

IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final 2008 • Biographical Summaries

Men's 1500 Metres

Sun/14:25

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Bernard Lagat added

2008 World Best: 3:31.49 Daniel K. Komen Monaco 29 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
19	ALI Belal Mansoor BRN		19y	332d	1988	3:33.06	3:31.49 -07
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: John Yego KEN ... 800 pb: 1:44.02 -07 (1:45.90 -08). 1 World Youth 1500 2005; 7 WCH 800 2005 (ht 1500); 3 WJC 1500 2006 (7 800); 11 WCH 1500 2007 (ht 800); ht WIC 1500 2008; 8 OLY 1500 2008 (sf 800). At WXC: 2005-10J, 2006-23J. Holds World Youth bests at 800m & 1500m ... before his transfer from Kenya he apparently clocked 1:46.8 for 800m at altitude in 2004 at age 15 ... he was under investigation by the IAAF for alleged age manipulation, but cleared of all charges in November 2006 In 2008: 5ht WIC 1500; 7 Doha 800; 4 Eugene Mile; 9 Tangiers 1500; 3 Paris Golden League 1500; 3 Heusden 1500; 8 OLY 1500 (sf 800); 3 Zurich Golden League 1500; 5 Lausanne 1500; 1 Brussels Golden League 1500; 7 Rieti 800</p>							
20	KAMEL Youssef Saad BRN		25y	170d	1983	3:32.83	3:32.83 -08
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Gregory Konchellah KEN Asian record holder at 800m ... 2008 World indoor bronze 800 pb: 1:42.79 -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 Borzakovsky); 5 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League 1500; 1 Lausanne 1500; 1 Brussels Golden League 800; 1 Zagreb 1500; Here: 800 3/1:49.40</p>							
32	MEKONNEN Deresse ETH		20y	330d	1987	3:33.71	3:33.71 -08
<p>Full name-Deresse Mekonnen Tsigu Surprise World Indoor Champion in 2008 ... Ethiopian mile record holder 5 African Games 2007; ht WCH 2007; 1 WIC 2008; 4 African Champs 2008; sf OLY 2008 In 2008: 1 WIC; 4 African Champs; 3 Oslo "Dream" Mile; 1 Milan; 1 Madrid; 11 Rome Golden League; 7sf OLY</p>							
65	GATHIMBA Gideon KEN		28y	189d	1980	3:33.63	3:33.63 -08
<p>2008 Kenyan 1500m Champion but only fifth in their Olympic Trials 1 World Military Games 2007; 2 African Champs 2008. 1 Kenyan 2008 In 2008: 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial; 2 African Champs; 4 Rabat; 1 Kenyan; 5 Kenyan Olympic Trials 1500; 3 Tangiers; 4 Barcelona; 4 Monaco; 2 Lappeenranta; 10 Zurich Golden League; 4 Lausanne; 2 Rieti; 2 Zagreb</p>							
66	KEITANY Haron KEN		24y	272d	1983	3:32.06	3:32.06 -08
<p>1 African Champs 2008 In 2008: 3 Kenyan African Championship Trial; 1 African Champs; 1 Dessau; 2 Oslo "Dream" Mile; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 1 Rethymno; 7 Heusden; 1 Zurich Golden League (defeated Rashid Ramzi); 3 Lausanne; 7 Brussels Golden League</p>							
68	KEMBOI Nicholas KEN		18y	271d	1989	3:35.05	3:33.72 -06
<p>This is a different Nicholas Kemboi to the one who was born in 1983, ran 26:30.03 for 10,000m and has transferred to Qatar 800 pb: 1:46.65 -06 (1:47.38 -08). ht OLY 2008. 1 Zurich under-23 2006 In 2008: 1 Doha (Apr 30); 1 Zaragoza; 1 Tallinn; 6 Oslo "Dream" Mile; 1 Casablanca; 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 11ht OLY; 9 Zurich Golden League; 6 Lausanne; 4 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rovereto 800 'B'</p>							
