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Men's 200 Metres

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2008 World Best	19.30	Usian Bolt JAM	Beijing	20 Aug 08
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AWARDS

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

New World Record: \$100,000

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best			
1,	130	BROWN Joel	USA	28y	227d	1980	20.77	20.55 -05	
Sixth in 2005 110m Hurdles World final ... 20.36w -08. 100 pb: 10.32w -05, 10.33 -04. 110H pb: 13.22 -05 (13.33 -08). 6 WCH 110H 2005; sf OLY 110H 2008. 1 US indoor 60H 2005. Studied Human Ecology at Ohio State University ... coach-Brooks Johnson In 2008: 3 US indoor; 2 Lake Buena Vista 200; 2 Coral Gables 110H; 4 Greensboro 110H; 2 Doha 200/110H; 6 Carson 110H; 1 São Paulo 110H; 1 Belém 110H/200 'B'; 4 Berlin Golden League 110H; 8 Eugene 200; 4 Eugene 110H; dnf Clermont 110H; 6sf US Olympic Trials 110H; 2 Athens 110H 'B'; 4 Lucerne 110H; 3 Barcelona 110H; 1 Brasschaat 200/110H; 1 Oordegem; 2 Karlstad 110H (4 200); 6 Zurich Golden League 110H; 5 Gateshead 110H; 6 Lausanne 110H									
2,	37	DEVONISH Marlon	GBR	32y	105d	1976	20.43	20.19 -02	
2004 Olympic relay gold ... sixth in 2007 World 100m final ... world relay medals in 1997, 1999, 2005 & 2007 100 pb: 10.06 -07 (10.08w, 10.18 -08). 1 EJC 200/4x100 95; 2 under-23 ECH 100 97; qf WCH 100 97 (bronze 4x100, ran heat); 5 ECH 100 98; 8 COM 100 98 (1 4x100); 2 WCH 4x100 99; 8 WCH 200 2001 (99-sf); 1 ECP 200 2002/2007; 2 COM 200 2002 (1 4x100); 3 ECH 200 2002; 1 WIC 200 2003; sf WCH 100 2005 (qf 200); 3 WCH 4x100 2005; 8 COM 100 2006 (4 4x400); 3 ECH 200 2006 (1 4x100); 6 WCH 100 2007 (3 4x100). 1 AAA 200 97/2001/2002/2006 (1 100 2006). 1 UK 100/200 2007. Parents from Barbados where his father Desmond was a sprinter ... born-Coventry, lives-Slough ... coach-Tony Lester In 2008: In January he had a training spell in Spain with double European Champion Francis Obikwelu; 2 Hengelo 200; 6 Berlin Golden League 100; 4 Oslo Golden League 100 (5 200); 1 ECP 200/4x100; 7 UK Champs 100 (ill); 6ht London Grand Prix 100; 7sf OLY 200; dq/ht OLY 4x100; 7 Gateshead 200; 6 Rieti 200 (ht 100); 4 Zagreb 100									
3,	11	CHRISTIAN Brendan	ANT	24y	278d	1983	20.12	20.12 -08	
2007 Pan-American Champion at 200m ... Antiguan record holder at 60m, 100m & 200m 100 pb: 10.01w -07, 10.11 -04/07/08. 2 WJC 200 2002 (6 100); qf OLY 200 2004; sf COM 200 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 200 2007 (3 100); sf WCH 100/200 2007; sf WIC 60 2008; sf OLY 200 2008. Moved to the USA at age three ... based-Houston, coach-Allan Powell In 2008: 8sf WIC 60; 1 Houston 400; 1 Baie Mahault 200 (2 100); 1 Fort-de-France 200 (4 100); 1 Ponce 100/200; 2 São Paulo 200 (5 100); 3 New York 200; 1 Oslo Golden League 200; 2 Thessaloníki 200 (3 100); 2 Athens 200; 2 Rethymno 200 (1 100 'B'); 5sf OLY 200; 5 Gateshead 200; 3 Rieti 200									
4,	156	DZINGAI Brian	ZIM	27y	139d	1981	20.17	20.12 -04	
Zimbabwean record holder at 200m ... fourth in 2008 Olympic 200m final 20.06w -08. 100 pb: 10.03w -07, 10.23 -08. sf COM 100 2002 (qf 200); dnf OLY 200 2004; sf WCH 200 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-qf) ... Coach-Ken Harnden (3 COM 400H 98) ... 1.68 tall In 2008: 1 Tallahassee 200 (Apr 12); 1 Tallahassee 200 (2 100); 1 Tallinn 200; 4 Oslo Golden League 200; 2 Ostrava 100; 2 Prague 200; 1 Lille 200 (6 100); 1 Thessaloníki 200; 3 Athens 200; 1 Heusden 200; 4 London Grand Prix 200; 4 OLY 200; 8 Gateshead 200; 4 Lausanne 200; 1 Rieti 200 He has reportedly been bestowed an award of \$10,000 by President Robert Mugabe in recognition of his Beijing performance									
