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Men's 100 Metres

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2008 World Best: 9.69 Usain Bolt JAM Beijing 16 Aug 08
9.68w Tyson Gay USA Eugene 29 Jun 08

AWARDS

1st: \$30,000 5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000 6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000 7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000 8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	35		POGNON Ronald FRA	25y 302d 1982	10.10 9.99 -05
<p>(Pronounced "Pon-yon") ... sixth 2005 World relay gold ... holds European indoor record at 60m 200 pb: 20.27 -05 (20.45w, 20.72 -08). 2 WJC 4x100 2000 (qf 200); 1 EJC 200 2001 (2 4x100); 1 under-23 ECH 100 2003; sf WCH 100 2003/2005; ht WIC 60 2004; sf OLY 100 2004 (2008-qf); 2 EIC 60 2005 (2007-3); 1 ECP 100 2005/2006; 1 WCH 4x100 2005 (sf 100, qf 200); 4 ECH 100 2006 (3 4x100); 6 WCP 100 2006. 1 French 100 2006 & 200 2005/2008. Born-Martinique ... coach-Pierre-Jean Vazel In 2008: 3 French indoor 60; 7 Doha 100; 2 Montgeron 100; 3 Zaragoza 100; 6 Oslo Golden League 100; 3 ECP 100 'C'; 5 Lille 100; 3 Milan 100; 1 Marseille 100/200; 1 Reims 100; 2 Rethymno 100 (1 200 'B'); 1 French 200; 8 Monaco 100; 5qf OLY 100; 8 Brussels Golden League 100; 3 Rieti 100 (8 200)</p>					
2,	37		DEVONISH Marlon GBR	32y 104d 1976	10.18 10.06 -07
<p>2004 Olympic relay gold ... sixth in 2007 World 100m final ... world relay medals in 1997, 1999, 2005 & 2007 10.08w -08. 200 pb: 20.19 -02 (20.43 -08). 1 EJC 200/4x100 95; 2 under-23 ECH 100 97; qf WCH 100 97 (bronze 4x100, ran heat); 5 ECH 100 98; 8 COM 100 98 (1 4x100); 2 WCH 4x100 99; 8 WCH 200 2001 (99-sf); 1 ECP 200 2002/2007; 2 COM 200 2002 (1 4x100); 3 ECH 200 2002; 1 WIC 200 2003; sf WCH 100 2005 (qf 200); 3 WCH 4x100 2005; 8 COM 100 2006 (4 4x400); 3 ECH 200 2006 (1 4x100); 6 WCH 100 2007 (3 4x100). 1 AAA 200 97/2001/2002/2006 (1 100 2006). 1 UK 100/200 2007. Parents from Barbados where his father Desmond was a sprinter ... born-Coventry, lives-Slough ... coach-Tony Lester In 2008: In January he had a training spell in Spain with double European Champion Francis Obikwelu; 2 Hengelo 200; 6 Berlin Golden League 100; 4 Oslo Golden League 100 (5 200); 1 ECP 200/4x100; 7 UK Champs 100 (ill); 6ht London Grand Prix 100; 7sf OLY 200; dq/ht OLY 4x100; 7 Gateshead 200; 6 Rieti 200 (ht 100); 4 Zagreb 100</p>					
3,	55		CARTER Nesta JAM	22y 308d 1985	9.98 9.98 -08
<p>Ran opening leg for Jamaican team which won 2008 Olympic gold with a world record 200 pb: 20.31 -08. sf WJC 200 2004; 2 WCH 4x100 2007 (sf 100); 1 OLY 4x100 2008. Ran in heats of 2004 World Junior 4x100, so awarded silver won by Jamaica in final. Coach-Stephen Francis In 2008: 3 Kingston 400 race 4 (Jan 26); 1 Kingston 200 (Mar 22); 3 Mt SAC Relays 200; 4 Doha 100; 1 São Paulo 100; 1 Belém 100; 1 Berlin Golden League 100; 4 Jamaican 200 (dns 100 final); 3 Rome Golden League 100; 1 Stockholm 100 'B'; 6 London Grand Prix 100; 3 Monaco 100; 1 OLY 4x100; 2 Gateshead 100; 3 Lausanne 100; 3 Brussels Golden League 100; 1 Dubnica 100; 1 Zagreb 100</p>					
4,	57		FRATER Michael JAM	25y 343d 1982	9.97 9.97 -08
<p>2005 World silver at 100m ... below 10 seconds at 100m for the first time in Beijing 2008 200 pb: 20.45w, 20.63 -02. 3 Central American junior 100 2002; 5 WJC 100 2002; sf COM 100 2002; 1 Pan-Am 100 2003; qf WCH 100 2003; sf OLY 100 2004; 2 WCH 100 2005 (2003-qf); dq sf COM 100 2006 (false start); 1 COM 4x100 2006; 6 OLY 100 2008 (1 4x100). 1 Jamaican 100 2006. 1 NCAA 100 2004 ... studied Political Science at Texan Christian University ... older brother is former Jamaican sprints champion Lindel Frater In 2008: 4 Sydney 200; 2 Melbourne 100; 2 Kingston 200 (Mar 22); 3 Doha 100; 7 Berlin Golden League 100; 6 Eugene 100; 3 Jamaican 100; 5 Rome Golden League 100; 2 Stockholm 100 'B'; 3 London Grand Prix 100; 6 OLY 100 (1 4x100); 6 Zurich Golden League 100; 1 Padua 100; 4 Lausanne 100; 4 Brussels Golden League 100; 2 Rieti 100</p>					
5,	60		POWELL Asafa JAM	25y 295d 1982	9.72 9.72 -08
<p>Four world records at 100m ... twice fifth in Olympic 100m finals 200 pb: 19.90 -06. sf COM 100 2002 (2 4x100); dq/qf WCH 100 2003 (Jon Drummond's heat); sf WIC 60 2004; 5 OLY 100 2004/2008; 1 COM 100/4x100 2006; 3 WCH 100 2007 & 2 4x100; 1 OLY 4x100 2008. 1 Jamaican 100 2004/2005/2007 (1 200 2006). Plays guitar & drums ... set World records at 100m of 9.77 in Athens 2005, Gateshead 2006 and Zurich 2006, then 9.74 in Rieti 2007 ... coach-Stephen Francis ... youngest of six brothers though two are deceased ... 1.90/88kg In 2008: 5 Kingston 400; 1 Melbourne 100; 1ht Trinidad & Tobago 100 (did not compete in final); 2 Jamaican 100; 5ht Rome Golden League 100 (was clearly in the lead then suddenly slowed down with cramp in his thigh); 1 Stockholm 100 (beat Usain Bolt); 1 London Grand Prix 100; 1 Monaco 100 (9.82 with nil wind); 5 OLY 100; 1 OLY 4x100 (anchor leg timed in 8.73); 1 Gateshead 100 (9.87 in rain); 1 Lausanne 100 (pb 9.72); 2 Brussels Golden League 100 (9.83); 1 Rieti 100 (9.82 after 9.77 heat)</p>					
<p>Every race he's run since Beijing has been faster than his best time there</p>					
6,	123		BURNS Marc TRI	25y 250d 1983	9.97 9.96 -05
<p>Seventh at 100m in Osaka 2007 & Beijing 2008 ... 2008 Olympic relay silver 200 pb: 20.57 -05. sf OLY 4x100 2000; 2 WCH 4x100 2001; 2 WJC 100 2002 (2000-3); dq ht OLY 100 2004 (false starts); 7 WCH 100 2005 (2003-ht, 2007-8); 2 WCH 4x100 2005; 3 COM 100 2006; 3 WCP 100 2006; 7 OLY 100 2008 (2 4x100). Father-Alec Burns once played cricket for Trinidad ... coach-Henry Rolle In 2008: 1 Tallahassee 100; 2 Zaragoza 100; 1 Tallinn 100; 3 Oslo Golden League 100; 1 Trinidad & Tobago 100; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; dq Rome Golden League 100; 1 Rethymno 100; 1 Paris Golden League 100; 2 London Grand Prix 100 (9.97, just 0.01 outside his three year-old pb); 7 OLY 100 (2 4x100); 7 Zurich Golden League 100 (2 4x100); 3 Gateshead 100; 5 Lausanne 100</p>					
7,	115		COLLINS Kim SKN	32y 161d 1976	10.05 9.98 -02
<p>Former World Champion & Commonwealth Games Champion at 100m ... 9.92w -03. 200 pb: 20.08w -01, 20.20 -01 (20.25 -08). qf OLY 100 96; 7 OLY 100 2000 (sf 200); 1 Central American 100 2001/2003; =3 WCH 200 2001; 1 COM 100 2002; 2 WCP 100 2002; 2 WIC 60 2003 (2008-2=); 1 WCH 100 2003 (97/99-ht, 2001-5, 2005-3, 2007-sf); 6 OLY 100 2004 & 200 2008 (sf 100 2008). 1 NCAA indoor 60/200 2001. His third child, Isiah, was born on March 17, 2005 ... coach-Glen Mills In 2008: 3 Kingston 400 (Jan 26); =2 WIC 60; 6 Kingston 100 (May 3); 5 Fort-de-France 100; 2 Ponce 100; 2 Berlin Golden League 100; 1 Moscow Open 100; 1 Zhukovskiy 100; 1 Lille 100; 3 Madrid 100; 6 Rome Golden League 100; 3 Barcelona 200; dq Stockholm 100 'B'; 7 London Grand Prix 100; 7 Monaco 100; 1 Amsterdam 100; 6 OLY 200 (sf 100); 4 Gateshead 100 (6 200); 6 Lausanne 100; 6 Brussels Golden League 100; 5 Rieti 200</p>					
8,	146		RODGERS Mike USA	23y 143d 1985	10.06 10.06 -08
<p>2008 US Indoor Champion at 60m ... 10.01w -08. 200 pb: 20.88 -05/07 (20.92 -08). 4 WIC 60 2008. 1 US indoor 60 2008. Keeps tropical fish, has a 55 gallon tank at his home in St. Louis ... studied Kinesiology (Human Movement) at Oklahoma Baptist University ... coach-Darrell Woodson In 2008: 1 US indoor 60; 4 WIC 60; 2 Penn Relays 100 'B'; 4 Kingston 100; 1 Modesto 100; 4 New York 100 (world record race); 2 Oslo Golden League 100; 2 Moscow Open 100; 4 Ostrava 100 (7 200); 7 US Olympic Trials 100; 4 Thessaloniki 100; 8 Rome Golden League 100; 4 Athens 100; 5 Paris Golden League 100; 3 Stockholm 100 'B'; 4 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco 100 'B'; 3 Paris "DécaNation" 100; 6ht Rieti 100; 3 Rovereto 100</p>					

