

Men's 800 Metres

62 Entrants

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1006	ZERGUELAINE Antar ALG Sixth at 2007 World Championships ... Algeria's best miler since Morceli 1500 pb: 3:31.95 -05 (3:33.32 -08). 3000 pb: 7:47.68 -08. 5 WJC 1500 2004; 1 Arab junior 800/1500 2004; 1 North African 800 2004; 2 African Games 1500 2007; 6 WCH 1500 2007 (2005-ht); sf OLY 1500 2008. At WXC: 2005-34 short, 2006-77 short. Zerguelaine means "blue eyes" in Arabic ... born-Jijel – started as a football player ... coach-Amar Brahmia In 2008: 3 Doha 1500; 4 Rabat 800; 10 Paris Golden League 3000; Here: 5/h2-3:42.30	23y	228d	1985	1:45.81	1:45.81 -08
1006	ZERGUELAINE Antar ALG Sixth at 2007 World Championships ... Algeria's best miler since Morceli 1500 pb: 3:31.95 -05 (3:33.32 -08). 3000 pb: 7:47.68 -08. 5 WJC 1500 2004; 1 Arab junior 800/1500 2004; 1 North African 800 2004; 2 African Games 1500 2007; 6 WCH 1500 2007 (2005-ht). At WXC: 2005-34 short, 2006-77 short. Zerguelaine means "blue eyes" in Arabic ... born-Jijel – started as a football player ... coach-Amar Brahmia In 2008: 3 Doha 1500; 4 Rabat 800; 10 Paris Golden League 3000	23y	228d	1985	1:45.81	1:45.81 -08
1007	MADI Nabil ALG 1500 pb: 3:34.47 -08. ht OLY 800 2004; 4 African Champs 800 2006; 6 African Games 800 2007; 4 WSG 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007. Coaches-Djaxad Benhassine & Yacine Mousli In 2008: 1 Versailles 1500; 5 Berlin Golden League 800; 8 Rabat 1500; 1 Sotteville 800; 1 Heusden 1500; 5 Monaco 1500	27y	72d	1981	1:45.62	1:44.54 -07
1008	MANSEUR Nadjim ALG 7 World Youth 2005; sf WJC 2006 ... In 2008: 1 Doha 'B'; 9 Rabat	20y	72d	1988	1:44.75	1:44.75 -08
1036	PRICE Leonardo ARG 1500 pb: 3:44.11 -07. 5 South American 2005 (2006-6, 2007-7); 4 Ibero-American 2008 (2006-5) In 2008: 1 Mar del Plata (Feb 12); 3 Mar del Plata 2000 (Mar 15); 2 Mar del Plata (Mar 16); 1 Buenos Aires; 2 Rosario; 1 Santa Fe 1500; 2 Santa Fe; 1 Buenos Aires 1500 (May 10); 1 Buenos Aires (May 11); 8 Rio de Janeiro; 1 São Paulo 'B'; 4 Belém Mile; 9 Belém; 4 Ibero-American (11 1500); 8 Madrid 'B'; 3 Barakaldo; 10 Alcalá de Henares	29y	180d	1979	1:46.90	1:46.90 -08
1067	RENSHAW Lachlan AUS sf WJC 2006. 1 Australian junior 2006 In 2008: 1 Sydney; 1 Canberra; 1 New South Wales State; 1 Melbourne; 1 Australian; 8 Jerez de la Frontera; 8 Milan; 2 Lignano; 4 Brasschaat	21y	197d	1987	1:45.79	1:45.79 -08
1197	IGLESIAS Fadrique BOL Bolivian record holder at 400m, 800m & 1500m ... 400 pb: 47.72 -01. 1500 pb: 3:45.57 -07. ht WIC 800 2003/2006; ht OLY 800 2004; 4 South American 800 2005 (6 1500 2007); ht WCH 800 2005/2007; 2 Ibero-American 800 2006 (11 1500) In 2008: 5ht WIC; 3 Mar del Plata; 3 Rosario; 4 Santa Fe; 3 Valdivia; 1 La Paz; 5ht Ibero-American; 6 Brazilian	27y	311d	1980	1:49.71	1:48.16 -06
1202	BALOYI Onalenna BOT 6 World Youth 2001 (when he went by the name Oabona Onalenna); 7 African Champs 2004; ht WCH 2005; 8 COM 2006 In 2008: 2 Pretoria; 4sf African Champs; 2 Forbach; 1 Neerpelt 'B'; 1 Tallinn; 1 Kessel-Lo; 2 Nijmegen; 1 Nivelles; 1 Salamanca; 3 Sollentuna; 7 Joensuu; 2 Lapinlahti	24y	105d	1984	1:46.97	1:46.06 -05
1224	PEÇANHA Fabiano BRA Three times South American Champion at 800m ... 1500 pb: 3:38.45 -04. 1 South American junior 1500 2001; Pan-Am junior 1500 2001; 1 South American 800/1500 2003/2005 (1 1500 2003, 1 800 2006) ; 3 Pan-Am Games 800 2003/2007; 3 WSG 1500 2003/2007; sf WIC 800 2004/2008; 1 WSG 800 2005 (2 2007); 5 Pan-Am Games 1500 2007 (2005-6); 2 World Student Games 2007 800 (3 1500; sf WCH 800 2007 (2005-ht). 1 Brazilian 800 2004/2005/2006/2008 & 1500 2003/2005 In 2008: 6sf WIC; 1 Mar del Plata 800; 2 Buenos Aires 800; 1 Rosario 800; 2 Santa Fe 1500; 1 Santa Fe 800 (2 1500); 1 Porto Alegre 1500; 6 Uberlândia 1500; 4 Rio de Janeiro 800; 7 São Paulo 800; 6 Belém 800; 1 Ibero-American 1500 (2 800); 1 Brazilian 800 (2 1500); 1 Albertville 800; 1 Donnas 800; 2 Barcelona 800 'B'	26y	76d	1982	1:45.64	1:44.60 -07
