

# IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final 2008 • Biographical Summaries

## 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  
 10.76w Marshevet Hooker USA Eugene 27 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
<b>1,</b>	<b>15</b>				
<b>STURRUP Chandra</b> BAH <b>37y</b> 3d 1971 <b>11.06</b> <b>10.84 -05</b>					
Ran second leg of gold-medal winning 4x100 teams in Seville 1999 & Sydney 2000 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 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; 4 Brussels Golden League 100; 8 Rieti 100					
<b>2,</b>	<b>139</b>				
<b>JETER Carmelita</b> USA <b>28y</b> 295d 1979 <b>10.97</b> <b>10.97 -08</b>					
Jeter is pronounced "Jetter" ... 2007 World 100m bronze, just 0.01 from gold 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 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'; 5 Brussels Golden League 100/200; 2 Rieti 200 (3 100); 1 Zagreb 200 (5 100)					
<b>3,</b>	<b>67</b>				
<b>FRASER Shelly-Ann</b> JAM <b>21y</b> 262d 1986 <b>10.78</b> <b>10.78 -08</b>					
New Olympic Champion at 100m ... 200 pb: 22.15 -08. 1 OLY 100 2008. Ran in heat of 2007 World 4x100, so awarded a silver medal won by Jamaica in the final ... coach-Stephen Francis In 2008: 1 Kingston 100 (Jan 26); 1 Kingston 200 (Feb 16); 1 Penn Relays 100; 1 Rio de Janeiro 100; 1 São Paulo 200; 3 Belém 100; 2 Jamaican 100 (4 200); 1 Lignano 100; 5 Stockholm 100; 2 London Grand Prix 100; 8 Monaco 100; 1 OLY 100 (dnf 4x100 final); 2 Gateshead 100; 1 Lausanne 100					
<b>4,</b>	<b>64</b>				
<b>CAMPBELL-BROWN Veronica</b> JAM <b>26y</b> 123d 1982 <b>10.87</b> <b>10.85 -05</b>					
Twice Olympic Champion at 200m ... 2007 World Champion at 100m ... winner so far of five World Championship and five Olympic medals 200 pb: 21.74 -08. 2 OLY 4x100 2000; 1 WJC 100/200 2000 (2 4x100); 2 COM 100/4x100 2002; 1 OLY 200/4x100 2004 (3 100); 2 WCH 100/4x100 2005 (4 200); 1 WCH 100 2007 (2 200/4x100); 1 OLY 200 2008. 1 Jamaican 100 2002/2004/2005/2007 (1 200 2004/2005/2007). Knee injury 2003, did not race outdoors ... studied Marketing & Management at the University of Arkansas ... coach-Lance Brauman ... four sisters & five brothers ... married Omar Brown (2006 Commonwealth Champion at 200m) on November 3, 2007 In 2008: 1 Mt SAC Relays 200; 2 Kingston 200; 1 Orlando 100/200; 1 Carson 100; 1 New York 100; 1 Clermont 200; 1 Jamaican 200 (4 100, so not initially selected in that event for Beijing despite running 10.88); 1 Thessaloníki 100; 1 Athens 100; 1 Barcelona 200; 1 London Grand Prix 100; 1 OLY 200 (dnf 4x100 final)					
<b>5,</b>	<b>70</b>				
<b>STEWART Kerron</b> JAM <b>24y</b> 151d 1984 <b>10.80</b> <b>10.80 -08</b>					
Two sprint medals in Beijing ... Winner of multiple US Collegiate titles, representing Auburn University 200 pb: 21.99 -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). Chose athletics over soccer when she was 15 ... Based-Auburn, coach-Henry Rolle 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; 4ht London Grand Prix 100; 1 Monaco 100; =2 OLY 100 (3 100, dnf 4x100); 2 Lausanne 100; 2 Brussels Golden League 200; 2 Rieti 100					
<b>6,</b>	<b>133</b>				
<b>EDWARDS Torri</b> USA <b>31y</b> 227d 1977 <b>10.78</b> <b>10.78 -08</b>					
World 100m Champion in Paris 2003, world relay gold in Osaka 2007 200 pb: 22.28 -03 (22.66 -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); 6 Lausanne 100					
<b>7,</b>	<b>150</b>				
<b>WILLIAMS Lauryn</b> USA <b>25y</b> 4d 1983 <b>10.90</b> <b>10.88 -05</b>					
2005 World Champion at 100m, she lost her title in 2007 by just two-thousandth of a second 10.86w -08. 200 pb: 22.21w -08, 22.27 -05 (22.59 -08). 1 WJC 100 2002; 1 Pan-Am Games 100/4x100 2003; 2 OLY 100 2004 (2008-4); 1 WCH 100/4x100 2005; 2 WIC 60 2006; 2 WCH 100 2007 (1 4x100). 1 US junior 100 2002; 1 NCAA 200 2004. Studied Finance at the University of Miami ... coach-Amy Deem, she trains with Debbie Ferguson ... not at her best in 2006, sciatic problems ... has a Great Dane, Atheena ... father-David was a sprinter and javelin thrower in his native Trinidad ... 1.60 tall (5-3) In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 200; 1 Modesto 100/200; 2 Carson 100; 4 New York 100/200; 6 Eugene 100; 3 US Olympic Trials 100 (4 200); 3 Lucerne 100; 1 Stockholm 100; 5ht London Grand Prix 100; 4 OLY 100; 2 Zurich Golden League 200; 1 Gateshead 100/200; 4 Lausanne 100					
<b>8,</b>	<b>137</b>				
<b>HOOKEER Marshevet</b> USA <b>23y</b> 354d 1984 <b>10.93</b> <b>10.93 -08</b>					
Fifth in 2008 Olympic 200m final with pb ... 2005 US Collegiate Champion at 100m, representing the University of Texas where she studied Liberal Arts 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 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; 1 Brussels Golden League 200; 2 Zagreb 100					

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## Women's 400 Metres

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2008 World Best:	49.62	Christine Ohuruogu	Beijing	19 Aug 08
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### AWARDS

<b>1st: \$30,000</b>	<b>5th: \$5000</b>
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**New World Record: \$100,000**

