

IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final 2009 • Biographical Summaries

Men's 100 Metres

Sat/21:10

2009 World Best:	9.58	Usain Bolt JAM	Berlin	16 Aug 09
Powell 7 - 4 versus Gay at 100m				

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,	61	WILLIAMSON Simeon GBR	23y	239d	1986	10.05	10.03 -08
2007 European under-23 Champion & 2007 World Student Games Champion at 100m 200 pb: 21.25 -09. 2 EJC 100 2005; 1 under-23 ECH 100 2007; 1 WSG 100 2007; 7 WIC 2008; qf OLY 100 2008; 4 EIC 60 2009; 3 WCH 4x100 2009 (qf 100). 1 UK 100 2009. Coaches-Lloyd Cowan & Christine Bomaker In 2009: 3 UK indoor 60; 4 EIC 60; 4ht Manchester "Great City Games"; 8 Rabat 200 (dnf 100); 1 Belgrade 100; 3 Hengelo 100; 5 Geneva 200 'B'; 2 Berlin Golden League 100; 2 ETCh 100 'C'; 4 Oslo Golden League 100; 1 UK Champs 100 (10.05 into 1.8 wind, beat Dwain Chambers); 6 Paris Golden League 100; 4 London 100; 3 WCH 4x100; 8 Brussels Golden League 100; 3 Rieti 100							
2,	51	POGNON Ronald FRA	26y	300d	1982	10.21	9.99 -05
(Pronounced "Pon-yon") ... 2005 World relay gold ... holds European indoor record at 60m 10.15w -09. 200 pb: 20.27 -05. 2 WJC 4x100 2000 (qf 200); 1 EJC 200 2001 (2 4x100); 1 under-23 ECH 100 2003; sf WCH 100 2003/2005 (2009-qf); 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 (qf 200); 4 ECH 100 2006 (3 4x100); 6 WCP 100 2006. 1 French 100 2006/2009 & 200 2005/2008. Born-Martinique ... coach-Pierre-Jean Vazel In 2009: 4 Doha 100; 1 Rabat 100 (5 200); 1 Strasbourg 100; 4 Montreuil-sous-Bois 100; 7 Berlin Golden League 100; 3 Ostrava 100; 8 Oslo Golden League 100; 1 French 100; 7qf WCH 100; 6 Tallinn 100; 6 Zagreb 100							
3,	151	PATTON Darvis USA	31y	282d	1977	9.94	9.89 -08
Currently he is the world's fastest over-30 ... 2003 World silver at 200m ... eighth at 100m in Beijing 2008 & Berlin 2009 ... nickname "Doc" 9.84w -08. 200 pb: 20.03 -03 (20.32 -09). LJ pb: 8.12 -01. 2 WCH 200 2003 (1 4x100); 2 Pan-Am 100 2007 (3 4x100); 1 WCH 4x100 2007; 8 OLY 100 2008 (dnf/ht 4x100 after baton dropped between him & Tyson Gay); 8 WCH 100/2009 (dq/ht 4x100). Ran in heat of 2004 Olympic 4x100, so awarded silver medal won by team in final. 1 US 200 2003. Born-Dallas, was at Texas Christian University ... wife-Crystal, their daughter Dakota born June 10, 2009 ... coach-Monte Stratton In 2009: 1 Kingston 100/200 (May 2); 1 Carson 100; 4 New York 100; 2 US Champs 100; 2 Barcelona 200; 2 Monaco 100; 2 Stockholm 100; 8 WCH 100 (dq/ht 4x100 - baton passed too early from Shawn Crawford); 3 Zurich Golden League 100; 1 Zagreb 100 (9.94); 3 Brussels Golden League 100							
4,	153	RODGERS Mike USA	24y	141d	1985	9.94	9.94 -09
US Champion at 100m in 2009 and indoor 60m in 2008 ... 9.85w -09. 200 pb: 20.24 -09. 4 WIC 60 2008; sf WCH 100 2009. 1 US indoor 60 2008. His younger sister Alishea Usery is 2009 US Junior Champion at 400m ... coach-Darrell Woodson In 2009: 1 Oxford MS 100; 1 Waco 200 'B'; 3 Texas Invitational 100 (3 200 'B'); 1 Fortaleza 100; 1 Rio de Janeiro 100/200 'B'; 1 Uberlândia 100; 2 Belém 100/200; 1 New York 100; 1 Eugene 100; 1 US Champs 100; 3 Lausanne 100; 6 Rome Golden League 100; 3 Athens 100 'B'; 1 Cottbus 100; 5sf WCH 100; 4 Zurich Golden League 100; 2 Zagreb 100; 4 Brussels Golden League 100; 1 Dubnica 100; 1 Paris "DécaNation" 100							
5,	78	POWELL Asafa JAM	26y	293d	1982	9.84	9.72 -08
History's most prolific sub-10 second 100m sprinter .. two Olympic 100m fifths ... two World 100m bronzes 200 pb: 19.90 -06. 400 pb: 45.94 -09. 5 OLY 100 2004/2008; 1 COM 100/4x100 2006; 3 WCH 100 2007 & 2 4x100; 1 OLY 4x100 2008; 3 WCH 100 2009 & 1 4x100. 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 ... at Stockholm on July 22, 2008 was the last man to defeat Usain Bolt at 100m ... coach-Stephen Francis In 2009: 1 Kingston 400 (Jan 31); 4 Sydney 400 (pb 45.94); 1 Melbourne 100; 7 New York 100; 2 Eugene 100; 2 Jamaican 100; 1 Oslo Golden League 100; 1 Lausanne 100; 2 Rome Golden League 100; 3 Lignano 100; 6 London 100; 3 Stockholm 100; 3 WCH 100 (1 4x100); 2 Zurich Golden League 100; 1 Brussels Golden League 100; 1 Rieti 100 (9.99, his 57th sub-10)							
6,	137	GAY Tyson USA	27y	34d	1982	9.71	9.71 -09
Former World Champion at 100 Metres & 200 Metres ... second on world all-time list at 100m 9.68w -08 (9.75w -09). 200 pb: 19.58 -09. 400 pb: 45.57 -09. 4 WCH 200 2005; 1 WCP 100/4x100 2006; 1 WCH 100/200/4x100 2007; sf OLY 100 2008 (dnf/ht 4x100); 2 WCH 100 2009. Born-Kentucky, lives-Fayetteville... daughter Trinity born December 12, 2002 ... coaches-Lance Braumann & Jon Drummond In 2009: 1 Tempe 400; 3 Texas Invitational 400 (pb 45.57); 1 New York 200 (pb 19.58); 1ht US Champs 100 (9.75w, he only ran in the heat to fulfil his World Championship selection requirement); 1 Rome Golden League 100 (9.77 to equal his US record); 1 London 200; 1 Stockholm 100 (9.79w); 2 WCH 100; 1 Gateshead 100; 2 Brussels Golden League 100							
7,	10	MARTINA Churandy AHO	25y	70d	1984	9.97	9.93 -08
Fourth in Beijing Olympic 100m then originally second at 200m, only to be disqualified for a lane infringement after clocking 19.82; Official second placer Shawn Crawford later gave him the silver medal 9.76w -06. 200 pb: 20.11 -08 (20.76 -09). 400m pb: 46.13 -07. sf World Youth 100 99; qf WJC 100 2002 (2000-ht); 1 South American Games 100 2002 (2 200); qf OLY 100 2004; qf WCH 100 2005 (2003-ht); 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 100 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 100 2007; 5 WCH 100/200 2007; 4 OLY 100 2008 (200-dq); qf WCH 200 2009. In 2008 he "won" a televised sprint race at 30m against a row of toppling dominoes, clocking 3.81 ... coach-Wendell Prince In 2009: 1 UTEP Invitational 200; 2 Baie Mahault 100; 1 Ponce 100; 1 Hengelo 100; 7 Eugene 100; 7 Oslo Golden League 100; 3 Lausanne 200 (1 100 'B'); 5ht Rome Golden League 100; 7 Paris Golden League 100; 1 Monaco 100; 4 Stockholm 100; 4qf WCH 100							
8,	75	FRATER Michael JAM	26y	341d	1982	10.02	9.97 -08
2005 World silver at 100m ... ran second leg for Olympic & World sprint relay champions, handing to Usain Bolt each time 200 pb: 20.45w, 20.63 -02. 5 WJC 100 2002; sf COM 100 2002; 1 Pan-Am 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 WCH 4x100 2009 (sf 100). 1 Jamaican 100 2006. 1 NCAA 100 2004 ... studied Political Science at Texan Christian University In 2009: 3 Baie Mahault 100; 2 Doha 100; 8 New York 100; 6 Eugene 100; 3 Jamaican 100; 3 Oslo Golden League 100; 4 Lausanne 100; 8 Rome Golden League 100; 8 Stockholm 100; 1 WCH 4x100 (sf 100); 6 Zurich Golden League 100 (1 4x100); 7 Zagreb 100; 6 Brussels Golden League 100; 5 Rieti 100							

