 'B' (6 100); 3 London Grand Prix 200; 7 OLY 100/200; 4 Zurich Golden League 200; 2 Gateshead 200 (3 100); 7 Lausanne 100</p> |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>3,</b>   | <b>GUSHCHINA Yuliya</b>         | RUS    | <b>25y</b> | 186d          | 1983          | <b>22.58</b> | <b>22.53 -05</b> |
| <p>Busy Olympics in 2008; 4th 400m, then sprint relay gold &amp; 4x400 silver<br/>22.52w -07. 400 pb: 50.01 -08. 100 pb: 11.13 -06 (11.33 -08). 3 WJC 4x400 2002; 5 under-23 ECH 200 2003; 1 ECP 4x400 2004; dq EIC 200 2005 (false starts); 6 WCH 200 2005; ht WIC 4x400 2006 (awarded gold won by Russia in final); 1 ECP 100/4x100 2006; 2 ECH 200 2006 (5 100, 1 4x100); 4 WCP 200 2006 (5 100); 4 OLY 400 2008 (1 4x100, 2 4x400). 1 Russian under-23 200 2003. Coaches-Valentin Maslakov &amp; Lidia Proidivset<br/>In 2008: 3 Russian indoor 400; 1 WIC 4x400; 1 European Clubs Cup 200 (2 100); 2 Filothei 100; 1 Dessau 100/200; 2 Berlin Golden League 200 (22.58 out of lane 1); 2 Kalamata 100/200; 2 Oslo Golden League 200; 2 Moscow Open 200; 4 Zhukovskiy 400; 1 ECP 4x100/4x400 (where she ran 50.4 for the opening leg); 1 Russian 400 (4 200); 1 OLY 4x100 (2 4x400, 4 400); 5 Zurich Golden League 200; 3 Lausanne 400</p>  |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>4,</b>   | <b>OHURUOGU Christine</b>       | GBR    | <b>24y</b> | 111d          | 1984          | <b>22.94</b> | <b>22.94 -08</b> |
| <p>Reigning Olympic, World &amp; Commonwealth Champion at 400 Metres ... 400 pb: 49.61 -07 (49.62 -08). 3 EJC 400/4x400 2003; sf OLY 400 2004 (4 4x400); 2 under-23 ECH 400/4x400 2005; sf WCH 400 2005 (3 4x400); 1 COM 400 2006; 1 WCH 400 2007 (3 4x400); 1 OLY 2008 (5 4x400). 1 AAA 400 2004. Played for Essex and England in Netball, but switched to athletics in 2003 ... studied Linguistics at University College London ... born-Forest Gate, lives-Stratford ... her younger sister Victoria is 2008 English Schools under-17 Champion at 300m ... coaches-Lloyd Cowan &amp; Christine Bomaker (Bloomfield) ... returned from a year's suspension to August 5, 2007, after having missed three out of competition doping tests in 2006<br/>In 2008: 1 Long Beach 100/200; 5 Mt SAC Relays 200; 1 Irvine 100/200; 3 Zaragoza 200; 3 Oslo Golden League 200 (pb 22.94); 1 Ostrava 400; 2 ECP 200; 1 Reims 400; 2 UK Champs 200; 1 Lucerne 400; 1 London Grand Prix 400; 1 OLY 400 (4th to 1st in last 100m); 1 Gateshead 400 (9/9 wins at 400m in 2008 including heats)</p>   |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>5,</b>   | <b>STEWART Kerron</b>           | JAM    | <b>24y</b> | 142d          | 1984          | <b>21.99</b> | <b>21.99 -08</b> |
| <p>Two sprint medals in Beijing ... Winner of multiple US Collegiate titles, representing Auburn University<br/>100 pb: 10.80 -08. 400 pb: 52.08 -08. 2 World Youth 100 2001; 4 WJC 100 2002; qf WSG 100/200 2005; 7 WCH 100 2007 (2 4x100); =2 OLY 100 2008 (3 200). 1 NCAA indoor 60/200 2007; 1 NCAA 200 2007 (2 100/200 2006). Walked into a plate glass window while in the Dominican Republic for the 2003 Pan-American Games; she needed 39 stitches and was forced to withdraw from the meeting ... based-Auburn, coach-Henry Rolle<br/>In 2008: 4 Kingston 400; 2 Auburn 400; 1 Tempe 200; 1 Kingston 100; 3 Carson 100; 3 Eugene 100; 1 Jamaican 100 (2 200, so selected at both sprints for Beijing); 1 Rome Golden League 200; 4th London Grand Prix 100; 1 Monaco 100; =2 OLY 100 (3 100)</p>  |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>6,</b>   | <b>HOOKER Marshevet</b>         | USA    | <b>23y</b> | 345d          | 1984          | <b>22.34</b> | <b>22.34 -08</b> |
| <p>Fifth in 2008 Olympic 200m final with pb ... 2005 US Collegiate Champion at 100m, representing the University of Texas where she studied Liberal Arts<br/>10.76w -08. 200 pb: 22.20w, 22.34 -08 -08. LJ pb: 6.71i, 6/89w -06, 6.65 -05. 3 WJC 100 2002 (2 4x100); 5 OLY 200 2008. 1 NCAA 100 2005 (1 indoor 60/LJ). Younger sister is 2006 NCAA High Jump Champion Destinee Hooker<br/>In 2008: 2 Kingston 100; 3 Carson 200 (dq 100); 2 New York 100; 3 US Olympic Trials 200 (4 00); 2 Stockholm 100; 3 London Grand Prix 100; 5 OLY 200; 3 Zurich Golden League 200; 3 Lausanne 100</p>   |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>7,</b>   | <b>HURTIS Muriel</b>            | FRA    | <b>29y</b> | 165d          | 1979          | <b>22.50</b> | <b>22.31 -99</b> |
| <p>Former European Champion at 200m ... 100 pb: 10.96 -02 (11.49 -08). 2 EJC 200 97; 1 WJC 200 98 (2 4x100); 2 under-23 ECH 200 99 (1 4x100); sf WCH 200 99 (2 4x100); 1 EIC 200 2000/2002; 1 ECP 200 2000/2002/2004/2007/2008 (99-3); sf OLY 200 2000/2008 (2004-qf); 2 WCH 4x100 2001; 1 ECP 100 2002; 1 ECH 200/4x100 2002; 2 WCP 200 2002; 1 WIC 200 2003 (2001-5); 3 WCH 200 2003 (1 4x100); 5 WIC 60 2004; 3 OLY 4x100 2004; sf ECH 200 2006; qf WCH 200 2007. 1 French 200 2000/2002/2007/2008 ... son Lehyan born March 21, 2005 ...coach-Jacques Piasenta ... 1.80 tall<br/>In 2008: 2 French indoor 60; 4 Berlin Golden League 200; 6 Oslo Golden League 200; 1 ECP 200 (she was named female athlete of the meeting); 1 Lille 200; 3 Rome Golden League 200; 5 Paris Golden League 200; 1 French 200 (4th time); 5sf OLY 200; 6 Zurich Golden League 200; 5 Gateshead 100</p>  |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>8,</b>   | <b>BORLÉE Olivia</b>            | BEL    | <b>22y</b> | 149d          | 1986          | <b>23.05</b> | <b>22.98 -06</b> |
| <p>Ran first leg for Belgian sprint relay team which won 2007 world bronze &amp; 2008 Olympic silver<br/>100 pb: 11.39 -07 (11.57 -08). 2 European Youth Olympics 100/200 2003; sf ECH 200 2006; 3 WCH 4x100 2007; 2 OLY 4x100 2008. 1 Belgian indoor 200 2006. Her father/coach Jacques was an international 400m runner and she has twin brothers (Jonathan &amp; Kevin) who both competed at the 2008 Olympics with Kevin setting a Belgian record 44.88 there<br/>In 2008: 3 Namur 200; 1 Leiria 100 'B'; 6 Lille 200; 2 Belgian 100; 1 Brussels 200 (3 100); 2 Liège 100 'B'; 3 Heusden 200; 4 London Grand Prix; 2 Oordegem 200; 2 OLY 4x100</p>  |                                 |        |            |               |               |              |                  |

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**EDWARDS Torri** USA

**31y** 218d 1977 **22.66**

**22.28 -03**

World 100m Champion in Paris 2003, world relay gold in Osaka 2007

100 pb: 10.78 -08. 5 WSG 100 99 (1 4x100); 2 Pan-Am Games 4x100 99; sf OLY 200 2000 (qf 100); 3 OLY 4x100 2000; ht WCH 4x100 2001; 3 WIC 60 2003 (2004-4); 1 WCH 100 2003 (2 200, 2 4x100); 2 WCP 100 2006; 4 WCH 100/200 2007 (1 4x100); 8 OLY 100 2008.