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Men's 400 Metres

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2008 World Best:	43.75	LaShawn Merritt USA	Beijing	21 Aug 08
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
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1,	166	GABA Kamghe	GER	24y	244d	1984	45.67	45.47 -06	(Kamghe pronounced "Kamga") ... 2005 European under-23 silver ... 5 World Youth Octathlon 2001; 2 EJC 2003 (1 4x400); sf WJC 2004; 7 OLY 4x400 2004; 2 under-23 ECH 2005 (2 4x400); sf ECH 2006. 1 German junior 2002/2003. 45.1 relay split at Athens Olympics ... former Judo player ... coach-Daniel Limburger ... 2.02 tall In 2008: 1 Rehlingen; 5 Geneva 'B'; 1 Kassel; 6 Lille 'B'; 6 German; 1 Wattenscheid; 4ht OLY 4x400 (estimated split of 44.4); 5 Zurich Golden League; 8 Brussels Golden League
2,	23	KIKAYA Gary	COD	28y	222d	1980	44.89	44.10 -06	At the 2006 World Athletics Final he broke the African record which had stood since 1987 (but not near that form since) 200 pb: 20.40 -06 (20.82 -08). sf WCH 2003/2005/2007; 3 WIC 2004; sf OLY 2004/2008; 1 African Champs 2006; 2 WCP 2006. 1 NCAA 2002 (2003-4); 1 NCAA indoor 2003. Lived in South Africa for 10 years while his father was Congo's ambassador ... his first sport was rugby but he felt he could not master the skills required ... speaks Swahili, English, French and Afrikaans ... studied Sociology at the University of Tennessee, graduated in May 2005 ... hobbies and painting, drawing and cooking ... coach-Innocent Egbunike (who was the previous African record holder) In 2008: 2 Athens GA 200; 5 Ponce; 2 Belgrade; 5 Berlin Golden League; 5 Eugene; 5sf OLY; 3 Lausanne; 3 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti (beat Rooney)
3,	14	BROWN Chris	BAH	29y	334d	1978	44.40	44.40 -08	Has finished fourth at the Commonwealth Games, World Championships (twice) and again in Beijing 2008 ht COM 800 98; qf OLY 2000 (4 4x400); 2 WCH 4x400 2001/2005/2007 (2003-3); 7 COM 2002 (3 4x400); sf WIC 2003; sf WCH 2003 (2001-ht); sf OLY 2004 (would have qualified for final but eased off before the finish line); 4 WCH 2005/2007; 3 WIC 2006/2008; 4 COM 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 4 OLY 2008 (2 4x400). 1 Bahamas 2002/2004/2007/2008 ... Bahamas record holder at 800m (1:49.54 -98) ... his parents Nola & Harcourt were both sprinters ... coach-Innocent Egbunike ... 1.78 tall In 2008: 3 WIC; 3 Carson; 3 Berlin Golden League; 2 Oslo Golden League; 1 Bahamian; 3 Rome Golden League; 3 Paris Golden League; 2 Stockholm; 4 OLY (2 4x400); 3 Zurich Golden League
4,	152	WARINER Jeremy	USA	24y	226d	1984	43.82	43.45 -07	Two golds each from Athens 2004, Helsinki 2005 & Osaka 2007 but 'only' individual silver & relay gold in Beijing 2008 200 pb: 20.19 -06 (20.37 -08). 2 Pan-Am Junior 400 2003; 1 OLY 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 400/4x400 2005/2007; 2 OLY 2008 (1 4x400). 1 US 2004/2005. Managed by Michael Johnson ... in 2004 uniquely won NCAA titles at 400m & 4x400m both indoors and out ... student of Outdoor Recreation at Baylor University ... lives-Waco, he is having a four-bedroomed house built in Dallas, the foundations were laid while he was in Beijing ... has two dogs Heidi (St Bernard) & Lady (German Shepherd/Pyrenean Mountain mix) ... coach-Michael Ford (formerly Clyde Hart) In 2008: 2 Sydney 200; 1 Melbourne; 1 Houston 4x400 (44.2 split); 1 Arlington 200; 1 Texas Relays 4x400 (43.6 split); 1 Waco; 1 Penn Relays 4x400 (43.88 split); dns Doha 200 (strained right hamstring/warming up); 1 Carson (38th win from his last 42 races at 400m); 2 Berlin Golden League (win streak ended by LaShawn Merritt); 1 Oslo Golden League (43.98); 1 Ostrava 300; 2 US Olympic Trials (to Merritt); 1 Rome Golden League (by 0.01 from Merritt); 1 Paris Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 2 OLY (44.74, "my first time tightening up since high school"); 1 4x400 with 43.18 split); 1 Zurich Golden League (43.82); 1 Brussels Golden League
5,	141	MERRITT Lashawn	USA	22y	79d	1986	43.75	43.75 -08	2008 Olympic Champion with the widest margin of victory (0.99) since Wyndham Halswelle's "walkover" in 1908 200 pb: 19.98 -07 (19.80w, 20.08 -08). 1 WJC 400 & relays 2004; 1 WIC 4x400 2006 (dq individual ht); 1 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (1 4x400). Ran in heats of 2005 World 4x400, so awarded gold won by USA in final. 1 US junior 200/400 2004. His first sport was baseball ... improved from 47 to 45.25 in 2004, then a world age-18 best of 44.66 in 2005 ... studying Sports Management at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia ... he can play the trumpet, baritone horn, and tuba ... dedicates each race to his late brother, Antwan ... coach-Dwayne Miller In 2008: 1 Raleigh Relays; 1 Greensboro 200 (19.80 with 3.2 wind); 1 Penn Relays 4x400 (44.9 first leg); 1 Baie Mahault; 1 Doha 200; 1 Berlin Golden League (beat Wariner); 1 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials (beat Wariner); 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Rethymno 200; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 OLY 400/4x400; 2 Zurich Golden League; 1 Lausanne
6,	148	TAYLOR Angelo	USA	29y	259d	1978	44.38	44.05 -07	The only athlete with Olympic golds from Sydney 2000 & Beijing 2008 400H pb: 47.25 -08. 3 WJC 400H 96; sf WCH 400H 99/2001; 1 OLY 400H 2000/2008 (2004-sf); 1 WCH 4x400 99/2001/2007; 3 WCH 400 2007; 1 OLY 4x400 2008. 1 NCAA 400H 98; 1 US 400H 99/2000/2001 & flat 400 2002/2007. 1 US indoor 400 99. Overall IAAF Grand Prix Champion 2000. Coach-Innocent Egbunike In 2008: 2 Baie Mahault 400; 2 Fort-de-France 200 'B' (5 400H); 1 Atlanta 200/400; 4 Berlin Golden League 400; 6 Berlin Golden League 400H; 2 Eugene 400; 3 US Olympic Trials 400H (dnf ht 400 which was only 23 minutes after the 400H final); 9 Rome Golden League 400H; 1 Rethymno 400; 3 Paris Golden League 400H; 1 OLY 400H (1 4x400); 1 Zurich Golden League 400H; 2 Lausanne 400
7,	122	WISSMAN Johan	SWE	25y	316d	1982	44.64	44.56 -07	Excellent transition from 200m to 400m in 2007 ... 2008 World indoor silver at 400m 200 pb: 20.30 -07. qf WJC 200 2000; qf WJC 200 2000; 2 EJC 400 2001; sf EIC 200 2002/2005; sf WCH 200 2003/2005; 3 WIC 200 2004 (2003-ht); 2 ECP 200 2004; qf OLY 200 2004; 2 ECH 200 2006 (2002-ht); 4 EIC 400 2007; 7 WCH 400 2007; 2 WIC 400 2008; 8 OLY 400 2008. 1 Swedish 200 2001/2003/2004/2006 (1 100 2004, 400 2002/2005); 1 Swedish indoor 200 2002. Has run 3000m steeplechase in 11:12.75 ... born-Helsingborg ... coach-Kentth Olsson In 2008: 2 WIC 400; 7 Berlin Golden League 400; 8 Oslo Golden League 400; 1 Karlskrona 200; 1 ECP 1st League 200/400; 1 Sundsvall 200; 1 Sollentuna 300; 4 Monaco 400; 1ht Swedish (dns final); 8 OLY 400; 4 Zurich Golden League 400; 5 Brussels Golden League 400; 3 Rieti 400
8,	40	ROONEY Martyn	GBR	21y	164d	1987	44.60	44.60 -08	Sixth at 2008 Olympics ... terrific in relays, a 43.73 split in Beijing 2008 2 EJC 2005 (1 4x400); 4 WCH 4x400 2005 (2007-6); 5 COM 2006; 3 WJC 2006 (3 4x400); ht WCH 2007; 1 ECP 2008; 6 OLY 2008. 1 UK 2008. Born in Croydon of Irish parents, has dual nationality with Ireland ... prevented from competing at the 2004 World Junior Championship because his dual nationality had not been declared in advance ... born-Croydon, lives-Thornthorn Heath ... coach-Nick Dakin ... 1.98 tall In 2008: 1 Mt SAC Relays; 1 Loughborough "international"; 1 Geneva; 1 Ostrava; 1 ECP; 1 Milan; 1 UK Champs; 1 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco; 6 OLY (4 4x400 with 43.73 split); 1 Gateshead; 2 Brussels Golden League; 2 Rieti