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Men's 400 Metres

Sat/19:40

2009 World Best:	44.06	LaShawn Merritt USA	Berlin	21 Aug 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
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New World Record: \$100,000

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	159	TAYLOR Angelo USA	30y	257d	1978	45.15	44.05 -07
<p>Two Olympic golds, but he's never reached a World Championship final at 400m Hurdles 400H pb: 47.25 -08 (48.30 -09). 3 WJC 400H 96; sf WCH 400H 99/2001 (2009-ht); 1 OLY 400H 2000/2008 (2004-sf); 3 WCH 400 2007 (1 4x400); 1 OLY 4x400 2008; ht WCH 400H 2009 (1 4x400). 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. Father of two twin boys (Xavier & Isaiah) ... coach-Innocent Egbunike In 2009: 1 Baie Mahault 400H; 2 Carson 400H; 5 New York 400H; 4 Eugene 400H; 3 US Champs 400H; 5 Réthymno 400H; 2 London 400; 1 WCH 4x400 (ht 4x00H); 5 Zurich Golden League 400; 3 Gateshead 400; 6 Rieti 400; 1 Paris "DécaNation" 400</p>							
2,	29	KIKAYA Gary COD	29y	220d	1980	45.21	44.10 -06
<p>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. sf WCH 2003/2005/2007 (2009-ht); 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 ... self-coached In 2009: 3 Baie Mahault; 1 Chapel Hill 200 (2 100); 1 Rabat; 4 Thessaloníki; 2 Berlin Golden League; 1 Tomblaine; 1 Lille; 3 Oslo Golden League; 6 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 1 Abuja; 1 Barcelona; dq/ht WCH (ran out of lane); 8 Brussels Golden League</p>							
3,	70	GILLICK David IRL	26y	65d	1983	44.77	44.77 -09
<p>Sixth at 2009 World Championships ... Twice European Indoor Champion ... Irish record holder ht under-23 ECH 2003; ht WCH 4x400 2003; 3 WIC 4x400 2004; 1 EIC 2005/2007 (2009-sf after falling); ht WIC 2006; sf ECH 2006; ht OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (20070sf). 1 AAA indoor 2005. 1 Irish 2006/2007. From Ballinteer, near Dublin former Gaelic Football player ... based-Loughborough ... coach-Nick Dakin In 2009: 6sf EIC (fell); 1 Westwood 200; 1 Mt. SAC Relays; 2 Loughborough "International" 200 'B'; 1 Geneva; 1 Thessaloníki; 1 Milan; 1 Madrid (his Irish record down from 45.12 to 44.77); 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Barcelona; 3 Monaco; 6 WCH; 4 Zurich Golden League; 4 Brussels Golden League</p>							
4,	147	MERRITT LaShawn USA	23y	77d	1986	44.06	43.75 -08
<p>2008 Olympic Champion ... 2009 World Champion with 44.06 in poor conditions 200 pb: 19.80w -08, 19.98 -07 (20.07 -09). 1 WJC 400 & relays 2004; 1 WIC 4x400 2006 (dq individual ht); 1 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (1 4x400); 1 OLY 400/4x400 2008. 1 US 2008/2009. 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 ... studied 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 2009: 1 Baie Mahault; 1 Carson 200; 1 New York; 1 Eugene 300 (31.30, a sea-level world best); 1 Toronto; 1 US Champs; 2 Lausanne 200; 1 Athens; 3 Réthymno 200; 1 Monaco; 1 WCH 400/4x400; 1 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead (15th successive win at 400m including heats, he last lost to Jeremy Wariner in Zurich on August 29, 2008)</p>							
5,	17	BROWN Chris BAH	30y	332d	1978	44.81	44.40 -08
<p>Fourth-fourth-fifth at the last three World Championships ... ht COM 800 98; qf OLY 2000 (3 4x400); 1 WCH 4x400 2001 (2003-3, 2005/2007 -2); 7 COM 2002 (3 4x400); f OLY 2004 (would have qualified for final but eased off before the finish line); 4 WCH 2005/2007 (2001-ht, 2003-sf, 2009-5); 3 WIC 2006/2008 (2003-sf); 4 COM 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 4 OLY 2008 (2 4x400). 1 Bahamas 2002/2004/2007/2008/2009 ... Bahamas record holder at 400m & 800m (1:49.54 -98) ... youngest of seven children ... his parents Nola & Harcourt were both sprinters ... coach-Innocent Egbunike ... 1.78 tall In 2009: 2 Carson; 3 New York; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 Bahamas; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Tangiers; 5 WCH; 6 Zurich Golden League; 6 Brussels Golden League</p>							
6,	54	BINGHAM Michael GBR	23y	152d	1986	44.74	44.74 -09
<p>2009 World Championship relay silver & seventh individually ... 2009 US Collegiate Champion indoors, representing Wake Forest University in North Carolina 200 pb: 20.75 -09. 3 Pan-American junior Decathlon 2005; 4 OLY 4x400 2008; 7 WCH 2009 (2 4x400). 1 US junior Decathlon 2005; 1 NCAA indoor 2009 (2 outdoors). His father Norris is British and lives in Nottingham, though Michael was born in the USA ... cleared by the IAAF to represent Britain on April 30, 2008 though he has had a British passport since August 2, 2007 ... coaches-Tony Lester (GBR) & Scott Hall (USA) In 2009: 1 NCAA indoor; 1 Coral Gables; 1 Georgia Tech Invitational 200; 1 Greensboro; 2 NCAA; dns UK Champs final; 1 London; 2 Stockholm; 7 WCH (2 4x400 with 44.7, the team's fastest split); 4 Gateshead; 3 Brussels Golden League</p>							
7,	150	NEVILLE David USA	25y	102d	1984	45.14	44.61 -08
<p>2008 Olympic bronze (when he threw himself over the line, it paid off) & relay gold 200 pb: 20.39 -04 (20.66 -09). 2 Pan-Am junior 200 2003; 2 Pan-American Games 4x400 2007; 3 OLY 2008 (1 4x400). 1 US indoor 2008. His father and grandfather were both athletes and both also called David ... Music graduate from the Indiana University, he is qualified to teach music ... can play the drums, trumpet and piano and can sing gospel ... coach-John Smith (since 2007) In 2009: 2 UCLA Invitational 200; 7 Baie Mahault (7 200); 6 Osaka; 7 New York 200; 5 Eugene; 5 US Champs; 7 Rome Golden League; 2 Athens; 4 Paris Golden League; 6 Barcelona; 2 Monaco; 2 Padua; 2 Rieti</p>							
8,	16	WROE Sean AUS	24y	178d	1985	45.07	45.07 -09
<p>Anchored Australia to World Championship 4x400m bronze in 2009 ... 200 pb: 20.97 -09. 100 pb: 10.50 -09. 6 WJC 2004; sf COM 2006 (gold 4x400 after running in heats); 2 WSG 2007; sf WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008; sf WCH 2009 (3 4x400). 1 Australian 2007/2009. Born/lives-Melbourne ... coach-Eric Hollingsworth In 2009: 1 Hobart 200 (5 100); 1 Australian Cup; 2 Victoria State 200; 1 Sydney; 1 Melbourne; 1 Australian (6 200, ht 100); 3 Osaka; 1 Gold Coast 100/200; 3 Lille; 4 Oslo Golden League; 8sf World Student Games 100/200 (1 4x400); 4 London; 5 Stockholm; 4sf WCH (3 4x400); 8 Zurich Golden League; 8 Gateshead 200; 7 Brussels Golden League</p>							

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Men's 800 Metres

Sat/20:55

2009 World Best:	1:42.01	David Rudisha KEN	Rieti	6 Sep 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
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New World Record: \$100,000