5,	62	WILLIAMS Chris	JAM	36y	183d	1972	20.20	20.02 -02	
Silver at 200m & bronze at 4x400m in 2001 Worlds ... 100 pb: 10.03w -07, 10.05 -00 (10.30 -08). 400 pb: 46.76 -04. 3 OLY 4x400 2000 (4 4x100, sf 200, qf 100); 2 WCH 200 2001 (3 4x400); 3 Central American 200 2003; 2 Pan-Am Games 200 2003; sf OLY 200 2004; sf WCH 200 2005 (2003-qf); 3 COM 200 2006 (1 4x100); 7 WCH 200 2008. 1 Jamaican 200 99/2000/2001 (1 100 2001) In 2008: 2 California Relays 100; dq Claremont 100; 2 Westwood 100; 2 Kingston 200; 3 Doha 200; 6 Port-of-Spain 100; 2 German Clubs 100 (4 200); 2 Port-of-Spain 200; 6 Eugene 200; 6 Rheinland-Freistett 100; 3 Jamaican 200; 2 Cork 200; 3 Rethymno 200 (4 100); 6sf OLY 200; 3 Zurich Golden League 100 'B'; 4 Rieti 200; 3 Zagreb 200									
6,	138	MARTIN Rodney	USA	25y	267d	1982	19.99	19.99 -08	
Just 0.01 behind bronze in 2007 World 200m ... fourth again in US Olympic Trials despite clocking 19.99 100 pb: 9.95 -08. 4 WCH 200 2007, then ran in heat of 4x100 so awarded gold medal won by USA in final ... coach-John Smith ... Graduate of Criminal Justice from the University of Southern California In 2008: 8 Westwood 400; 5 Baie Mahault 100; 3 Fort-de-France 200; 3 Carson 200 (1 100 'B'); 2 New York 200 (2 100 'B'); 4 Eugene 200 (7 100); 4 US Olympic Trials 200 (5 100); 6 Rethymno 100/200; 4 Stockholm 100 'B'; 6 London Grand Prix 200; dnf/ht OLY 4x100 (ran first leg for team which failed to finish); 2 Zurich Golden League 100 'B' (1 4x100); 8 Gateshead 100; 3 Lausanne 100 'B'; 8 Rieti 100; 2 Zagreb 100 (7 200)									
7,	100	BUCKLAND Stéphan	MRI	31y	246d	1977	20.37	20.06 -03	
Fifth-fifth-sixth in three successive World 200m finals ... 100 pb: 10.13 -01/02. qf WJC 100 96; ht WIC 60 99/2003/2004; 8 African Games 100 99; qf WCH 100 99; 1 Francophone Games 100/200 2001; 5 WCH 200 2003/2005 (2001-6); 6 OLY 200 2004 (2000/2008-sf); 2 COM 200 2006 (2002-sf); 2 African Champs 200 2006/2008; 8 WCP 200 2006. ... father of two daughters, the second born in 2008 In 2008: 2 African Champs 200 (sf 100); 1 Brazzaville 200 (6 100); 4 Ostrava 100; 1 Prague 200 (3 100); 1 Tangiers 200; 1 Cagliari 100/200; 6sf OLY 200; 2 Rieti 200; 1 Zagreb 200 (7 100); 2 Rovereto 100 'B'									
8,	52	HESSION Paul	IRL	25y	231d	1983	20.32	20.30 -07	
Irish record holder at 100m & 200m ... 20.26w -08. 100 pb: 10.18 -07 (10.21 -08). sf WJC 200 2002; ht ECH 200 2002; 5 under-23 ECH 200 2003; 2 WSG 200 2003 (2005-3); ht WIC 200 2004; sf EIC 200 2005; sf ECH 200 2006; sf WCH 200 2007 (2005-qf); sf OLY 200 2008. 1 AAA junior indoor 200 2002; 3 AAA indoor 200 2003/2004. 1 Irish 200 2004/2007/2008 (1 100 2007/2008). Taking time off his medical studies to concentrate on athletics ... based-Scotland, coach-Stuart Hogg In 2008: 1 Tampere 100 (indoor); 2 Scottish indoor 60; 1 Malmö 100; 2 Oslo Golden League 200; 2 Ostrava 300; 1 ECP 2nd League 100; 1 Salamanca 200 (3 100); 3 Thessaloníki 200; 1 Cork 100/200; 1 Irish 100; 3 London Grand Prix 200; 5sf OLY 200; 3 Gateshead 200; 5 Lausanne 200									