1233	DAVIDE Kléber BRA sf WJC 2004; 1 South American under-23 2006 & senior 2007; 2 Pan-Am Games 2007; sf WCH 2007 In 2008: 1 Praia Grande; 6 Rio de Janeiro; 3 São Paulo; 10 Belém; 9 Neerpelt 'B'; 2 Brazilian	23y	31d	1985	1:46.49	1:45.47 -07
1251	ALI Belal Mansoor BRN TRANSFEREE – Formerly: John Yego KEN World finalist at 800m in 2005 & 1500m in 2007 1500 pb: 3:31.49 -07 (3:33.12 -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. 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; Here: 1500 6/h3-3:36.84; 1500 5/s1-3:37.60; 1500 8/Final-3:35.23	19y	306d	1988	1:48.28	1:44.02 -07
1257	KAMEL Youssef Saad BRN TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Gregory Konchellah KEN Asian record holder at 800m ... 2008 World indoor bronze 1500 pb: 3:34.45 -06 (3:40.28i -08). ht OLY 2004; sf WCH 2005/2007; 1 Arab 2005; 1 WCP 2006. 1 World Athletics Final 2004; 1 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian indoor 2008; 3 WIC 2008 (2004-sf). The IAAF approved his transfer from November 23, 2003 ... his father is twice World 800m Champion Billy Konchellah ... new coach is Tareq Yaqoob (husband/coach of Maryam Jamal, Bahrain's World Champion at 1500m) In 2008: 1 Valencia 1500 indoor; 1 Asian indoor; 3 WIC; 6 Hengelo; 1 New York; 2 Eugene; 3 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 2 Stockholm 1000; 2 Monaco (broke Asian record in close race with Borzakovskiy)	25y	144d	1983	1:42.79	1:42.79 -08
1295	REED Gary CAN 2007 World silver ... Canadian record holder ... 400 pb: 46.45 -06. ht WCH 4x400 2001/2003; sf OLY 2004; ht COM 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-8). 1 Canadian 2003/2004/2005/2008. Started as a triple jumper, then a decathlete ... nearly killed by a falling tree while working in a timber yard at age 19 ... coach-Wynn Gmitroski ... father-american, mother-Canadian ... born-Texas, lives-Kamloops, BC In 2008: 3 New York; 5 Eugene; 1 Victoria; 1 Burnaby; 1 Canadian; 1 Lucerne; 1 Heusden; dnf London Grand Prix; 4 Monaco (lowered Canadian record to 1:43.68)	26y	299d	1981	1:43.68	1:43.68 -08
1299	TADILI Achraf CAN 2003 Pan-American Games Champion ... 2006 Commonwealth silver ... 400 pb: 46.34 -03. 1 Pan-Am Games 2003 (2007-4); ht WCH 2003/2005; ht OLY 2004. Decided to start running after watching Hicham El Guerrouj win the World title in 1997 ... born-Casablanca, lives-Montreal ... became a Canadian citizen in February 2002 ... he was "discovered" by his uncle who saw how fast his nephew could run when being chased by some guard dogs In 2008: 1 Dessau; 2 Berlin Golden League 'B'; 1 Kassel; 1 Cottbus; 2 Canadian; 2 Liège	28y	42d	1980	1:45.29	1:45.05 -03
1398	LI Xiangyu CHN Second on Chinese all-time list, his pb is 0.01 behind the Chinese record of 1:46.44 which has stood since 1994 4 Asian junior 2004; 9 WSG 2005. 1 Chinese junior 2004 & senior 2006/2007. Born-Heilongjiang Province ... coach-Cao Zhenshui In 2008: 5sf Asian Indoor Champs; 1 Hangzhou; 1 "Good Luck" Beijing; dnft Chinese Olympic Trial	22y	303d	1985	1:48.39	1:46.45 -06
1457	GONZÁLEZ Andy CUB 2008 Central American & Caribbean Champion ... 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; 8 WJC 2006; 5 Pan-Am Games 2007; 1 Ibero-American 2008; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008 In 2008: 2 Havana (Mar 13); 1 Havana 1500 (Mar 15); 1 Havana (Jun 1); 1 Ibero-American; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; 1 Havana (Jul 19)	20y	307d	1987	1:45.3	1:45.3 -08