Lives-Los Angeles ... coach-John Smith (since 1999) ...studied Sociology at the University of Southern California ... lives-Pomona, California

In 2008: 3 Mt SAC Relays 200; 1 Baie Mahault 100 (2 200); 2 Fort-de-France 100; 7 Carson 100; 7 New York 100; 1 Eugene 100; 2 US Olympic Trials 100 (dns 200 final); 6 Stockholm 100; 4 London Grand Prix 100; 3 Monaco 100; 8 OLY 100 (dq/ht 4x100)

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## Women's 800 Metres

21:02

Golden League Event



2008 World Best: 1:54.01 Pamela Jelimo KEN Zurich 29 Aug 08

The pace of Jarmila Kratochvílová's world record 1:53.28 from 1983 – 400m: 56.1; 600m: 1:25.0

|   | Age                           | (Days) | Born       | Season's Best | Personal Best  |                    |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>1a,</b>  | <b>MEADOWS Jenny</b>          | GBR    | <b>27y</b> | 142d 1981     | <b>1:59.11</b> | <b>1:59.11 -08</b> |
| 2000 World Junior 4x400m gold ... 2008 European Cup winner at 800m<br>400 pb: 52.50 -05 (53.51 -08). 1500 pb: 4:19.36 -06. 1 WJC 4x400 2000; 6 under-23 ECH 400 2001 (2003-7); 2 WSG 4x400 2001; dnf ht EIC 2002 (shoe dislodged); ht COM 4x400 2002 (awarded silver medal won by England in final); 4 WIC 4x400 2003 (2006-6); 6 WCH 4x400 2003; 5 EIC 2007; sf WCH 2007; 5 WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008. 1 AAA indoor 2002/2006 (1 UK indoor 2008). Married to coach/partner Trevor on September 9, 2006<br>In 2008: 1 UK indoor; 5 WIC; 6 Hengelo; 2 Manchester BMC; 6 Oslo Golden League; 1 ECP; 1 Stretford 400; 6 Paris Golden League; 5 London Grand Prix; 6sf OLY; 5 Gateshead   |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>1b,</b>  | <b>SAMARIA Agnes</b>          | NAM    | <b>36y</b> | 25d 1972      | <b>2:00.44</b> | <b>1:59.15 -02</b> |
| 2002 Commonwealth Games bronze at 800m ... Namibian record holder at 400m, 800m, 1000m, 1500m & One mile<br>1500 pb: 4:05.30 -08. 3 COM 800 2002; 2 African Champs 800 2002 (2006-6); sf WIC 2003 (2004-ht); sf WCH 800 2003/2005/2007 (2001-ht); sf OLY 800 2004 (missed final by one place); 8 WCH 1500 2007; ht WIC 800 2008; ht OLY 800/1500 2008<br>In 2008: 1 Germiston 800; 1 Oudtshoorn 800; 1 Windhoek 800/1500; 3 African Champs 1500; 3 African Champs 800/1500; 1 Dessau 800; 2 Kassel 800; 2 Rabat 1500; 2 Jerez de la Frontera 1500; 7 Madrid 1500; 7 Athens 1500; 3 London Grand Prix 1500; 5 Monaco 1500; 5ht OLY 800; 7ht OLY 1500   |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>2,</b>   | <b>KREVSUN Yuliya</b>         | UKR    | <b>27y</b> | 271d 1980     | <b>1:57.32</b> | <b>1:57.32 -08</b> |
| (Née Gurtovenko) ... 2007 World Student Games Champion ... 400 pb: 52.45 -07. 2 EJC 99; 5 under-23 ECH 2001 (2 4x400); 6 ECP 2002; ht WCH 2003/2007; sf EIC 2007; 2 ECP 2007; 1 WSG 2007; 7 OLY 2008. 1 Ukrainian 2002/2007<br>In 2008: dnf Ukrainian indoor; 1 Belgrade; 2 Berlin Golden League; 4 Oslo Golden League; 3 Moscow Open; 2 Ukrainian; 3 Rome Golden League; dnf Paris Golden League; 7 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League; 7 Lausanne  |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>3,</b>   | <b>CUSMA Elisa</b>            | ITA    | <b>27y</b> | 44d 1981      | <b>1:59.22</b> | <b>1:58.63 -07</b> |
| Very unlucky not to reach 2007 World 800m final despite running 1:58.63 in the semi-finals<br>1500 pb: 4:09.34 -07 (4:13.68 -08). ht WIC 800 2006; sf ECH 800 2006; sf EIC 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007 (2005-ht); sf OLY 2008. 1 Italian 800 2005/2006/2007/2008 (1 indoor 1500 2006 & 800 2007/2008). Father Lucio was a European and Italian lightweight boxing champion in 1983/1984 ... full name Elisa Cusma Piccione (Piccione is the Italian word for a pigeon) ... coach-Claudio Guizzardi<br>In 2008: 2 European Indoor Cup 800; 1 Italian indoor 800; 6 WIC 800; 7 Oderzo 5.5K; 7 Berlin Golden League 800; 7 Oslo Golden League 800; 2 Ostrava 800; 2 London Grand Prix 800; 5sf OLY; dnf Zurich Golden League 800; 1 Padua 800  |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>4,</b>   | <b>SHAPAYEVA Mariya</b>       | RUS    | <b>21y</b> | 303d 1986     | <b>1:58.93</b> | <b>1:58.93 -08</b> |
| 4 WJC 2004 (2 4x400); 2 EJC 2005; dq ht EIC 2007; 1 under-23 ECH 2007<br>In 2008: 4 Russian indoor; 4 European Indoor Cup; 1 Tartu; 3 Russian under-23; 2 Russian Cup/Tula; 8 Russian; 2 Rakvere; 1 Karlstad; 2 Lappeenranta; 4 Padua   |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>5,</b>   | <b>OKORO Marilyn</b>          | GBR    | <b>23y</b> | 347d 1984     | <b>1:58.45</b> | <b>1:58.45 -08</b> |
| 2007 World 4x400 bronze ... 400 pb: 52.02 -06 (53.01 -08). 4 under-23 ECH 800 2005; 3 WSG 800 2004; 7 COM 800 2006; 4 EIC 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007 (3 4x400); ht WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008. 1 AAA under-23 800 2005 & 400 2006. 1 UK indoor 800 2007; 1 UK 2008. Parents-Nigerian ... graduate of French & Politics from Bath University, where she sang in their gospel choir ... her flatmate is new UK 100m record Montell Douglas ... coach-Ayo Falola<br>In 2008: 2 UK indoor; 3ht WIC; 8 Mt SAC Relays 1500; 1 Irvine 400; 6 Dakar 400; 1 UK League div 1/Jun 7; 8 Ostrava; 1 South of England; 5 ECP 4x400 (51.14 split); 5 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Bydgoszcz; 2 Madrid; 1 UK Champs; 1 London Grand Prix; 6sf OLY (5 4x400); 5 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead   |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>6,</b>   | <b>SINCLAIR Kenia</b>         | JAM    | <b>28y</b> | 53d 1980      | <b>1:58.24</b> | <b>1:57.88 -06</b> |
| Jamaican record holder at 800m ... silvers in March 2006 at both the World Indoor Championships & Commonwealth Games<br>1500 pb: 4:05.56 -07 (4:16.88 -08). 2 Central American & Caribbean 2003; sf WCH 2005/2007; 2 WIC 2006; 2 COM 2006; 6 OLY 2008. 1 Jamaican 2008. Was at Seaton Hall University, New Jersey. Made big advancement since moving to Gainesville in autumn 2002; her coach there Tom Jones lost a lengthy battle with cancer and died on March 21, 2007<br>In 2008: 1 Gainesville Mile indoor; 1 Fayetteville indoor; 4 Berlin Golden League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 1 Jamaican; 10 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 6 OLY (after she tried to go with the fast pace of Jepkosgei / Jelimo); 8 Zurich Golden League; 3 Lausanne  |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>7,</b>   | <b>KOSTETSKAYA Yekaterina</b> | RUS    | <b>21y</b> | 249d 1986     | <b>1:56.67</b> | <b>1:56.67 -08</b> |
| 2004 World Junior Champion at 400m Hurdles, now moved to 800m ... 400H pb: 55.55 -04. 100H pb: 13.67 -05. 2 World Youth 400H 2003; 1 EJC 400H 2003 (1 4x400); 1 WJC 400H 2004 (2 4x400); 2 EJC 400H 2005 (1 4x400). 1 Russian junior 400H 2004/2005. 8 NCAA 400H 2005. Mother-Olga Dvirna was 1982 European Champion at 1500m and ran 3:54.23 for that distance ... father-Aleksandr Kostetskiy was a 1:45.17 800m runner ... she was a competitor at ballroom dancing<br>In 2008: 3 Moscow City 800; 1 Russian under-23 800; 1 St Petersburg City 800; 4 Russian 800; 3sf OLY; 3 Padua; 2 Lausanne   |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>8,</b>   | <b>JEPKOSGEI Janeth</b>       | KEN    | <b>25y</b> | 205d 1983     | <b>1:56.07</b> | <b>1:56.04 -07</b> |
| 2007 World Champion with the world's fastest time since 2003, though that time since beaten by her younger compatriot Pamela Jelimo<br>1500 pb: 4:11.91 -04. ht World Youth 99; 1 WJC 2002; 1 COM 2006; 1 African Champs 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2007; 2 OLY 2008. Coach-Claudio Berradeli (formerly Paul Ereng)... lives-Eldoret, trains-Milan from April until September ... oldest of two brothers & three sisters ... she has ambitions to become a nurse<br>In 2008: 3 Berlin Golden League (1:59.13 – her first loss since July 2007 but a much quicker start to her season than last year); 5 Oslo Golden League; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 2 Rome Golden League; 3 Paris Golden League; 2 OLY; 3 Zurich Golden League; 1 Lausanne  |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |
| <b>9a,</b>  | <b>JELIMO Pamela</b>          | KEN    | <b>18y</b> | 275d 1989     | <b>1:54.01</b> | <b>1:54.01 -08</b> |
| AF GOLDEN LEAGUE JACKPOT CONTENDER<br>2008 Olympic Champion ... 1:54.01 in Zurich was her fifth world junior record of the year<br>400 pb: 52.78 -08. 200 pb: 24.68 -07. 1 African junior 400 2007 (7 200); 1 African Champs 800 2008 (2 4x400). From Kapsabet in Kenya's Rift Valley (same district as 2007 World Champion Janeth Jepkosgei) ... her mother Jeptoo Keter was a 200m/400m runner ... 5 sisters & 3 brothers ... coach-Zaid Aziz<br>In 2008: 39 Kenyan junior XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial (2:01.02); 1 African Champs (1:58.70) & 2 4x400 (50.8 split); 1 (1:55.76); 1 Berlin Golden League (1:54.99); 1 Oslo Golden League (1:55.41); 2 Kenyan 400; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 800 (1:57.71); 1 Rome Golden League (1:55.69); 1 Paris Golden League (1:54.97); 1 OLY (1:54.87 after passing 600m in 1:24.03); 1 Zurich Golden League (1:54.01 after 1:25.12 at 600m) |                               |        |            |               |                |                    |