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1,	152	<b>WINEBERG Mary</b>	USA	<b>28y</b>	255d	1980	<b>50.32</b>	<b>50.24 -07</b>
(Née Danner) ... 2007 World & 2008 Olympic relay golds ... 2 WIC 4x400 2006 (2003-3); 8 WCH 2007 (1 4x400); sf OLY 2008 (1 4x400). Graduated in 2002 from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Education ... coach-Jim Schnur, her training partner is husband Chris Wineburg In 2008: 2 US indoor race 1 (3rd overall); 1 Cincinnati; 1 Knoxville; 1 Knoxville 200 'B'/400; 1 Osaka; 2 Carson; 3 New York; 2 Eugene; 2 US Olympic Trials; 5 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 8 Liège 200; 5sf OLY (1 4x400); 5 Zurich Golden League; 2 Gateshead; 2 Lausanne 'B'								
2,	68	<b>LLOYD Shereefa</b>	JAM	<b>26y</b>	13d	1982	<b>50.62</b>	<b>50.62 -08</b>
Ran the fastest leg (49.3) for the Jamaican relay team in Beijing which won bronze 4 Pan-Am Games 2007; sf WCH 2007 (2 4x400); 3 OLY 4x400 2008. Ran in heats of 2000 World Junior 4x400m, so awarded silver medal won by Jamaica in final In 2008: 1 Glasgow international indoor; 2 Drake Relays; 4 Doha; 3 Carson; 4 New York; 4 Jamaican; 1 Thessaloniki; 4 Athens; 3 OLY; 2 Zagreb								
3,	17	<b>MONTSHO Amantle</b>	BOT	<b>25y</b>	73d	1983	<b>49.83</b>	<b>49.83 -08</b>
2007 African Games Champion ... 2008 African Champion ... Botswanan record holder at 200m & 400m 200 pb: 23.02 -08. ht WCH 2005/2007; sf COM 2006; 1 African Games 2007 (5 200); sf WIC 2008; 1 African Champs 2008 (2006-2); 8 OLY 2008 (2004-ht). Lost all her possessions when fire gutted her home in September 2005 ... based-Dakar In 2008: 5sf WIC; 1 African Champs; 7 Doha; 1 Dakar; 1 Algiers 200; 3 Milan; 4 Rome Golden League; 5 Cagliari 200; 5 Stockholm; 8 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League; 5 Lausanne								
4,	48	<b>OHURUOGU Christine</b>	GBR	<b>24y</b>	120d	1984	<b>49.62</b>	<b>49.61 -07</b>
Reigning Olympic, World & Commonwealth Champion at 400 Metres ... 200 pb: 22.94 -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 & Christine Bomaker (Bloomfield) ... returned from a year's suspension to August 5, 2007, after having missed three out of competition doping tests in 2006 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); 7 Brussels Golden League 200								
5,	142	<b>RICHARDS Sanya</b>	USA	<b>23y</b>	201d	1985	<b>49.74</b>	<b>48.70 -06</b>
Has been World #1 at 400m since 2005, but still no global title ... 200 pb: 22.17 -06 (22.49 -08). 2 WJC 400 2002 (3 200, 1 4x400); 1 WCH 4x400 2003 (sf individual); 6 OLY 400 2004 (1 4x400); 2 WCH 400 2005; 1 WCP 200/400 2006; 5 WCH 200 2007 (1 4x400); 3 OLY 2008 (1 4x400). 1 US 400 2003/2005/2006/2008 (but only 4th in 2007 so she missed running 400m at the 2007 World Championships). Born in Kingston, Jamaica but left that country at age 12 and granted US citizenship on May 20, 2002 ... fiancé-New York Giants football player Aaron Ross ... coach-Clyde Hart In 2008: 1 Arlington 100/200; 1 Waco 400; 1 Kingston 400 (May 3); 6 Carson 100; 1 New York 400; 1 Eugene 400; 1 US Olympic Trials 400; 2 Rome Golden League 200; 1 Athens; 1 Paris Golden League 200; 1 Stockholm 400; 3 OLY 400 (She said her hamstring started tightening in the last 80m); 1 OLY 4x400 (48.93 on anchor to overhaul Russia); 1 Zurich Golden League 400								
6,	73	<b>WILLIAMS Shericka</b>	JAM	<b>22y</b>	363d	1985	<b>49.69</b>	<b>49.69 -08</b>
2008 Olympic 400m silver and under 50 seconds for the first time ... 200 pb: 22.50 -08. 2 WCH 4x400 2005/2007 (sf individually both times); 5 COM 400 2006; 2 OLY 400 2008 (3 4x400). 1 Jamaican 400 2005. Coach-Stephen Francis In 2008: 1 Kingston 200 (Jan 26); 1 Kingston 100 'B' (Mar 22); 2 Doha; 3 Eugene; 3 Jamaican; 3 Rome Golden League; 4 Stockholm; 1ht OLY; 2 OLY (3 4x400); 4 Zurich Golden League 400; 3 Gateshead 200; 1 Lausanne 400; 1 Rieti 200 (pb 22.50)								
7,	105	<b>FIROVA Tatyana</b>	RUS	<b>25y</b>	340d	1982	<b>50.11</b>	<b>50.08 -06</b>
2008 Olympic relay silver with 49.20 split on third leg to give Russia the lead 1 EJC 99; 1 ECP 4x400 2003; 3 under-23 ECH 2003 (1 4x400); 1 WSG 2003; ht OLY 4x400 2004 (awarded silver); ht WCH 4x400 2005 (awarded gold); ht ECH 4x400 2006 (awarded gold); 6 OLY 2008 (2 4x400) ... coach-Aleksandr Abramov In 2008: 5 Russian indoor; 1 Moscow City 'B' (Jun 4); 3 Moscow Open; 2 Zhukovskiy 'B'; 2 Russian Cup/Tula (4 200); 3 Russian; 6 OLY (2 4x400); 2 Zurich Golden League; 2 Lausanne; 2 Dubnica; 1 Zagreb								
8,	72	<b>WILLIAMS Novlene</b>	JAM	<b>26y</b>	142d	1982	<b>50.11</b>	<b>49.53 -06</b>
2007 World bronze after leading for most of the race ... 6 Pan-Am Games 2003; sf OLY 2004/2008 (3 4x400 2004/2008); 2 WCH 4x400 2005; 5 WIC 2005; 3 COM 2006; 3 WCH 2007 (2 4x400). 1 Jamaican 2006/2007. Studied Recreation at the University of Florida ... not related to Shericka Williams, but Novlene's younger sister Clora Williams is also a world-class 400m runner, having won the US Collegiate title in 2006 In 2008: 2 Kingston; 1 Carson; 2 New York; 4 Eugene; 2 Jamaican; 3sf OLY (3 4x400); 3 Zurich Golden League; 1 Lausanne 'B'								

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## Women's 800 Metres

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

### AWARDS

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**New World Record: \$100,000**