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Men's 1500 Metres

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2008 World Best: 3:31.49 Daniel K. Komen Monaco 29 Jul 08

AWARDS

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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 Borzakovski); 5 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League 1500; 1 Lausanne 1500; 1 Brussels Golden League 800; 1 Zagreb 1500</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 Beautah ... 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>						

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Men's 5000 Metres

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2008 World Best: 12:50.18 Kenenisa Bekele ETH Zurich 29 Aug 08

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29	ABDOSH Ali	ETH	21y	18d 1987	13:06.52	13:01.44 -06
10,000 pb: 27:04.92 -07. 3 African Junior 10,000 2005 (4 5000); 5 African Games 5000 2007; 3 African Champs 5000 2008. At WXC: 2006 -5 short. He would have run the Olympic 5000m if Kenenisa Bekele had not doubled up in Beijing 2008 In 2008: 3 African Champs 5000; 1 Carson 5000; 2 New York 5000; 4 Ostrava 5000; 6 Rome Golden League 5000; 8 Brussels Golden League 5000						
30	BEKELE Tariku	ETH	21y	199d 1987	12:52.45	12:52.45 -08
2006 World Junior Champion at 5000m ... 2008 World Indoor Champion at 3000m ... younger brother of Kenenisa 1500 pb: 3:37.26 -08. 3000 pb: 7:29.11 -06. 2 World Youth 3000 2003; 3 WJC 5000 2004; 6 WIC 3000 2006; 1 WJC 5000 2006; 3 African Games 5000 2007; 5 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-7); 1 WIC 3000 2008; 6 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2005-6J, 2006-3J, 2007-dnf. Helped to pace his brother to world 10,000m record in Brussels 2005, and did so right on target In 2008: 1 WIC 3000; 4 African Champs 5000; 2 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 Ostrava 5000; 12 Jerez de la Frontera 1500; 3 Rome Golden League 5000; 6 OLY 5000						
31	GENETI Markos	ETH	24y	107d 1984	13:08.22	13:00.25 -05
2004 World indoor bronze at 3000m ... 3000 pb: 7:38.11 -05 (7:41.81i -08). 1500 pb: 3:33.83 -05. 1 World Youth 3000 2001; 2 WJC 5000 2002; 4 African Games 5000 2003; 2 Afro-Asian Games 5000 2003; 3 WIC 3000 2004; sf WCH 1500 2005. At WXC: 2007-15. Oldest of six children In 2008: 3 Carson 5000; 6 Ostrava 5000; 10 Rome Golden League 5000; dnf Monaco 3000						
70	KIPCHOGE Eliud	KEN	23y	313d 1984	13:02.06	12:46.53 -04
Two Olympic medals and two World Championship medals at 5000m ... 1500 pb: 3:33.20 -04. 3000 pb: 7:27.72 -04. 10,000 pb: 26:49.02 -07. Mile pb: 3:50.40 -04. 1 WCH 5000 2003 (2005-4, 2007-2); 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 In 2008: 3 Edinburgh XC; 2 Cinque Mulini XC; 4 Doha 3000; 3 Hengelo 10,000; 1 Ostrava 5000; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 2 Rome Golden League 5000; 2 OLY 5000; 1 Brussels Golden League 5000						
75	KIPRUTO Silas	KEN	23y	353d 1984	13:02.86	13:02.86 -08
Won 2008 French Championship Road 10K ... 10,000 pb: 27:26.31 -08 In 2008: 6 Kenyan Police XC; 2 San Juan 10K; 5 Heillecourt 8.8K; 1 French 10K; 8 Hengelo 10,000; 5 Berlin Golden League 5000; 7 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 2 Liège 3000; 12 Heusden 5000; 7 Brussels Golden League 10,000; 1 Rovereto 5000						
76	KIPTOO Mark	KEN	32y	85d 1976	13:06.60	13:06.60 -08
Full name-Mark Kosgei Kiptoo Member of Kenyan Air Force, he served on peacekeeping missions in Burundi 3000 pb: 7:36.43 -08. 10,000 pb: 27:14.67 -08. 9 African Games 5000 2007; 1 World Military Games 5000 2007 (2 10,000). 2 Kenyan 5000 2007. At WXC: 2008-14 In 2008: 3 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 2 Kenyan XC ("I went to the front too early and as a result I burnt myself"); 14 WXC; 3 Heillecourt 8.8K; 3 French 10K; 2 Dakar 3000; 4 Eugene 10,000; 1 Kenyan 5000; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000; 4 Rome Golden League 5000; 5 Paris Golden League 3000; 5 London Grand Prix 3000; 4 Monaco 3000; 7 Zurich Golden League 5000; 9 Brussels Golden League 10,000						
77	KIPYEGO Bernard	KEN	22y	61d 1986	13:30.40	13:09.96 -05
Full name-Bernard Kipyego Kiprop Third in 2007 World Cross Country Championships at age 20 10,000 pb: 26:59.51 -07 (27:08.06 -08). 3 African junior 10,000 2003; 4 Brussels 10,000 2007. At WXC: 2005-2J, 2007-3, 2008-10. Second of 10 children In 2008: 10 WXC; 2 Heillecourt; 1 Edinburgh 10K; 12 Hengelo 10,000; 12 Berlin Golden League 5000; 3 Brussels Golden League 10,000						
80	KOGO Micah	KEN	22y	104d 1986	13:03.71	13:00.77 -06
2008 Olympic bronze at 10,000m ... 10,000 pb: 26:35.63 -06 (27:04.11 -08). 3000 pb: 7:38.67 -07. 3 OLY 10,000 2008. 1 AAA road 10K 2005; 1 Brussels 10,000 2006 (2007-3); 1 Manchester 10K 2007 & London 10K 2008 In 2008: 4 Amorebieta XC; 2 Brunssum 10K; 1 Spokane 12K; 1 London 10K (held on part of 2012 Olympic marathon course); 6 Berlin Golden League 5000; 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000; 2 Barcelona 5000; 3 OLY 10,000; 6 Zurich Golden League 5000; 8 Brussels Golden League 10,000						
84	MASAI Moses	KEN	22y	106d 1986	12:50.55	12:50.55 -08
Full name-Moses Ndiema Masai He was fourth in the Beijing Olympic 10,000m, his sister was fourth in the women's 10,000m at the same Games 10,000 pb: 26:49.20 -07 (27:04.11 -08). 10 WJC 10,000 2004; 1 African junior 5000/10,000 2005; 4 OLY 10,000 2008. 2 Brussels 10,000 2007, where he closed up dramatically on Kenenisa Bekele. At WXC: 2004-16J, 2005-7J, 2008-5. 1 Kenyan junior 10,000 2004. Partner-Doris Changeywo, the 2007 World Military Games 10,000m Champion ... great record in Brussels 10,000: 7th-5th-2nd in 2004-06-07 In 2008: 1 Kenyan Police XC; 8 Kenyan XC; 5 WXC; 1 Brunssum 10K; 4 Bangalore 10K; 1 Berlin Golden League 5000 (his pb down from 13:08.81 to 12:50.55); 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000; 1 Barcelona 5000; 4 OLY 10,000 (missed bronze by 0.004); 3 Zurich Golden League 5000; 2 Brussels Golden League 10,000						
86	SOI Edwin	KEN	22y	196d 1986	13:06.22	12:52.40 -06
2008 Olympic 5000m bronze ... 10,000 pb: 27:14.83 -06. 3000 pb: 7:31.83 -08. 4 WIC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2006-8 short, 2007-9. Self-coached ... Itlain-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 In 2008: 4 WIC 3000; 1 Dongio 10K; 2 Doha 3000; 2 Hengelo 5000; 7 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials 5000; 1 Paris Golden League 3000; 3 OLY 5000; 4 Zurich Golden League 5000; 1 Rieti 3000 (world lead 7:31.83)						