9b,

**KLYUKA Svetlana** RUS

**29y** 253d 1978 **1:56.64**

**1:56.64 -08**

PACEMAKER

2006 European Cup winner ... 2006 European silver ... fourth at 2008 Olympics

4 World Military 2002; 1 WSG 2005; 1 ECP 2006 (2005-3); 2 ECH 2006; 7 WCH 2007 (2003-sf); 4 OLY 2008. Coaches-Aleksandr Ivarovski & Svetlana Pleskach-Styrkina

In 2008: 1 Moscow (May 15); 11 Berlin Golden League; 4 Moscow Regional; 1 Moscow City; 3 Russian; 4 OLY; dnf Zurich Golden League; 4 Lausanne

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## Women's 5000 Metres

20:05



2008 World Best: 14:11.15 Tirunesh Dibaba ETH Oslo 6 Jun 08

Ethiopia v Kenya v Russia

|   | Age        | (Days) | Born | Season's Best   | Personal Best       |
|---|------------|--------|------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>AYALEW Wude</b> ETH<br>PACEMAKER 2<br>Full name-Wude Ayalew Yimer ... 5000 pb: 14:57.23 -06. 10,000 pb: 31:06.84 -08. 5 WJC 5000 2006. At WXC: 2006-5 long, 2007-10. 3 African Champs 10,000 2008<br>In 2008: 6 Ethiopian XC; Ran second stage for Ethiopian team which won Yokohama Ekiden, clocking 31:41 for 10K (the fastest stage); 3 African Champs 10,000; 4 Ostrava 10,000; 1 Monaco 3000  | <b>21y</b> | 64d    | 1987 | <b>14:57.23</b> | <b>14:57.23 -06</b> |
| <b>BELETE Almensch</b> ETH<br>800 pb: 2:06.29 -08. 1500 pb: 4:10.86 -08. 3000 pb: 9:01.87 -08. 2 Belgian 800 2008<br>In 2008: 2 Sint-Niklaas 1500; 5 Neerpelt 1500; 4 Kessel-Lo 800; 2 Namur 800; 1 Nivelles 800; 2 Belgian 800; 3 Kortrijk 800; 5 Ghent; 11 Liège 800; 11 Heusden 1500; 2 Brasschaat 3000; 4 Oordegem 1500; 3 Ninove 1500; 2 Merksem 1500  | <b>19y</b> | 42d    | 1989 | -               | -                   |
| <b>BELETE Mimi</b> ETH<br>1500 pb: 4:06.84 -08. 3000 pb: 8:54.40 -08. 2 Belgian 1500 2008<br>In 2008: 1 Sint-Niklaas 1500; 1 Neerpelt 1500; 1 Kessel-Lo 1500; 1 Namur 800; 1 Nivelles 3000; 2 Belgian 1500; 1 Brussels 1500 (Jul 12); 10 Liège 800; 2 Heusden 1500; 1 Brasschaat 3000; 1 Oordegem 1500; 1 Ninove 1500; 1 Merksem 1500   | <b>20y</b> | 88d    | 1988 | -               | -                   |
| <b>CHENONGE Ines</b> KEN<br>2002 Commonwealth bronze at 5000m ... 3000 pb: 8:39.29 -06 (8:57.54 -08). 10,000 pb: 33:00.20 -99. 3 COM 5000 2002 (2006-6); 30 World Half Mar 2002. Born-Trans Zoia ... one of nine children, including brother Hillary Chenonge who won the 2002 World Junior 5000m title<br>In 2008: 8 Monaco 3000   | <b>26y</b> | 217d   | 1982 | -               | <b>14:47.48 -06</b> |
| <b>CHEPCHUMBA Peninah</b> KEN<br>7 WJC 3000 2002. At WXC: 2001-9J, 2002-5J, 2003-2J, 2004-7 short. Member of the squad training for the 2000 World XC Championships, but considered too young then for selection<br>In 2008: 14 Kenyan XC; 2 Belgrade 5000; 4 Eugene 5000; 1 Kenyan 5000; 5 Rome Golden League 5000; 1 Barcelona 5000; 3 Monaco 3000  | <b>23y</b> | 235d   | 1985 | <b>15:00.26</b> | <b>15:00.26 -08</b> |
| <b>CHERONO Mercy</b> KEN<br>2007 World Youth & 2008 World Junior Champion at 3000m ... 3000 pb: 8:53.94 -07 (8:58.07 -08). 10,000 pb: 34:33.4 -06. 1 World Youth 3000 2007; 1 WJC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2007-23J<br>In 2008: 1 Kenyan junior 3000; 1 WJC 3000  | <b>17y</b> | 122d   | 1991 | -               | <b>16:49.13 -07</b> |
| <b>CHERUIYOT Vivian</b> KEN<br>Ran quicker than the old world 5000m record behind Meseret Defar in Oslo 2007 ... 2007 World 5000m silver ... Sydney Olympic finalist at age 16<br>3000 pb: 8:28.66 -07 (8:33.66 -08). 1500 pb: 4:06.65 -07. 3000 pb: 8:28.66 -07. 3 World Youth 3000 99; 3 African Games 5000 99; 3 WJC 5000 2002; 2 WCH 5000 2007; 5 OLY 5000 2008 (2000-14). At WXC: 98-5J, 99-2J, 2000-1J, 2001-4J, 2002-3J, 2004-8 short, 2006-8 short, 2007-8. 1 Kenyan junior 99/2000. 1.53/39kg ... Coach-Ricky Simms<br>In 2008: 1 Amorebieta XC; 3 Edinburgh XC; 8 Kenyan XC; 1 Carlsbad 5K; 1 Glasgow 10K; 3 European Clubs Cup 1500/3000; 2 Eugene 5000; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 5 OLY 5000; 1 Gateshead 3000 (set world-leading time 8:33.66)   | <b>24y</b> | 301d   | 1983 | <b>14:57.27</b> | <b>14:22.51 -07</b> |
| <b>DEFAR Meseret</b> ETH<br>Voted world woman athlete of 2007 ... 2004 Olympic & 2007 World Champion at 5000m ... twice World Indoor Champion at 3000m<br>3000 pb: 8:24.51 -07. 2 World Youth 3000 99; 2 WJC 5000 2000; 1 WJC 3000/5000 2002; 1 African Games 5000 2003/2007; 2 Afro-Asian 5000 2003; 1 WIC 3000 2004/2006 (2003-3); 1 OLY 5000 2004 (2008-3); 1 African Champs 5000 2006 (2000-2); 1 WCP 5000 2006; 1 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-2, 2003-h). At WXC: 2002-13J. 1 Ethiopian 3000 2003. Defar means "bold" in Amharic ... husband-former soccer player Teodros Hailu<br>In 2008: 1 Boston 2M indoor (world best 9:10.50); 1 Stuttgart 3000 indoor; 1ht WIC 3000; 1 WIC 3000; 2 African Champs 5000; 1 Eugene 5000; 1 Stockholm 5000 (missed world record by 1.73); 3 OLY 5000   | <b>24y</b> | 291d   | 1983 | <b>14:12.88</b> | <b>14:12.88 -08</b> |
| <b>(Jepleting) CHERONO Priscah</b> KEN<br>Full name-Priscah Jepleting Ngetich, she married Charles Cherono in December 2006<br>2007 World 5000m bronze ... World Cross Country silvers in 1997 (junior) & 2006 (senior short course)<br>3000 pb: 8:29.06 -07 (8:42.04 -08). 7 WJC 5000 98 (96-6); 2 African Champs 5000 2004; 3 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-7); 11 OLY 5000 2008. 1 Kenyan 5000 2008. At WXC: 97-2J, 98-11J, 2000-78 short, 2002-18 short, 2003-11 short, 2004-4 short, 2006-2 short, 2007-7<br>In 2008: 1 Elgoibar XC; 1 Seville XC; 1 Valencia de Alcanara XC; 7 WXC; 1 Heillecourt 4.7K; 5 Hengelo 5000; 2 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 3 Rome Golden League 5000; 2 Paris Golden League 5000; 11 OLY 5000; 2 Gateshead 3000   | <b>28y</b> | 70d    | 1980 | <b>14:45.12</b> | <b>14:35.30 -06</b> |
| <b>KABUU Lucy</b> KEN<br>Full name-Lucy Wangui Kabuu ... 2006 Commonwealth Champion at 10,000m<br>3000 pb: 8:46.15 -08. 10,000 pb: 30:39.96 -08. Half Mar pb: 69:47 -04. 1500 pb: 4:09.60 -02. 9 OLY 10,000 2004; 1 COM 10,000 2006 (3 5000); 4 African Champs 10,000 2008; 7 OLY 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2005-5 short. 1 Japanese 5000 2003. 1 Japanese High School 1500/3000 2002; 1 Japanese Corporate 1500 2007. In November 2003 ran first stage for Kenyan team which finished second in Chiba Ekiden, defeating Paula Radcliffe ... she attended high school in Japan (Aomori Yamada high school)<br>In 2008: 1 Chiba XC; 31 Kenyan XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial 10,000; 4 African Champs 10,000; 2 Glasgow 10K; 7 Hengelo 5000; 2 Oslo Golden League 5000; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000 (32:18.06 at altitude) (2 5000); 1 Paris Golden League 5000; 7 OLY 10,000; 4 Gateshead 3000 | <b>24y</b> | 165d   | 1984 | <b>14:33.49</b> | <b>14:33.49 -08</b> |
| <b>KIBET Sylvia</b> KEN<br>Fourth in 2007 World & 2008 Olympic 5000m ... 3000 pb: 8:40.09 -06. Half Mar pb: 71:36 -06. 10,000 pb: 31:39.34 -06. 3 African Champs 5000 2006; 3 African Games 5000 2007; 4 WCH 5000 2007; 4 WIC 3000 2008; 4 OLY 5000 2008<br>In 2008: 18 Kenyan XC; 4 WIC 3000; 6 Doha 1500; 1 Berlin Golden League 5000; 12 Oslo Golden League 5000; 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 3 Paris Golden League 5000; 4 OLY 5000   | <b>24y</b> | 161d   | 1984 | <b>15:05.09</b> | <b>14:57.37 -07</b> |
| <b>KIBIWOTT Viola</b> KEN<br>Winner of three world junior titles in 2001/2002 ... 800 pb: 2:04.99 -07. 1500 pb: 4:02.10 -07 (4:04.17 -08). 3000 pb: 8:40.14 -03. 1 WJC 1500 2002; 7 COM 1500 2007; ht OLY 1500 2008. At WXC: 2000-3J, 2001/2002-1J, 2003-22 short; 2005-23 short<br>In 2008: 2 Doha 1500; 6 Hengelo 5000; 4 Rabat 1500; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials 1500; 5 Paris Golden League 1500; 5ht OLY 1500  | <b>24y</b> | 258d   | 1983 | <b>14:51.59</b> | <b>14:51.59 -08</b> |