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1, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">47</span>	27y	151d	1981	1:59.11	1:59.11 -08
<p><b>MEADOWS Jenny</b> GBR                      2000 World Junior 4x400m gold ... 2008 European Cup winner at 800m                      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                      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; 8 Brussels Golden League; 6 Rovereto</p>					
2, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">63</span>	27y	53d	1981	1:59.22	1:58.63 -07
<p><b>CUSMA Elisa</b> ITA                      Very unlucky not to reach 2007 World 800m final despite running 1:58.63 in the semi-finals                      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 &amp; 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                      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; 4 Brussels Golden League 800</p>					
3, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">126</span>	27y	280d	1980	1:57.32	1:57.32 -08
<p><b>KREVSUN Yuliya</b> UKR                      (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                      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</p>					
4, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">80</span>	25y	214d	1983	1:56.07	1:56.04 -07
<p><b>JEPKOSGEI Janeth</b> KEN                      2007 World Champion with the world's fastest time since 2003, though that time since beaten by her younger compatriot Pamela Jelimo                      1500 pb: 4:08.48 -08. 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 &amp; three sisters ... she has ambitions to become a nurse                      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; 2 Brussels Golden League; 12 Rieti Mile</p>					
5, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">77</span>	18y	284d	1989	1:54.01	1:54.01 -08
<p><b>JELIMO Pamela</b> KEN                      2008 Olympic Champion ... 1:54.01 in Zurich was her fifth world junior record of the year ... \$1M Golden League Jackpot in 2008                      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 &amp; 3 brothers ... coach-Zaid Aziz                      In 2008: 39 Kenyan junior XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial (2:01.02); 1 African Champs (1:58.70) &amp; 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); 1 Brussels Golden League (1:55.16) (14/14 wins at 800m including heats)</p>					
6, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">69</span>	28y	62d	1980	1:58.24	1:57.88 -06
<p><b>SINCLAIR Kenia</b> JAM                      Jamaican record holder at 800m ... silvers in March 2006 at both the World Indoor Championships &amp; Commonwealth Games                      1500 pb: 4:05.56 -07 (4:16.88 -08). 2 Central American &amp; 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                      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</p>					
7, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">120</span>	24y	299d	1983	1:58.51	1:58.51 -08
<p><b>KLOCOVA Lucia</b> SVK                      (Pronounced "Klot-sova") ... 2002 World junior silver behind Janeth Jepkosgei                      400 pb: 52.98 -05 (53.44 -08). 1 EJC 2001; 2 WJC 2002 (2000-3); 2 under-23 ECH 2003 (2005-5); sf WCH 2003/2005/2007; sf OLY 2004/2008; sf ECH 2006. 1 Slovak 2004/2006. Clocked 1:58.62 in 2007 World Championships semis, the fastest-ever non qualifying time                      In 2008: 3 Hengelo; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 2 Oslo Golden League; 1 Prague 400 (Jun 7); 1 Ostrava (Jun 12); 1 ECP 2nd League race 2; 1 Kladno (3 400); 5 Rome Golden League; 2 Paris Golden League; 3sf OLY; 1 Dubnica 600</p>					
8, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">49</span>	23y	356d	1984	1:58.45	1:58.45 -08
<p><b>OKORO Marilyn</b> GBR                      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 &amp; 400 2006. 1 UK indoor 800 2007; 1 UK 2008. Parents-Nigerian ... graduate of French &amp; Politics from Bath University, where she sang in their gospel choir ... her flatmate is new UK 100m record Montell Douglas ... coach-Ayo Falola                      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; 5 Brussels Golden League</p>					

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## Women's 3000 Metres

Sun/16:20

2008 World Best 8:33.66 Vivian Cheruiyot KEN Gateshead 31 Aug 08

### AWARDS

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36	<b>AYALEW Wude</b> ETH 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 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; dnf Brussels Golden League 5000; 2 Rieti 5000; 4 Rovereto 3000	21y	73d	1987	8:35.50	8:35.50 -08
38	<b>DEFAR Meseret</b> ETH 2004 Olympic Champion at 5000m but just bronze in 2008 ... 2007 World Champion at 5000m ... twice World Indoor Champion at 3000m 8:27.93i -08. 5000 pb; 14:12.88 -08. 10,000 pb: 33:54.4 -99. 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-ht). At WXC: 2002-13J. 1 Ethiopian 3000 2003. Defar means "bold" in Amharic ... husband-former soccer player Teodros Hailu 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; 2 Brussels Golden League 5000; 1 London (Hyde Park) 5K	24y	300d	1983	8:34.53	8:24.51 -07
46	<b>KENNEY Laura</b> GBR 2007 European under-23 Champion at 5000m ... 1500 pb: 4:12.10 -08. 4 EJC 3000 2003; 6 WJC 3000 2004; 1 under-23 ECH 5000 2007. At WXC: 2008-38. At EXC: 2003-29J (team gold), 2006-8u23. 1 English Schools 3000 2003. Plays piano and trombone ... Father-Paul was 2nd in 1974 English under-20 XC behind Steve Ovett ... coach-George Gandy In 2008: 2 Warwickshire XC; 24 Edinburgh XC; 1 UK Inter-County XC; 38 WXC; 7 Loughborough "international"; 17 Hengelo 5000; 1 Loughborough 1500; 2 Watford BMC 3000; 4 Jerez de la Frontera 5000; 3 UK Champs 5000; 3 London Grand Prix 3000; 4 Eton BMC 1500; 8 Manchester 1500 (Aug 12); 8 Peterborough Mile; 9 Manchester 1500 (pb 4:12.10, Aug 26); 6 Gateshead 3000; 6 Rovereto 3000	23y	80d	1985	8:56.59	8:56.59 -08
51	<b>TWELL Stephanie</b> GBR 2008 World Junior Champion at 1500m, Britain's first World Champion at that distance since Steve Cram 1500 pb: 4:05.83 -08. 5 European Youth 1500 2005; 8 WJC 1500 2006; 2 EJC 1500 2007; 1 WJC 1500 2008; ht OLY 1500 2008. 1 English Schools 3000 2006. At WXC: 2005-60J, 2006-30J. At EXC: 2005-7J, 2006/2007-1J. 1 English under-15 XC 2004. Born-Colchester ... mother-Isobel is Scottish ... her father Andy is an Army Major based in Aldershot and competed for the British Army as a middle distance runner ... coach-Mick Woods In 2008: 4 Edinburgh XC; 1 South of England under-20 XC; 1 English under-20 National XC; 2 St. Mary's BMC 3000; 4 Watford BMC 1500; 1 English junior 1500; 1 Solihull BMC 1500; 1 WJC 1500; 8 Paris Golden League 1500; 5 London Grand Prix 3000; 6ht OLY 1500; 14 Rieti Mile; 8 Rovereto 3000	19y	29d	1989	8:57.22	8:53.34 -07
76	<b>CHERUIYOT Vivian</b> KEN Ran quicker than the old world 5000m record behind Meseret Defar in Oslo 2007 ... 2007 World 5000m silver ... Sydney Olympic finalist at age 16 5000 pb: 14:22.51 -07 (14:25.43 -08). 1500 pb: 4:06.65 -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 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); 1 Brussels Golden League 5000 (outkicked Meseret Defar)  She has come into her best form after Beijing after being affected by a bad chest infection at the start of the season	24y	310d	1983	8:33.66	8:28.66 -07
82	<b>KIBET Sylvia</b> KEN Fourth in 2007 World & 2008 Olympic 5000m ... 8:41.82i -08. 5000 pb: 14:57.37 -07 (15:01.58 -08). 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 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; 6 Brussels Golden League 5000; 3 Rovereto 3000	24y	170d	1984	8:45.36	8:40.09 -06
83	<b>KIBIWOTT Viola</b> KEN Winner of three world junior titles in 2001/2002 ... 5000 pb: 14:51.59 -08. 800 pb: 2:04.99 -07. 1500 pb: 4:02.10 -07 (4:04.17 -08). 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 In 2008: 2 Doha 1500; 6 Hengelo 5000; 4 Rabat 1500; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials 1500; 5 Paris Golden League 1500; 5ht OLY 1500	24y	267d	1983	-	8:40.14 -03
84	<b>KORIKWIANG Pauline</b> KEN Full name-Pauline Chemning Korikwang ... 5000 pb: 14:45.98 -06 (16:07.78 -08). 2 World Youth 3000 2005; 4 African junior 5000 2003; 2 WJC 3000 2006. At WXC: 2005-7J, 2006-1J, 2007-dnfJ after miscounting laps. Coach-Eric Kimaiyo (former Honolulu marathon winner) In 2008: 5 Kenyan XC; 1 Cinque Mulini XC; 16 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 London Grand Prix 3000	20y	197d	1988	8:56.98	8:42.38 -06
85	<b>MASAI Linet</b> KEN 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. 5000 pb: 14:47.14 -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; 3 Brussels Golden League 5000; 2 London (Hyde Park) 5K	18y	284d	1989	8:43.14	8:38.97 -07