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KIPSIRO Moses UGA**22y** 13d 1986 **12:54.70** **12:50.72 -07**

2007 World bronze at 5000m & fourth at 2008 Olympics ... 2006 African Champion at 10,000m

3000 pb: 7:32.03 -07 (7:32.42 -08). 10,000 pb: 28:03.46 -06. 7 COM 5000 2006; 1 African Champs 10,000 2006 (3 5000); 3 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-ht); 4 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2003-18J, 2005-21J, 2006-29 short & 23 long, 2007-dnf, 2008-13 ... second of seven children
In 2008: 1 Ugandan XC; 13 WXC; 3 Doha 3000; 2 Bangalore 10K; 3 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Watford BMC 1500; 4 OLY 5000; 2 Zurich Golden League 5000; 5 Brussels Golden League 5000

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KIPROP Boniface UGA**22y** 338d 1985 **13:17.26** **12:57.11 -06**

Ful name-Boniface Kiprop Toroitich

2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 10,000m ... fourth at 10,000m at both Athens 2004 & Helsinki 2005

10,000 pb: 26:39.77 -05 (27:19.26 -08). 1 African junior 5000 2001 (2 10,000); 1 African junior 5000/10,000 2003; ht WCH 5000 2003; 4 African Games 10,000 2003 (6 5000); 3 Afro-Asian Games 10,000 2003; 1 WJC 10,000 2004 (5 5000); 4 OLY 10,000 2004 (2008-10); 4 WCH 10,000 2005 (2007-10); 1 COM 10,000 2006; 6 African Games 10,000 2007. At WXC: 2000-27J, 2002-3J, 2003/2004-2J, 2005-7 long, 2006-22 long, 2007-dnf (collapsed in the heat with 600m to go while in fifth position), 2008-16. Older brother is Martin Toroitich (11 World Junior XC 2002) ... Kiprop = born when it's raining ... member of Kalenjin tribe, most of whom live in Kenya

In 2008: 4 Maliaño XC; 3 Haro XC; 16 WXC; 2 Edinburgh 10K; 5 Hengelo 10,000; 16 Ostrava 5000; 1 London Grand Prix 3000; 10 OLY 10,000; 11 Zurich Golden League 5000; 6 Brussels Golden League 10,000

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Men's 3000m Steeplechase

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2008 World Best: 8:00.57 Paul Kipsiele Koech Heusden 20 Jul 08