**KIPTOO Jane** KEN **26y** 29d 1982 **15:03.90** **15:03.90 -08**  
Former international 400m runner ... 10,000 pb: 31:15.79 -08. 5000 pb: 15:03.90 -08. 3000 pb 8:46.26 -08. ht World Youth 400 99. At WXC: 2002-17 short  
In 2008: 2 Kenyan North Rift XC; 1 Ivry-Vitry Half Mar; 7 Heillecourt 4.7K; 3 Puy-en-Velay 15K; 8 Ostrava 10,000; 2 Liège 5000; 5 Stockholm 5000; 5 Monaco 3000

**KOMYAGINA Olga** RUS **34y** 208d 1974 - -  
PACEMAKER 1 ... 3000 pb: 8:35.67i -06, 8:42.58 -99. 1500 pb: 4:02.32 -00. Mile pb: 4:25.71 -99. 1 ECP 1500 98; 11 ECH 1500 98; 4 WIC 1500 99; 6 EIC 1500 2002 (98-ht); 5 WIC 3000 2008; 4 ECP 3000 2008. At WXC: 2006-16 short. 1 Russian indoor 1500 97/98. Partner-Innokenty Zharov was Russian 400m Champion in 1998, their daughter Yekaterina born June 19, 2004  
In 2008: 2 Russian indoor 3000; 5 WIC 3000; paced Berlin Golden League 5000; 4 ECP 3000; 3 Lille 1500; 1 Rethymno 3000; paced Monaco 3000; paced Lausanne 1500

**MASAI Linet** KEN **18y** 275d 1989 **14:47.14** **14:47.14 -08**  
Full name-Linet Chepkwemai Masai  
Fourth in 2008 Olympic 10,000 with a world junior record ... 2007 World Junior Cross Country Champion in the extreme heat of Mombasa, then third in senior race in Edinburgh 2008 though still a junior  
10,000 pb: 30:26.50 -08. 3000 pb: 8:38.97 -07. 4 OLY 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2007-1J, 2008-3. Younger sister of 26:49.20 10,000m runner Moses Masai (2nd in 2007 Brussels 10,000). Defeated World 1500m Champion Maryam Jamal over road 4.78K in Geneva on December 1, 2007

She was fourth in the Beijing Olympic 10,000m, her brother Moses was fourth in the men's final two days later

In 2008: 2 Edinburgh XC; 1 Le Mans XC; 1 Hannut XC; 2 Kenyan Police XC; 2 Kenyan XC; 3 WXC; 4 Hengelo 5000; 7 Ostrava 10,000; 4 OLY 10,000; 3 Gateshead 3000

**MELKAMU Meselech** ETH **23y** 140d 1985 **14:38.78** **14:33.83 -07**  
(Meselech pronounced "Messel-etch") ... three individual bronze medals at World Cross Country Championships  
10,000 pb: 31:04.93 -08. 3000 pb: 8:34.73 -05. 1500 pb: 4:07.52 -07. 4 WCH 5000 2005 (2007-6); 6 African Champs 5000 2006; 2 African Games 5000 2007; 2 WIC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2003-4J, 2004-1J, 2005-4 long & 6 short, 2006-3 short & long, 2007-3, 2008-9. 1 Great Ireland Run 2006. Father-Melkamu Haile Yesus was a marathon runner  
In 2008: 2 WIC 3000; 9 WXC; 1 African Champs 5000 (beat Meseret Defar); 2 Hengelo 5000; 3 Ostrava 10,000 (début); 2 Rome Golden League 5000; 8 OLY 5000

**MOMANYI Grace** KEN **26y** 205d 1982 **15:08.62** **15:08.62 -08**  
Full name-Grace Kwamboka Momanyi  
2008 Kenyan Cross Country Champion  
10,000 pb: 31:08.24 -08. Half Mar pb: 72:55 -05. 3 African Champs 5000 2008. At WXC: 2008-10. 1 Kenyan XC 2008. Best known as a road runner, has lived in Japan since 2006 where she represents the Daihatsu Corporation ... missed most of 2007 with a hip injury  
In 2008: 1 Kenyan XC (surprise winner); 10 WXC; 1 Nakuru 5000; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial 5000; 3 African Champs 5000; =1 Bangalore 10K; 3 Berlin Golden League 5000; 6 Ostrava 10,000; 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000; 6 Stockholm 5000