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1,	28	REED Gary CAN	27y	322d	1981	1:43.95	1:43.68 -08
2007 World silver (0.01 behind gold) ... Canadian record holder ... 400 pb: 46.45 -06 (47.53 -09). ht WCH 4x400 2001/2003; ht COM 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-8, 2009-sf); 4 OLY 2008 (2004-sf). 1 Canadian 2003/2004/2005/2008/2009. Started as a triple jumper, then a decathlete ... he had the quickest last 100m in the 2008 Olympic 800m final, but from too far back to gain a medal ... coach-Wynn Gmitroski ... father-American, mother-Canadian ... born-Texas, lives-Kamloops, BC In 2009: 3 Victoria 400; 1 Vancouver; 1 Canadian; 4 Lausanne; 3 Athens; 1 London; 6 Monaco; 4sf WCH; 5 Zurich Golden League; 3 Brussels Golden League							
2,	158	SYMMONDS Nick USA	25y	256d	1983	1:43.83	1:43.83 -09
2008 US Champion at 800m ... 1500 pb: 3:40.91 -06. 6 WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-sf). 1 US 2008/2009 & Indoor 2007. He can speak Spanish ... graduate of biochemistry from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon ... coach-Frank Gagliano In 2009: 1 Beaverton; 1 US Champs; 4 Lucerne; 3 London; 3 Monaco; 6 WCH; 7 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead; 6 Brussels Golden League; 1 Paris "DécaNation"							
3,	105	KIRWA YEGO Alfred KEN	22y	288d	1986	1:42.67	1:42.67 -09
Gold in Osaka 2007, silver in Berlin 2009, bronze in Beijing 2008 1500 pb: 3:33.69 -09. 2 WJC 2004; 3 African Champs 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-ht, 2009-2); 3 OLY 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 2009: 5 Doha 1500; 2 Eugene; 6 Ostrava; 5 Lausanne; 1 Rome Golden League; 2 Kenyan World Trials; 2 WCH; 2 Zurich Golden League; 2 Brussels Golden League; 2 Rieti							
4,	122	BORZAKOVSKIY Yuriy RUS	28y	153d	1981	1:43.58	1:42.47 -01
Former Olympic Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:40.28 -05 (3:43.03 -09). 1 World Youth Games 98; 1 ECP 99/2002 (3 1500 2004); 1 EJC 99; 1 EIC 2000/2009; 1 WIC 2001 (2006-3); sf ECH 400 2002 (2 4x400); 2 WCH 2003/2005 (2007-3, 2009-4); 1 OLY 2004 (2000-6, 2008-sf). 1 Russian indoor 800 99/2001, 1500 2006 & outdoor 2004. Son-Yaroslav born May 14, 2002 In 2009: 1 EIC; 6 Eugene; 3 Moscow City Champs 1500; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Russian; 2 Monaco; 2 Stockholm; 4 WCH; 6 Zurich Golden League; 4 Brussels Golden League							
5,	102	RUDISHA David KEN	20y	268d	1988	1:42.01	1:42.01 -09
Full name-David Lekuta Rudisha African record holder ... 2006 World Junior Champion ... 2008 African Champion 400 pb: 46.2 -07. 1 WJC 2006 (4 4x400); 1 African junior 2007; 1 African Champs 2008; sf WCH 2009. His father Daniel Rudisha anchored Kenya to silver medals in the 1968 Olympic 4x400m (with a 44.0 split) In 2009: 4 Doha; 3 Hengelo; 1 Ostrava; 1 Kenyan; 1 Kenyan World Trials; 3sf WCH; 1 Zurich Golden League (pb); 1 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti (with 1:42.01 he broke the African record which had stood for 25 years and also set the fastest time of the decade)							
6,	120	MULAUDZI Mbulaeni RSA	29y	3d	1980	1:42.86	1:42.86 -09
2009 World Champion from the front ... 1500 pb: 3:38.55 -09. 400 pb: 46.3 -07. 2 African Champs 2000 (2002-3, 2006-6); 1 COM 2002 (4 4x400); 2 African Games 2003; 1 WIC 2004 (2006/2008-2); 2 OLY 2004 (2008-sf); 1 WCH 2009 (2001-6, 2003-3, 2005-sf, 2007-7). 1 South African 2001/2002/2003/2007/2008/2009. 1 African Junior 1999 ... coach-JP van der Merwe In 2009: 3 Durban 1500; 2 Port Elizabeth; 2 Stellenbosch 1500; 1 Germiston; 1 South African; 1 Madrid; 2 Lausanne; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 WCH; 3 Zurich Golden League; 5 Brussels Golden League; 3 Rieti							
7,	106	AL-SALHI Mohammed KSA	23y	124d	1986	1:43.66	1:43.66 -09
2003 World Youth Champion ... 2007 Asian Champion ... Saudi Arabian record holder 400 pb: 45.75 -03 (47.21 -09). 1 World Youth 2003; 1 Asian junior 400 2004; 6 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2005-4); 8 WCH 2007 (2003/2005-sf, 2008-ht); 1 World Military Games 2007; 2 Pan Arab 2007; sf OLY 2008 (2004-ht) In 2009: 1 Qatif 400/800; 1 Makkah; 3 Doha; 1 Arab Police; 2 Rabat; 1 Casablanca; 2 Oslo Golden League; 6 Lausanne; 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Lappeenranta; 4ht WCH; 9 Zurich Golden League; 10 Brussels Golden League; 7 Rieti							
8,	114	SOM Bram NED	29y	204d	1980	1:43.59	1:43.45 -06
2006 European Champion ... 5 WJC 98; 3 EJC 99; ht OLY 2000; sf WCH 2001/2003 (2007-ht); 5 WIC 2003; 1 ECH 2006 (2002-6); 2 WCP 2006; 7 WCH 2009 (2007-ht) 1 Dutch 2000/2001/2003/2004/2006/2009. Born-Terborg ... Sergeant in Dutch Army ... coach-Honoré Hoedt ... his older sister Kim ran 59.27 for 400m hurdles in 1999 In 2009: 1 Apeldoorn; 1 Lisse 1000; 1 Drachten 1500; 3 Rabat; 4 Hengelo; 1 International Military Champs; 5 Monaco; 1 Dutch; 7 WCH (he was advanced to the final after having been tripped up in the semi-finals); 4 Zurich Golden League; 9 Brussels Golden League; 4 Rieti							

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Men's 3000 Metres

Sat/18:55

2009 World Best:	7:28.37	Eliud Kipchoge KEN	Doha	8 May 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
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3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
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New World Record: \$100,000