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Men's 800 Metres

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2008 World Best: 1:42.69 Abubaker Kaki SUD Oslo 6 Jun 08

AWARDS

1st: \$30,000 5th: \$5000
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	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1, 103	21y	93d	1987	1:45.84	1:45.52 -07
<p>LEWANDOWSKI Marcin POL Fourth at 2006 World Junior Championships ... 1500 pb: 3:43.64 -07 (3:44.94 -08). 7 EJC 1500 2005; 4 WJC 2006; 8 WSG 2007; sf OLY 2008. At WXC: 2006-90 short. 1 Polish 1500 2008 In 2008: 5 Hengelo; 1 Zaragoza; 7 Ostrava; 1 Warsaw; 2 ECP; 1 Nijmegen; 1 Polish; 3 London Grand Prix; 7sf OLY; 6 Lausanne; 3 Rieti 'B'; 2 Rovereto</p>					
2, 71	24y	72d	1984	1:45.53	1:45.1 -07
<p>KIPLAGAT Richard KEN Not the same Richard Kiplagat who was 17th in the 2008 London Marathon 1000 pb: 2:16.96, 2:17.57i -08. dq ht WIC 800 2008. 2 Kenyan 800 2007 In 2008: 2 Irish indoor 800; dq/ht WIC 800; 2 Dakar 800; 4 Belgrade 800; 3 Berlin Golden League 800 'B'; 8 Rabat 800; 4 Peoria; 7 Barcelona 800; 6 Stockholm 1000; 5 London Grand Prix 800; 6 Gateshead 1000; 8 Lausanne 800; 4 Rieti 800 'B'</p>					
3, 89	21y	290d	1986	1:44.01	1:43.89 -06
<p>KIRWA YEGO Alfred KEN In Osaka he won the slowest ever World Champion 800m final but with a 24.6 last 200m ... 2008 Olympic bronze 1500 pb: 3:33.69 -08. 2 WJC 800 2004; 3 African Champs 800 2006; 1 WCH 800 2007 (2005-ht); 3 OLY 800 2008. In 2007 he won only three of his 15 races: these were the heat, semi and final at the World Championships ... coach-Claudio Berradeli (same as Janeth Jepkosgei) In 2008: 4 Doha 800; 3 Hengelo 800; 3 Berlin Golden League 800; 1 Eugene 800 (his only victory since Osaka); 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials 800; 5 Rome Golden League 800; 3 Barcelona 800; 3 OLY 800; 8 Zurich Golden League 1500; 2 Lausanne 800</p>					
4, 124	19y	299d	1988	1:43.72	1:43.72 -08
<p>CHEPKIRWOK Abraham UGA So near (0.02) to a medal in Osaka 2007 where he led at 600m ... 3 WJC 2006; 5 African Games 2007; 4 WCH 2007; sf WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008. Former football player, represented his district schools team in Uganda ... coach-Ricky Simms In 2008: 4sf WIC; 2 Doha; 4 Hengelo; 1 Berlin Golden League (broke the Ugandan record which had stood to Julius Achon since 1996); 5 Oslo Golden League; 2 Madrid; 2 Athens; 1 London Grand Prix; 7sf OLY; 3 Lausanne; 8 Brussels Golden League</p>					
5, 20	25y	169d	1983	1:42.79	1:42.79 -08
<p>KAMEL Youssef Saad BRN TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Gregory Konchellah KEN Asian record holder at 800m ... 2008 World indoor bronze 1500 pb: 3:32.83 -08. sf WCH 800 2005/2007; 1 WCP 800 2006. 1 World Athletics Final 800 2004; 1 Asian Games 800 2006; 1 Asian indoor800 2008; 3 WIC 800 2008 (2004-sf); 5 OLY 800 2008 (2004-ht). The IAAF approved his transfer from November 23, 2003 ... his father is twice World 800m Champion Billy Konchellah In 2008: 1 Asian Indoor Champs 800; 3 WIC 800; 6 Hengelo 800; 1 New York 800; 2 Eugene 800; 3 Rome Golden League 800; 3 Athens 800; 2 Stockholm 1000; 2 Monaco 800 (broke Asian record in close race with Borzakovski); 5 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League 1500; 1 Lausanne 1500; 1 Brussels Golden League 800; 1 Zagreb 1500</p>					
6, 110	28y	5d	1980	1:43.26	1:42.89 -03
<p>MULAUDZI Mbulaeni RSA 2002 Commonwealth Games gold ... 2004 Olympic silver ... 2003 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:39.70 -02. 400 pb: 46.3 -07. 2 African Champs 2000 (2002-3); 1 COM 2002 (4 4x400); 3 WCH 2003 (2001-6, 2005-sf, 2007-7); 2 African Games 2003; 1 WIC 2004 (2006/2008-2); 2 OLY 2004 (2008-sf); 6 African Champs 2006. 1 South African 2001/2002/2003/2007/2008. 1 African Junior 1999 ... Studies Sports Management & Marketing at Vaal University of Technology in Johannesburg ... superstition-likes to have a bib starting with the number 1 ... coach-JP van der Merwe In 2008: 1 Germiston; 1 Oudtshoorn; 2 WIC; 1 South African; 2 Berlin Golden League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 2 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Madrid; 2 Rome Golden League; dnf London Grand Prix; 3 Monaco; 6sf OLY</p>					
7, 167	31y	176d	1977	1:48.26	1:47.15 -07
<p>CO Steffen GER 4 German 2003/2006 (2004-6, 2005-5) In 2008: 3 German indoor; 7 Fort-de-France; 10 Kassel 'B'; 3 Cuxhaven; 13 Oordegem; dnf Karlstad; 6 Paris "DécaNation"</p>					
8, 98	26y	124d	1982	1:44.27	1:43.25 -06
<p>LAALOU Amine MAR Moroccan record holder, set when winning at Rome 2006 with what was the world's second-fastest time that year ht World Youth 99; sf WJC 2000; 2 African junior 2001; 4 WIC 2004 (2006-sf, 2008-ht); sf OLY 2004/2008; 6 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-sf). 1 Moroccan 2003. His first sport was basketball In 2008: 3ht WIC; 2 Hengelo; 4 Berlin Golden League; 2 Rabat; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Tangiers; 1 Barcelona; 4sf OLY</p>					

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Men's 3000 Metres

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2008 World Best: 7:31.83 Edwin Soi KEN Rieti 7 Sep 08