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21	TAHER Tareq Mubarak BRN	21y	288d	1986	8:08.53	8:07.12 -07
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Dennis Kipkurui Keter KEN ... 2000SC pb: 5:23.95 -05. dq World Youth 2005 (originally 1st); 15 WCH 2005; 11 WIC 3000 2006; dq WJC 2006 (originally 2nd); 8 WCP 3000 2006; 8 WCH 3000SC 2007; 11 OLY 3000SC 2008. At WXC: 2005-9, 2006-dq (originally 19th)</p> <p>In March 2007 the IAAF reported: "After an extensive investigation by the IAAF, fully supported by the Kenyan government, it has emerged that the athlete falsified a birth certificate in order to obtain a Kenyan passport listing his birthday as 1 Dec 1989, when his real date of birth was 1 Dec 1986." Therefore he was over-age when he competed at the 2005 World Youth Championships, 2006 World Junior Cross Country Championships and 2006 World Junior Championships, the IAAF have officially annulled these "junior" performances</p> <p>In 2008: 13 Rabat; 3 Rome Golden League; 2 Athens; 1 Paris Golden League; dnf Heusden; 11 OLY; paced Zurich Golden League; 3 Brussels Golden League</p>						
36	TAHRI Bouabdellah FRA	29y	269d	1978	8:12.72	8:06.91 -03
<p>(Familiar name – "Bob") ... 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th in World/Olympic steeplechase finals</p> <p>5000 pb: 13:12.29 -07. 1500 pb: 3:34.85 -02. 1 EJC 5000 97; 1 ECP 3000SC 2000/2001/2002/2004 (1 3000 flat 2007); 11 WIC 3000 2001; 4 WCH 3000SC 2003 (99-12, 2001/2007-5, 2005-8); 2 ECP 5000 2005; 3 ECH 3000SC 2006 (98-10, 2002-4); 3 WCP 3000SC 2006; 2 EIC 3000 2007 (98-8); 1 ECP 3000 2007 (2007-8); 5 OLY 3000SC 2008 (2000-ht, 2004-7). At WXC: 97-22J (1st European), 2004-15 short, 2005-dnf long. At EXC: 2005-4. His parents were Algerian ... coach-Jean-Michel Dirringer (same as Mehdi Baala)</p> <p>In 2008: dnf Ostrava 5000; 4 Lille 1500; 1 Metz 1500; 4 Paris Golden League 3000SC; 5 OLY 3000SC; 5 Zurich Golden League 3000SC; 8 Lausanne 1500; 4 Brussels Golden League 3000SC; 3 Paris "DécaNation" 1500</p>						
67	KEMBOI Ezekiel KEN	26y	113d	1982	8:09.25	8:02.49 -03
<p>Former Olympic Champion ... 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion (named son after the city) ... three times World silver medallist</p> <p>1 African junior 2001; 4 African Champs 2002; 2 WCH 2003 after great race with the former Stephen Cherono when he misread the lap counter, thinking there were two laps remaining instead of five; 1 African Games 2003 (2007-2); 1 OLY 2004 (2008-7); 2 WCH 2005; 1 COM 2006 (2002-2); dq African Champs 2006; 2 WCH 2007. 1 Kenyan 2008. Has 50-acre farm in Eldoret, producing maize & rice ... plays as a forward from the local football team of his home town of Matira ... son Kiprono Manchester Kemboi jnr born September 2, 2002</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens; 7 OLY; 6 Zurich Golden League</p>						
73	KIPROTICH Wesley KEN	29y	45d	1979	8:14.52	8:05.68 -04
<p>2 COM 2006</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Madrid; 5 Athens; 6 Paris Golden League; 2 Stockholm; 2 Monaco; 4 Zurich Golden League; 11 Brussels Golden League</p>						
74	KIPRUTO Brimin KEN	23y	46d	1985	8:10.26	8:02.89 -07