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**MRISHO MOHAMED Zakia TAN****24y 208d 1984 8:44.33****8:39.91 -05**

Tanzanian record holder at 3000m & 5000m ... 5000 pb: 14:43.87 -05 (14:58.36 -08). 10,000 pb: 33:19.25 -02. 6 WCH 5000 2005 (2007-ht); 8 COM 5000 2006; ht OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2005-20 long, 2007-23

In 2008: 3 Villa Lagarina Half Mar; 1 Pergine Valsugana 1500/5000; 1 Italian Clubs 5000 (2 1500); 7 Rome Golden League 5000; 1 Liège 5000; 2 Stockholm 5000; 4 Monaco 3000; 12ht OLY 5000; 4 Rieti 5000; 1 Rovereto 3000

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**SLATTERY Sara USA****26y 348d 1981 9:00.25****8:58.09 -06**

(Née Gorton) ... two US Collegiate titles representing the University of Colorado from where she graduated with a degree in Economics 5000 pb: 15:08.32 -06 (15:18.88 -08). 10,000 pb: 31:57.94 -06 (32:46.60 -08), At WXC: 99-74J, 2006-26 long. 1 NCAA indoor 5000 2003 & outdoor 10,000 2005. Husband is former US Steeplechase champion Steve Slattery

In 2008: 1 Seattle 5000; 10 US Champs XC; 4 Carlsbad 5K; dnf Mt SAC Relays 5000; dnf Stanford 10,000; 2 Santa Monica; 5 New York 5000; 4 Eagle Rock; 7 US Olympic Trials 10,000; 4 US Olympic Trials 5000 (7 10,000); dnf Stockholm 5000; 6 London Grand Prix 3000; 9 Monaco 3000; 9 Gateshead 3000; 3 "Great Yorkshire" Sheffield 10K

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**KIPTOO Jane KEN****26y 38d 1982 8:44.92****8:44.92 -08**

Former international 400m runner ... 10,000 pb: 31:15.79 -08. 50000 pb: 15:03.90 -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; 10 Brussels Golden League 5000; 2 Rovereto 3000

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## Women's 400 Metres Hurdles

Sun/13:55

2008 World Best: 52.64 Melaine Walker JAM Beijing 20 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, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">94</span> <b>JESIEN Anna</b> POL	29y	279d	1978	54.29	53.86 -07
(Jesein pronounced "Yeshen") ... (Née Olichwierczuk) ... 2007 World bronze ... Polish record holder 400 pb: 51.92 -06 (51.99 -08). 3 ECH 400H/4x400 2002; 1 ECP 2005 (99-7, 2002-2, 2006-5, 2008-2); 6 ECH 2006 (3 4x400); 3 WCP 2006; 3 WCH 2007 (2001-sf, 2003-ht, 2005-4); 5 OLY 2008 (2000/2004-ht). 1 Polish 99/2000/2002/2005 (1 400 2006). "Jesien" means "autumn" in Polish ... coach/husband Pawel Jesien and 51.08 for 400m hurdles in 2000 In 2008: 1 Rehlingen; 3 Turin; 3 Moscow Open; 2 Ostrava; 1 Warsaw 400; 2 ECP; 1 Bydgoszcz; 5 Polish 200; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Rethymno; 2 London Grand Prix; 4 Monaco; 5 OLY; 2 Gateshead; 2 Lausanne  She won the 2007 World Athletics Final, catching Jana Rawlinson on the line					
2, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">108</span> <b>ISAKOVA Yevgeniya</b> RUS	29y	292d	1978	55.05	53.93 -06
2006 European Champion ... 400 pb: 52.14 -06. 1 ECH 2006; 6 WCH 2007. 1 Russian 2006. Coach-Gennadiy Zhubryakova In 2008: 1 Dakar; 2 European Clubs Cup ; 2 Zhukovskiy; 5 Monaco; 1 Lappeenranta; 5 Lausanne; 4 Rieti; 2 Rovereto					
3, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">151</span> <b>WILLIAMS Tiffany</b> USA	25y	222d	1983	53.54	53.28 -07
(Née Ross) ... twice US Champion but under-performed in the 2007 World & 2008 Olympic finals 100H pb: 12.99 -05 (13.08 -08). 4 WJC 2002 (1 4x400); 2 WIC 4x400 2006; 7 WCH 2007; 8 OLY 2008. 1 US 2007/2008. Student of Retail management at the University of South Carolina ... coach-Brooks Johnson ... husband-Stephen Williams, their daughter Samya (4) ... 1.59 tall, so one of the shortest in her event In 2008: 4 Coral Gables 100H (Mar 22); 1 Columbia 100H; 2 Florida Relays 100H; 1 Coral Gables (2 100H); 4 Greensboro 100H; 4 Fort-de-France; 1 Port-of-Spain; 1 European Clubs Cup (3 400); 3 New York; 1 Clermont FL; 1 US Olympic Trials; 3 Rome Golden League; 1 Rethymno; 1 Lucerne; 2 Monaco; 8 OLY; 6 Lausanne; 2 Zagreb					
4, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">71</span> <b>WALKER Melaine</b> JAM	25y	198d	1983	52.64	52.64 -08
MELAINE not MELANIE 2008 Olympic Champion by a margin of more than one second 400 pb: 51.61 -08. 100H pb: 12.75 -06. 5 WJC 200 98 (3 4x100); 2 World Youth 200 99; 3 WJC 2000 (2 4x400); 2 WJC 2002 (5 100H, 3 4x400); 4 COM 2002; 3 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; sf WCH 2007; 1 OLY 2008. 1 Jamaican 2008. In 2006 initially won NCAA title in 53.84 but dq for a trailing leg violation ... graduate of Social Work from University of Texas ... managed by Juliet Campbell (ex World Indoor Champion at 200m) ... her brother Chris Walker is a noted basketball player ... coach-Stephen Francis (since 2006 when she moved back to Jamaica after her studies) In 2008: 2 Sydney; 3 Kingston 400 (Mar 22); 1 Rio de Janeiro; 1 Belém; 1 Ostrava; 1 Jamaican; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco; 1 OLY; 1 Gateshead; 1 Lausanne; 1 Rieti  13 successive wins (heats included) since her last loss to Huang Xiaoxiao CHN in Sydney on February 16, 2008					
5, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">147</span> <b>TOSTA Sheena</b> USA	25y	349d	1982	53.58	52.95 -04
(Née Johnson) ... 2008 Olympic silver... 2007 Pan-American Champion 100H pb: 12.75 -04 (13.06 -08). ht WJC 98; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; sf WCH 2007; 2 OLY 2008 (2004-4). 1 NCAA 2003/2004; 1 US junior 98/2000 & senior 2004. Studied Psychology & Computer Science at the UCLA ... voted US Collegiate athlete of 2003 ... coach-Bobby Kersee In 2008: 2 Mt SAC Relays 100H; 1 Uberlândia 400/100H; 1 Fortaleza 100H (3 400); 2 Belém; 4 New York; 3 US Olympic Trials; 6 Rome Golden League; 3 London Grand Prix; 3 Monaco; 2 OLY					
6, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">44</span> <b>DANVERS Tasha</b> GBR	30y	361d	1977	53.84	53.84 -08
2008 Olympic bronze ... 2006 Commonwealth silver ... 100H pb: 12.93 -03 (13.25 -08). 400 pb: 52.89 -08. HJ pb: 1.82 -98. 2 EJC 100H 95; 5 WJC 100H 96; ht ECH 98 (bronze 4x400 - ran in heats); 1 under-23 ECH 99; 1 WSG 2001; 7 ECH 2002/2006; 1 ECP 2006 (2002-3, 2003-2, 2001-8, 2008-7); 2 COM 2006 (98-5, 2002-7 after falling when in third place); 8 WCH 2007 (99/2001-ht, 2003-sf); 3 OLY 2008 (2000-8). 1 AAA 98/2002/2006. 1 UK 2007. Son Jaden born December 8, 2004 ... born-Lambeth, lives-Los Angeles ... husband/coach-Darrell Smith (nephew of US coach John Smith) In 2008: 1 Walnut; 1 California Relays 800/100H; 2 Westwood 400 (pb 52.89)/110H; 2 Mt SAC Relays (3 100H); 1 Irvine 800; 1 Eagle Rock; 7 ECP; 2 UK Champs (3 100H); 3 OLY; 3 Gateshead; 3 Lausanne; 2 Rieti; 1 Zagreb					
7, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">128</span> <b>RABCHENYUK Anastasiya</b> UKR	25y	today	1983	53.96	53.96 -08
2008 European Cup winner, fourth in Beijing ... 400 pb: 52.64 -06. 7 EJC 2001; 6 under-23 ECH 2003; 8 ECH 2006; 2 WSG 2007 (2003-3, 2005-sf); ht WCH 2007; 1 ECP 2008 (2004-7).; 4 OLY 2008 1 Ukrainian 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008 In 2008: 1 Turin; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 ECP; 1 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Ukrainian; 4 OLY; 4 Lausanne; 3 Rieti; 3 Zagreb					
8, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">145</span> <b>SPENCE Christine</b> USA	26y	294d	1981	54.21	54.21 -08
Down from 56.12 to 54.21 in 2008 ... 100H pb: 13.50w, 13.68 -05 (13.89 -08). HJ pb: 1.88 -06. Heptathlon pb: 5337 -05. 7 NCAA 2004/2005. Studied Sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 400 (Mar 22); 1 Florida Relays; 4 Coral Gables 400 (Apr 12); 1 Greensboro; 1 Fairfax; 2 Fort-de-France; 2 Dakar; 4 Clermont FL 100H; 1 Kalamata; 2 Turin; 4 Moscow Open; 4 Ostrava; 1 Rabat; 5 US Olympic Trials; 4 Thessaloniki; 7 Rome Golden League; 3 Rethymno; 6 London Grand Prix; 8 Monaco; 4 Gateshead; 7 Rieti; 1 Rovereto					