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1,	156	SOLINSKY Chris	USA	24y	280d	1984	7:37.05	7:36.90 -07	
<p>2009 World finalist at 5000m ... 2007 US Collegiate Champion at 5000m indoors & out 5000 pb: 13:12.24 -07 (13:18.41 -09). 1500 pb: 3:37.27 -07. 12 WCH 5000 2009. 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 2009: 5 Stanford 1500 (Mar 27); dnf Stanford 10,000 (May 2); 3 Eugene 3000; 2 US Champs 5000; 4 Paris Golden League 3000; 12 WCH 5000; 6 Gateshead 3000; dnf Brussels Golden League 5000</p>									
2,	143	LAGAT Bernard	USA	34y	274d	1974	7:33.15	7:33.15 -09	
<p>2007 World Champion at 1500m & 5000m. then bronze & silver in those events in 2009 ... 2000 Olympic 1500m bronze & 2004 silver for Kenya, now representing the USA 7:32.43i -07. 1500 pb: 3:26.34 -01 (3:32.56 -09). Mile pb: 3:47.28 -01 (3:52.71 -09). 5000 pb: 12:59.22 -06 (13:16.29 -09). 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; 2 WCH 5000 2009 (3 1500). 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, and daughter Gianna born November 2, 2008 ... coach-James Li In 2009: 1 Carson; 2 New York 5000; 1 Eugene 3000; 3ht US Champs 800 (dns sf, but all he had to do was compete in the meeting to confirm his "wildcard" selection as defending World Champion in both the 1500m & 5000m in Berlin); 8 Lausanne 800; 1 Tangiers 1500 (3:32.56, his fastest since 2006); 2 Paris Golden League 3000 (pb 7:33.15 though well behind Kenenisa Bekele); 1 London Mile; 5 Stockholm 1000; 2 WCH 5000 (3 1500); 2 Gateshead 3000</p>									
3,	103	SOI Edwin	KEN	23y	193d	1986	7:31.48	7:31.48 -09	
<p>Full name-Edwin Cheruiyot Soi 2008 Olympic 5000m bronze ... 10,000 pb: 27:14.83 -06. 5000 pb: 12:52.40 -06 (12:55.03 -09). 4 WIC 3000 2008; 3 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2006-8 short, 2007-9. Self-coached ... Italian-managed, he stays in Trento when competing in Europe ... as of 2008 he owns a small block of flats and five-acre 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, then the 5000m again in 2008 In 2009: 3 Doha 3000; 4 Hengelo 5000; 9 Berlin Golden League 5000; 9 Oslo Golden League 5000; 4 Lausanne 3000; 4 Kenyan World Trials 5000; 2 Zurich Golden League 5000; 3 Rieti 3000</p>									
4,	42	MEKONNEN Deresse	ETH	21y	327d	1987	7:32.93	7:32.93 -09	
<p>Full name-Deresse Mekonnen Tsigu 2009 World 1500m silver ... surprise World Indoor 1500m Champion in 2008 1500 pb: 3:32.18 -09. Mile pb: 3:48.95 -09. 5000 pb: 13:07.75 -09. 5 African Games 1500 2007; 1 WIC 1500 2008; 4 African Champs 1500 2008; sf OLY 1500 2008; 2 WCH 1500 2009 (2007-ht) In 2009: 1 Dakar 3000; 2 Ethiopian 1500; 3 Doha 1500; 1 Rabat 1500; 2 Hengelo 1500; 2 Milan 5000; 1 Oslo Golden League Mile; 1 Lausanne 3000; 6 Monaco 1500; 2 WCH 1500 (let at bell and until final strides); 7 Rieti 3000</p>									
5,	92	KIPTOO Mark	KEN	33y	82d	1976	7:32.97	7:32.97 -09	
<p>Full name-Mark Kosgei Kiptoo Member of Kenyan Air Force, he served on peacekeeping missions in Burundi 10,000 pb: 27:14.67 -08. 5000 pb: 12:57.62 -09. 9 African Games 5000 2007; 1 World Military Games 5000 2007 (2 10,000). 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2008-14, 2009-7 In 2009: 7 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 3 Kenyan XC; 7 WXC; 2 Charleston 10K; 1 New Orleans 10K; 6 Doha 3000; 2 Bangalore 10K; 7 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 Rome Golden League 5000; 5 Monaco 3000; paced Zurich Golden League 5000; 4 Gateshead 3000; 11 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>									
6,	97	LONGOSIWA Thomas	KEN	27y	241d	1982	7:30.09	7:30.09 -09	
<p>5000 pb: 12:51.95 -07 (13:03.43 -09). 6 African Games 5000 2007; 12 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC 2006-dq/J. 1 Kenyan 5000 2007. Coach-Moses Kiptanui Originally found guilty of having falsified his birthdate in order to compete in the junior race at the 2006 World Cross Country Championships. He said he was born in 1988 when it was actually 1982. His fifth place in that event was annulled and he was jailed for three days by the Kenyan authorities, but apparently later cleared of all charges in Kenya In 2009: 2 Dakar 3000; 2 Doha 3000; 12 Hengelo 5000; 4 Turin 3000; 6 Berlin Golden League 5000; 4 Kenyan 5000; 3 Lausanne 3000; 10 Rome Golden League 5000; paced Zurich Golden League 5000; paced Brussels Golden League 5000</p>									
7,	99	MUTAHU Sammy	KEN	20y	103d	1989	7:31.41	7:31.41 -09	
<p>Full name-Sammy Alex Mutahi ... 5000 pb: 13:10.17 -09. 10,000 pb: 27:12.42 -07. 3 Kenyan junior 10,000 2008. Raced in Japan for the Konica-Minolta team in 2007 ... he is the younger brother of Faith Macharia (4 WCH 800 2001) In 2009: 3 Kenyan 5000; 2 London 5000; 3 Monaco 3000; 1 Wattenscheid 3000; dnf Zurich Golden League 5000; 3 Gateshead 3000; 2 Rieti 3000</p>									
8,	86	KIPCHOGE Eliud	KEN	24y	310d	1984	7:28.37	7:27.72 -04	
<p>Two Olympic medals and two World Championship medals at 5000m, all before his 24th birthday 10,000 pb: 26:49.02 -07. 5000 pb: 12:46.53 -04 (12:56.46 -09). 3000 pb: 7:27.72 -04. Mile pb: 3:50.40 -04. 1500 pb: 3:33.20 -04. 1 WCH 5000 2003 (2005-4, 2007-2, 2009-5); 3 WIC 3000 2006; 2 OLY 5000 2008 (2005-3). At WXC: 2002-5J, 2003-1J, 2004-4 long, 2005-5 long. 1 Kenyan junior XC 2002/2003. Set a world junior 5000m record of 12:52.61 in Oslo on June 26, 2003. Kipchoge = born near the grain storage bin ... daughter Lynne Jebet born October 19, 2006 ... training partners include Brimin Kipruto (1 OLY 3000SC 2008) and Bernard Kipyego In 2009: 1 Doha 3000; 3 Hengelo 5000; 6 Eugene 3000; 1 Milan 5000; 2 Lausanne 3000; 3 Kenyan World Trials 5000; 5 WCH 5000; 1 Great Yorkshire (Sheffield) 10K</p>									

- 9, 39 **BEKELE Kenenisa** ETH 27y 91d 1982 7:28.64 7:25.79 -07
 Olympic Champion, World record holder and now World Champion at 5000m & 10,000m
 10,000 pb: 26:17.53 -05 (26:45.31 -09). 5000 pb: 12:37.35 -04 (12:52.32 -09). 1500 pb: 3:32.35 -07. 2 World Youth 3000 1999; 2 WJC 5000 2000; 1 WCH 10,000 2003/2005/2007 (3 5000 2003); 1 OLY 10,000 2004 (2 5000); 1 WIC 3000 2006; 1 African Champs 5000 2006; 2 WCP 3000 2006; 1 OLY 5000/10,000 2008 (he ran the last mile of the 5000m in 3:58.7). At WXC: 99-9J, 2001-2 short, 1J, 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006-1 short/1 long, 2007-dnf, 2008-1. Married actress and model Danawit Gebregziabher in Addis Ababa in November 17, 2007 ... suffered a stress fracture during an attempt to break a world record at 15Km in Nimegen on November 16, 2008 ... full name-Kenenisa Bekele Beyecha
 In 2009: dnf Hengelo 1500 (pain in right thigh); 1 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Oslo Golden League 5000; 1 Rome Golden League 5000; 1 Paris Golden League 3000 (eighth successive win at 3000, he last lost to Craig Mottram at the World Cup on September 17, 2006); 1 WCH 10,000 (12th successive win at 10,000m, never beaten at the distance); 1 WCH 5000; 1 Zurich Golden League 5000; 1 Brussels Golden League 5000 (won a third share of the \$1M Golden League Jackpot) (17th successive win at 5000m)
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- 10, 90 **KIPRUTO Silas** KEN 24y 350d 1984 7:32.25 7:32.25 -09
 Won 2008 French Championship Road 10K ... 5000 pb: 13:02.86 -08 (13:08.98 -09). 10,000 pb: 27:26.31 -08. 7 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000 2008
 In 2009: 2 "World's Best" San Juan 10K; 1 Heillecourt 8.8K; 1 Marseille 10K; 10 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Barcelona 5000; 2 Monaco 3000; 3 Wattenscheid 3000; 8 Zurich Golden League 5000; 5 Gateshead 3000; 5 Rieti 3000
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- 11, 96 **KOMON Leonard** KEN 21y 245d 1988 7:33.27 7:33.27 -09
 Full name-Leonard Patrick Komon
 Second in 2008 World Cross Country Championships at age 20, then fourth in 2009
 10,000 pb: 26:57.08 -08 (28:02.24 -09). 5000 pb: 12:58.24 -09. At WXC: 2006-2J, 2007-4J, 2008-2, 2009-4. Youngest of 14 children
 In 2009: 4 WXC; 8 Eugene 3000; 6 Kenyan 10,000; 7 Lausanne 3000; 3 Rome Golden League 5000; 6 Paris Golden League 3000; 6 Monaco 3000; 9 Zurich Golden League 5000; 10 Brussels Golden League 5000; 8 Rieti 3000
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- 12, 170 **ESTÉVEZ Reyes** ESP 33y 40d 1976 7:37.93 7:37.93 -09
 1500m finalist at five successive World Championships to 2005 ... in Munich 2002 lost his European title to Mehdi Baala by a margin of two thousandths
 1500 pb: 3:30.57 -99 (3:37.55 -09). Mile pb: 3:51.82 -02. . 1 EJC 93/95; 4 WJC 1500 94; 1 under-23 ECH 1500 97; 3 WCH 1500 97/99 (2001-5, 2003-6, 2005-11); 2 ECP 1500 98; 1 ECH 1500 98 (2002-2); 2 WIC 1500 2001; 2 WCP 1500 2002; 7 OLY 1500 2004 (96-sf, 2008-ht); 3 EIC 1500/3000 2005. 1 Spanish 1500 97/98/2004/2009 ... coach-Enrique Pascual ... 1.86 tall
 In 2009: 10 Huelva 1500; 9 Málaga 1500; 9 Madrid 1500; 1 Spanish 1500; 6ht WCH; 8sf WCH 1500; 12 Rieti 3000