She was initially named at 10,000m for Kenya in Beijing but then replace Peninah Arusei who beat her at the Kenyan Olympic Trials and gained the Olympic qualifying standard at the last moment

**SHOBUKHOVA Liliya** RUS **30y** 297d 1977 **14:23.75** **14:23.75 -08**  
(Née Volkova) ... European record holder at 5000m ... 2006 European silver at 5000m  
3000 pb: 8:34.85 -04. 1500 pb: 4:03.78 -04. 4 ECP 3000 2001; 5 EIC 3000 2002 (2005-6); 13 OLY 5000 2004; 1 ECP 5000 2005/2006 (2004-2, 2007-4); 9 WCH 5000 2005; 2 WIC 3000 2006; 2 ECH 5000 2006 (2002-17); 2 WCP 5000 2006. 25 World Half Mar 2007; 6 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2001-64 short, 2002-23 short, 2005-32 short. At EXC: 2002-17, 2004-11, 2005-21. 1 Russian 5000 2002 & indoor 3000 2005/2006 ... Coaches-Tatyana & Yevgeniy Senchenko  
In 2008: 4 Russian indoor 5000 'B'; Ran fourth stage for Russian team which placed third in Yokohama Ekiden, clocking 21:15 for 6K; 2 Zhukovskiy 1500; 1 Russian 5000 (European record 14:23.75); 6 OLY 5000

**URGESA Bizunesh** ETH **19y** 80d 1989 **15:08.26** **15:08.26 -08**  
Full name-Bizunesh Urgesa Mohammed  
2008 World Junior silver at 3000m  
3000 pb: 8:53.14 -08. 3 World Youth 1500 2005; 2 African junior 1500 2005 (5 800); 2 African junior 3000 2007 (4 5000); 2 WJC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2007-14J  
In 2008: Ran first stage for Ethiopian team which won Yokohama Ekiden, clocking 15:30 for 5K; 10 Hengelo 5000; 4 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 Rabat 3000; 2 WJC 3000

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## Women's 100 Metres Hurdles

20:42

Golden League Event



|                  |                 |                          |                   |                       |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2008 World Best: | 12.43<br>12.29w | Lolo Jones<br>Lolo Jones | Beijing<br>Eugene | 18 Aug 08<br>6 Jun 08 |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|

|           | Age  | (Days)     | Born       | Season's Best | Personal Best |              |                  |
|-----------|--|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>1,</b> | <b>OKORI Reina-Flor</b>  | <b>FRA</b> | <b>28y</b> | <b>126d</b>   | <b>1980</b>   | <b>12.65</b> | <b>12.65 -08</b> |
|           | 1999 European Junior Champion ... 10 WJC LJ 96 (dq 100H); dnq WJC LJ 98 (ht 100H); 1 EJC 100H 99; 5 WSG 2001; sf OLY 2004/2008; ht EIC 2005; sf WCH 2005; sf ECH 2006; 6 EIC 2007; ht WIC 2008. 1 French 2004/2008 & indoor 2007/2008. Coach-Jacques Piantsa ... born-Libreville (Gabon)<br>In 2008: 1 French indoor; 5ht WIC; 1 Bonneuil-sur-Marne; 1 Montgeron; 1 Montbéliard; 5 Sotteville; 7 Lille; 1 Strasbourg; 1 Marseille; 7 Rome Golden League; 2 Castres; 9 Paris Golden League; 1 French; 8 Monaco; 6sf OLY   |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>2,</b> | <b>CARRUTHERS Danielle</b>   | <b>USA</b> | <b>28y</b> | <b>258d</b>   | <b>1979</b>   | <b>12.84</b> | <b>12.56 -04</b> |
|           | Fourth at 2006 World Indoors ... missed 2004 US Olympic team by one hundredth, behind her current coach among others<br>8 WSG 2002; 4 WIC 2006. 1 US indoor 2005/2006. Was at University of Indiana ... coach/agent-Gail Devers<br>In 2008: 3 Greensboro; 4 Baie Mahault; 6 Fort-de-France; 2 Ponce; 4 Hengelo; 8 Belgrade; 1 Tallinn; 2 Oslo Golden League 'B'; 7qf US Olympic Trials; 3 Liège; 3 Heusden; 7 Stockholm; 7 Monaco; 1 Wattenscheid; 5 Gateshead; 2 Lausanne 'B'   |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>3,</b> | <b>LOPES-SCHLIEP Priscilla</b>   | <b>CAN</b> | <b>26y</b> | <b>11d</b>    | <b>1982</b>   | <b>12.61</b> | <b>12.60 -06</b> |
|           | 2008 Olympic bronze ... 100 pb: 11.44 -04 (11.52 -08). qf WJC 2000; sf WCH 2007; 3 OLY 2008 (2004-ht). 2 NCAA 2004/2005/2006 (2 indoor 2005/2006). Five times second in US Collegiate Championships, representing the University of Nebraska where she studied Sociology & Criminal Justice ... born-Scarborough, Ontario ... coach-Anthony McCleary<br>In 2008: 6ht WIC (fell); 5 Kansas Relays; 3 Baie Mahault; 6 Doha 100/100H; 4 Eugene; 1 Victoria; 1 Burnaby 100/100H; 1 Canadian (3 100); 5 Rome Golden League; 1 Lignano; 2 Liège; 5 Barcelona; 1 Stockholm 'B'; 3 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League   |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>4,</b> | <b>JONES Lolo</b>  | <b>USA</b> | <b>26y</b> | <b>32d</b>    | <b>1982</b>   | <b>12.43</b> | <b>12.43 -08</b> |
|           | 2008 World Indoor Champion ... twice US Indoor Champion ... 12.29w -08 100 pb: 11.26 -06. 1 North & Central American under-23 2004; 6 WCH 2007; 1 WIC 2008; 7 OLY 2008. 1 US indoor 2007/2008; 1 NCAA indoor 2003 (2004-2). Her actual first names is Lori ... graduated in Spanish & Economics from Louisiana State University ... her first sport was basketball ... she can play the cello ... coach-Dennis Shaver<br>In 2008: 1 US indoor; 1 WIC; 1 Baton Rouge; 1 Drake Relays; 2 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Belgrade; 3 Berlin Golden League; 2 Oslo Golden League; 1 Ostrava; 1 US Olympic Trials (windy 12.29, the world's fastest since 2002); 1 Barcelona; 1 Stockholm; 1 London Grand Prix; 7 OLY (hit hurdle nine when in lead after clocking 12.43 in semi-finals, the world's fastest legal time since 2004); 1 Zurich Golden League; 4 Lausanne |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>5,</b> | <b>MCLELLAN Sally</b>  | <b>AUS</b> | <b>21y</b> | <b>352d</b>   | <b>1986</b>   | <b>12.53</b> | <b>12.53 -08</b> |
|           | 2008 Olympic silver ... 100 pb: 11.14 -07. 200 pb: 23.36 -06. 1 World Youth 100H 2003; 3 World Junior 100 2004 (4 100H); 1 Commonwealth Youth Games 100H 2004; 7 COM 100 2006 (dq 100H, 3 4x100); 4 WCP 100H 2006 (8 100); sf WCH 100/100H 2007; 2 OLY 100H 2008. 1 Australian 100/100H 2005/2006. Born-Sydney, lives-Gold Coast ... ex-gymnast ... coach-Sharon Hannon<br>In 2008: 1 Sydney 100/100H; 1 Canberra 100/100H; She tore her hamstring in February and so missed the main part of the Australian domestic season; 7 Berlin Golden League; 6 Oslo Golden League; 1 Gold Coast 200/100H; 1 Reims; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Lucerne; 3 Stockholm; 2 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco; 2 OLY; 3 Zurich Golden League; 2 Gateshead  |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>6,</b> | <b>ONYIA Josephine</b>   | <b>ESP</b> | <b>22y</b> | <b>53d</b>    | <b>1986</b>   | <b>12.50</b> | <b>12.50 -08</b> |
|           | New Spanish record holder, set in Berlin 2008 ... 4 World Youth 2003; 2 African junior 2003; 8 WIC 2008 (fell); sf OLY 2008. 1 Spanish 2007/2008. Ex-Nigeria, moved to Spain on June 28, 2004 and became a Spanish citizen on May 10, 2007<br>In 2008: 1 European Indoor Cup; 1 Spanish indoor 60; 8 WIC (fell); 1 Spanish Clubs 100; 7 Doha; 1 Valencia; 1 European Clubs Cup 100/100H; 1 Berlin Golden League (set Spanish record 12.50); 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 Huelva; 1 ECP 1st League (2 100); 1 Madrid; 6 Rome Golden League; 4 Paris Golden League; 3 Barcelona; 1 Spanish; 5sf OLY; 2 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead; 3 Lausanne  |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>7,</b> | <b>ENNIS-LONDON Delloreen</b>  | <b>JAM</b> | <b>33y</b> | <b>185d</b>   | <b>1975</b>   | <b>12.54</b> | <b>12.50 -07</b> |
|           | 2007 Pan-American gold ... 2005 World silver ... sf WJC 92; 4 OLY 2000 (2004-sf, 2008-5); sf WIC 2004; 2 WCH 2005 (99-7, 2007-3); 3 COM 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007. 1 Jamaican 99/2000/2001/2004/2005(=)/2007. Business Management Graduate of Abilene Christian University ... knee ligament replacement operations in 1993 & 2001 ... coach/husband-Lincoln London, their daughter Zarina<br>In 2008: 2 Kingston (May 3); 2 Fort-de-France; dnf Berlin Golden League (fell); 4 Oslo Golden League; 2 Jamaican; 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Rethymno; 1 Paris Golden League; 2 Stockholm; 5 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League; 1 Lausanne  |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>8,</b> | <b>CLAXTON Sarah</b>   | <b>GBR</b> | <b>28y</b> | <b>348d</b>   | <b>1979</b>   | <b>12.81</b> | <b>12.81 -08</b> |
|           | 2008 Olympic finalist ... LJ pb: 6.56 -99. 4 WJC LJ 98; 12 COM LJ 2002; ht OLY 100H 2004; sf EIC 60H 2005; ht WCH 100H 2005; sf WIC 60H 2006/2008 (2001/2003/2004-ht); 4 ECP 100H 2006 (2004-dnf, 2008-8); ht ECH 100H 2006; 8 OLY 100H 2008. 1 AAA indoor 60H 2003/2004/2005. 1 AAA 2004/2005/2006. 1 UK 2008. Mother-Althea was born in the British Virgin Islands and was a javelin thrower and cross country runner ... born-Colchester, lives-Chadwell Heath ... coach-Lloyd Cowan<br>In 2008: 1 UK indoor 60H (5 LJ); 5sf WIC; 1 Irvine 100H; 1 Loughborough "international" 100H; 7 Hengelo 100H; 2 Dessau 100H; 2 Kassel 100H; 8 ECP; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 UK Champs; 1 Loughborough European Permit; 7 London Grand Prix; 8 OLY; 9 Zurich Golden League; 4 Gateshead; 8 Lausanne  |            |            |               |               |              |                  |
| <b>9,</b> | <b>DAVIN Elisabeth</b>   | <b>BEL</b> | <b>27y</b> | <b>95d</b>    | <b>1981</b>   | <b>13.09</b> | <b>13.09 -08</b> |
|           | 100 pb: 11.52 -08. 7 under-23 ECH 2003. 1 Belgian 2004/2005/2008<br>In 2008: 2 Belgian indoor 60 (3 60H); 1 Rehlingen 100; 4 Forbach (3 100); 3 Geneva 100; 2 Amiens 100; 2 Leiria 100 'B'; 7 Liège (4 100 'B'); 8 Heusden (4 100 'B'); 1 Belgian indoor; 2 Luxembourg; 3 Geneva   |            |            |               |               |              |                  |