72	KIPROP Asbel KEN		19y	77d	1989	3:31.64	3:31.64 -08
<p>Full name-Asbel Kipruto Kiprop 2008 Olympic silver ... came from nowhere in 2007 to become World Junior Cross Country Champion and African Games Champion at 1500m ... still a junior in 2008 800 pb: 1:44.71 -08. 1 African Games 1500 2007; 4 WCH 1500 2007; 3 African Champs 800 2008; 2 OLY1500 2008. 1 Kenyan 1500 2007. He reportedly give up high school to concentrate on athletics ... his father David Kebenei was also a 1500m runner ... coach-Jimmy Beuttah ... Absel is 1.91 (6-3) tall In 2008: 2 Kenyan African Championship Trial 800; 3 African Champs 800; 3 Kenyan 800; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials 1500; 1 Rome Golden League 1500; 2 Paris Golden League 1500; 2 OLY 1500; 13 Zurich Golden League 1500; 1 Lausanne 800</p>							
97	IGUIDER Abdelaati MAR		21y	174d	1987	3:31.88	3:31.88 -08
<p>2004 World Junior Champion at 1500m, then silver in 2006 ... 3000 pb: 7:41.95 -07. 800 pb: 1:47.14 -07. 1 WJC 2004 (2006-2); ht WCH 2007; 6 OLY 2008. At WXC: 2005-30J. Now coached by Abdelkader Kada (El Guerrouj's former trainer) In 2008: 1 Doha; 1 Rehlingen; 4 Berlin Golden League; 1 Rabat; 2 Rome Golden League; 6 OLY; 6 Zurich Golden League; 1 Bottrop 800; 2 Brussels Golden League</p>							
99	MOUSTAOUI Mohamed MAR		23y	166d	1985	3:32.06	3:32.06 -08
<p>2007 Arab Champion ... caused a shock by defeating Bernard Lagat in 2006 Gateshead 1500m 5000 pb: 13:22.61 -05. 4 WJC 2004; 5 African Champs 2006; 1 Arab 2007; sf WCH 2007; sf OLY 2008. At WXC: 2003-28J, 2004-14J, 2005-14 short. Based-Rabat ... coach-Ayoub El Madili In 2008: 2 Doha; 8 Berlin Golden League; 4 Oslo "Dream" Mile; 5 Rabat; 2 Casablanca; 5 Rome Golden League; 1 Tangiers; 10sf OLY; 6 Brussels Golden League</p>							
102	WILLIS Nick NZL		25y	143d	1983	3:33.51	3:32.17 -06
<p>2008 Olympic 1500m bronze ... 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 1500m ... in 2005 broke the New Zealand record 1500m which had stood to John Walker since 1975 5000 pb: 13:27.54 -05. Mile pb: 3:50.66 -08. 800 pb: 1:45.54 -04 (1:45.87 -08). 4 WJC 1500 2002; 1 COM 1500 2006; 3 WCP 1500 2006; 10 WCH 1500 2007 (2005-sf); 3 OLY 1500 2008 (2004-sf). 1 NCAA indoor1500 2005. At WXC: 2003-91 short, 2004-42 short. Economics Graduate from University of Michigan ... coach-Ron Warhurst In 2008: 3 Millrose Games Mile; dq WIC (originally 5th, he ran inside the track); 1 New Zealand 1500; 1 Ypsilanti 800; dnf Hillsdale 1500; 1 Ann Arbor 800; 2 Carson 1500; 4 New York 800; 2 Eugene Mile; 6 London Grand Prix 800; 3 Monaco 1500; 3 OLY 1500; 2 Gateshead 1000; 3 Brussels Golden League 1500</p>							
137	LAGAT Bernard USA		33y	277d	1974	3:32.75	3:26.34 -01
<p>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). 3000 pb: 7:33.51-00 (7:34.65i; 8:02.96 -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 (pb 2:16.18); 1 Rieti 1500; Here: 3000 1/8:02.97</p>							