1487	LÓPEZ Yeimer CUB	25y	365d	1982	1:43.07	1:43.07 -08
2007 Pan-American Champion at 800m, having successfully moved up from 400m 400 pb: 45.11 -03. 2 Pan-Am Games 400 2003; sf WCH 400 2003; 2 Ibero-American 800 2004; 1 Central American & Caribbean 800 2005; ht WCH 800 2005/2008; 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 400 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 800 2007 ... 1.84 tall In 2008: 1 Havana (Mar 13); 1 Montevideo 400; 1 Havana 400 (Jun 1); 1 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 4x400; 1 Athens						
1515	HOLUSA Jakub CZE	20y	181d	1988	1:46.15	1:46.15 -08
2007 European Junior Champion at 3000m Steeplechase ... 1500 pb: 3:41.48i -08. 3000SC pb: 8:50.30 -07. 7 World Youth 2000SC 2005; 1 EJC 3000SC 2007. At EXC: 2005-75J, 2007-42J In 2008: 1 Czech indoor 800; 3ht WIC 800; 1 Turnov 800; 2 European Clubs Cup 1500 (3 800); 5 Berlin Golden League 800 'B'; 7 Oslo Golden League 1500; 8 Ostrava; 10 Prague; 2 ECP 1st League 800; 1 Czech 800						
1552	PIEDRA Byron ECU	26y	today	1982	1:48.58	1:46.93 -04
2007 South American Champion at 1500m ... Ecuadorian record holder at 800m, 1500m & 3000m 1500 pb: 3:37.88 -07 (3:42.65 -08). 3000 pb: 7:54.69 -08. 5000 pb: 14:12.24 -06. ht OLY 800 2004; 1 South American 5000 2005 (2006-2) & 1500 2007; 3 Pan-Am Games 1500 2007; ht WCH 1500 2007; 1 Ibero-American 3000 2008. At WXC: 2000-87J, 2004-63 short In 2008: 1 San Fernando 1500; 1 Valdivia 3000; 1 São Carlos 1500; 1 Montevideo 3000; 1 Montevideo 1500; 1 Cuenca 10K; 2 Uberlândia 1500; 1 Fortaleza 2000; 10 Rio de Janeiro; 1 São Paulo 5000; 5 Belém 800; 1 Ibero-American 3000 (2 1500); Here: 1500 12/h3-3:45.57						
1580	OLMEDO Manuel ESP	25y	95d	1983	1:45.20	1:45.13 -07
2008 European Cup winner ... 1500 pb: 3:42.29 -07. 8 EJC 2001; ht EIC 2002/2007; 8 WJC 2002 (2000-ht); ht OLY 2004; 2 under-23 ECH 2005 (2003-3); sf ECH 2006; sf WCH 2007 (2003-ht); sf WIC 2008; 1 ECP 2008. 1 Spanish indoor 2002/2007 & outdoor 2007/2008 In 2008: 2 Spanish indoor; 5sf WIC; 3 Zaragoza; 1 Huelva; 1 ECP; 4 Madrid; 11 Rome Golden League; 1 Spanish						
1613	REINA Antonio Manuel ESP	27y	68d	1981	1:46.15	1:43.83 -02
2002 World Cup winner in Madrid with a Spanish record ... 2002 European indoor bronze 400 pb: 45.98 -05. 3 WJC 2000; 1 under-23 ECH 2001; sf ECH 2002; 1 WCP 2002; 4 WIC 2003 (2004-sf); 1 ECP 2003/2005; sf WCH 2003/2005 (2001/2007-ht); sf OLY 2004; 2 EIC 2005 (2002-3). 1 Spanish 2001/2002/2003/2004/2005 ... coach-Manuel Alcaide In 2008: 1 Spanish Clubs indoor 400; 6 Zaragoza; 7 Oslo Golden League; 4 Huelva; 4 Jerez de la Frontera; 2 Avilés; 12 Madrid; 3 Tangiers; 8 Barcelona; 3 Spanish						
1618	QUESADA Miguel ESP	28y	336d	1979	1:45.58	1:45.58 -08
2007 European indoor silver ... ht OLY 2004; 5 ECH 2006 (2002-sf); 2 EIC 2007 (2002-ht) In 2008: 1 Barcelona; 7 Huelva; 2 Jerez de la Frontera 'B'; 1 Avilés; 3 Salamanca; 11 Madrid; 4 Barcelona; 2 Spanish						
1713	LAHTIO Mikko FIN	23y	332d	1984	1:46.59	1:46.59 -08
9 ECP 2006. 1 Finnish 2006/2007/2008 In 2008: 2 Tallinn; 1 Lapua; 1 ECP 1st League; 2 Turku; 2 Sollentuna; 1 Joensuu; 1 Lapinlahti; 1 Finnish (3 1500); dnf Lappeenranta						
1827	RIMMER Michael GBR	22y	198d	1986	1:44.68	1:44.68 -08
2006 European finalist ... National titles as an under-15, under-17, under-20 and senior 1500 pb: 3:45.71 -07. 4 World Youth 2003 (2001-sf); 8 WJC 2004; 3 Commonwealth Youth Games 2004; 8 EJC 2005; 8 ECH 2006; 2 ECP 2007; sf WCH 2007. 1 AAA 2006 & UK 2007/2008. Coach-Norman Poole (trains with Tom Lancashire among others) He claims to have only ever raced once without his trademark tee-shirt In 2008: 1 Stretford 1000; 1 Watford BMC; 8 Berlin Golden League; dnf Oslo Golden League; 9 Ostrava; 1 Milan; 1 UK Champs; 6 Barcelona; 2 London Grand Prix; 6 Monaco						