## Women's High Jump

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Golden League Event



|                  |      |                   |          |           |
|------------------|------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| 2008 World Best: | 2.06 | Blanka Vlasic CRO | Istanbul | 22 Jun 08 |
|                  | 2.06 | Blanka Vlasic CRO | Madrid   | 5 Jul 08  |

|            |   | Age        | (Days)      | Born        | Season's Best | Personal Best      |
|------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>1,</b>  | <b>SHKOLINA Svetlana</b> RUS  | <b>22y</b> | <b>181d</b> | <b>1986</b> | <b>1.98</b>   | <b>1.98 -08</b>    |
|            | 2007 European Under-23 Champion ... 2 WJC 2004; 1 EJC 2005; 4 WSG 2005/2007; 1 under-23 ECH 2007; 4 ECP 2008; 14 OLY 2008. 1 Russian under-23 2007 ... 1.87 tall<br>In 2008: 4 Russian indoor; 2 Tallinn; 1 Moscow Open; 2 Ostrava; 4 ECP; 9 Eberstadt; 3 Milan; 3 Russian; 14 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League  |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>2,</b>  | <b>AITOVA Marina</b> KAZ  | <b>25y</b> | <b>358d</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>1.96</b>   | <b>1.96 -07/08</b> |
|            | 2007 World Student Games Champion ... 4 World Youth 99; =9 WJC 2000; 1 Asian junior 2001; 3 Asian Champs & Asian Games 2002; 1 Central Asian Games 2003; 1 Afro-Asian Games 2003; 3 WCP 2006; 1 Asian Games 2006; 1 WSG 2007; =7 WCH 2007 (2003-dnq); 5 WIC 2008; 10 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq) ... 1.77 tall<br>In 2008: 5 WIC; 3 Doha; 2 Hengelo; 1 Filothei; 8 Berlin Golden League; 1 Kalamata; 1 Turin; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Rethymno; 4 Paris Golden League; =10 OLY  |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>3,</b>  | <b>GREEN Emma</b> SWE   | <b>23y</b> | <b>271d</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>1.96</b>   | <b>1.97 -05</b>    |
|            | (Green pronounced "Grehn") ... 2005 World bronze at high jump ... 1.98i -08. TJ pb: 13.69i -06. LJ pb: 6.41 -05. 200 pb: 23.02 -06. 1 European Youth 2001; 9 WJC 2002; 3 EJC 2003; 8 EIC 2005; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; 3 WCH 2005 (2007-7=); dnq WIC 2006/2008; 5 ECP 200 2006; 11 ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007; dnq WIC 2008; 9 OLY 2008. 1 Swedish 2005/2008. Uncle-Göte Green was a national class 400m-runner (47.9) in the 1970s ... coach-Yannick Tregaro (same as Christian Olsson) ... 1.80 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Swedish indoor; dnq WIC; 10 Berlin Golden League; 7 Oslo Golden League; 4 Ostrava; =3 Prague; 2 ECP 1st League; 2 Gothenburg; 2 Sollentuna; 6 Rome Golden League; 7 Paris Golden League; 7 Stockholm; 1 Swedish; 9 OLY; 9 Zurich Golden League; 1 FIN v SWE   |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>4,</b>  | <b>PALAMAR Vita</b> UKR   | <b>30y</b> | <b>329d</b> | <b>1977</b> | <b>1.99</b>   | <b>2.01 -03</b>    |
|            | 2008 World Indoor bronze ... 2.01i -08. =6 WJC 96; =6 under-23 ECH 99; 5 EIC 2000; 5 WCH 2001/2003/2005 (2007-7=); 1 WSG 2001; 2 ECP 2005; 3 WIC 2008 (2001-5=, 2004-4); 5 OLY 2008 (2000-7) ... 1 Ukrainian 2001/2003/2007 ... 1.87 tall<br>In 2008: 3 WIC; 1 Bar; 4 Berlin Golden League; =3 Oslo Golden League; 3 Eberstadt; 2 Ukrainian; 5 OLY  |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>5,</b>  | <b>BEITIA Ruth</b> ESP  | <b>29y</b> | <b>158d</b> | <b>1979</b> | <b>2.01</b>   | <b>2.02 -07</b>    |
|            | (Pronounced BAY-tee-a) ... Spanish record holder indoors & out ... medals at the last two European Indoor Championships dnq WJC 96; 9 EJC 97; 8 WJC 98; 1 under-23 ECH 2001; =6 WCP 2002; 2 EIC 2005 (2007-3); 2 ECP 2006 (2004-6); 9 ECH 2006 (2002 -11); 6 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq, 2003-11=); 4 WIC 2008 (2001-7, 2003-5=, 2004-dnf); =7 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 Spanish 2003/2006/2007/2008 (1 indoor 2002/2003/2005/2006/2007/2008) ... coach-Ramón Torralbo ... student of Physical Therapy at the University of Santander ... youngest of five children, all of whom have tried athletics ... 1.92 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Spanish indoor; 4 WIC; 1 Spanish Clubs; 4 Doha; 1 European Clubs Cup; =3 Oslo Golden League; 1 Huelva; 1 ECP 1st League; 1 Jerez de la Frontera; 3 Eberstadt; 2 Madrid; 6 Rome Golden League; 7 Paris Golden League; 1 Spanish; =7 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League   |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>6,</b>  | <b>FRIEDRICH Ariane</b> GER   | <b>24y</b> | <b>239d</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>2.03</b>   | <b>2.03 -08</b>    |
|            | 2003 European Junior Champion ... 1 EJC 2003; 3 under-20 ECH 2005; 3 under-23 ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007; 2 WSG 2007; =8 WIC 2008; 1 ECP 2008 (2004-3, 2005-7, 2007-4=); =7 OLY 2008. 1 German junior 2003, under-23 2006 & indoor 2007/2008 ... partner is Polish international sprinter Lukasz Wojt ... she is in training to become a Police Commissioner ... she has two pet rabbits and two pet cats at her home in Offenbach ... coach-Günter Eisinger ... 1.79 tall<br>In 2008: 1 German indoor; =8 WIC; 1 Zweibrücken; 2 Berlin Golden League; 2 Oslo Golden League; 1 ECP; 2 Eberstadt; 1 German; 1 Bühl; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 Wattenscheid; =7 OLY  |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>7,</b>  | <b>HOWARD Chaunte</b> USA   | <b>24y</b> | <b>237d</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>1.99</b>   | <b>2.01 -06</b>    |