AWARDS

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38	FARAH Mohamed	GBR	25y	185d	1983	7:39.55	7:38.15 -06
<p>2006 European Cross Country Champion & 5000m silver ... 5000 pb: 13:07.00 (13:08.11 -08). 1500 pb: 3:38.02 -06 (3:39.66 -08). 10,000 pb: 27:44.54 -08. Mile pb: 3:56.49 -05. 6 World Youth 3000 99; 10 WJC 5000 2000; 1 EJC 5000 2001; 2 under-23 ECH 5000 2003/2005; 2 ECP 3000 2005/2006; 9 COM 5000 2006; 2 ECH 5000 2006; 5 EIC 3000 2007 (2005-6); 6 WCH 5000 2007 (led at bell); 6 WIC 3000 2008; 1 ECP 5000 2008; ht OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2000-25J, 2001-59J, 2003-74 short, 2006-40 short, 2007-11. At EXC: 99-5J, 2000-7J (fell), 2001-2J, 2002-30J, 2004-15, 2005-21, 2006-1. 1 AAA indoor 3000 2003/2005; 1 UK indoor 3000 2007... born-Mogadishu (SOM), came to Britain in 1993, has several relatives living in the Netherlands ... lives-Teddington where he shares a house with other top British endurance athletes ... advised by Alan Storey and Mark Rowland In 2008: 6 WIC 3000; 2 Carlsbad 5K; 5 Stanford 10,000 (the fastest by a British athlete since 2000); 3 London 10K; 17 Ostrava 5000; 1 ECP 5000; 2 UK Champs 1500; 6 London Grand Prix 3000; 8 Monaco 3000; 6ht OLY 5000 5000; 5 Gateshead 3000; 4 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
64	CHEBII Abraham	KEN	28y	265d	1979	7:36.08	7:33.42 -06
<p>Silver in 2005 World Short XC ... 5000 pb: 12:52.99 -03 (13:08.88 -08). 10,000 pb: 27:04.20 -01. 1 Grand Prix Final 3000 2002; 5 WCH 5000 2003; dnf OLY 5000 final 2004 (calf injury). At WXC: 2000-5 short, 2002-24 short, 2005-2 short. Full name: Abraham Chebii Kosgei ... once was very fast at finish, in 2003 ran a sub-25 last 200m in a 12:57 5000m race In 2008: 6 Stuttgart 3000; 7 Valencia 3000; 3 Birmingham 2M; 3 Stockholm 3000; 1 Dublin 10K; 6 Rabat 5000; 6 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 7 Rome Golden League 5000; 3 Paris Golden League 3000; 10 Stockholm 3000; 3 Monaco 3000; 12 Zurich Golden League 5000; 7 Rieti 3000</p>							
69	KIGEN Mike	KEN	22y	242d	1986	7:37.66	7:35.87 -06
<p>2006 Kenyan Champion at 5000m ... full name-Mike Kipruto Kigen ... 5000 pb: 12:58.58 -06 (13:09.84 -08). 10,000 pb: 28:03.70 -06. 2 African Champs 5000/10,000 2006; 2 WCP 5000 2007. At WXC: 2006-5 long (team gold). 1 Kenyan 5000 2006 In 2008: 1 Cork 3000; 4 Joensuu 2000; 1 Great Capital Run (London) 10K; 2 London Grand Prix 3000; 6 Monaco 3000; 4 Gateshead 3000; 6 Brussels Golden League 5000; 3 Zagreb 3000</p>							
76	KIPTOO Mark	KEN	32y	84d	1976	7:36.43	7:36.43 -08
<p>Full name-Mark Kosgei Kiptoo Member of Kenyan Air Force, he served on peacekeeping missions in Burundi 5000 pb: 13:06.60 -08. 10,000 pb: 27:14.67 -08. 9 African Games 5000 2007; 1 World Military Games 5000 2007 (2 10,000). 2 Kenyan 5000 2007. At WXC: 2008-14 In 2008: 3 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 2 Kenyan XC ("I went to the front too early and as a result I burnt myself"); 14 WXC; 3 Heillecourt 8.8K; 3 French 10K; 2 Dakar 3000; 4 Eugene 10,000; 1 Kenyan 5000; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000; 4 Rome Golden League 5000; 5 Paris Golden League 3000; 5 London Grand Prix 3000; 4 Monaco 3000; 7 Zurich Golden League 5000; 9 Brussels Golden League 10,000</p>							
82	KOSGEI Shadrack	KEN	23y	293d	1984	7:43.08	7:41.51 -07
<p>5000 pb: 13:01.06 -05 (13:13.51 -08). At WXC: 2007-10 short In 2008: 8 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 8 Sydney; 2 Melbourne 5000; 2 Australian 3000; 6 New Orleans 10K; 3 Mobile AL 10K; 6 Carlsbad 5K; 1 New York 5000; 6 Eugene 2M; 3 Tangiers 5000; 7 Barcelona 5000; 11 Stockholm 3000; paced London Grand Prix 3000; 7 Gateshead 3000; 14 Brussels Golden League 5000; 5 Zagreb 3000</p>							
86	SOI Edwin	KEN	22y	195d	1986	7:31.83	7:31.83 -08
<p>2008 Olympic 5000m bronze ... 10,000 pb: 27:14.83 -06. 5000 pb: 12:52.40 -06 (13:06.22 -08). 4 WIC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2006-8 short, 2007-9. Self-coached ... Il-lain-managed, he stays in Trento when competing in Europe ... as of 2008 he owns a small block of flats and five-scre farm in his home town of Kericho ... wife-Caroline, their daughter Chelangat born July 5, 2005 He won 3000m & 5000m double at 2007 World Athletics Final In 2008: 4 WIC 3000; 1 Dongio 10K; 2 Doha 3000; 2 Hengelo 5000; 7 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 1 Paris Golden League 3000; 3 OLY 5000; 4 Zurich Golden League 5000; 1 Rieti 3000 (world lead 7:31.83)</p>							
87	SONGOK Boniface	KEN	27y	262d	1980	7:37.41	7:30.62 -04
<p>5000 pb: 12:55.85 -05 (13:13.23 -08). At WXC: 2004-21 short. Not related to Isaac Songok In 2008: 7 Carlsbad 5K; 4 Stanford 5000; 18 Berlin Golden League 5000; 4 Turin 3000; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000 (so just mixed Olympic selection); 8 Rome Golden League 5000; 6 Paris Golden League 3000; 8 Stockholm 3000; 5 Monaco 3000; 9 Zurich Golden League 5000; 10 Gateshead 3000; 4 Rieti 3000</p>							
88	SONGOK Isaac	KEN	24y	141d	1984	7:35.06	7:28.72 -06
<p>Full name-Isaac Kiprono Songok 2003 Kenyan 1500m Champion ... 2001 World Youth 1500m Champion 5000 pb: 12:48.66 -06 (13:06.25 -08). 1500 pb: 3:30.99 -04 (3:41.10 -08). 1 World Youth 1500 2001; 7 WJC 1500 2002; 9 WCH 1500 2003; 12 OLY 1500 2004; 10 WCH 5000 2005 (2007-ht); 2 African Champs 5000 2008. At WXC: 2004-7 short, 2005- 3 short. 2006-2 short. 1 Kenyan junior 2002 & senior 2003. Three sisters & four brothers ... second of seven children ... from same village at Bernard Lagat ... in Linz 2001 broke the 37 year-old world youth mile best of Jim Ryun In 2008: 10 Kenyan XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial 5000; 2 African Champs 5000; 6 Doha 3000; 10 Oslo "Dream" Mile; 3 Ostrava 5000; 5 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 2 Stockholm 3000; 2 Monaco 3000; 2 Gateshead 3000; 2 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
109	KWALIA James	QAT	24y	93d	1984	7:38.75	7:28.28 -04
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: KEN (has retained original name) Twice Asian Champion at 5000m 5000 pb: 12:54.58 -03 (13:04.70 -08). Mile pb: 3:50.39 -03. 3 World Youth 3000 2001; 13 WCH 5000 2005; 1 Asian Champs 5000 2005; 1 Asian Games 5000 2006; 9 WIC 3000 2008; 8 OLY 5000 2008. Received Qatar passport on August 5, 2004 and cleared to compete for that country from October 28, 2004. At WXC: 2005-15 short In 2008: 3 Asian Indoor Champs 3000; 9 WIC 3000; 11 Doha 3000; 1 Milan 5000; 6 Liège 3000; 4 Heusden 5000; 7 Monaco 3000; 8 OLY 5000; 5 Rieti 3000; 3 Rovereto 5000</p>							

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LAGAT Bernard USA**33y** 276d 1974 **7:34.65i** **7:33.51 -00**

2000 Olympic 1500m bronze & 2004 silver for Kenya, now the US record holder at 1500m ... 2007 World Champion at 1500m & 5000m
 5000 pb: 12:59.22 -06 (13:16.29 -08). 1500 pb: 3:26.34 -01 (3:32.75 -08). 800 pb: 1:46.00 -03. 1 WSG 1500 99; 2 WCH 1500 2001; 1
 African Champs 1500 2002; 1 WCP 1500 2002; 2 WIC 1500 2003; 1 WIC 3000 2004 (2001-6); 2 OLY 1500 2004 (2000-3, 2008-sf); 1 WCH
 1500/5000 2007; 9 OLY 5000 2008. 1 US 1500/5000 2006/2008 (1 5000 2007). Was at Washington State University where he obtained
 degrees in both Management Information Systems and Decision Science ... married Gladys Tom on October 10, 2004, their son Miika
 Kimutai Lagat born January 12, 2006 ... coach-James Li
 In 2008: 4/4 wins indoors; 1 Stanford 5000; 1 Carson 1500; 1 Eugene 2M; 1 US Olympic Trials 1500/5000; 3 London Grand Prix Mile; 9
 OLY 5000 (sf 1500); 1 Gateshead 1000; 1 Rieti 1500

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SOLINSKY Chris USA**23y** 282d 1984 **7:41.90** **7:36.90 -07**

2007 US Collegiate Champion at 5000m indoors & out ... 5000 pb: 13:12.24 -07. 1500 pb: 3:37.27 -07. 3 NCAA XC 2005; 1 NCAA 5000
 indoors & out 2007, representing the University of Wisconsin where he studied history ... lives-Madison, Wisconsin ... German descent ...
 coach-Jerry Schumaker
 In 2008: 3 Notre Dame 3000; 2 US indoor 3000; 7ht WIC 3000; 4 Tempe 1500; 10 Stanford 1500; 5 Beaverton Mile; 4 Eugene 2M; 5 US
 Olympic Trials 5000; 16 Heusden 5000; 11 Monaco 3000; 8 Gateshead 3000; 8 Rieti 3000; 7 Zagreb 3000

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TEGENKAMP Matt USA**26y** 238d 1982 **7:40.75** **7:34.98 -06**

So near (0.03) to 2007 World 5000m bronze ... 1500 pb: 3:34.25 -07. 5000 pb: 13:04.90 -06 (13:25.71 -08). 3 WCP 5000 2006; 4 WCH
 5000 2007; 13 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2001-5J. 1 US junior XC 2001; 2 US Champs 5000 2006 & indoor 3000 2007/2008. Was at
 University of Wisconsin
 In 2008: 1 US indoor 3000; 2 Tempe 1500; 1 Stanford 1500 'B'; 10 Hengelo 5000; 2 US Olympic Trials 5000; 4 Stockholm 3000; 13 OLY
 5000; 6 Gateshead 3000; 13 Brussels Golden League 5000; 1 Zagreb 3000