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Men's 400 Metres Hurdles

Sat/18:40

2009 World Best:	47.91	Kerron Clement USA	Berlin	18 Aug 09
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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,	60	WILLIAMS Rhys GBR	25y	197d	1984	49.38	49.09 -06
European Champion as a youth, junior and under-23, bronze as a senior in 2009 1 European Youth 2001; 1 EJC 2003; 1 under-23 ECH 2005 (2 4x400); sf WCH 2005 (2009-ht); 4 COM 2006; 3 ECH 2006. 1 AAA under-17 2001; 1 AAA under-23 2005; 1 AAA 2006; 1 Welsh 2009. Was a Welsh breaststroke under-15 swimming champion ... father J. J. Williams was a celebrated Welsh Rugby International and sprinted at the 1970 Commonwealth Games ... coach-Malcolm Arnold ... born-Cardiff In 2009: 2 Loughborough "International"; 8 Haniá; 1 British League div 2/Jun 6; 1 Gothenburg; 1 Welsh; 2 Sollentuna; 2 UK Champs; 4 Zaragoza; 6 London; 4 Monaco 'B'; 5ht WCH; 4 Zagreb; 1 Dubnica 'B'							
2,	160	TINSLEY Michael USA	25y	143d	1984	48.53	48.02 -07
2006 US Collegiate Champion, representing Jackson State University 110H pb: 13.86 -04. 1 NCAA 2006 (2005-3). Was a student of Criminal Justice ... coach-Maurice Pierce In 2009: 3 Kingston; 4 Carson; 4 New York; 5 Eugene; 1 Orlando; 4 US Champs; 1 Lignano; 2 Lucerne; 3 Réthymno 'B'; 3 London; 8 Zagreb; 3 Dubnica							
3,	77	PHILLIPS Isa JAM	25y	142d	1984	48.05	48.05 -09
Isa is pronounced like "icer" ... 2007 US Collegiate Champion ... 2008 Central American & Caribbean Champion sf World Youth 2001; 2 Pan-Am junior 2003; sf WCH 2007/2009; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008; sf OLY 2008. 1 NCAA 2007. 1 Jamaican 2009. Was a student of Political Science at Louisiana State University ... coach-Dennis Shaver ... 1.96 tall In 2009: 1 Drake Relays; 2 Kingston; 3 Rio de Janeiro; 3 Uberlândia 200 'B'; 1 Belém; 2 Eugene; 1 Jamaican (48.05); 1 Madrid (48.09); 1 Lausanne (48.18); 2 Rome Golden League (48.11); 1 Athens (48.09); 1 Lucerne; 5 Monaco; 4sf WCH; 1 Zagreb; 1 Dubnica							
4,	76	McFARLANE Danny JAM	37y	89d	1972	48.13	48.00 -04
2004 Olympic silver, then close fourth in 2008 at age 36 ... five successive world championship relay silvers 400 pb: 44.90 -95. sf COM 400 94; sf WCH 400 95/99; 2 WCH 4x400 95/97/99/2001/2003; 1 Central American 400 97/2001; 8 OLY 400 2000 (2 4x400); 3 WIC 400/4x400 2001; 4 WCH 400H 2003 (2005-sf, 2007-5, 2009-6); 2 OLY 400H 2004 (2008-4). 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 and flat (2000) ... two sons Sway (6) & Will (2) In 2009: 1 Norman; 4 Kingston; 2 Ponce; 3 New York; 5 Prague; 3 Bydgoszcz; 2 Jamaican; 2 Madrid; 4 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 2 Réthymno; 3 Monaco (48.13, his third-fastest ever and a world record for over-35s); 6 WCH							
5,	135	CLEMENT Kerron USA	23y	316d	1985	47.91	47.24 -05
Twice World Champion at 400m Hurdles, he was the only individual man to successfully defend his world title in Berlin 2009 400 pb: 44.48 -07 (45.08 -09). 1 WJC 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 400H 2007/2009 (2004-4); 2 OLY 400H 2008 (ran in heat of 4x400, so awarded gold won by USA in final). 1 US 400H 2005/2006. 1 NCAA 400H 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 ... began as a cross country runner ... ideal stride pattern: 13 all the way ... coach-Bobby Kersee In 2009: 5 Kingston 400H; 1 Osaka; 1 Carson 400H; 6 New York 400; 3 Eugene 400H; 3 US Champs 400; 2 Lausanne 400H; 1 Rome Golden League 400H; 1 London 400H; 6 Monaco 400H; 3 Stockholm 400; 1 WCH 400H/4x400; 7 Zurich Golden League 400; 6 Gateshead 400							
6,	121	van ZYL L. J. RSA	24y	54d	1985	47.94	47.94 -09
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, 2009-sf); 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 In 2009: 1 Durban; 3 Sydney; 1 Germiston; 4 South African; 2 Prague; 1 Bydgoszcz; 3 Lausanne; 3 Rome Golden League; 2 Athens; 4 London; 1 Monaco (47.94, his first sub-48); 6sf WCH							
7,	165	IAKOVÁKIS Periklís GRE	30y	172d	1979	48.42	47.82 -06
2006 European Champion ... 2003 World bronze ... Greek record holder & 12x champion 400H pb: 47.82 -06. 400 pb: 46.48 -02. 8 ECP 400 flat 97; 2 EJC 400/4x400 97; ht EIC 400 98/2000; 1 WJC 98; sf WIC 400 99; 2 under-23 ECH 2001 (99-3); 4 WSG 2001 (99-dnf final); 3 WCH 2003 (99-ht, 2001/2005-sf, 2007-6, 2009-5); 1 ECH 2006 (2002-5); 1 ECP 2007/2008 (99-8, 2000-4, 2003-2); 8 OLY 2008 (2000-ht, 2004-sf); 3 ETCh 2009. 1 Greek 98-2009... wife-Afroditi Méntzou ran 55.85 for 400m in 1999 ... coach-Maria Sotirákopoulou In 2009: 1 Greek Army Champs; 4 Prague; 2 ETCh 'A' (3rd overall); 4 Madrid; 6 Lausanne; 6 Athens; 3 Réthymno; 1 Greek (he clocked 49.62 and initially felt he was not in good enough shape for Berlin, but his coach persuaded him to try); 5 WCH (season's bests in heat, semi & final)							
He says he is "ambitious for this race" and apparently had a good result in a training test on Wednesday							
8,	138	GAYMON Justin USA	22y	273d	1986	48.86	48.46 -08
Unlucky fourth in 2008 US Olympic Trials ... 1 North, Central America & Caribbean under-23 2008. 3 NCAA 2007/2009 (dq 2008 final with trailing leg). Attends University of Georgia In 2009: 1 Tempe; 1 Atlanta; 1 Athens GA; 1 Drake Relays 'B'; 2 Gainesville; 2 Greensboro; 3 NCAA; 6 US Champs; 5 Madrid; 4 Lausanne; 6 Rome Golden League; 5 Athens; 1 Zaragoza; 4 Réthymno							

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Men's High Jump

Sat/19:25

2009 World Best:	2.35	Andra Manson USA	Austin	4 Apr 09
	2.35	Ivan Ukhov RUS	Cheboksary	25 Jul 09
	2.35	Yaroslav Rybakov RUS	Cheboksary	25 Jul 09
	2.40i	Ivan Ukhov RUS	Athens	25 Feb 09