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## Women's High Jump

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

### AWARDS

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

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
<b>1,</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>HOWARD Chaunte</b> USA	<b>24y</b>	<b>246d</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>2.00</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 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; 4 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti; 3 Zagreb							
<b>2,</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>AITOVA Marina</b> KAZ	<b>26y</b>	<b>2d</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>1.97 -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 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; =5 Brussels Golden League; 2 Rieti (pb 1.97); 6 Zagreb							
<b>3,</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>SLESARENKO Yelena</b> RUS	<b>26y</b>	<b>199d</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 In 2008: 1 Russian indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Eberstadt; 3 Madrid; 3 Sollenluna; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Russian; 2 Stockholm; 4 OLY; 5 Zurich Golden League; 9 Brussels Golden League; 4 Rieti							
<b>4,</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>CHICHEROVA Anna</b> RUS	<b>26y</b>	<b>55d</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>2.04</b>	<b>2.04 -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 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; =5 Brussels Golden League; 2 Zagreb (pb 2.04, but then she retired, handing the victory to Vlasic)							
<b>5,</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>HELLEBAUT Tia</b> BEL	<b>30y</b>	<b>211d</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>2.05 -08</b>
(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; 3 Brussels Golden League HJ							
<b>6,</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>VLASIC Blanka</b> CRO	<b>24y</b>	<b>311d</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>2.07 -07</b>
2007 World Champion ... 2008 Olympic silver but with the highest ever non-winning mark, 2.05 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 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); 2 Brussels Golden League (2.00 – but she lost a share of the \$1M Golden League jackpot); 1 Zagreb (2.04)							
So she has won 36 of her last 38 contests but the two losses – both on countback – came first at the Olympics and then Brussels, which cost her \$500,000							
<b>7,</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>FRIEDRICH Ariane</b> GER	<b>24y</b>	<b>248d</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 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; 1 Brussels Golden League (so she prevented Vlasic from winning the Golden League jackpot)							
<b>8,</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>BEITIA Ruth</b> ESP	<b>29y</b>	<b>167d</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 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							