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Men's 400 Metres Hurdles

Sat/15:45

2008 World Best: 47.25 Angelo Taylor USA Beijing 18 Aug 08

AWARDS

1st: \$30,000 5th: \$5000
 2nd: \$20,000 6th: \$4000
 3rd: \$12,000 7th: \$3000
 4th: \$7000 8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best		
1, 54	BUCKLEY Markino	JAM	22y	151d	1986	48.50	48.50 -08
2008 Olympic finalist ... had not bettered 52 seconds before 2007 2 Central American junior 2004; sf WJC 2004; dnf ht WCH 2007; 7 OLY 2008 In 2008: 1 Spanish Town; 6 Kingston; 1 Mt SAC Relays 'B'; 1 Fort-de-France; 3 Rio de Janeiro; 2 Belém; 3 Jamaican; 6 Rome Golden League; 3 London Grand Prix; 7 OLY; 8 Zurich Golden League; 3 Gateshead; 5 Brussels Golden League; 1 Dubnica							
2, 59	PHILLIPS Isa	JAM	24y	144d	1984	48.78	48.51 -07
2007 US Collegiate Champion ... 400 flat pb: 48.65 -07. sf World Youth 2001; 2 Pan-Am junior 2003; sf WCH 2007; sf OLY 2008. 1 NCAA 2007. Was a student of Political Science at Louisiana State University ... 1.96 tall In 2008: 6 Kingston; 3 Doha; 1 Dakar; 3 Belém; 2 Jamaican; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; 5 Rome Golden League; 1 Lucerne 'B'; 5sf OLY; 6 Zurich Golden League; 3 Brussels Golden League; 2 Rieti							
3, 111	VAN ZYL LJ	RSA	23y	56d	1985	48.22	48.05 -06
2006 Commonwealth Games & twice African Champion ... 3 World Youth Medley Relay 2001; 1 WJC 2002 (2004-4); 2 WJC 4x400 2004; 6 WCH 2005 (2007-ht); 1 COM 2006; 1 African Champs 2006/2008; 2 WCP 2006; 1 African Games 2007; 5 OLY 2008. 1 South African junior 2002/2003. 1 South African 2003/2005/2006/2008 ... superstition-hangs his running vest above his bed before a race ... actual first names are Louis Jacobus ... studying Human Movement Science at the University of Pretoria In 2008: 3 Potchefstroom 400; 2 Durban; 4 Germiston; 1 South African; 1 South African Universities; 1 African Champs (1 4x400); 1 Doha; 4 Berlin Golden League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens; 5 Paris Golden League; 5 OLY; 5 Zurich Golden League; 4 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti							
4, 132	CLEMENT Kerron	USA	22y	318d	1985	47.79	47.24 -05
2008 Olympic silver ... 2007 World Champion despite stuttering before several of the hurdles ... he had the world's fastest time in 2005, 2006 & 2007 110H pb: 13.78 -04. 400 pb: 44.48 -07. 1 WJC 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 2007 (2004-4); 2 OLY 2008 (ran in heat of 4x400, so awarded gold won by USA in final). 1 US 2005/2006. 1 NCAA 2004/2005. Broke Michael Johnson's world indoor record at 400m with 44.57 in 2005. Born and grew up in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, moved to Texas in 1998 ... student of Business at the University of Florida ... began as a cross country runner ... ideal stride pattern: 13 all the way ... coach-Bobby Kersee In 2008: 1 Kingston; 4 Carson; 1 New York; 7 Eugene; 2 US Olympic Trials; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Paris Golden League; 6 Stockholm 400; 1 London Grand Prix; 2 OLY; 2 Zurich Golden League							
5, 58	MCFARLANE Danny	JAM	36y	91d	1972	48.30	48.00 -04
2004 Olympic silver ... five successive World relay medals ... 400 pb: 44.90 -95. sf COM 400 94; sf WCH 400 95/99; 2 WCH 4x400 95 (97/99/2001/2003-3); 1 Central American 400 97/2001; 1 Pan-Am Games 4x400 99; 8 OLY 400 2000 (3 4x400); 3 WIC 4x400 2001; 4 WCH 400H 2003 (2005-sf, 2007-5); 2 OLY 400H 2004 (2004-4). 1 Jamaican 400H 2003/2004/2006/2007/2008. He's the only athlete since 1936 to have competed in Olympic finals at both 400m hurdles (2004) and flat (2000) ... lives-Norman, Oklahoma ... two sons Sway (5) & Will (1) In 2008: 1 Norman (Apr 12); 2 Kingston (May 3); 2 Doha; 1 Ponce; 2 New York; 2 Oslo Golden League; 1 Jamaican; 3 Rome Golden League; 2 Athens; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 Monaco; 4 OLY (set world over-35 best 48.30); 3 Zurich Golden League; 1 Padua; 2 Brussels Golden League He retired briefly in 2007, now he says he will continue in 2009							
6, 139	McCOY Reuben	USA	22y	182d	1986	48.37	48.37 -08
1 Pan-American junior 2005; 1 US junior 2005. Coach-Melvin Rosen ... graduated in English from Auburn University ... trademark-he says he always wears his headband upside down In 2008: 1 Tempe; 1 Baton Rouge; 1 Fayetteville; 2 NCAA; 7 US Olympic Trials; 1 Kortrijk; 3 Athens; 1 Lucerne; 6 Paris Golden League; 5 London Grand Prix; 3 Monaco; 5 Gateshead							
7, 106	PLAWGO Marek	POL	27y	201d	1981	48.52	48.12 -07
Twice sixth in Olympic finals ... Two bronzes from Osaka 2007 ... 2006 European silver ... 2002 European Indoor Champion at 400m 400 pb: 45.35 -02. 4 EJC 99; 1 WJC 2000 (3 4x400); 2 ECP 2001/2005/2007 (3 400 flat 2002); sf WCH 2001; 8 WSG 2001; 1 EIC 400/4x400 2002; 4 ECH 400 2002; 1 under-23 ECH 400/4x400 2003; 6 OLY 2004/2008; 2 ECH 2006; 3 WCP 2006; 3 WCH 400H/4x400 2007. 1 Polish 2003/2005/2006/2007/2008 ... his first love was basketball but they didn't do it at his school so he turned to athletics ... lifelong coach-Jan Widera In 2008: 3 Berlin Golden League; 4 Oslo Golden League; 2 ECP; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Polish; 4 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco; 6 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead; 7 Brussels Golden League; 3 Rieti Won at the 2007 World Athletics Final							
8, 129	BENNETT LaRon	USA	25y	293d	1982	48.94	48.74 -05
400 pb: 46.41 -06. 1 North & Central American & Caribbean 2008; 3 Pan-Am Games 2007 In 2008: 1 Florida Relays; 2 Athens GA; 1 Azusa; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 3 Fort-de-France; 2 Ponce; 6 New York (May 31); 1 New York (Jun 7); 8 US Olympic Trials; 2 Madrid; 1 Lahti; 1 Lignano; 6 Gateshead; 1 Riga							