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,	124	RYBAKOV Yaroslav RUS	28y	293d	1980	2.35	2.35 -07/09
<p>Finally World Champion in 2009 after three silvers ... 2.38i -08. 5 WJC 98; 3 EJC 99; 1 ECP 2001/2003 (2002-2); 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 WCH 2009 (2001/2005/2007-2, 2003-9). 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 2009: 2 Eugene; 1 Sollentuna; 2 Moscow Open; 2 Russian; 2 Stockholm; 1 WCH; 2 Gateshead</p>							
2,	161	WILLIAMS Jesse USA	25y	259d	1983	2.34	2.34 -09
<p>US Collegiate Champion indoors & out in 2005 and 2006, representing the University of Southern California 2.36i -09. =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 2009: 2 US indoor; 1 Cape Girardeau; 4 Oxford MS; 4 Louisville (Apr 18); 1 Drake Relays; 2 Monroe LA; 2 Murfreesboro TN; 1 Eugene (May 9); 1 Belém; 3 Eugene (Jun 7); 1 Toronto; 1 Vancouver; 4 US Champs; 8 Lausanne; 3 Athens; 2 Liège; 3 London; 1 Stockholm; 2 Wattenscheid; 3 Eberstadt</p>							
3,	65	BANIÓTIS Konstadínos GRE	22y	310d	1986	2.28	2.28 -09
<p>2.29i -09. 5 ECP 2007; 12 under-23 ECH 2007; 8 ECP 2008; dnq OLY 2008; 6 EIC 2009; 6 ETCh 2009; dnq WCH 2009. 1 Greek 2008/2009. His uncle was one of Greece's leading football defenders in the mid-80s ... coach-Yeóryios Tsoúggos ... 2.02 tall In 2009: 2 Greek indoor; 2 Balkan indoor; 6 EIC; 1 Greek Clubs; 1 Belgrade; 1 Haniá; 5 Thessaloníki; 1 Istanbul; 6 ETCh; 2 Mediterranean Games; 10 Athens; 1 Greek; dnq WCH</p>							
4,	73	TALOTTI Alessandro ITA	28y	339d	1980	2.25	2.30 -03/04/08
<p>2004 Olympic finalist ... 2.32i -05. =4 EJC 99; =10 under-23 ECH 2001; 4 ECH 2002; 2 ECP 2003; dnq WCH 2003; 12 OLY 2004 (2008-dnq). 1 Italian under-23 2001/2002; 1 Italian 2004 ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 10 Trinec; 4 Italian indoor; 1 Dakar; 3 Belgrade; 3 Laces; =3 Turin; 2 Gothenburg; 3 Russia Challenge; 2 Milan; =2 Lausanne; nh Viersen; 6 Athens; 3 Formia; 5 London; 2 Italian; =5 Gateshead</p>							
5,	32	BÁBA Jaroslav CZE	25y	9d	1984	2.33	2.36 -05
<p>2004 Olympic finalist ... 2.32i -05. =4 EJC 99; =10 under-23 ECH 2001; 4 ECH 2002; 2 ECP 2003; dnq WCH 2003; 12 OLY 2004 (2008-dnq). 1 Italian under-23 2001/2002; 1 Italian 2004 ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 10 Trinec; 4 Italian indoor; 1 Dakar; 3 Belgrade; 3 Laces; =3 Turin; 2 Gothenburg; 3 Russia Challenge; 2 Milan; =2 Lausanne; nh Viersen; 6 Athens; 3 Formia; 5 London; 2 Italian; =5 Gateshead</p>							
6,	144	MANSON Andra USA	25y	134d	1984	2.35	2.35 -09
<p>Andra pronounced "An-dray" 2002 World Junior Champion ... 2008 World indoor bronze 1 WJC 2002; =3 WIC 2008; dnq OLY 2008; 9 WCH 2009. 1 US indoor 2008. 1 NCAA 2004 (2006/2007-2) ... coach-Mario Sategna ... he was a 20-point per game scorer as a high school basketball player ... graduate of Kinesiology (the science of human movement) from the University of Texas ... 1.96 tall In 2009: 1 Glasgow International indoor; 1 Birmingham indoor; 1 US indoor; 1 Texas Relays; 3 Drake Relays; 1 Texas Invitational; 8 Osaka; 3 Belém; 9 Eugene; =3 Toronto; 2 US Champs; 4 London; 5 Stockholm; 9 WCH; 2 Tallinn; 1 Gateshead</p>							
7,	166	IOANNOU Kyriakos CYP	25y	47d	1984	2.32	2.35 -07
<p>Cypriot record holder ... medals at the last two World Championships dnq World Youth 2001; dnq WJC 2002; =6 EJC 2003; 3 World Military 2003; dnq OLY 2004; dnq EIC 2005; 4 under-23 ECH 2005; 1 Mediterranean Games 2005/2009; 3 COM 2006; 2 WSG 2007; =3 WIC 2008; dnq OLY 2008; 2 WCH 2009 (2005-10, 2007-3). 1 Greek 2005/2007 ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 1 Greek indoor; =2 EIC; 1 Small States Games; 4 Thessaloníki; 1 ETCh 2nd League; 1 Mediterranean Games; 4 Athens; 2 WCH</p>							
8,	126	UKHOV Ivan RUS	23y	161d	1986	2.35	2.35 -09
<p>2009 European Indoor Champion ... Russian indoor record holder ... 2.40i -09. dnq WJC 2004; 1 EJC 2005; 4 WSG 2005; =12 ECH 2006; 1 EIC 2009. 1 Russian indoor 2007/2009. Former Discus thrower ... in November 2008 he received a "strong warning" from the IAAF Council after competed in Lausanne the previous September while under the influence of alcohol ... coach-Sergey Klyugin (1 OLY HJ 2000) ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 1 Russian indoor (2.37); 1 Athens (Russian indoor record 2.40); 1 EIC; 1 European Clubs Cup; 1 Eugene; 5 Thessaloníki; 1 Moscow Open; =2 Lausanne; 1 Athens; 1 Russian; 4 Stockholm; 10 WCH; 2 Eberstadt</p>							

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Men's Triple Jump

Sat/20:15

2009 World Best	17.73 17.82w	Phillips Idowu Nelson Évora POR	Berlin Seixal	18 Aug 09 26 Jul 09
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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,	154	ROULHAC Brandon USA	25y	273d	1983	17.26	17.26 -09
US Champion indoors & out in 2009 ... 17.44w -09. dnq WCH 2009. 1 NCAA div 2 2005; 1 US indoor/out 2009. Was at Albany State University, Georgia ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 1 US indoor; 1 Florida Relays; 1 Tallahassee (Apr 11); 1 Mt. SAC Relays; 1 Tallahassee (May 9); 1 Georgia Tech Invitational; 1 Florida; 1 US Champs; 7 Paris Golden League; 1 London; dnq WCH; 5 Zurich Golden League; 5 Gateshead							
2,	18	SANDS Leevan BAH	28y	27d	1981	17.32	17.59 -08
2003 World & 2008 Olympic bronze ... LJ pb: 8.28w -03, 8.13 -05. 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 (2005/2009-4, 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 say he was once skeleton-thin) ... coach-Henry Rolle ... 1.90 tall In 2009: 3 Tempe LJ; 2 Doha TJ; 4 Uberlândia TJ; 7 Belém TJ; 1 Bahamas TJ; 1 Sotteville-lès-Rouen; - Lapua TJ; 4 Lappeenranta LJ; 6 Paris Golden League TJ; 4 London TJ; 4 WCH TJ; 3 Zurich Golden League TJ; 7 Padua LJ; 6 Rovereto LJ							
3,	67	LEWIS Randy GRN	30y	301d	1978	17.17	17.49 -08
Grenada record holder ... has been living in Germany since 2005 ... bad luck to leap 17.06 in Beijing and find that not good enough to advance to the final 8 COM LJ 2002; dnq OLY 2004/2008; dnq WCH 2005/2007; 6 COM 2006; 7 Pan-American Games 2007; dnq WIC 2008. Marketing Graduate from Wichita State University ... based-Leverkusen ... coach-Gerd Osenburg In 2009: 6 Doha; 7 Rio de Janeiro; 6 Belém; 1 Baunatal; 1 Montreuil-sous-Bois; 6 London; dnq WCH; 7 Gateshead							
4,	56	IDOWU Phillips GBR	30y	256d	1978	17.73	17.73 -09
Reigning World Champion indoors & out ... 17.75i -08. LJ pb: 7.83 -00. 4 EJC 97; 5 under-23 ECH 99; 5 ECH 2002/2006; 1 COM 2006 (2002-2); 1 EIC 2007 (2005-dnq); 1 WIC 2008; 1 ECP 2008 (2004-3, 2007-2); 2 OLY 2008 (2000-6, 2004-nm final); 2 ETCh 2009; 1 WCH 2009 (2001-9, 2007-6). 1 AAA 2000/2002/2006 (1 indoor 2005) ... he has eight body piercings and a Japanese Akita dog called Angel ... fouled out of 2004 Olympic final after having an initial no-jump in the region of 17.70 ... advised by Aston Moore (formerly John Herbert) ... 1.93 tall In 2009: 1 Haniá (17.60w); 1 Turin (17.60); 2 ETCh; 1 Málaga; 1 UK Champs; 1 Paris Golden League (only 17.17, but beat a great field including top Cubans); 3 London; 1 WCH (17.73 with 20cm to spare on board); 1 Gateshead							
5,	31	GIRALT David CUB	25y	16d	1984	17.62	17.62 -09
Fourth at Beijing Olympics despite leaping a personal best 17.52 ... 2009 Central American & Caribbean Champion 2 World Youth 2001; 1 WJC 2002; 1 Pan-Am Junior 2003; 4 WCH 2003 (2005-8, 2007-7, 2009-5); 1 Ibero-American 2004; 2 WIC 2008; 4 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq); 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2009. Father (also called David) placed third in the 1979 World Cup long jump with a pb of 8.22 and was the first Cuban to long jump further than eight metres ... coach-Ricardo Ponce (also the coach of Osniel Tosca) In 2009: 3 Havana (Apr 25); 1 Fortaleza; 1 Rio de Janeiro; 1 Uberlândia; 2 Belém; 3 Havana (May 30); 3 Montreuil-sous-Bois; 3 Bilbao; 1 Tomblaine; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; 3 Paris Golden League; 2 London; 5 WCH; 2 Zurich Golden League; 1 Barletta							
6,	72	SCHEMBRI Fabrizio ITA	28y	228d	1981	17.27	17.27 -09
LJ pb: 7.46 -09. HJ pb: 2.18 -01. 7 European under-23 2003; dnq ECH 2006; 3 ECP 2008; 3 ETCh 2009; 1 Mediterranean Games 2009; dnq WCH 2009. 1 Italian 2009 In 2009: 1 Pavia; 1 Italian Clubs (2 LJ); 2 Turin; 3 ETCh; 3 Milan; 1 Mediterranean Games; 1 Italian; dnq WCH; 6 Zurich Golden League; 2 Barletta							
7,	21	GREGÓRIO Jadel BRA	28y	360d	1980	17.12	17.90 -07
World Triple Jump silvers indoors & out ... 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, 2009-8). 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) ... 2.02 tall In 2009: 1 Düsseldorf TJ; 7 Doha TJ; 1 Brazilian TJ; 4 Bilbao TJ; 5 Milan TJ; nm Málaga TJ; 2 Paris Golden League TJ; 8 WCH TJ; 8 Zurich Golden League TJ; 4 Gateshead TJ; 3 Barletta TJ							
8,	25	KARAILIEV Momchil BUL	27y	114d	1982	17.41	17.41 -09
Finalist at Helsinki 2005, Beijing 2008 & Berlin 2009 ... LJ pb: 7.71i, 7.52 -08. 4 under-23 ECH 2003; dnq WIC 2004; 5 EIC 2005; 11 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq); 9 WCH 2009 (2005-11). 1 Bulgarian 2004/2005. Coach-Atanas Ivanov In 2009: 1 Sofia; 1 International Military Champs; 2 Istanbul; 1 ETCh 2nd League; 2 Milan; 1 Sofia; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Plovdiv; 9 WCH; 4 Zurich Golden League; 2 Gateshead							