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## Women's Triple Jump

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2008 World Best: 15.39 Françoise Mbango CMR Beijing 17 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,	129	<b>SALADUKHA Olga</b> UKR	25y	103d	1983	14.84	14.84 -08
Twice European Cup winner ... 9 EJC 2001; 5 WJC 2002; 4 under-23 ECH 2005; 1 ECP 2006/2008; 4 ECH 2006; 4 ECH 2006; 6 WCP 2006; 1 WSG 2007 (2005-2); 7 WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008. 1 Ukrainian 2008 In 2008: 1 Ukrainian indoor; 6 WIC; 2 Kalamata; 2 Turin; 2 Moscow Open; 1 ECP; 2 Lille; 1 Ukrainian; 4 Thessaloniki; 3 Rethymno; 9 OLY; 6 Padua; 6 Rieti; 8 Rovereto							
2,	113	<b>PYATYKH Anna</b> RUS	27y	164d	1981	14.91	15.02 -06
4th-3rd-4th at past three World Championships, twice 8th in Olympic finals 15.17w -06. 3 EJC 99; 2 WJC 2000; 1 ECP 2002/2003/2004/2005; 8 ECH 2002; 1 World Military 2002; 8 OLY 2004/2008; 3 WCH 2005 (2003/2007-4); 2 WIC 2006 (2003-4); 3 ECH 2006; dnq WIC 2008. 1 Russian 2007 & indoor 2006/2008 ... coach-Yevgenit Ter-Avaensov In 2008: 3 Krasnodar; 3 Moscow indoor champs; 3 Gothenburg; 1 Russian indoor; 7 Athens; dnq WIC; 1 Filothei; 1 Zaragoza; 6 Turin; 4 Moscow Open; 3 Russian Cup/Tula; 2 Russian; 8 OLY; 3 Padua; 2 Rieti; 3 Rovereto							
3,	121	<b>VELDAKOVÁ Dana</b> SVK	27y	104d	1981	14.51	14.51 -08
2007 World finalist at Triple Jump ... LJ pb: 6.72 -08. 6 WJC 98; 8 EJC 99; 3 WJC 2000 (12 LJ); dnq ECH 2002; 4 under-23 ECH 2003 (2001-5); 8 WIC 2006; 8 WIC 2006; dnq ECH 2006; 6 EIC 2007 (2002/2005 -dnq); 12 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq); dnq OLY LJ/TJ 2008 (fouled out both contests). 1 Slovak 2002-2005/2008. Twin sister-Jana is an international long jumper In 2008: 1 Slovak indoor TJ; 1 Kosice LJ/TJ; 1 Pavia TJ; 2 European Clubs Cup TJ; 7 Zaragoza TJ; 1 Prague TJ (3 LJ) (Jun 7); 2 Warsaw TJ; 1 ECP 2nd League TJ; 6 Lille TJ; 2 Kladno LJ/TJ; 1 Slovak TJ; 5 Thessaloniki TJ; 1 Heusden TJ; nm OLY LJ/TJ; 8 Rieti TJ; 9 Rovereto TJ							
4,	118	<b>SESTAK Marija</b> SLO	29y	151d	1979	15.03	15.03 -08
2008 World Indoor bronze ... Slovenian record holder indoors & out 15.08i -08. LJ pb: 6.59i, 6.58 -07 (6.36 -08). dnq WCH 97; 2 EJC 97; 3 WJC 98 (96-dnq); dnq OLY 2000; 2 under-23 ECH 2001; 2 Mediterranean Games 2001; dnq ECH 2002; 6 EIC 2002; 8 WSG 2003; 5 WCH 2007; 3 WIC 2008; 6 OLY 2008. 1 Slovenian 2007. Ex-Serbia ... husband is Matija Sestak, Slovenian record holder at 400m In 2008: 1 Athens indoor (15.08, third on world all-time list indoors); 3 WIC; 2 Belgrade; 1 Ljubljana; 1 Kalamata; 3 Moscow Open; 3 Thessaloniki; 4 Rethymno; 2 Slovenian LJ; 6 OLY (15.03, a world best for sixth place); 4 Padua; 4 Rieti; 6 Rovereto							
5,	116	<b>UDMURTOVA Oksana</b> RUS	26y	226d	1982	14.85	14.85 -08
2006 European Long Jump bronze, now she's started triple jumping ... 14.94i -08. LJ pb: 7.02 -06 (6.73 -08). 6 WCH LJ 2005; 7 WIC LJ 2006; 3 ECH LJ 2006; 4 EIC TJ 2007; 6 OLY LJ 2008. 1 Russian indoor LJ 2006. Coach-Vyacheslav Dogonkin (same as Tatyana Lebedeva) In 2008: 3 Russian indoor TJ; 1 European Clubs Cup TJ; 3 Turin TJ; 2 Russian LJ (4 TJ); 6 OLY LJ; 1 Padua TJ; 6 Lausanne LJ; 5 Rieti TJ; 4 Rovereto TJ							
6,	23	<b>MBANGO Françoise</b> CMR	32y	153d	1976	15.39	15.39 -08
Twice Olympic gold after five silvers at major championships ... LJ pb: 6.68w -02, 6.55 -99. 2 Francophone Games 97; 2 COM 98/2002; 1 African Games 99; 2 WCH 2001/2003 (99-dnq); 1 African Champs LJ/TJ 2002; (1 TJ 2008) 1 WCP 2002; 2 WIC 2003 (2004-6); 1 OLY 2004/2008 (2000-10). 1 French 99/2001/2002/2008. In 2000 moved from Dakar to Paris to train at the National Sports Institute ... self-coached, has twin brother, Michael ... quiet year in 2005, best of 14.07 ... son Adna-Niels born April 21, 2006, godfather is Niels Marquardt, former US Ambassador in Cameroon ... she was briefly suspended by her federation for not returning in time to compete in the 2007 African and World Championships In 2008: 1 African Champs; 3 Montgeron LJ; 2 Zaragoza; 1 Abuja; 3 Lille; 1 Bordeaux; 1 Barcelona; 1 French; 1 OLY (15.39 for second on world all-time list); 3 Rieti							
7,	18	<b>de OLIVEIRA Gisele</b> BRA	28y	44d	1980	14.28	14.28 -08
LJ pb: 6.66 -08. dnq WJC LJ 98. 1 South American junior LJ 97/98 (1 TJ 98); 1 South American TJ 2005; dnq OLY TJ 2008. 2 NCAA TJ 2005 (2003/2004-2). 1 NCAA indoor TJ 2005. 1 Brazilian TJ 2008 In 2008: 1 São Paulo TJ (Mar 29); 1 Uberlândia TJ; 1 Fortaleza TJ (3 LJ); 4 Rio de Janeiro LJ; 1 La Paz LJ; 1 Cochabamba LJ; 1 Brazilian TJ (3 LJ); 6 Thessaloniki TJ; 2 Tangiers LJ; 2 Heusden TJ; dnq OLY TJ							
8,	111	<b>LEBEDEVA Tatyana</b> RUS	32y	55d	1976	15.32	15.34 -04
Five Olympic jumps medals ... twice World Champion at Triple Jump 15.36i -04. LJ pb: 7.33 -04 (7.03 -08). 4 EJC TJ 93; 4 WJC TJ 94; 2 EJC TJ 95 (6 LJ); 5 ECH TJ 98; 2 WCP TJ 98; 1 EIC TJ 2000; 1 ECP TJ 2000/2001; 2 OLY TJ 2000; 1 WCH TJ 2001/2003 (99-4, 2007-2); 1 WSG TJ 2001; 1 WIC TJ 2004/2006 (2001-2, 2003-dnq); 1 WIC LJ 2004; 1 OLY LJ 2004 (3 TJ); 1 ECH TJ 2006; 1 WCP TJ 2006; 1 WCH LJ 2007; 2 OLY LJ/TJ 2008. 1 Russian 98/99/2000/2008. Holds world indoor record for Triple Jump ... sole winner of 2005 IAAF Golden League \$1,000,000 jackpot ... daughter Anastasiya born September 2, 2002 ... husband Nikolay Medveyev was a 400m hurdler ... she is returning from Achilles surgery in the winter of 2007 In 2008: 1 European Clubs Cup LJ; 3 Filothei LJ; 1 Dessau TJ; 1 Tallinn LJ; 5 Eugene LJ; 1 Zhukovskiy LJ; 1 Russian TJ; 2 OLY LJ/TJ; 2 Padua TJ; 2 Lausanne LJ; 1 Moscow "Russian Challenge" LJ; 1 Rieti TJ; 1 Rovereto TJ							