|            | 2005 World silver ... 2 WCH 2005; 8 WIC 2006; 6 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 US junior 2003; 1 NCAA 2004 (2005-2); 1 NCAA indoor 2005; 1 US Champs 2006/2008. Graduate of Economics from Georgia Institute of Technology ... she is a trained dancer, taking classes in tap, ballet, jazz & hip-hop ... husband Mario Lowe is a 16m triple jumper, their daughter Jasmine born July 30, 2007 ... coach-Nat Page ... 1.75 tall<br>In 2008: 2 US indoor; 3 Athens GA; 1 Drake Relays; 1 Carson; 7 Berlin Golden League; 5 Oslo Golden League; 1 US Olympic Trials; 6 Paris Golden League; 3 Heusden; 3 Stockholm; 6 OLY; 3 Zurich Golden League   |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>8,</b>  | <b>SLESARENKO Yelena</b> RUS  | <b>26y</b> | <b>190d</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>2.03</b>   | <b>2.06 -04</b>    |
|            | Former Olympic Champion, fourth in Osaka & Beijing ... 4 EJC 2001; =5 EIC 2003; 2 under-23 ECH 2003; 3 WSG 2003; 1 WIC 2004/2006 (2008-2); 1 OLY 2004 (up to 2.06 with no failures then near to 2.10); 5 ECH 2006; 1 WCP 2006; 1 ECP 2007; 4 WCH 2007; 4 OLY 2008. 1 Russian indoor 2002/2004/2006 & outdoor 2005 ... studied PE at the Academy of Volgograd ... coach-Boris Gorkov ... she turned to athletics after failing as a ballet dancer ... suffered stress fracture to her take-off leg in 2005 ... 1.78 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Russian indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Eberstadt; 3 Madrid; 3 Sollentuna; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Russian; 2 Stockholm; 4 OLY; 5 Zurich Golden League   |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>9,</b>  | <b>CHICHEROVA Anna</b> RUS  | <b>26y</b> | <b>46d</b>  | <b>1982</b> | <b>2.03</b>   | <b>2.03 -07/08</b> |
|            | Shared 2007 world silver ... 2008 Olympic bronze ... 1 World Youth 99; 4 WJC 2000; 2 EJC 2001; 2 WIC 2004 (2003-3); 1 EIC 2005 (2007 -5=); 1 WSG 2005 (2001-8=); 3 ECP 2006; 7 ECH 2006; =2 WCH 2007 (2003-6, 2005-4); 3 OLY 2008 (2004-6). 1 Russian indoor 2005/2007 & outdoors 2007/2008 ... born-Yerevan (Armenia) ... coach-Yevgeniy Zagoruiko ... 1.80 tall<br>In 2008: 2 Doha; 3 Berlin Golden League; 3 Moscow Open; 1 Moscow City; 1 Russian Cup/Tula; 6 Rome Golden League; 1 Russian; 1 London Grand Prix; 3 OLY; 2 Zurich Golden League   |            |             |             |               |                    |
| <b>10,</b> | <b>VLASIC Blanka</b> CRO  | <b>24y</b> | <b>302d</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>2.06</b>   | <b>2.07 -07</b>    |
|            | AF GOLDEN LEAGUE JACKPOT CONTENDER<br>2007 World Champion ... 2008 Olympic silver but with the highest ever non-winning mark, 2.05<br>8 World Youth 99; 1 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001; 1 Mediterranean Games 2001; 1 WJC 2002; 1 under-23 ECH 2003; 4 ECH 2006 (2002-5=); 4 EIC 2007 (2002-dnq); 1 WCH 2007 (2001-6, 2003-7, 2005-dnq); 1 WIC 2008 (2003-4, 2004-3, 2006-2); 2 OLY 2008 (2000-dnq, 2004-11). Coached by her father Josjo (whose best HJ was 2.03) and Bojan Marinovic (pb 2.12) ... she was named Blanka after the city of Casablanca, the venue of her father's victory in the Mediterranean Games Decathlon of 1983, ... three younger brothers, the youngest being Nikola (10) who is a footballing prodigy ... 1.93 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Gothenburg indoor (2.01); 1 Arnstadt indoor (2.03); 1 Banská Bystrica indoor (2.04); 1 Karlsruhe indoor (2.02); 1 Split indoor (2.01); 1 Weinheim HJ indoor (2.05); 1 WIC (2.03); 1 Doha (2.03); 1 Split (2.01); 1 Berlin Golden League (2.03); 1 Oslo Golden League (2.04); 1 Ostrava (2.05); 1 Zhukovskiy (2.03); 1 ECP 1st League (2.06); 1 Bydgoszcz (2.05); 1 Madrid (2.06); 1 Rome Golden League (2.00); 1 Paris Golden League (2.01); 1 Stockholm (2.02); 2 OLY (2.05, her win streak ended at 34 by Tia Hellebaut); 1 Zurich Golden League (2.01) |            |             |             |               |                    |

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**HELLEBAUT Tia** BEL

**30y** 202d 1978 **2.05**

**2.05 -08**

(Pronounced "Hella-bout") ... Belgium's first-ever female Olympic Champion in athletics

Hep pb: 6201 -06. 7 under-23 ECH Hep 99; 14 WCH Hep 2001 (2003-dnf); 5 WIC HJ 2004; 6 WCH HJ 2005 (2007-14); 1 ECH HJ 2006; 2 WCP HJ 2006; 1 EIC HJ 2007; 1 WIC Pentathlon 2008; 1 OLY HJ 2008 (2004-12). 1 Belgian Hep 99/2000/2002 (1 HJ

2000/2002/2003/2005/2006) ... born-Antwerp, Graduate of Chemistry ... she won't wear contact lenses because of the risk of getting an infection (as she did when she tried them in 2005) ... coach/partner-Wim Van de Ven was Belgian Champion at 110m Hurdles in 1990 ... 1.82 tall

In 2008: 1 Belgian indoor LJ/Pentathlon (4 60H); 1 WIC Pentathlon (Including 1.99 high jump); 3 Hengelo HJ; 4 Berlin Golden League HJ; 6 Oslo Golden League HJ; 1 Gothenburg HJ; 1 Belgian LJ; 3 Rome Golden League HJ; 3 Paris Golden League HJ; 1 Heusden HJ; 4 London Grand Prix HJ; 1 OLY HJ; 8 Zurich Golden League HJ

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## Women's Pole Vault

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2008 World Best: 5.05 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS Beijing 18 Aug 08