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Men's Shot Put

Sat/20:30

2009 World Best:	22.16	Christian Cantwell USA	Zagreb	31 Aug 09
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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,	134	CANTWELL Christian USA	28y	346d	1980	22.16	22.54 -04
<p>2009 World Champion ... 2008 Olympic silver ... twice World Indoor Champion 2 Pan-Am junior DT 99; 1 WIC 2004/2008 (2006-dnq); 2 OLY 2008; 1 WCH 2009 (2005-5). 1 US 2005/2009 & 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 ... 1.96/150kg In 2009: 1 Gorée; 2 Drake Relays; 1 Kingston; 3 Hengelo; 4 Eugene; 1 US Champs; 1 London (season's best 21.82 after a shot had been accidentally dropped on his foot by an official); 2 Barcelona; 1 WCH; 1 Zagreb; 2 Dubnica</p>							
2,	125	SOFYIN Pavel RUS	28y	8d	1981	20.80	20.80 -09
<p>2006 European bronze 2006 European Cup winner ... 6 EJC 99; 7 WJC 2000; 2 under-23 ECH 2003; dnq WCH 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 8 EIC 2005; 4 WIC 2006 (2004-dnq); 1 ECP 2006 (2005-6, 2007-5, 2008-2); 5 ECH 2006; 10 WCH 2007; dnq WIC 2008; 8 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 1 Russian 2006 (1 indoor 2008) ... coach-Irina Buievskaia ... 1.98/120kg In 2009: dnq EIC; 3 Belgrade; 2 Prague; 3 Bydgoszcz; 2 Moscow Open; 2 Zhukovskiy; 2 Russian; 5 Stockholm; 10 WCH; 1 Padua; 3 Paris "DécaNation"</p>							
3,	149	NELSON Adam USA	34y	67d	1975	21.11	22.51 -02
<p>Medals at every Olympics or World Championships this decade except Beijing where he fouled out in the final 22.40i -08. 1 Pan-Am Junior 93; 1 WJC 94; 2 WSG 99; 2 OLY 2000/2004; 2 WIC 2001; 1 WCP 2002; 1 WCH 2005 (2001/2003/2007-2, 2009-5). 1 US 2000/2002/2004; 1 NCAA 97. 1 British Cup 98. Graduated from New Hampshire's Dartmouth College with a Bachelor's degree in government studies ... lost 2004 Olympic title only on countback ... shoulder surgery June 2007 ... wife-Laci Braswell, their daughter Caroline born September 13, 2008 ... coach-Carrie Lane ... 1.83/120kg In 2009: 3 US indoor; 3 Drake Relays; 6 Doha; nm Eugene; 4 US Champs; 4 London; 3 Stockholm; 5 WCH</p>							
4,	116	MAJEWSKI Tomasz POL	28y	13d	1981	21.95	21.95 -09
<p>2008 Olympic Champion ... he has improved every year in 2001-2009 4 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 WSG 2005 (2003-5); 8 ECH 2006; 3 WIC 2008 (2004-4, 2006-7); 2 ECP 2008 (2003/2004-4, 2006-6, 2007-3); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq); 1 EIC 2009 (2005-dnq); 1 ETCh 2009; 2 WCH 2009 (2005-9, 2007-5). 1 Polish 2002/2003/2004/2007/2008/2009 (1 indoor 2004/2005/2006/2008/2009) ... graduate of Political Science ... coach-Henryk Olszewski (was former Polish Head Coach) ... 2.04/130kg In 2009: 1 Polish indoor; 1 EIC; 2 Doha; 2 Hengelo; 3 Eugene; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 ETCh; 1 Biberach; 1 Gotha; 3 Moscow Open; 3 London; 1 Barcelona; 1 Polish; 2 WCH; 1 Tallinn; 2 Zagreb; 1 Dubnica</p>							
5,	140	HOFFA Reese USA	31y	339d	1977	21.89	22.43 -07
<p>2007 World Champion ... also that year, he had the world's longest put, 22.43 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-dnq, 2009-4); 7 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq). 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 2009: 1 Athens GA; 2 Gorée; 4 Drake Relays; 1 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Eugene; 2 Bydgoszcz; 3 US Champs; 2 London; 2 Stockholm; 4 WCH</p>							
6,	20	MIKHNEVICH Andrei BLR	33y	61d	1976	21.02	22.00 -08
<p>Former World Champion ... 2008 Olympic bronze ... dnq ECH 98; 1 WCH 2003 (99-dnq, 2001-dq, 2005-6, 2007-3, 2009-7); 1 WSG 2003 (97-6); 2 WIC 2006 (99-6, 99-8, 2008-4); 1 ECH 2006; 5 EIC 2007 (98-dnq); 3 OLY 2008 (2000-9, 2004-5). 1 Belorussian 2000/2005/2006/2007/2008 ... originally 10th in 2001 World final, but failed doping test so disqualified and banned for two years up to August 4, 2003, within 22 days had become both World Champion and World Student Games Champion ... his wife Natallia Mikhnevich (née Khoroneko) is the 2006 European Shot Champion ... 2.02/140kg In 2009: 6 Eugene; 1 Málaga; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Heusden; 3 Barcelona; 7 WCH; 3 Zagreb</p>							
7,	62	BARTELS Ralf GER	31y	203d	1978	21.37	21.37 -09
<p>2006 European Champion, winning in the last round ... 1 EJC 97 (95-4); 1 WJC 96; 6 under-23 ECH 99; 3 ECH 2002; 1 World Military 2002; 3 WCP 2002; dnq WIC 2003/2004; 8 OLY 2004 (2008-dnq); 1 ECP 2005 (2001/2002-4, 2003-5, 2004/2006-3); 3 WCH 2005 (2001-dnq, 2003-5, 2007-7); 3 EIC 2009 (2002-dnq). 1 German 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008 ... 1.87/136kg In 2009: 1 German indoor; 3 EIC; 2 Halle; 6 Hengelo; 2 Baunatal; 5 Prague; 1 International Military Champs; 3 Schönebeck; 3 Biberach; 2 Gotha; 1 German; 1 Gerlingen; 1 Cuxhaven; 5 London; 1 Leverkusen; 1 Wattenscheid; 1 Cottbus; 3 WCH; 1 Sondershausen; 1 Thum; 1 Bad Köstritz; 1 Berlin (Sep 6); 2 Paris "DécaNation"</p>							
8,	26	ARMSTRONG Dylan CAN	28y	240d	1981	20.92	21.04 -08
<p>Canadian record holder ... 2007 Pan-American Champion ... fourth at 2008 Olympics (when he was pushed out of the medals in the final round) HT pb: 71.51 -03. 1 Pan-Am Junior HT 99; 2 WJC HT 2000; dnq WCH HT 2001; 1 Pan-Am Games SP 2007; 9 WCH SP 2007 (2009-dnq); 4 OLY SP 2008. 1 Canadian HT 2001/2002; 1 Canadian SP 2005/2006/2007/2008/2009. Was at University of Texas ... hometown-Kamloops, BC ... 1.93/114kg In 2009: 4 Doha; 1 Halle; 1 Belgrade; 4 Hengelo; 5 Eugene; 1 Victoria; 1 Vancouver; 1 Canadian; 7 London; 4 Stockholm; dnq WCH; 2 Sondershausen; 2 Thum; 2 Bad Köstritz; 6 Zagreb; 2 Berlin (Sep 6)</p>							