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## Women's Shot Put

Sun/14:10

2008 World Best: 20.98 Nadzeya Ostapchuk BLR Stayki 27 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, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">58</span>	<b>22y</b>	265d	1985	<b>19.31</b>	<b>19.31 -08</b>
<p><b>SCHWANITZ Christina</b> GER                      2005 European under-23 silver ... 19.68i -08. 3 WJC 2004; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; 9 WCH 2005; 6 WIC 2008; 2 ECP 2008; 11 OLY 2008 ... discovered her event when she won her first ever shot competition in 2000 by a margin of five metres ... she works part-time as secretary to the Mayor of the municipality of Senheim in south west Germany ... coach-Hans-Peter Ogiolda ... 1.80/103kg</p> <p>Massive improvement this year now that she has recovered from having five separate operations to correct problems with her feet in the past two years</p> <p>In 2008: 3 German indoor; 6 WIC; 4 European Throws Cup; 1 Neckarsulm; 1 Rechberghausen; 1 Halle; 2 Kassel; 1 Schönebeck; 2 Cottbus; 1 Heilbronn; 2 ECP; 2 German; 11 OLY; 2 Bad Köstritz; 2 Elstal</p>					
2, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">149</span>	<b>26y</b>	301d	1981	<b>18.60</b>	<b>18.60 -08</b>
<p><b>WANLESS Liz</b> USA                      dntq WCH 2005. 1 NCAA Division 3 indoor 2004. Was a student of Philosophy at Bates College, Maine ... also a volleyball player                      In 2008: 1 Champaign; 1 Indiana Relays indoor; 3 US indoor (7 Weight Throw); 1 Fort Collins; 2 Florida Relays; 2 Mt SAC Relays; 2 La Jolla; 1 Columbus; 4 Osaka; 4 Rio de Janeiro; 4 São Paulo; 7 Belém; 1 Brea; 5 US Olympic Trials; 1 Heusden; 5 Rovereto</p>					
3, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">27</span>	<b>30y</b>	88d	1978	<b>19.50</b>	<b>19.50 -08</b>
<p><b>GONZÁLEZ Misleidis</b> CUB                      2007 Pan-American Champion ... fourth at 208 Olympics with a pb ... 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs 2001/2003; 6 WIC 2004; 10 WCH 2005 (2007-11); 3 WSG 2005; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 11 WCH 2007; 4 WIC 2008; 4 OLY 2008 (2004-7) ... 1.78/80kg                      In 2008: 1 Havana (Feb 16); 1 Havana (Feb 22); 4 WIC; 1 Barquisimeto; 1 Rio de Janeiro; 1 São Paulo; 1 Belém; 1 Havana; 2 Turin; 1 Gijón; 1 Bilbao; 1 Salamanca; 1 Alcalá de Henares; 1 Ávila; 4 OLY; 2 Padua; 2 Rovereto</p>					
4, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">124</span>	<b>28y</b>	347d	1979	<b>18.87</b>	<b>18.91 -07</b>
<p><b>BOREL-BROWN Cleopatra</b> TRI                      2004 Olympic silver ... Trinidad record holder ... 10 OLY 2004; dntq WCH 2005/2007; 3 COM 2006 (2002-4); 3 Pan-Am Games 2007 (2003-6); 7 WIC 2008 (2004-dntq, 2006-8); 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs 2008. 1 NCAA indoor 2002, representing the University of Maryland Baltimore County ... her father Raymond was also a thrower ... 1.68/93kg                      In 2008: 7 WIC; 1 Knoxville; 2 Osaka; 3 Rio de Janeiro; 2 São Paulo; 5 Belém; 1 Trinidad &amp; Tobago; 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs; 2 Stockholm; dntq OLY</p>					
5, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">55</span>	<b>32y</b>	330d	1975	<b>19.89</b>	<b>20.06 -05</b>
<p><b>KLEINERT Nadine</b> GER                      2004 Olympic finalist ... three World Championship medals ... 2 EJC 93; 6 WJC 94; 5 EIC 96; 1 under-23 ECH 97; 6 ECH 98/2002/2006; 6 WCP 98; 2 WCH 99/2001 (97/2003-7, 2005-5, 2007-3); 2 EIC 2000 (98-5); 1 ECP 2001 (99-2, 2004-3, 2005-2); 2 OLY 2004 (2000-8, 2008-7); 2 WIC 2006 (99-5, 2001-4, 2003-dntq, 2004-3); 6 ECH 2006. 1 German 2000/2008 (1 indoors 98-2001/2004) ... 1.90/78kg                      In 2008: 1 Dakar; 1 Hengelo; 1 Neuwied-Engers; 1 Kassel; 2 Schönebeck; 1 Cottbus; 1 Gotha; 1 German; 3 Stockholm; 1 Leverkusen; 1 Wattenscheid; 7 OLY; 1 Sondershausen; 1 Bad Köstritz; 1 Elstal; 1 Paris "DécaNation"</p>					
6, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">136</span>	<b>32y</b>	296d	1975	<b>18.36</b>	<b>18.74 -07</b>
<p><b>HEASTON Kristin</b> USA                      DT pb: 55.50 -98. 4 Pan-Am junior 93; 13 WSG 2002; dntq WCH 2003/2005/2007; dntq WIC 2004/2006; dntq OLY 2004; 5 Pan-Am Games 2007 (2003-7). 1 US Champs 2003/2005/2007. Coaches-Jerry Clayton &amp; Ron Forbes ... lives-Palo Alto, California ... 1.83/125kg                      In 2008: 2 Sydney; 2 Waitakere; 4 US indoor; 1 Auburn; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 2 Eugene; 7 Rio de Janeiro; 5 São Paulo; 3 Belém; 2 US Olympic Trials; dntq OLY; 2 Paris "DécaNation"</p>					
7, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">102</span>	<b>30y</b>	257d	1978	<b>18.19</b>	<b>18.19 -08</b>
<p><b>HELTNE Anca</b> ROU                      18.81i -08. 7 WSG 2005; 8 ECP 2006; dntq EIC 2007; 1 Balkan 2007; dntq WCH 2007; dntq WIC 2008; dntq OLY 2008. 1 Romanian 2007 ... 1.75/76kg                      In 2008: 1 Balkan indoor; 1 Romanian indoor; dntq WIC; 8 Rio de Janeiro; 7 São Paulo; 6 Belém; 1 Brazzaville; 3 Turin; 1 ECP 1st League; 3 Milan; 1 Romanian; 2 Sollentuna; 3 Cork; 4 Stockholm; dntq OLY</p>					
8, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">91</span>	<b>23y</b>	343d	1984	<b>20.56</b>	<b>20.56 -08</b>
<p><b>VILI Valerie</b> NZL                      (Née Adams) ... Reigning Olympic Champion and World Champion indoors &amp; out, she's also won World Youth, World Junior, World Cup and Commonwealth titles                      DT pb: 58.12 -04. HT pb: 58.32 -02. 1 World Youth 2001 (99-10); 1 WJC 2002; 1 COM 2006 (2002-2); 1 WCP 2006 (2002-6); 1 WCH 2007 (2003-5, 2005-3); 1 WIC 2008 (2004-dntq); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-8)). 1 AAA junior 99 (at age 14). 1 New Zealand 2001-2007. 1 Australian 2004/2005/2008 ... her late father-Sydney Adams was born in Bristol, mother Liliika Ngauamo-Tongan ... husband-Bertrand Vili threw Discus for France when they won 2007 European Cup in Munich ... winner of the Lonsdale Cup (Sports Personality of the Year) in New Zealand for 2006 &amp; 2007 ... coach-Kirsten Hellier ... 1.90/110kg                      In 2008: 1 Canberra; 1 Hamilton; 1 Sydney; 1 Waitakere; 1 Australian; 1 WIC; 1 New Zealand; 1 "Good Luck" Beijing; 1 OLY; 1 Rovereto</p> <p>She holds every championship title available to her but has finished in second place at the last three World Athletics Finals</p>					