1980	MANDELL Derek GUM	21y	336d	1986		1:59.29
ht World Youth 1500 2003; ht WJC 1500 2004						
2034	MOHAJER SHOJAEI Ehsan IRI	25y	152d	1983	1:47.31	1:45.90 -07
2007 World Student Games Champion ... sf WCH 2003; 3 Asian Games 2006; 1 WSG 2007 (2005-6); 2 Asian indoor 2008 (2004-3) In 2008: 2 Asian Indoor Champs; 4sf WIC; 1 Tehran 400; 1 Almaty 1500; 5 Zhukovskiy; 6 Tangiers						
2035	MORADI Sadjad IRI	25y	143d	1983	1:45.14	1:44.74 -05
Iranian record holder at 800m & 1500m ... 1500 pb: 3:38.80 -07. 2 Asian indoor 800/1500 2004; ht WIC 800 2004; ht OLY 800 2004; sf WCH 800 2005; 3 Asian Champs 800 2005; ht WIC 800 2006; 2 Asian Champs 800/1500 2007; sf WCH 1500 2007 (ht 800) In 2008: 1 Iranian indoor 1500; 1 Tehran 800 (Apr 26); 1 Tehran 800 (May 22); 1 Algiers 800; 6 Rabat 800						
2040	CHAMNEY Thomas IRL	24y	125d	1984	1:46.66	1:46.46 -07
Sixth in US Collegiate Championships indoors & out in 2006, representing the University of Notre Dame ht World Youth 2001; ht ECH 2006; sf EIC 2007. 1 Irish under-23 2004/2005; 1 Irish 2006/2008 ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 4 Tallahassee; 3 Atlanta; 7 Turin; 5 Castellón; 5 Watford BMC; 3 Jerez de la Frontera 'B'; 2 Nivelles; 7 Bydgoszcz; 10 Madrid 'B'; 4 Lignano; 5 Lucerne; 1 Irish; 7 Oordegem						
2146	SAPPLETON Aldwyn JAM	26y	242d	1981	1:46.87	1:46.84 -07
8 WJC 2000 (1 4x400); 6 Pan-American Games 2007. 1 Jamaican 2004/2005/2007/2008 In 2008: 4ht WIC; 4 Norman; 3 Kansas Relays; 4 Kingston; 1 Indianapolis (May 31); 2 Indianapolis (Jun 14); 1 Jamaican; 7 Barcelona 'B'; 4 Karlstad						
2246	BUNGEI Wilfred KEN	28y	26d	1980	1:45.08	1:42.34 -02
Was the world's fastest 800m runner in 2003-2005 ... 2006 World Indoor Champion 2 WJC 98; 2 WCH 2001 (2005-4, 2007-5); 5 OLY 2004; 1 WIC 2006 (2003-3). Has a dairy farm and tea plantation at his hometown of Kabirirsang in the Nandi district ... his mother is a cousin of Henry Rono ... spends half the year in Italy, trains there with William Yiampany and Youssef Saad Kamel (Gregory Konchellah), their coach-Gianni Ghidini ... his lucky number is three, he's happy when he draws lane 3 or there is a three in his bib number ... wife-Priscah Chepngetich, their son Wilfred born October 20, 2005 In 2008: 6 Doha; 9 Turin; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 2 Barcelona Carried flag at opening ceremony						
2251	KIRWA YEGO Alfred KEN	21y	265d	1986	1:44.01	1:43.89 -06
In Osaka he won the slowest ever World Champion 800m final but with a 24.6 last 200m 1500 pb: 3:37.95 -04. 2 WJC 2004; 3 African Champs 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-ht). In 2007 he won only three of his 15 races: these were the heat, semi and final at the World Championships In 2008: 4 Doha; 3 Hengelo; 3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Eugene (his only victory since Osaka); 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 5 Rome Golden League; 3 Barcelona						
2276	LALANG Boaz KEN	19y	193d	1989	1:44.68	1:44.68 -08
Attends Rend Lake College (Ina, Illinois) ... 1500 pb: 3:37.62 -08. Coach-Brent McLean In 2008: 1 Missouri Relays; 1 Auburn 1500; 1 Knoxville; 3 Nashville 400; 1 Hillsdale 1500; 1 Eugene (May 9); 1 Levelland 800/1500; 3 Ostrava; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 4 Athens						
2294	PAKURA Sergey KGZ	25y	109d	1983	1:46.98	1:46.98 -08