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2009 World Best:	71.64	Gerd Kanter EST	Kohila	25 Jun 09
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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,	68	KÖVÁGÓ Zoltán	HUN	30y	155d 1979	67.64	69.95 -06
2004 Olympic silver ... DT pb: 69.95 -06. 3 EJC 97; 1 WJC 98; 1 under-23 ECH 2001 (99-6); 7 ECH 2002 (98-dnq); 2 OLY 2004 (2000/2008-dnq); 6 WCH 2009 (2001/2003-dnq, 2005-10, 2007-9). 1 Hungarian 2001/2004/2005/2008 ... 1st Lieutenant in Hungarian Army (Helicopter Division) ... 2.09/103kg In 2009: 1 Budapest; 2 Halle; 3 Turnov; 3 Warsaw; 4 Bydgoszcz; 7 Berlin Golden League; 2 Lucerne; 3 Zaragoza; 6 WCH; 2 Tallinn							
2,	37	KANTER Gerd	EST	30y	129d 1979	71.64	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 After winning his Olympic gold in Beijing, the New York Times invited him to see how far he could throw a variety of familiar objects. The best he managed was 50m for a 400g tin of sardines ... coach-Vesteinn Hafsteinsson In 2009: 1 European Throws Cup; 1 Växjö (world indoor best 69.51); 1 Chula Vista "World Record Challenge" (Apr 28); 1 Chula Vista (May 5); 1 La Jolla; 1 Rabat; 1 Turnov; 1 Jõgeva; 1 Tartu; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh 1st League; 1 Kohila; 1 Helsingborg; 1 Tallinn; 1 Lucerne; 1 Réthymno; 1 Kose; 1 Estonian (28th successive win, he hadn't lost since July 2008); 3 WCH; 4 Tallinn; 1 Helsingborg (Sep 5); 1 Helsingborg (Sep 6)							
3,	36	ISRAEL Märt	EST	25y	354d 1983	66.05	66.56 -07
Estonian #3 after Kanter & Tammert ... SP pb: 17.86 -06 (17.07 -09). 7 WJC 2002; 8 European under-23 2003; 11 WSG 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 3 WSG 2007; dnq WCH 2007/2009; dnq OLY 2008 ... 1.89/119kg In 2009: 4 European Throws Cup; 6 Chula Vista "World Record Challenge"; 2 Chula Vista (3 SP) (May 5); 3 Jõgeva; 5 Tartu; 4 Warsaw; 7 Bydgoszcz; 2 Sollentuna; 4 Madrid; 4 World Student Games; 3 Lucerne; 5 Zaragoza; 6 Barcelona; 3 Estonian; 2 Cottbus; dnq WCH							
4,	34	EL-GHAZALY Omar	EGY	25y	215d 1984	66.34	66.58 -07
2006 African Champion ... former World Junior record holder with 1.5kg Discus (65.88 in 2003) 10 WJC 2002; 1 African Junior 2003 (2001-2); 9 WSG 2003; 1 Arab 2003/2004/2005; 1 African Games 2003/2007; 3 Afro-Asian Games 2003; dnq OLY 2004/2008; 2 WSG 2005/2007; 1 African Champs 2006 (2002-3); 4 WCP 2006; 6 WCH 2007. Trains with Gerd Kanter, their coach-Vesteinn Hafsteinsson ... 1.99/125kg In 2009: 4 Chula Vista "World Record Challenge"; 2 La Jolla; 3 Rabat; 2 Tartu; 1 Sollentuna; 2 Tangiers; 4 Réthymno; 2 Kose; 3 Cottbus; 9 WCH; 6 Tallinn; 2 Helsingborg							
5,	35	CASAÑAS Frank	ESP	30y	329d 1978	67.17	67.91 -08
3x Cuban Champion ... fifth in 2008 Olympics for Spain ... 2 Pan-Am Games 2003; dnq WCH 2003/2005; 5 OLY 2008 (2000/2004-dnq). 1 Cuban 2003/2004/2005 ... cleared by the IAAF to represent Spain from August 6, 2005 (two years after he threw for Cuba at the 2005 World Championships), then granted Spanish citizenship on May 29, 2008 ... 1.84/101kg In 2009: 2 European Throws Cup; 1 Quinta do Anjo; 1 Quinta do Anjo; 1 Lleida; 1 Lisbon; 1 Madrid; 2 Rabat; 1 European Clubs Cup; 1 Castellón; 2 Huelva; 1 Ciudad Real; 4 Berlin Golden League; 1 Mediterranean Games; 9 Madrid; 2 Mataró; 1 Zaragoza; 2 Barcelona; 2 Spanish; dnq WCH							
6,	117	MALACHOWSKI Piotr	POL	26y	97d 1983	69.15	69.15 -09
2008 Olympic silver ... 2009 World silver, he lost the gold in the final round ... Polish record holder 5 EJC 2001; 6 WJC 2002; 2 under-23 ECH 2005 (2003-9); 1 ECP 2006/2007 (2008-3); 6 ECH 2006/7; 2 OLY 2008; 1 ETCh 2009; 2 WCH 2009 (2007-12). 1 Polish 2006/2007/2008/2009 ... member of Slask Wroclaw Military club with rank of Lance Corporal ... lives-Biezun ... coach-Witold Suski ... 1.92/122kg In 2009: 1 Bialystok; 1 Halle (68.75, his fifth Polish record); 1 Biala Podlaska; 1 Warsaw; 1 International Military Champs; 2 Bydgoszcz; 2 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh; 2 Madrid; 4 Barcelona; 1 Polish; 2 WCH; 3 Tallinn							
7,	64	HARTING Robert	GER	24y	328d 1984	69.43	69.43 -09
2009 World Champion, he won it in the final round ... 2 World Youth 2001; dnq WJC 2002; dnq EJC 2003; 1 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 2 ECP 2007/2008; 4 OLY 2008 (he was Germany's highest-placed male athlete in Beijing); 2 ETCh 2009; 1 WCH 2009 (2007-2). 1 German 2007/2008/2009 ... his younger brother Christoph has thrown the discus 52.00 ... his parents Gerd Seidel and Bettina Harting were both shot putters in the GDR era ... coach-Werner Goldmann ... 2.01/132kg In 2009: 1 Wiesbaden; 3 Halle; 3 Bydgoszcz; 3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Schönebeck; 2 ETCh; 1 German; 1 Wattenscheid; 1 WCH; 1 Tallinn; 1 Bad Köstritz; 1 Paris "DécaNation"							
8,	111	ALEKNA Virgilijus	LTU	37y	211d 1972	69.59	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, 99/2007/2009-4, 2001-2); 1 ECH 2006 (98-3, 2002-2). 1 Lithuanian 2000-2005. Coach-Zigmas Zivatkauskas... sons Martinas (8) & Mikolas (6) ... 37/37 wins in 2005 -2007 ... 2.00/130kg, 2.22m arm-span In 2009: 2 Turnov; 2 Warsaw; 6 Berlin Golden League; 1 Vilnius City Champs; 1 Madrid; 2 Réthymno; 1 Lithuanian; 4 WCH							