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## Women's Discus Throw

Sun/14:45

2008 World Best: 67.28 Darya Pishchalnikova RUS Tula 6 Jul 08  
(Or if above annulled) 66.51 Nicoleta Grasu ROU Istanbul 21 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,	130	<b>BREISCH Becky</b> USA	25y	183d	1983	64.10	67.37 -07
US Collegiate Champion at Shot in 2003 & Discus 2004, representing the University of Nebraska SP pb: 18.46 -06. dnq WCH DT 2007. 1 NCAA SP 2003 & DT 2004 ... coach-Bud Rasmussen ... Breisch pronounced BRYsh ... 1.80/104kg In 2008: 1 Chula Vista; 5 Modesto; 2 Wailuku (May 14); 2 Salinas (May 21); 1 Salinas (May 22); 1 New York; 4 Eugene; 1 Chula Vista (Jun 14); 4 US Olympic Trials; 6 Thessaloniki; 1 Cuxhaven; 1 Chula Vista (Jul 28); 2 Chula Vista (Jul 31)							
2,	90	<b>FAUMUINA Beatrice</b> NZL	33y	327d	1974	61.73	68.52 -97
1997 World Champion ... twice Commonwealth Games Champion ... had a 35-meeting win streak in 1997-98 SP pb: 16.96 -98. 5 WJC 92; 1 WCH 97 (95/2007-dnq, 2003-13, 2005-4); 1 COM 98/2002 (94-2, 2006-4); 4 COM SP 98; 1 WCP 2002 (98-4); 7 OLY 2004 (96/2008-dnq, 2000-12). 14x New Zealand Champion (93-2000/2002-2007). 7x Australian Champion (97/98/2002-2006) Training partner-Ian Winchester (New Zealand men's DT record holder). Parents-from Samoa ... placed second in the 2006 edition of New Zealand's "Dancing With The Stars" TV contest ... 1.90/100kg In 2008: 2 Waitakere; 4 Melbourne; 2 Australian; 1 New Zealand; 5 Osaka; 6 Wailuku (May 14); 6 Wailuku (May 16); 3 Los Gatos; 2 Chula Vista (Jul 28); 1 Chula Vista (Jul 31); dnq OLY							
3,	122	<b>SÖDERBERG Anna</b> SWE	35y	96d	1973	62.19	64.54 -99
Swedish record holder ... 16x Swedish Champion ... 3x World finalist ... was at Northern Arizona University SP pb: 16.30 -99. dnq WJC 92; 5 WSG 99; 8 WCH 2003 (97/2005-11, 99/2007-dnq); dnq OLY 2004/2008; 5 ECP 2006; 11 ECH 2006 (98/2002-dnq). 1 Swedish 93-2008 (1 HT 96/97) ... born-Örebro ... coach-Anders Axlid ... she was added to the 2003 World final after television evidence showed that one of her qualifying throws had been mis-measured ... 1.77/83kg In 2008: 1 Gothenburg; 4 European Throws Cup; 1 Gothenburg; 2 Chula Vista; 3 Salinas; 2 Modesto; 9 Halle; 1 Gothenburg; 5 New York; 5 Eugene; 5 Warsaw; 3 ECP 1st League; 1 Gothenburg; 2 Bottnaryd; 1 Swedish Clubs; 2 Thessaloniki; 1 Karlstad; 1 Swedish; dnq OLY; 1 FIN v SWE; 9 Zagreb							
4,	131	<b>BROWN TRAFTON Stephanie</b> USA	29y	45d	1979	66.17	66.17 -08
2008 Olympic Champion, the first American woman to win in her event since 1932 SP pb: 17.86 -04. 1 North & Central American & Caribbean 2007; 1 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 2 NCAA 2003 (2002-4). Self-coached ... 1.93/100kg (she, Blanka Vlasic and Valerie Vili are the three tallest women track & field athletes in Beijing, all 1.93) ... her mother is from the Isle of Wight (GBR) In 2008: 1 Sacramento; 1 San Luis Obispo; 1 Stanford; 1 La Jolla; 1 Salinas; 1 Modesto; 1 Wailuku (May 14); 1 Wailuku (May 16); 1 Clemson 'B'; 3 New York; 1 Eugene; 3 US Olympic Trials; 1 OLY; 2 Zagreb							
5,	101	<b>GRASU Nicoleta</b> ROU	37y	4d	1971	66.51	68.80 -99
(Née Gradinaru) ... twice European bronze... 2x World medallist ... 12x Romanian Champion 6 WJC 90; 3 WSG 97; 3 ECH 98/2006 (94-4); 2 WCP 98; 1 WSG 99 (97-3); 1 Balkan 92/9798/99; 1 ECP 2000 (99/2002-2, 97/2001/2005-4, 2006-3); 2 WCH 2001 (93-7, 95-dnq, 97-10, 99-3, 2005-5, 2007-4); 6 OLY 2004 (96-7, 2000-dnq, 2008-12). 1 Romanian 92/93/95/96/97/99/2000/2001/2002/2004/2005/2006/2008 ... husband-Costel Grasu (4 OLY DT 92) ... 1.77/97kg In 2008: 1 Romanian winter; 1 European Throws Cup; 1 Zalau; 1 Onesti; 2 Halle; 1 Bucharest; 3 Warsaw; 1 ECP 1st League; 1 Istanbul; 1 Romanian; 4 Thessaloniki; 1 Balkan Champs; 12 OLY; 3 Zagreb							
6,	146	<b>THURMOND Aretha</b> USA	32y	31d	1976	65.20	65.86 -04
(Née Hill) ... 2003 Pan-American Champion ... 66.23 downhill -03. 6 WSG 97/99; dnq WCH 99/2003; 1 Pan-Am Games 2003 (99-2); 10 OLY 2008 (96/2004-dnq). 1 US 2004/2008 ... took up athletics seriously after losing a bet with her PE teacher who wanted her to give up softball to concentrate on throwing ... lives-Opelika, Alabama ... coach-Jerry Clayton ... her husband Reedus is a 62.06 DT thrower, their son Theo born June 7, 2007 (Aretha placed 6th at the 2007 US Championships only 16 days after giving birth) ... 1.80/109kg In 2008: 1 Lexington; 3 Waitakere; 5 Melbourne; 1 Auburn; 2 La Jolla; 3 Osaka; 3 Wailuku (May 14); 3 Wailuku (May 16); 2 New York; 6 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials; 10 OLY; 2 Paris "DécaNation"; 8 Zagreb							
7,	30	<b>CECHLOVÁ Vera</b> CZE	29y	300d	1978	63.10	67.71 -03
(Née Pospisilová) ... 2005 World bronze ... SP pb: 16.92 -01. 8 EJC 97 (12 SP); 4 ECP 2001 (7 SP); 4 ECH 2002 (2006-7); 4 OLY 2004 (2005-5); 3 WCH 2005 (2001-6, 2003-5, 2007-dnq). 1 Czech 2003/2004/2005/2007 (1 SP 2001/2002) ... started as a high jumper ... has pet French Bulldog called "Fanda" ... 1.76/72kg In 2008: 2 Eugene; 4 Warsaw; 1 ECP 1st League; 1 Kladno; 1 Czech; 3 Thessaloniki; 1 Litomysl; 5 OLY; 5 Zagreb							
8,	26	<b>BARRIOS Yarelis</b> CUB	25y	65d	1983	66.13	66.13 -08
2008 Olympic silver ... 2007 world bronze ... Pan-American & World Student Games Champion in 2007 1 Central American & Caribbean 2005/2008; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 1 WSG 2007; 3 WCH 2007; 2 OLY 2008. Threw 66.68 in 2007 at was was regarded as a "training meeting" ... 1.72/89kg In 2008: 2 Havana (Feb 15); 1 Havana (Feb 21); 1 Havana (Feb 29); 1 Havana (Mar 7); 1 Uberlândia; 2 Fortaleza; 1 Havana; 1 Bilbao; 2 Istanbul; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; 1 Liera; 2 OLY; 1 Zagreb							