ht WIC 1500 2006; 9 Asian Games 1500 2006; 6 Asian Indoor Champs 1500 2008 In 2008: 6 Asian Indoor Champs 1500; 10ht WIC 1500; 1 Uzbekistan Cup 800; 2 Bishkek 800/1500; 7 Almaty 800; 2 Kyrgyzizi 800						
2319	AL-SALHI Mohammed KSA	22y	101d	1986	1:44.83	1:43.99 -06
2007 World finalist ... 2003 World Youth Champion ... 2007 Asian Champion ... Saudi Arabian record holder 400 pb: 45.94 -04. sf Asian Games 400 2002; 1 World Youth 2003; 1 Asian junior 400 2004; ht OLY 2004; 6 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2005 -4); 8 WCH 2007 (2003/2005-sf); 1 World Military Games 2007; 2 Pan Arab 2007 In 2008: 3 Algiers; 4 Oslo Golden League; 5 Rabat; 2 Bydgoszcz; 7 Rome Golden League						
2324	ALAZEMI Mohammad KUW	26y	65d	1982	1:45.79	1:44.13 -06
Kuwait record holder at 800m ... 1500 pb: 3:42.75 -06. 3 World Youth 99; 3 Asian junior 2002; ht WIC 2003/2004; ht OLY 2004; sf WCH 2005/2007; 5 Asian Champs 2005; 6 West Asian Games 2006; 2 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian Indoor Games 2007. Works part-time at Kuwaiti Ministry of Engineering						

2333	MILKEVICS Dmitrijs LAT	26y	257d	1981	1:46.10	1:43.67 -06
Latvian record holder ... twice fourth at World Indoor Championships 400 pb: 46.44 -03. ht EIC 2002/2005; sf OLY 2004; 4 WIC 2006/2008; 4 ECH 2006 (2002-ht); sf WCH 2007 (2005-ht). 1 NCAA 2005. 1 Latvian 400 2001/2002 & 800 2006 ... 2005 US Collegiate Champion, representing the University of Nebraska where he studied Business Administration ... coach-Viktors Lacis (Olympic semi-finalist in 2000) In 2008: 4 WIC; 5 Doha; 3 Zhukovskiy; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Lugano; 5 Sollentuna; 6 Heusden						
2373	KOZLOV Vitalij LTU	21y	168d	1987	1:46.58	1:46.58 -08
7 under-23 ECH 800 2007. 1 Lithuanian 2006/2008 In 2008: 1 Lithuanian indoor; 1 Lithuanian Clubs; 4 Kaunas; 8 Zhukovskiy; 5 ECP 2nd League; 1 Lahti; 2 Joensuu; 1 Lithuanian						
2395	LAALOU Amine MAR	26y	99d	1982	1:45.02	1:43.25 -06
Moroccan record holder, set when winning at Rome 2006 with what was the world's second-fastest time that year ht World Youth 99; sf WJC 2000; 2 African junior 2001; 4 WIC 2004 (2006-sf, 2008-ht); sf OLY 2004; 6 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-sf). 1 Moroccan 2003. His first sport was basketball In 2008: 3ht WIC; 2 Hengelo; 4 Berlin Golden League; 2 Rabat; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Tangiers; 1 Barcelona						
2402	CHEHIBI Mouhcine MAR	30y	204d	1978	1:45.39	1:44.16 -06
Unexpected fourth in 2004 Olympics ... 3 African Champs 2000; 6 WSG 2001; sf WIC 2004 (2006-ht); 4 OLY 2004 (2000-sf); sf WCH 2005/2007 (99/2003-ht). Wife-Hasna Benhassi (2 OLY 800 2004 & 2 WCH 800 2005) In 2008: 2 Zaragoza; 1 Castellón; 3 Rabat; 3 Jerez de la Frontera; 6 Madrid; 4 Tangiers; dnf Barcelona						
2406	BENSGHIR Yassine MAR	25y	229d	1983	-	1:45.89 -05
Former World Junior Champion at 1500m ... 1500 pb: 3:33.04 -07 (3:36.21 -08). 1 WJC 1500 2002; 3 African Champs 1500 2004; 12 WCH 1500 2005; 8 WIC 1500 2006; sf WCH 800 2007. 1 French under-23 1500 2003. At WXC: 2002-45J 12th in 2007 Great North Mile In 2008: 3 Zaragoza 1500; 1 Castellón 1500; 9 Rabat 1500; 6 Jerez de la Frontera 1500; 5 Barcelona 1500						
2476	OULD CHEBAL Souleymane MTN	21y	232d	1986	-	1:56.02 -05
Mauritanian record holder ... ht WCH 2007 Carried flag at opening ceremony						
2493	LATHOUWERS Robert NED	25y	43d	1983	1:44.75	1:44.75 -08
400 pb: 46.52 -05. dq sf WJC 400 2002 (ran out of lane); 3 under-23 ECH 4x400 2005; sf WIC008. 1 Dutch 2008. Works as a model and also a chauffeur ... coach-Honoré Hoedt In 2008: 1 Secunda; 1 Flemish indoor; 1 Dutch indoor; 3sf WIC; 1 Hengelo (beat good field); 9 Berlin Golden League; 1 Dutch; 6 Athens; 7 Heusden; 7 Monaco						