The most over 4.80 in the same competition is three at the 2007 World Athletics Final

|  | Age                        | (Days) | Born       | Season's Best | Personal Best |                       |
|--|----------------------------|--------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1,</b>  | <b>SCHWARTZ Jillian</b>    | USA    | <b>28y</b> | 352d 1979     | <b>4.72</b>   | <b>4.72 -08</b>       |
| Fourth at 2004 World Indoor Championships ... 4 WIC 2004 (2006-dnq); dnq OLY 2004; 11 WCH 2005 (2003/2007-dnq). =2 NCAA 2001 (2000-3). Lives-Jonesboro, Arkansas ... graduate of Economics ... coach-Earl Bell ... 1.73 tall<br>In 2008: 2 US indoor; 11 WIC; nh Drake Relays 'B'; 6 Modesto; 3 Carson; 3 New York; 1 Jonesboro; 4 US Olympic Trials   |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>2,</b>  | <b>BARTOLINA Erica</b>     | USA    | <b>28y</b> | 113d 1980     | <b>4.55</b>   | <b>4.55 -08</b>       |
| (Née Boron) ... 4 US indoor 2005. She lost her right eye in a car accident at four months old ... broke two vertebrae in her back after a fall in 2005 ... coach/husband-Mike Bartolina ... 1.68 tall<br>In 2008: 4 Baton Rouge; nh Abbotsford; 2 Victoria; 1 Burnaby; 3 US Olympic Trials; dnq OLY  |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>3,</b>  | <b>RYJIKH Nastja</b>       | GER    | <b>30y</b> | 352d 1977     | <b>4.50</b>   | <b>4.63 -06</b>       |
| (We called her Anastasija Reiberger in Beijing, here she has apparently reverted to her original version of her name) ... former World Indoor Champion<br>=4 ECH 98; 1 WIC 99 (2004-8); 2 under-23 ECH 99; nh WCH 99; 3 ECP 2006; 9 ECH 2006. 1 German under-23 98. Born-Omsk, father Vladimir left Russia in 1991 & now coaches other German pole vaulters ... younger sister Lisa is 2003 World Youth & 2004 World Junior Champion at pole vault ... mother-Yekaterina high jumped 1.91 in 1985 ... 1.70 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Saulheim; 7 Regensburg; 4 Wipperfurth; 4 Warsaw; 5 Mannheim; 1 Rheinau-Freistett; 1 Velenje; 2 Salamanca; 2 German; =3 Rethymno; =4 Barcelona; 2 Wattenscheid; dnq OLY   |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>4,</b>  | <b>POLNOVA Tatyana</b>     | RUS    | <b>29y</b> | 139d 1979     | <b>4.71</b>   | <b>4.78 -04</b>       |
| 2006 European bronze ... 10 WJC 98; 2 ECP 2003 (2004-3); 1 WSG 2003; 5 EIC 2005; 4 WCH 2005 (2007-9); 3 ECH 2006. 1 Russian indoor 2004. Former Heptathlete. Originally Tatyana Zaykova RUS, then transferred to Turkey in 1998 under the name Tatyana Kostem. Moved back to Russia in 2002 ... has six older brothers ... husband/coach-Sergey Polnov ... 1.70 tall<br>In 2008: 4 Russian indoor; 1 Filothei; 1 Zaragoza; 1 Sopot (Jun 6); 3 Warsaw; 1 Salamanca; 2 Madrid; 6 Rome Golden League; 3 Russian; 5 London Grand Prix; 7 Monaco; 3 Wattenscheid; 9 Zurich Golden League  |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>5,</b>  | <b>HINGST Carolin</b>      | GER    | <b>27y</b> | 352d 1980     | <b>4.65</b>   | <b>4.66 -04</b>       |
| Fourth at 2005 European Indoors ... 3 under-23 ECH 2001; 10 WCH 2001/2005 (2003/2007-dnq); dnq ECH 2002; dnq WIC 2004; 4 EIC 2005 (2007-dnq); 2 ECP 2005 (2004-nh, 2007-5); 6 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 German 2008 & indoor 2005 ... coach-Andrei Tiwontchik (1996 Olympic bronze) ... 1.70 tall<br>In 2008: 1 German Universities indoor; nh German indoor; 3 Doha; 1 Saulheim; 2 Regensburg; 1 Wipperfurth; 2 Rabat; 1 Mannheim; 1 German; 8 Rome Golden League; 5 Wattenscheid; 6 OLY; 8 Zurich Golden League   |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>6,</b>  | <b>GOLUBCHIKOVA Yuliya</b> | RUS    | <b>25y</b> | 163d 1983     | <b>4.75</b>   | <b>4.75 -08</b>       |
| Fourth at 2008 Olympics, losing bronze on countback to Svetlana Feofanova<br>2 WJC 2002; =9 WSG 2005; 2 EIC 2007; =6 WCH 2007; 1 ECP 2008 (2007-7); 4 OLY 2008. 1 Russian indoor 2007 ... coach-Oleg Diazdinov ... 1.75 tall<br>In 2008: 3 Russian indoor; 2 Doha; 1 Caucasus Cup; nh Saulheim; 1 ECP; 2 Milan; 3 Madrid; 6 Rome Golden League; 2 Russian; 8 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco; 4 OLY; 6 Zurich Golden League  |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>7,</b>  | <b>SPIEGELBURG Silke</b>   | GER    | <b>22y</b> | 173d 1986     | <b>4.70</b>   | <b>4.70 -08</b>       |
| 2001 World Youth Champion ... twice European Junior Champion ... 2004 Olympic finalist at age 18<br>1 World Youth 2001; 8 WJC 2002; 1 EJC 2003/2005; 8 WIC 2006; 6 ECH 2006; 5 EIC 2007; 4 under-23 ECH 2007; nh WCH final 2007; 3 ECP 2008; 7 OLY 2008 (2004-13=). 1 German 2006. Younger sister of Richard Spiegelburg (pb 5.85). On August 25, 2005 in Münster she broke the world junior record of Yelena Isinbayeva with 4.48 ... cCoach-Leszek Klima ... 1.73 tall<br>In 2008: 3 German indoor; 1 Doha; 1 Saulheim; 1 Rabat; 1 Regensburg; 1 Rabat; 3 ECP; 1 GER v POL under-23; 3 German; 3 Rome Golden League; nh Stockholm; 8 Monaco; 1 Wattenscheid; 7 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League   |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>8,</b>  | <b>PYREK Monika</b>        | POL    | <b>28y</b> | 25d 1980      | <b>4.75</b>   | <b>4.75 -06/07/08</b> |
| (Pronounced "Pir-eck") ... 2005 World silver, 2003 world bronze ... 2001 European under-23 Champion ... has set 68 Polish records indoors or out though now supplanted by Anna Rogowska<br>10 EJC 97; 3 WJC 98; 1 under-23 ECH 2001; 3 EIC 2002 (2000-9); 3 WIC 2003 (99-11, 2004-5=, 2006/2008-4); 4 OLY 2004 (2000-7, 2008-5); 2 WCH 2005 (2001-3, 2003-4=, 2007-4); 1 ECP 2006/2007 (2002-2, 2004-4); 2 ECH 2006 (98-7, 2002-dnq); 5 WCP 2006. 1 Polish 99-2002/2004/2005/2007/2008 (1 indoor 99/2000/2002/2003/2004/2005/2008) ... voted Polish woman athlete of 2003 ... coach-Vyacheslav Kalinichenko ... 1.70 tall<br>In 2008: 1 Polish indoor; =3 WIC; 1 Biala Podlaska; 2 Sopot (Jun 6); 1 Hof; 1 Sopot (Jun 29); 1 Polish; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Stockholm; 3 Monaco; 5 OLY; 3 Zurich Golden League  |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>9,</b>  | <b>MURER Fabiana</b>       | BRA    | <b>27y</b> | 174d 1981     | <b>4.80</b>   | <b>4.80 -08</b>       |
| South American record holder ... shared 2008 World indoor bronze ... 1 South American junior 98; 10 WJC 2000 (98-dnq); 1 Ibero-American 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 1 South American 2007; 1 Pan-American 2007; =6 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq); =3 WIC 2008 (2006-dnq); =10 OLY 2008. 1 Brazilian 2005/2006/2008 ... Coach-Élson Miranda de Souza ... 1.72 tall<br>In 2008: =3 WIC; 1 São Paulo (May 22); nh Belém; 1 São Paulo (Jun 7); 1 Brazilian; 5 Rome Golden League; 1 Lucerne; 5 Stockholm; 4 London Grand Prix; 6 Monaco; =10 OLY; 5 Zurich Golden League   |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |
| <b>10,</b>   | <b>ISINBAYEVA Yelena</b>   | RUS    | <b>26y</b> | 95d 1982      | <b>5.05</b>   | <b>5.05 -08</b>       |
| Twice Olympic, twice World, three times World Indoor & European Champion ... has set 14 world records outdoors & i0 in<br>9 WJC 98; 1 World Youth 99; 6 EJC 99; 1 WJC 2000; 1 EJC 2001; 1 European under-23 2003; 1 WIC 2004/2006/2008 (2001-7, 2003-2); 1 OLY 2004/2008 (2000-dnq); 1 EIC 2005 (2000-7); 1 WCH 2005/2007 (2003-3); 1 ECH 2006 (2002-2); 1 WCP 2006. 1 Russian indoor 2000/2002 ... has pet cat named "Dasha" ... new coach-Vitaliy Petrov, she has a flat in Monaco and trains with Petrov in Formia ... she has a collection of toy dolphins – "my dream one day is to swim with real dolphins. I like them so much." ... 1.70/59kg<br>In 2008: 1 Donyetsk indoor (world indoor record 4.95); =2 Bydgoszcz indoor (her win streak ended at 23 by arch-rival Svetlana Feofanova); 1 Aubièrre indoor; 1 WIC; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 1 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco; 1 OLY (5.05, her 24th world record); 1 Zurich Golden League |                            |        |            |               |               |                       |