<p>2008 Olympic & 2007 World Champion ... 2004 Olympic silver ... 2005 World bronze</p> <p>1500 pb: 3:35.23 -06. 2 World Youth 2000SC 2001; 3 WJC 1500 2004; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-3); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-2). At WXC: 2005-37 short, 2006-18 short</p> <p>In 2008: 5 Doha; 4 Hengelo; 1 Rabat; 2 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 OLY; 2 Brussels Golden League</p>						
78	KIPYEGO Mike KEN	24y	348d	1983	8:09.05	8:09.05 -08
<p>2002 World Junior Steeplechase Champion ... 8 World Youth 3000 99; 2 African junior 2001; 1 WJC 2002; ht WCH 2003; 2 African champs 2008. At WXC: 2002-12J, 2003-4 short, 2007-6. Full name-Michael Kipkorir Arap Kipyego</p> <p>In 2008: 2 Kenyan African Championship Trial; 2 African Champs; 3 Doha; 6 Hengelo; 5 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 4 Monaco; 3 Zurich Golden League (set pb); 6 Brussels Golden League</p>						
79	KOECH Paul Kipsiele KEN	26y	309d	1981	8:00.57	7:56.37 -05
<p>2004 Olympic bronze ... 3000 pb: 7:33.93 -05. 5000 pb: 13:11.26 -05. 1500 pb: 3:37.92 -07. 2 African Games 2003; 3 OLY 2004; 7 WCH 2005; 1 African Champs 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 2 WIC 3000 2008. Not to be confused with two other (older) Kenyan athletes of the same name of Paul Koech ... youngest of eight sons ... wife-Irene Koech</p> <p>In 2008: 2 WIC 3000; 7 Doha 3000; 1 New York; 3 Eugene 2M; 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials (just 0.09 behind third place); 1 Heusden; 1 Zurich Golden League; 1 Brussels Golden League</p> <p>His only steeplechase defeat of the year was, crucially, at the Kenyan Olympic Trials</p>						
81	KOSGEI Collins KEN	22y	42d	1986	8:13.87	8:13.87 -08
<p>5000 pb: 13:53.23 -08</p> <p>In 2008: 2 Sydney; 2 Australian; 2 Doha; 1 European Clubs Cup 5000/3000SC; 3 Belgrade 5000; 6 Rabat; 9 Athens; 9 Paris Golden League; 5 Stockholm; 7 Monaco; dnf Gateshead 3000; 8 Brussels Golden League</p>						
85	MATELONG Richard KEN	24y	336d	1983	8:07.64	8:05.96 -04
<p>Full name-Richard Kipkemboi Matelong</p> <p>2007 World bronze ... 2008 Olympic bronze</p> <p>3 WCH 2007; 1 African Champs 2008 (2004-2); 3 OLY 2008. 1 Kenyan XC 2007. At WXC: 2007-dnf. He has the rank of Constable in the Kenyan Police where he is a PT instructor based in Nyeri ... wife-Ruth Chepkemboi, their son Kipchumba born 2006</p> <p>In 2008: 4 Kenyan Police XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial; 1 African Champs; 1 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 3 Kenyan Olympic Trials; 7 Paris Golden League; 3 OLY; 8 Zurich Golden League</p>						
120	MOHAMED Mustafa SWE	29y	198d	1979	8:11.10	8:05.75 -07
<p>World & Olympic steeplechase finalist; fourth in Gothenburg 2006 & Osaka 2007 where he was the first non-Kenyan</p> <p>2 EJC 10,000 97; 8 WJC 98; 4 ECH 2006; 4 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-10); 10 OLY 3000SC 2008 (2004-13). At WXC: 98-54J, 2007-28. At EXC: 97-3J, 98-8J, 2000-73, 2002-59, 2003-20, 2004-22, 2005-14, 2006-3, 2007-2. 1 Swedish 3000SC 2002/2003/2008 (1 5000 2007). Former footballer ... mother-Somalian; stepfather-Swedish who was aid worker in Somalia ... brother Ahmed is an international steeplechaser ... born-Mogadishu ... coach-Ulf Friberg</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Swedish long course XC (3 short); 3 Manchester 10K; 10 Zaragoza 3000; 7 Kassel 5000; 2 ECP 1st League; 9 Gothenburg 1500; 3 Paris Golden League; 3 Stockholm; 1 Swedish; 10 OLY; 7 Zurich Golden League; 7 Brussels Golden League; 1 "Great Yorkshire" Sheffield 10K</p>						