2547	WILLIS Nick NZL	25y	117d	1983	1:45.87	1:45.54 -04
2008 Olympic 1500m bronze ... 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion ... in 2005 broke the New Zealand record 1500m which had stood to John Walker since 1975 1500 pb: 3:32.17 -06 (3:33.51 -08). 5000 pb: 13:27.54 -05. Mile pb: 3:50.66 -08. 4 WJC 2002; 1 COM 2006; 3 WCP 2006; 10 WCH 2007 (2005-sf); 3 OLY 2008 (2004-sf). 1 NCAA indoor 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; Here: 1500 2/h1-3:36.01; 1500 5/s2-3:37.54; 1500 3/Final-3:34.16						
2575	CZAPIEWSKI Pawel POL	30y	143d	1978	1:45.19	1:43.22 -01
(Pronounced "Chap-yev-ski") ... 2002 European Indoor Champion ... 2001 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:38.961 -02. ht WJC 96; 8 EJC 97; 3 under-23 ECH 99; 6 WIC 2001; 1 ECP 2001/2007 (2002-3); 3 WCH 2001 (2005-sf); 1 EIC 2002; 4 ECH 2002 (98-ht); 3 ECP 1500 2002/2005. 1 Polish 98/2005/2007/2008 (1 1500 2002) ... former hockey player ... has twin brother, Piotr, who is an amateur footballer In 2008: 1 Polish indoor; 2 Kozenice; 1 Berlin Golden League 'B' (1:45.19, his fastest since 2002); 1 Kedzierzyn-Kozle; 6 Ostrava; 2 Warsaw; 5 Bydgoszcz; 1 Polish (2 1500); 9 Monaco						
2597	LEWANDOWSKI Marcin POL	21y	68d	1987	1:45.90	1:45.52 -07
Fourth at 2006 World Junior Championships ... 1500 pb: 3:43.64 -07 (3:44.94 -08). 7 EJC 1500 2005; 4 WJC 2006; 8 WSG 2007. At WXC: 2006-90 short. 1 Polish 1500 2008 In 2008: 5 Hengelo; 1 Zaragoza; 7 Ostrava; 1 Warsaw; 2 ECP; 1 Nijmegen; 1 Polish; 3 London Grand Prix						
2737	NGOEPE Samson RSA	23y	204d	1985	1:45.49	1:45.49 -08
sf African Games 2007; 7 African Champs 2008. Has two scars on his left arm. In 2000, he stepped in to help his uncle, who was being attacked by five thugs outside a shop. One of them stabbed him right through the biceps muscle Takes his inspiration from Sylvester Stallone's Rocky films: before every race he watches "Rocky II" and "Rocky III" In 2008: 2 Secunda; 1 Potchefstroom; 1 Durban; 2 Germiston; 3 Pretoria; 3 South African; 7 African Champs; 1 Arnhem; 1 Nijmegen; 2 Milan						
2742	MULAUDZI Mbulaeni RSA	27y	345d	1980	1:43.26	1:42.89 -03
2002 Commonwealth Games gold ... 2004 Olympic silver ... 2003 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:39.70 -02. 400 pb: 46.3 -07. 2 African Champs 2000 (2002-3); 1 COM 2002 (4 4x400); 3 WCH 2003 (2001-6, 2005-sf, 2007-7); 2 African Games 2003; 1 WIC 2004 (2006/2008-2); 2 OLY 2004; 6 African Champs 2006. 1 South African 2001/2002/2003/2007/2008. 1 African Junior 1999 ... Studies Sports Management & Marketing at Vaal University of Technology in Johannesburg ... superstition-likes to have a bib starting with the number 1 ... coach-JP van der Merwe In 2008: 1 Germiston; 1 Oudtshoorn; 2 WIC; 1 South African; 2 Berlin Golden League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 2 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Madrid; 2 Rome Golden League; dnf London Grand Prix; 3 Monaco						
2749	BOGDANOV Dmitry RUS	29y	131d	1979	1:45.78	1:44.33 -06
2005 European Indoor Champion ... 5x Russian Champion ... 400 pb: 46.50 -02. 7 WJC 98; ht OLY 2000/2004; 3 under-23 ECH 4x400 2001; ht ECH 2002/2006; 1 EIC 2005 (2000-ht, 2002-4); 3 ECP 2005 (2001/2007-4, 2003-5); sf WCH 2005/2007 (2003-ht); 5 WCP 2006; 5 WIC 2008 (2004-ht). 1 Russian 2000/2002/2003/2005/2006 (1 indoors 2002/2005/2008). Partner-Tatyana Andrianova was 3rd in the 2005 World 800m ... born-St Petersburg, trains with Yuriy Borzakovskiy ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 5 WIC; 4 European Clubs Cup; 2 Moscow Regional; 2 Zhukovskiy; 2 Moscow City 400; 3 Biberach; 4 Bydgoszcz; 3 Russian						