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Men's High Jump

Sat/16:30

2008 World Best: 2.38 Andrey Silnov RUS London 25 Jul 08

AWARDS

1st: \$30,000 5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000 6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000 7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000 8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	143		NIETO Jamie USA	31y 315d 1976	2.30 2.34 -04
<p>Twice US Champion ... fourth in 2004 Olympics ... 2 Pan-Am Games 2003 (2007-7); 7 WCH 2003 (2007-dnq); 9 WIC 2004; 4 OLY 2004. 1 US 2003/2004 ... mother-Mexican ... born-Seattle ... lives-Chula Vista, California ... 1.95 tall In 2008: 3 US indoor; 3 Sacramento; 1 Claremont; 2 Mt SAC Relays; 4 Drake Relays; 2 Dakar; 2 Provo; 6 Eugene; 2 Burnaby; =2 US Olympic Trials (but not selected for the Games as he did not have the 'A' standard in time); 1 Cork; =6 Stockholm; 3 Karlstad; 6 Gateshead; 6 Dubnica</p>					
2,	158		RYBAKOV Yaroslav RUS	27y 295d 1980	2.34 2.35 -07
<p>2006 World Indoor Champion, otherwise six world silvers (3 out & 3 in) & now Olympic bronze 2.38i -08. 5 WJC 98; 3 EJC 99; 1 ECP 2001/2003 (2002-2); =2 WCH 2001/2005, 2 2007 (2003-9); 1 ECH 2002 (2006-5); 1 WCP 2002; 2 EIC 2005 (2002-3); 1 WIC 2006 (2001-7, 2003/2004/2008-2); 3 OLY 2008 (2004-6). 1 Russian 2003/2004/2007/2008 & Russian indoor 2004/2008. Born-Belarus ... coach/father Vladimir Rybakov (he says his father is also his physio & motivator) ... 1.98 tall In 2008: 1 Russian indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Turin; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Somoosko; 2 Thessaloniki; 1 Russian; 1 Karlstad (beat Stefan Holm); 3 OLY; 3 Lausanne</p>					
3,	121		THÖRNBLAD Linus SWE	23y 192d 1985	2.31 2.34 -06
<p>2006 World indoor bronze ... winner at 2006 World Athletics Final 2.35i -08. dnq World Youth 2001; 3 EJC 2003; 4 WJC 2004 (2002-dnq); dnq OLY 2004; 3 WIC 2006; 4 ECH 2006; 2 EIC 2007 (2005-dnq); 1 under-23 ECH 2007 (2005-10); 15 WCH 2007. ... coach-Stanislaw Szczyrba ... former football player who discovered his talent for high jump by accident at age 15, he cleared 2.00 in his second ever competition ... mother was a distance runner, father was a bodybuilder ... 1.80 tall, so shorter than Stefan Holm yet he has achieved a standing high jump of 1.75 In 2008: 1 Gothenburg; 4 Salamanca; 3 Thessaloniki; 2 Stockholm; 3 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco; 2 Swedish; dnq OLY; 1 FIN v SWE; =7 Lausanne</p>					
4,	17		KGOSIEMANG Kabelo BOT	22y 250d 1986	2.34 2.34 -08
<p>Twice African Champion ... 2007 African Games Champion ... Botswanan record holder 1 African Champs 2006/2008; 4 WCP 2006; 1 African Games 2007; 9 WCH 2007; dnq OLY 2008 ... based-Cologne ... coach-Wolfgang Ritzdorf ... 1.88 tall In 2008: 1 African Champs; 1 Dakar; 1 Rehlingen; 2 Algiers; 4 Bühl; 11 Athens; =3 Stockholm; 10 Monaco; dnq OLY; =6 Lausanne</p>					
5,	39		MASON Germaine GBR	25y 166d 1983	2.34 2.34 -03/-8
<p>2008 Olympic silver, the highest ever British Olympic placing in his event ... ex-Jamaica, cleared to compete for Britain from March 8, 2006 ... 2003 Pan-American Champion ... Jamaican record holder indoors & out ... World junior silver in 2000 & bronze in 2002 1 Central American junior 2000/2002; 2 WJC 2000 (2002-3); 5 COM 2002; dnq WIC 2003; 5 WCH 2003 (2007-dnq); =3 WIC 2004 (tore knee ligament); 3 ECP 2006 (2007-8); dnq ECH 2006; 2 OLY 2008. 1 Jamaican 2000/2002/2003/2005 ... started as a 400m runner, then a footballer then a basketball player ... mother-Carol was a long jumper and was born in Jamaica but has lived in London (Acton) since 1994; father-David was 100m runner and was born in London but now lives in Jamaica ... 1.87 tall</p> <p>He is again a member of the Stephen Francis "MVP" Track Club group after having left at the time of his transfer to Britain in 2006</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Kingston (Mar 22); 1 Kingston (Apr 12); 1 Mt SAC Relays; 4 Uberlândia; 5 Fortaleza; 1 Kingston; 5 Eugene; 6 Salamanca; 2 UK Champs; 1 Liège; 3 Barcelona; 2 London Grand Prix; 2 OLY; 1 Gateshead; 2 Lausanne; 2 Dubnica</p>					
6,	153		WILLIAMS Jesse USA	24y 261d 1983	2.30 2.33 -07
<p>US Collegiate Champion indoors & out in 2005 and 2006, representing the University of Southern California 2.32i -08. =4 WJC 2002; dnq WCH 2005/2007; dnq OLY 2008. 1 NCAA in/out 2005/2006. He wrestled in high school and was once fifth at the North Carolina state wrestling championships ... coach-Ron Alice ... 1.83 tall In 2008: 2 US indoor; =6 WIC; 5 Oxford MS; 7 Drake Relays; 3 Monroe; 1 Denton; 1 Provo; 16 Fayetteville; 3 Eugene; 1 Burnaby; 1 US Olympic Trials; =3 Stockholm; 5 London Grand Prix; 8 Monaco; dnq OLY; 2 Gateshead; =7 Lausanne; 2 Moscow "Russian Challenge"</p>					
7,	114		SILNOV Andrey RUS	24y 4d 1984	2.38 2.38 -08
<p>2008 Olympic Champion ... 2006 European Champion ... 9 under-23 ECH 2005; 1 ECP 2006/2008; 1 ECH 2006; 2 WCP 2006; =11 WCH 2007; 1 OLY 2008. 1 Russian 2006 & indoor 2007 ... 1.98 tall In 2008: 3 Russian indoor; 1 Eugene; 1 ECP; 4 Eberstadt; 2 Russian Cup/Tula; 2 Vladimir Kuts Memorial; 4 Russian; 1 London Grand Prix (2.38); 1 Monaco (2.33); 1 OLY (2.36); 1 Lausanne (2.35); 1 Moscow "Russian Challenge" (2.33)</p> <p>Originally not selected for Beijing, then he jumped 2.38 in London & 2.33 in Monaco, winning each time and so was included in the Russian team at the expense of Andrey Tereshin</p>					
8,	119		HOLM Stefan SWE	32y 111d 1976	2.37 2.37 -08
<p>Olympic Champion in Athens, fourth in Sydney & Beijing He has jumped a record 59cm over his own height of 1.81 (indoors) 6 EJC 95; 1 ECP 2000 (96-7); 1 WIC 2001/2003/2004 (97-8=, 99-6=, 2006-5); 2 ECH 2002 (98-7, 2006-3); 2 WCH 2003 (99-10=, 2001-4=, 2005-7, 2007-4); 1 OLY 2004 (2000/2008-4); 1 EIC 2005/2007 (98-dnq, 2000-4, 2002-2). 1 Swedish 98-2008. 1 Swedish indoor 97-2004/2006/2007/2008. Born-Forshaga ... coach/father Johnny Holm ... wife-Anna Lycke ... son Melwin born October 12, 2004 ... 1.81 tall</p> <p>A total of 131 competitions above 2.30 (he's one of the few top-class athletes who keeps his own count of such statistics)</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Swedish indoor; 1 WIC (total of 8/9 wins indoors) ; 1 ECP 1st League; 5 Eberstadt; 1 Salamanca; 1 Thessaloniki; 1 Athens; 1 Kil; 1 Stockholm; 2 Karlstad; 1 Swedish (11th time) ; 4 OLY; 2 FIN v SWE; =5 Lausanne; 1 Dubnica</p> <p>He says this is his farewell contest – "I just want to live a normal life."</p>					