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EZZINE Hamid MAR**24y** 345d 1983 **8:13.20** **8:09.72 -07**

Younger brother of 2001 world silver medallist Ali Ezzine ... 12 WJC 5000 2002; 4 African Champs 2004 (2006-5); ht WCH 2005/2007; ht OLY 2008. At WXC: 2004-30 short, 2005-41 short, 2006-21 short. Improved by more than 10 seconds in 2007 but then fell in his World Championship heat

In 2008: 2 Madrid; 3 Athens; 4 Stockholm; dnf Monaco; 6ht OLY; 15 Brussels Golden League

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KIPLAGAT Benjamin UGA**19y** 195d 1989 **8:14.29** **8:14.29 -08**

Ugandan record holder but still a junior ... 2008 World junior silver

5000 pb: 13:22.67 -07. 7 African Games 2007. ht WCH 2007; 2 WJC 2008 (2006-6); 9 OLY 2008. At WXC: 2006-50 short, 2007-5J

In 2008: 2 Ugandan junior XC; 4 WXC-j; 4 Doha; 2 Hengelo; 2 WJC; 9 OLY; 5 Brussels Golden League

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Men's 110 Metres Hurdles

Sun/16:40

2008 World Best: 12.87 Dayron Robles CUB Ostrava 12 Jun 08

AWARDS

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

New World Record: \$100,000

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best			
1,	163	van der WESTEN Marcel	NED	32y	44d	1976	13.35	13.35 -08	
2007 European indoor silver ... sf EIC 2002 (2005-ht); sf WCH 2005; ht EIC 2005; sf WIC 2006 (2003/2004-ht); ht ECH 2006; 2 EIC 2007; sf OLY 2008. 1 Dutch 2001/2004/2006/2008 (1 indoor 2000/2001/2005). Based-Amsterdam In 2008: 1 Dutch indoor; 2 Belgian indoor; 2 Sint-Niklaas; 1 Lisse; 1 Hengelo; 3 Zaragoza; 1 Kassel; 1 Leiden; 1 Dutch; 4 Rome Golden League; 6 Lucerne; 6sf OLY; 8 Zurich Golden League; 6 Gateshead; 7 Lausanne									
2,	41	TURNER Andy	GBR	27y	360d	1980	13.41	13.27 -07	
Third on British all-time list after Colin Jackson 12.91 and Tony Jarrett 13.00 200 pb: 20.71w -07, 20.93 -06 (21.12 -08). 2 ECP 2006 (2004-3, 2003-5); 3 COM 2006; 3 ECH 2006; 4 EIC 2007 (2005-ht); sf WCH 2007; qf OLY 2008 (2004-ht). 1 AAA indoors & out 2006. 1 UK 2007/2008. Started as a footballer, played for Nottingham County youth squad and once competed at Wembley stadium ... Lives-Sutton, partner Natalie, their daughters Jasmin & Carmen ... coach-Lloyd Cowan In 2008: 1 Long Beach; 3 Mt SAC Relays; 4 Penn Relays 'B'; 3 Doha; 1 European Clubs Cup 'B' 200/110H; 8 Berlin Golden League; 5 Turin; 3 British Premier League/Jun 8 200 (1 100 'B'); 1 Milan; 2 Madrid; 1 UK Champs; 2 Lucerne 'B'; 4 Barcelona; 6 London Grand Prix; 5qf OLY; 7 Gateshead; 1 Lausanne 'B'; 3 Dubnica; 7 Zagreb									
3,	155	WILSON Ryan	USA	27y	269d	1980	13.28	13.02 -07	
2003 US Collegiate Champion ... 400H pb: 49.33 -03. 1 NCAA 2003. qf US Olympic Trials 2004. Graduate of art degree from the University of Southern California (he specialises in sculpture) ... keeps a pet black widow spider called "Holga" ... coach-Darrell Smith In 2008: 4 Baie Mahault; 1 Fort-de-France; 3 Carson; 2 Hengelo; 1 Belgrade; 3 Berlin Golden League; dnf Eugene; 5sf US Olympic Trials; 9 Athens; 6 Liège; 2 Barcelona; 4 Gateshead; 4 Lausanne; 2 Dubnica; 4 Zagreb He was disqualified for false starting at the 2007 World Athletics Final									
4,	140	MERRITT Aries	USA	23y	53d	1985	13.24	13.09 -07	