2773	BORZAKOVSKIY Yuriy RUS	27y	130d	1981	1:42.79	1:42.47 -01
DEFENDING OLYMPIC CHAMPION ... 1500 pb: 3:40.28 -05. 1 World Youth Games 98; 1 ECP 99/2002 (3 1500 2004); 1 EJC 99; 1 EIC 2000; 6 OLY 2000; 1 WIC 2001 (2006-3); sf ECH 400 2002 (2 4x400); 2 WCH 2003/2005 (2007-3); 1 OLY 2004. 1 Russian indoor 800 99/2001, 1500 2006 & outdoor 2004. On September 30, 2006 in Zhukovskiy the car he was driving struck a drunken man who had wandered in to the road; tragically the man later died; Borzakovskiy was cleared any blame ... son-Yaroslav born May 14, 2002 In 2008: 1 Moscow 4x800 (anchored team which set a European indoor record in 1:44.7); 2 Stockholm; 5 WIC 4x400; 1 Moscow Regional; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Moscow City 400; 1 Biberach; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Monaco (1:42.79, his fastest since 2001)						
2860	CURREEN Aunese SAM	22y	240d	1985	1:49.16	1:49.61 -07
Samoan record holder at 400m, 800m & 1500m ... 400 pb: 49.52 -08. 1500 pb: 3:50.24 -08. ht WCH 2007. 1 New Zealand 2007/2008 In 2007: 1 Auckland Champs; 2 Hamilton; 11 Christchurch; 1 New Zealand; 4 Australian						
2862	WAGNE Abdoulaye SEN	27y	202d	1981	1:45.65	1:45.08 -03
ht OLY 2004; 4 African Games 2007; sf WCH 2007 (2003-ht). 1 French 2003. Born-Diourbel In 2008: 5sf WIC; 3 Bolzano; 1 Dakar; 1 Mondovi; 1 Conegliano; 1 Avellino; 1 Abuja; 1 Italian Clubs; 7 Cagliari						
2912	KAKI Abubaker SUD	19y	60d	1989	1:42.69	1:42.69 -08
In Valencia 2008 became the youngest ever World Indoor Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:39.71 -08. 3 World Youth 2005; 3 Arab 2005; 6 WJC 2006; 2 Arab junior 2006; 1 African Games 2007; ht WCH 2007; 1 Arab Games 800/1500 2007. His father Khamis was a goalkeeper; Abubaker also wanted to become a footballer but in his district more youngsters practised athletics ... coach-Jama Aden In 2008: 1 Leipzig indoor; 1 Stockholm indoor; 1 Stockholm 1000 indoor (World junior indoor best 2:15.77); 1 Ghent 1000 indoor; 1 WIC (front-run); 1 Malmö 1500 (pb 3:39.71); 1 Oslo Golden League (set world junior record 1:42.69, the world's fastest in five years); 1 Ostrava; 1 Karlskrona; 1 WJC; 1 Barcelona 'B'; 1 Stockholm 1000 (world junior best 2:13.93) (unbeaten in 12/12 finals this year before Beijing) Carried flag at opening ceremony						

2914	ISMAL Ahmad SUD	23y 343d 1984	1:44.34	1:44.34 -08
Slovak record holder ... 2004 AAA Indoor Champion ... ht WJC 2000 (dq 1500 ht); ht WIC 1500 2001; dq World Youth 800 2001; 5 WJC 2002; ht WCH 2003/2007; 1 Arab 2003 (2004-2); 5 African Games 2003; 4 World Military 2003 (2002-6); ht WIC 2004; 8 OLY 2004; 2 African Champs 800 2006. 1 AAA indoor 800 2004 In 2008: 2 African Champs; 3 Doha; 4 Algiers; 1 Malmö; 2 Turin; 1 Rabat; dnf Karlskrona; 2 Gothenburg 400; 3 Madrid				
2941	REPCÍK Josef SVK	22y 17d 1986	1:44.94	1:44.94 -08
Slovak record holder ... 400 pb: 47.23 -08. 1 European Youth 2003; sf WJC 2004; 7 EJC 2005; sf ECH 2006; ht EIC 2007; 5 under-23 ECH 2007; ht WCH 2007; 5 WSG 2007; sf WIC 2008 In 2008: 1 Slovak indoor; 6sf WIC; 1 Nove Mesto nad Vahom; 1 Schwechat 400; 2 European Clubs Cup ; 2 Belgrade; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 2 Kedzierzyn-Kozle; 5 Prague 400; 4 Ostrava; 3 Warsaw; 1 ECP 2nd League race 2; 1 Kladno; 2 Strasbourg 1000; 2 Slovak 400; 3 Lucerne; 1 Oordegem				
2973	MWERA CHEGERE Samuel TAN	23y 78d 1985	1:46.59	1:45.28 -05