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Men's Triple Jump

Sat/17:20

2008 World Best: 17.67 Nelson Évora POR Beijing 21 Aug 08

AWARDS

1st: \$30,000 5th: \$5000
 2nd: \$20,000 6th: \$4000
 3rd: \$12,000 7th: \$3000
 4th: \$7000 8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best	
1, 15	SANDS Leevan	BAH	27y	29d 1981	17.59	17.59 -08
2003 World triple jump bronze & one centimetre away from a medal in 2005 17.55w -07. LJ pb: 8.28w -03, 8.13 -05 (7.74 -08). 1 Central American & Caribbean junior TJ 98/2000; 6 Pan-Am Games TJ 99/2007; 5 WJC TJ 2000 (98-dnq); 3 COM TJ 2002; 1 Central American & Caribbean TJ 2003/2008 (2005-3); 3 WCH TJ 2003 (2005-4, 2007-dnq); 3 OLY TJ 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 NCAA LJ 2003 & TJ 2004. At Auburn University, studying adult education ... served six-month doping suspension in 2006 ... nickname "Skelly" tattooed on left shoulder (because he was once skeleton thin) ... coach-Henry Rolle ... 1.90 tall In 2008: dnq WIC TJ; 1 Atlanta LJ; 1 Auburn TJ; 1 Baton Rouge TJ; 2 Doha TJ; 3 Rio de Janeiro TJ; 3 São Paulo TJ; 2 Belém TJ; 3 Eugene TJ; 1 Bahamian TJ; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs TJ; 6 Stockholm TJ; 5 London Grand Prix LJ; 5 Monaco TJ; 3 OLY TJ; 2 Lausanne TJ; 2 Dubnica TJ						
2, 108	EVORA Nelson	POR	24y	146d 1984	17.67	17.74 -07
In Beijing 2008 became Portugal's first ever Olympic Champion or medallist in a field event LJ pb: 8.10 -07 (8.02i, 7.99 -08). 1 European Youth LJ 2001; 6 WJC TJ 2002 (dnq LJ); 1 EJC LJ/TJ 2003; dnq OLY TJ 2004; 4 ECH TJ 2006 (6 LJ); 5 EIC TJ 2007; 1 WCH TJ 2007 (2005-dnq), 3 WIC TJ 2008 (2004-dnq, 2006-3); 1 OLY TJ 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 Portuguese TJ 2002/2004/2006/2007 (1 LJ 2006/2007). 1 Portuguese junior indoor HJ 2000 ... student of marketing and publishing ... he can play the flute ... began at high jump but gave up after a serious knee injury ... always competes wearing a sports watch which he bought with the first ever prize money he won as an athlete ... lifelong coach is João Gança In 2008: 3 WIC TJ; 2 Zaragoza LJ; 1 Portuguese Clubs LJ/TJ; 1 ECP 1st League LJ/TJ; 1 Madrid TJ; 1 Athens TJ; 2 Monaco TJ; 1 OLY TJ; 4 Lausanne TJ						
3, 168	FRIEDEK Charles Michael	GER	37y	19d 1971	17.04	17.59 -97/99
1999 World Champion indoors & out ... 17.09w -08. 12 WJC 90; dnq OLY 96/2000/2004; 1 WCP 98 (2002-3); 1 WIC 99 (97/2001-4); 2 WSG 97 (97-5); 1 WCH 99 (97-11, 2005-dnq); 1 EIC 2000 (98-2); 2 ECH 2002 (98-6); 1 ECP 2005 (96-4, 97/99/2002-3, 2001-8). Fouled out Sydney 2000 final & Athens 2004 qualifying. 1 German 96/97/98/99/2000/2002/2005/2008. 1 German indoor 97/98/99/2000. Mother-American, father-German ... coach-Sebastian Hess In 2008: 1 German indoor; 1 Garbsen; 1 Münster; 1 Ratio Cup; 3 Regensburg; 1 Ohrdruf; 6 ECP; 1 Wesel; 4 Bydgoszcz; 1 German (8th time); 3 Tangiers; 1 Lucerne; 5 London Grand Prix; 1 Bottrop; 7 Dubnica Controversially not selected for Beijing. He was nominated by his federation but this was not accepted by the German Olympic Committee						
4, 18	GREGORIO Jadel	BRA	27y	362d 1980	17.30	17.90 -07
World silvers indoors & out ... 2007 Pan-American Champion ... LJ pb: 8.26w, 07, 8.22 -04. 1 South American TJ 2001; 3 WSG TJ 2001; 1 Ibero-American TJ 2002; 4 WCP TJ 2002; 2 WIC TJ 2004/2006 (2003-5); 5 OLY TJ 2004 (2008-6); 1 Pan-Am Games 2007 (2003-2); 2 WCH TJ 2007 (2003-5, 2005-6). 1 Brazilian TJ 2001/2002/2003/2004/2007 (1 LJ 2002) ... 2.00 tall, his inside leg measures one metre ... wife-Samara, their son Jadé born April 17, 2006, daughter Sahara born June 10, 2007 ... has been living & training in Great Britain since October 2005, coached by Peter Stanley (ex-coach of Jonathan Edwards) In 2008: 3 São Paulo LJ; 1 Uberlândia TJ; 1 Fortaleza TJ; 2 Rio de Janeiro TJ (4 LJ); 4 São Paulo TJ; 4 Belém TJ; 1 Eugene TJ; 1 Brazilian TJ; 4 Stockholm TJ; 6 Monaco TJ; 6 OLY TJ; 1 Gateshead TJ; 1 Lausanne TJ; 5 Dubnica TJ						
5, 165	DAVIS Walter	USA	29y	74d 1979	17.12	17.71 -06
2005 World gold then 2007 bronze ... twice 11th in Olympic finals 17.20w -08. LJ pb: 8.36 -06. 11 OLY TJ 2000; 2 WCP TJ 2002; 2 WIC TJ 2003; 7 WCH LJ 2003 (dnq TJ); 11 OLY TJ 2004 (dnq LJ); 1 WCH TJ 2005 (dnq LJ); 1 WIC TJ 2006; 1 WCP TJ 2006; 3 WCH TJ 2007 (dnq LJ). 1 US TJ 2002/2005/2006 (1 indoor 2006). ... on left bicep has tattoo of Louisiana ... graduate of sociology from Louisiana State University ... lives-Baton Rouge, Louisiana ... his father Joe Davis was a former Louisiana State Champion at triple jump ... coach-Irving Schexnayder ... he is in training to become an Real Estate Agent after retiring from athletics ... 1.88 tall In 2008: 6 Baie Mahault LJ; 5 Kingston LJ; 4 US Olympic Trials TJ (2nd to 4th in last round); 7 Athens TJ; 3 Lucerne TJ; 6 London Grand Prix TJ; 10 Monaco TJ; 7 Lausanne TJ; 3 Dubnica TJ						
6, 118	VALUKEVIC Dmitrij	SVK	27y	106d 1981	17.46	17.57 -03
2003 European under-23 Champion ... father and coach were world-class triple jumpers, but now he has jumped further than both men 9 WJC 2000; dnq EIC 2002; 1 under-23 ECH 2003 (2001-5); 4 WIC 2004; 10 WCH 2005 (2003/2007-dnq); dnq ECH 2006. 1 Slovak 2005/2006/2007. Coach-Vitold Krejer (was also coach to Sanyeyev), father-Gennadiy Valyukevich (17.53 in 1986), mother Irina Valyukevich (7.17 LJ in 1987) ... ex-Belarus, his transfer to SVK approved by IAAF from August 9, 2005 In 2008: 5 WIC; 1 European Clubs Cup (3 LJ); 1 Moscow Open; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 ECP 2nd League; 3 Bydgoszcz; 2 Stockholm; 3 Monaco; dnq OLY; 3 Lausanne; 1 Dubnica						
7, 159	BADJI Ndiss Kaba	SEN	24y	358d 1983	17.07	17.07 -08
Sixth in 2008 Olympic Long Jump, seventh at 2007 Worlds ... 2008 African Champion at Triple Jump LJ pb: 8.30w, 8.20 -04 (8.16 -08). 2 African junior TJ 2001 (4 LJ); 9 WJC TJ 2002 (dnq LJ); 5 WSG LJ 2003; 2 African Games LJ 2003 (4 TJ); 2 Afro-Asian Games LJ 2003 (5 TJ); dnq OLY TJ 2004/2008; 1 African Games TJ 2007; 7 WCH LJ 2007; 1 African Champs TJ 2008 (2004-2); 6 OLY LJ 2008 ... doping suspension 2005-2007 ... based-Dakar ... 1.93 tall In 2008: 1 African Champs TJ; 2 Dakar TJ; 3 Athens TJ; 6 Barcelona LJ; 9 Monaco TJ; 6 OLY LJ (dnq TJ); 11 Lausanne TJ; 4 Brussels Golden League LJ; 2 Rieti LJ						
8, 47	LEWIS Randy	GRN	27y	334d 1980	17.49	17.49 -08
Grenada record holder ... has been living in Germany since 2005 ... 8 COM LJ 2002; dnq OLY 2004/2008; dnq WCH 2005; 6 COM 2006; 7 Pan-American Games 2007; dnq WIC 2008. Marketinbg Graduate from Wichita State University ... based-Leverkusen ... coach-Gerd Osenburg In 2008: dnq WIC; 1 Doha; 1 Dakar; 1 São Paulo; 1 Belém; 4 Kalamata; 2 Haniá; 5 Stockholm; 1 Monaco; dnq OLY (despite 17.06); 2 Gateshead; 8 Lausanne						

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Men's Shot Put

Sat/17:25

2008 World Best:	22.12	Adam Nelson USA	Eugene	8 Jun 08
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AWARDS

1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	162		SACK Peter GER	29y 49d 1979	21.19 21.19 -08
Twice European Cup winner ... 3 EJC 97; 4 WJC 98; 9 under-23 ECH 2001; dng OLY 2004; dng EIC 2005; 1 ECP 2007/2008; dng nm WCH 2007; 8 WIC 2008. 1 German 2007 (1 indoor 2008). His older brother Rene Sack was also an international shot putter ... coach-Klaus Schnieder ... 1.92/134kg In 2008: 3 Düsseldorf; 1 German indoor; 8 WIC; 1 Versmold; 2 Hengelo; 1 Neuwied-Engers; 1 Schönebeck; 1 ECP; 2 German; 5 Stockholm; 6 Monaco; 2 Wattenscheid; dng OLY; 1 Sondershausen; 2 Bottrop; 1 Bad Köstritz; 2 Paris "DécaNation"					
2,	22		ARMSTRONG Dylan CAN	27y 242d 1981	21.04 21.04 -08
Canadian record holder ... 2007 Pan-American Champion ... 2007 World finalist HT pb: 71.51 -03. 1 Pan-Am Junior HT 99; 2 WJC HT 2000; dng WCH HT 2001; 1 Pan-Am Games SP 2007; 9 WCH SP 2007; 4 OLY SP 2008. 1 Canadian HT 2001/2002; 1 Canadian SP 2005/2006/2007/2008. Was at University of Texas ... hometown-Kamloops, BC ... 1.93/114kg In 2008: dng WIC; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 4 Modesto; 3 Carson; 3 Hengelo; 1 Belgrade; 3 Zaragoza; 4 Eugene; 1 Victoria; 1 Burnaby; 1 Canadian; 1 Heusden; 4 Stockholm; 4 OLY; 2 Padua; 3 Zagreb					
3,	61		SCOTT Dorian JAM	26y 255d 1982	21.45 21.45 -08
Jamaican record holder ... 2005 Central American & Caribbean Champion ... missed 2006 Commonwealth gold by one centimetre 1 Central American & Caribbean 2005; dng WCH 2005; 2 COM 2006; 5 WCP 2006; 2 Pan-Am Games 2007; fouled out final of WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008. 1 Jamaican 2003/2004/2005/2006/2008. Was Florida State University ... stripped of his 2006 Central American & Caribbean Games gold after testing positive for a stimulant ... 1.93/105kg In 2008: 6 WIC; 1 Tallahassee (Mar 22); 1 Tallahassee (Mar 28); 2 Kansas Relays; 2 Drake Relays; 1 Kingston; 4 Doha; 1 Dakar; 1 Jamaican; 9 Madrid; 2 Stockholm; 6 London Grand Prix; 5 Monaco; dng OLY; 3 Padua; 1 Zagreb					
4,	131		CANTWELL Christian USA	27y 348d 1980	21.76 22.54 -04
2008 Olympic silver ... twice World Indoor Champion ... had the world's longest put of 2006, 22.45 set in Gateshead 22.18i -08. 2 Pan-Am junior DT 99; 1 WIC 2004/2008 (2006-dng); 5 WCH 2005; 2 OLY 2008. 1 US 2005 & indoor 2007/2008. Studied hotel & restaurant management at the University of Missouri ... lives-Columbia, Missouri ,, married international shot putter Terri Steer on October 29, 2005 ... coaches-Rick McGuire & Brett Halter ... youngest of five sisters & three brothers ... has four dogs including a bulldog named after Lance Armstrong and a miniature dachshund named after Mohammed Ali ... 1.95/150kg In 2008: 1 Warrensburg indoor (22.18, all six attempts were at 21.46 or further); 1 US indoor; 1 WIC; 1 Kansas Relays; 1 Drake Relays; 1 Modesto; 1 Carson; 1 Hengelo; 3 New York; 2 US Olympic Trials; 3 Stockholm; 4 London Grand Prix; 2 OLY; 1 Dubnica					
5,	104		MAJEWSKI Tomasz POL	27y 15d 1981	21.51 21.51 -08
2008 Olympic Champion ... 4 under-23 ECH 2003; dng EIC 2005; 1 WSG 2005 (2003-5); 8 ECH 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2005-9); 3 WIC 2008 (2004-4, 2006-7); 2 ECP 2008 (2003/2004-4, 2006-6, 2007-3); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-dng). 1 Polish 2002/2003/2004/2007/2008 (1 indoor 2004/2005/2006/2008) ... Graduate of Political Science ... coach-Henryk Olszewski (fas former Polish Head Coach) ... 2.04/130kg Personal bests in the big events: Osaka 2007, Valencia 2008 & Beijing 2008. In fact he has set pb every year since 2001 In 2008: 1 Polish indoor; 3 WIC; 2 Doha; 1 Kedzierzyn-Kozle; 1 Moscow Open; 2 Warsaw; 2 ECP; 2 Lille; 1 Polish; 1 Madrid; 3 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco; 1 OLY; 2 Dubnica					
6,	136		JOHNSON Garrett USA	24y 112d 1984	20.94 20.94 -08
2006 US Collegiate Champion, representing Florida State University ... now studying Migration at Oxford University 1 Pan-Am junior 2003; 1 North, Central American & Carribean under-23 2006. 1 NCAA indoor/outdoor 2006. Was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 2005, one of only 32 college students from throughout the United States chosen to study at Oxford University and one of less than 100 from around the world who joined the prestigious academic program in October 2006 ...he once worked as a legislative assistant in the office of Florida Governor Jeb Bush (brother of President Bush) In 2008: 1 UK indoor; 2 Leipzig; 2 Tallahassee; 1 Florida Relays; 2 Lisse; 3 Doha; 1 Oxford SP/DT; nm Hengelo; 1 Zaragoza; 1 Leiden; nm US Olympic Trials; 3 Cork; 4 Monaco					
7,	149		TAYLOR Dan USA	26y 125d 1982	20.85 21.59 -06
Won unique Shot Put & Weight Throw double at 2004 US Collegiate Indoor Championships, representing Ohio State University 4 Pan-Am Games 2003; dng WCH 2007. 1 NCAA indoor SP/Weight Throw 2004 ... lives-Carbondale, Illinois ... graduate of Construction management ... coach-John Smith (not the Californian John Smith, this one is the husband of US shot putter Connie Price-Smith) ... 1.98/145kg In 2008: 8 US indoor; 4 Kansas Relays; 4 Drake Relays; 2 Kingston; 3 Modesto; 4 Carson; 4 New York; 3 Eugene; 4 US Olympic Trials; 4 Madrid; 6 Stockholm; 7 London Grand Prix; 2 Monaco; 4 Paris "DécaNation"					
8,	134		HOFFA Reese USA	30y 341d 1977	22.10 22.43 -07
Reigning World Champion ... had the world's longest put of 2007, 22.43 set in London HT pb: 60.05 -02. 9 WSG 2001; 1 Pan-Am Games 2003; 1 WIC 2006 (2004/2008-2); 2 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2003-dng); 7 OLY 2008 (2004-dng). 1 US indoor 2006 & outdoor 2007/2008. Studied Health & PE at the University of Georgia ... lives-Athens, Georgia ... coach-Don Babbitt (same as Adam Nelson) ... married hammer thrower Renata Foerst on November 26, 2005 ... 1.80/141kg In 2008: 2 US indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Athens GA; 3 Drake Relays; 1 Doha; 1 New York; 2 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials; 1 London Grand Prix; 7 OLY					

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2008 World Best:	71.88	Gerd Kanter EST	Salinas	8 May 08
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1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	49		MÁTÉ Gábor HUN	29y 217d 1979 66.32	66.54 -00
("Mutambo") ... 2005 World Student Games Champion ... twice US Collegiate Champion, representing Auburn University Downhill 66.99 -03. 3 WJC 98; 3 under-23 ECH 2001 (99-4); 11 OLY 2004 (2000/2008-dnq); 1 WSG 2005; 11 ECH 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2003/2005-dnq). 1 Hungarian 2007. 1 NCAA 99/2000 ... 2.00/120kg In 2008: 1 Dakar; 1 European Clubs Cup 'B'; 2 Zaragoza; 3 Kaunas; 4 Warsaw; 1 ECP 1st League; 2 Jerez de la Frontera; 3 Hungarian; dnq OLY; 2 Bottrop					
2,	51		HADADI Ehsan IRI	23y 236d 1985 69.32	69.32 -08
Multi-Asian Champion & record holder ... former World Junior Champion ... good second at 2006 World Cup SP pb: 17.82i -08. 1 Asian junior 2004; 1 WJC 2004; 1 Asian Champs 2005/2007 (2003-8); 1 West Asian Games 2005; 2 WCP 2006; 1 Asian Games 2006; 7 WCH 2008; dnq OLY 2008. 1 Belarus 2005. He has been training in Belarus since 2004 ... coach-Kim Bokhonsov ... 1.93/125kg In 2008: 2 Iranian indoor SP; 1 Tehran; 1 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Caucasus Cup; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 Tallinn; dnq OLY (only 61.34 after throwing 69.32 in June)					
3,	48		KÖVÁGÓ Zoltán HUN	29y 157d 1979 68.17	69.95 -06
2004 Olympic silver ... 3 EJC 97; 1 WJC 98; 1 under-23 ECH 2001 (99-6); 7 ECH 2002 (98-dnq); 2 OLY 2004 (2000/2008-dnq); 9 WCH 2007 (2001/2003-dnq, 2005-10). 1 Hungarian 2001/2004/2005/2008 ... 1st Lieutenant in Hungarian Army (Helicopter Division) ... 2.09/103kg In 2008: 3 Doha; 2 Dakar; 3 Turnov; nm Hengelo; 4 Zaragoza; 4 Kaunas; 2 Cottbus; 3 Bydgoszcz; 4 Madrid; 1 Hungarian; 1 Budapest; dnq OLY					
4,	43		HARTING Robert GER	23y 330d 1984 68.65	68.65 -08
In Osaka 2007 became the youngest man yet to win a discus world championship medal 2 World Youth 2001; dnq WJC 2002; dnq EJC 2003; 1 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 2 ECP 2007/2008; 2 WCH 2007. 1 German 2007 ... his younger brother Christoph was third in the 2008 German Winter Discus Championship ... his parents Gerd Seidel and Bettina Harting were both shot putters in the GDR era ... he keeps three pet rabbits at his home in Berlin "Milk", "Honey" & "Sugar" coach-Werner Goldmann ... 2.01/132kg In 2008: 1 Berlin (Jan 19); 1 Kienbaum; 2 European Throws Cup; 1 Versmold; 1 Halle; 3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Kaunas; 1 Potsdam; 2 ECP; 1 German; 1 Wattenscheid; 4 OLY; 1 Sondershausen; 1 Bottrop; 1 Bad Köstritz; 2 Paris "DécaNation"					
He was Germany's highest-placed male athlete in Beijing					
5,	27		PESTANO Mario ESP	30y 159d 1978 69.50	69.50 -08
Spanish record holder ... twice fourth at European Championships ... 11 EJC 97; dnq WSG 99; 3 under-23 ECH 99; 4 ECH 2002/2006; 3 WCP 2002; 8 WCH 2003 (99/2001-dnq, 2005-11, 2007-10); 1 Ibero-American 2004 (2000-3); 1 ECP 2005/2008 (2002-2); 9 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 Spanish 2001-2005/2007/2008 ... born-Tenerife ... coach-Luis Lizaso ... 1.93/105kg In 2008: 1 Tincer; 2 La Laguna; 1 Spanish Universities; 1 Prat de Llobregat; 1 Zaragoza; 5 Berlin Golden League; 1 Barcelona; 1 ECP; 1 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Salamanca; 1 Madrid; 1 Barcelona; 1 Spanish (69.50, his eighth Spanish record); 9 OLY					
6,	96		ALEKNA Virgilijus LTU	36y 213d 1972 71.25	73.88 -00
Twice Olympic & twice World Champion ... 2006 European Champion ... in 2000 threw 73.88, the second-longest of all-time SP pb: 19.99 -97. 1 WCP 98/2006; 1 OLY 2000/2004 (96-5, 2008-3); 1 WCH 2003/2005 (95-dnq, 97-2, 99/2007-4, 2001-2); 1 ECH 2006 (98-3, 2002-2). 1 Lithuanian 2000-2005. Coach-Zigmas Zivatkauskas... sons Martinas (7) & Mikolas (5) ... 37/37 wins in 2005-2007 ... 2.00/130kg, 2.22m arm-span In 2008: 1 Vilnius; 1 Turnov; 3 Hengelo; 2 Berlin Golden League (lost to Hadadi only on countback, they both threw 69.12); 2 Kaunas; 2 Madrid; 1 Rethymno; 1 Lithuanian; 3 OLY					
7,	105		MALACHOWSKI Piotr POL	25y 99d 1983 68.65	68.65 -08
2008 Olympic silver ... Polish record holder ... 5 EJC 2001; 6 WJC 2002; 2 under-23 ECH 2005 (2003-9); 1 ECP 2006/2007; 6 ECH 2006; 12 WCH 2007; 2 OLY 2008. 1 Polish 2006/2007 ... member of Slask Wroclaw Military club with rank of Lance Corporal ... lives-Biezun ... coach- Witold Suski ... 1.92/122kg In 2008: 1 Bialystok; 2 Doha; 2 Halle; 6 Berlin Golden League; 1 Kedzierzyn-Kozle; 5 Kaunas; 1 Warsaw; 3 ECP; 2 Bydgoszcz; 1 Polish; 1 Sopot (68.65, his fourth Polish record); 1 Bielsko-Biala; 2 OLY					
8,	28		KANTER Gerd EST	29y 131d 1979 71.88	73.38 -06
2008 Olympic Champion ... 2007 World Champion ... third on world all-time list 5 under-23 ECH 2001; 12 ECH 2002; 1 WSG 2005; 2 ECH 2006 (2002-12); 1 WCH 2007 (2003-dnq, 2005-2 after leading until the last throw of Alekna); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 Estonian 2004/2005/2006/2008. Graduate of Business Management ... 1.96/120kg In 2008: 1 Mustasaari; 1 European Throws Cup; 1 Chula Vista; 1 Salinas; 2 Turnov; 2 Hengelo; 4 Berlin Golden League; 2 Tallinn; 1 Valga; 1 ECP 2nd League; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Sollentuna; 2 Rethymno; 1 Estonian; 1 Helsingborg; 1 OLY					