In 2004 broke the Tanzanian 800m record which had stood since 1974 to Filbert Bayi 1500 pb: 3:35.42 -04. 5 World Youth 1500 2001; 3 WJC 1500 2002; 1 African Games 800 2003 (6 1500); 3 Afro-Asian Games 800 2003; dq/ht WIC 800 2004; dq/sf OLY 800 2004; dq/ht WCH 800 2005; dq/ht COM 2006; ht WCH 800 2007 Serial disqualifyee for running out of his lane: at 2004 World Indoors, 2004 Olympics, 2005 World Championships & 2006 Commonwealth Games In 2008: 3 Pergine Valsugana				
3055	CHEPKIRWOK Abraham UGA	19y 274d 1988	1:43.72	1:43.72 -08
So near (0.02) to a medal in Osaka 2007 where he led at 600m ... 3 WJC 2006; 5 African Games 2007; 4 WCH 2007; sf WIC 2008 ... former football player, represented his district schools team in Uganda ... coach-Ricky Simms In 2008: 4sf WIC; 2 Doha; 4 Hengelo; 1 Berlin Golden League (broke the Ugandan record which had stood to Julius Achon since 1996); 5 Oslo Golden League; 2 Madrid; 2 Athens; 1 London Grand Prix				
3232	SMITH Christian USA	24y 293d 1983	1:45.47	1:44.86 -06
2006 US Collegiate Indoor mile Champion, representing Kansas State University 1500 pb; 3:38.10 -06. 1 NCAA indoor mile 2006. Coach-Cate Holston In 2008: 5 Mt SAC Relays; 2 Stanford; 5 Eugene (May 9); 1 Eugene (Jun 15); 3 US Olympic Trials; 8 Lignano; 6 Liège; 7 London Grand Prix				
3238	SYMONDS Nick USA	24y 233d 1983	1:44.10	1:44.10 -08
2008 US Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:40.91 -06. sf WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008. 1 US Indoor 2007 & outdoor 2008. 1 NCAA Division 2 800/1500 2003 (1 800 2004); 1 NCAA Division 3 800/1500 2005/2006. Was at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon .. coach-Frank Gagliano In 2008: 2 Boston; 2 US indoor; 2 Stanford 1500 (fell and gashed right knee, needed 12 stitches afterwards); 1 Beaverton; 4 Eugene; 2 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials (won in front of his home crowd in Eugene) Fast finisher				
3289	WHEATING Andrew USA	20y 272d 1987	1:45.03	1:45.03 -08
2 NCAA 2008 representing The University of Oregon ... Coach-Vin Lannana ... 1.96 tall In 2008: 1 Eugene; 1 Oregon Relays; 1 "Pac 10" Conference; 2 NCAA; 2 US Olympic Trials				
3305	VILLANUEVA Eduard VEN	23y 233d 1984	1:46.36	1:46.33 -07
1500 pb: 3:41.74 -07. 3 Ibero-American 800 2006; 6 Pan-Am Games 1500 2007; ht WCH 800 2007; ht WIC 800 2008; 2 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008 In 2008: 5ht WIC; 1 Caracas 800/1500; 1 Medellín; 1 Caracas; 5 Fortaleza 2000; 5 Rio de Janeiro; 3 Belém; 5 Ibero-American 1500 (6 800); 2 Central American & Caribbean Champs				
3308	NGUYEN Dinh Cuong VIE	26y 132d 1982	1:51.08	1:50.9 -05
Vietnam record holder at 1500m ... 1500 pb: 3:45.31 -07. 17 Asian Champs 1500 2005; 1 South East Asian Games 800/1500 2007				
3312	AL-YAFEE Mohammed Ahmed YEM	23y 317d 1984		1:53.3 -02
ht WCH 2008 Carried flag at opening ceremony				

WORLD ALL-TIME LIST

1.....	1:41.11.....	Wilson Kipketer DEN.....	1997
2.....	1:41.73.....	Sebastian Coe GBR.....	1981
3.....	1:41.77.....	Joaquim Cruz BRA.....	1984
4.....	1:42.28.....	Sammy Koskei KEN.....	1984
5.....	1:42.34.....	Wilfred Bungei KEN.....	2002
6.....	1:42.47.....	Yuriy Borzakovskiy RUS.....	2001
7.....	1:42.55.....	André Bucher SUI.....	2001
8.....	1:42.58.....	Vebjørn Rodal NOR.....	1996
9.....	1:42.60.....	Johnny Gray USA.....	1985
10...	1:42.62.....	Patrick Ndururi KEN.....	1997

2008 WORLD LIST

1.....	1:42.69.....	Abubaker Kaki SUD
2.....	1:42.79.....	Yuriy Borzakovskiy RUS
3.....	1:42.79.....	Youssef Saad Kamel BRN
4.....	1:43.07.....	Yeiman López CUB
5.....	1:43.26.....	Mbulaeni Mulaudzi RSA
6.....	1:43.68.....	Gary Reed CAN
7.....	1:43.72.....	David Rudisha KEN
8.....	1:43.72.....	Abraham Chepkirwok UGA
9.....	1:44.01.....	Alfred Kirwa Yego KEN
10...	1:44.10.....	Nick Symmonds USA