Former World Junior Champion ... 2006 US Collegiate Champion indoors & out, representing the University of Tennessee 1 WJC 2004. 1 NCAA indoor/out 2006. Graduate of Sports Management ... lives-College Station, Texas ... "My [high school] coach saw me jumping a fence and said I should take up hurdling" ... coach-Vince Henderson In 2008: 1 Austin; 1 Texas Relays; 1 Westwood; 2 Kingston; 5 Carson; 2 New York; 4 US Olympic Trials (missed out to David Payne by 0.02); 2 Lucerne; 5 Paris Golden League; 3 Stockholm; 5 London Grand Prix; 4 Zurich Golden League; 1 Gateshead									
5,	160	AKINS Ty	USA	22y	252d	1986	13.25	13.25 -08	
Former US Collegiate Champion ... note <u>AKINS</u> not ATKINS ... 2 Pan-American junior 2005. 1 NCAA 2007 (2008-2). Student of Sports Management at Auburn University In 2008: dq NCAA indoor; 1 Atlanta; 2 Auburn; 1 Tempe; 3 Baton Rouge; 2 Penn Relays; 1 Fayetteville; 2 NCAA; 7 US Olympic Trials; 7 Rome Golden League; 5 Athens; 3 Gateshead; 8 Lausanne; 5 Dubnica; 6 Zagreb									
6,	144	OLIVER David	USA	26y	144d	1982	12.95	12.95 -08	
2008 Olympic bronze ... 12.89w -08. sf WCH 2007; sf WIC 2008; 3 OLY 2008. 1 US indoor 2008. Studied Marketing at Howard University, Washington DC. Mother-Brenda Chambers ran 58.54 for 400m hurdles in 1980 ... coach-Brooks Johnson ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 1 US indoor; 4sf WIC; 1 Lake Buena Vista; 1 Florida Relays; 1 Greensboro; 1 Doha (12.95, =9th on world all-time list – "If I would have gotten away better, I could have broken the world record."); 1 Berlin Golden League (beat Robles); 1 Clermont; 1 US Olympic Trials; 1 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco; 3 OLY; 2 Zurich Golden League; 1 Lausanne (beat Robles); 1 Paris "DécaNation" He is the only man to have defeated Dayron Robles outdoors in 2008									
7,	130	BROWN Joel	USA	28y	227d	1980	13.33	13.22 -05	
Sixth in 2005 World final ... 200 pb: 20.36w -08, 20.55 -05 (20.77 -08). 100 pb: 10.32w -05, 10.33 -04. 6 WCH 2005; sf OLY 2008. 1 US indoor 2005. Studied Human Ecology at Ohio State University ... coach-Brooks Johnson In 2008: 3 US indoor; 2 Lake Buena Vista; 2 Coral Gables; 4 Greensboro; 2 Doha 200/110H; 6 Carson; 1 São Paulo; 1 Belém 110H/200 'B'; 4 Berlin Golden League; 8 Eugene; 4 Eugene; dnf Clermont; 6sf US Olympic Trials; 2 Athens 'B'; 4 Lucerne; 3 Barcelona; 1 Brasschaat 200/110H; 1 Oordegem; 2 Karlstad (4 200); 6 Zurich Golden League; 5 Gateshead; 6 Lausanne									
8,	25	SVOBODA Petr	CZE	23y	339d	1984	13.29	13.29 -08	
Czech record holder ... Dec pb: 7018 -04. dnf World Youth LJ 2001; ht WJC 100/110H 2002; ht EJC 110H 2003; dnf EIC Heptathlon 2005; sf EIC 60H 2007; sf WIC 60H 2008; sf OLY 2008. 1 Czech indoor 60H 2007 ... 1.96/87kg In 2008: 5sf WIC; 2 Ostrava; 2 Turin; 5 Ostrava; 2 Prague; 1 ECP 1st League; 2 Lille; dq Czech; 1 Thessaloníki; 3 Athens; 4 Monaco; 7sf OLY; 5 Zurich Golden League; 2 Gateshead; 3 Zagreb									

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Men's Pole Vault

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2008 World Best: 6.04 Brad Walker USA Eugene 8 Jun 08

AWARDS

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

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1, 151	27y	86d	1981	6.04	6.04 -08
<p>WALKER Brad USA Reigning World Champion ... US record holder ... 1 WIC 2006 (2008-2); 1 WCH 2007 (2005-2); dng OLY 2008. 1 NCAA indoor 2003; 1 US 2005/2007 & indoor 2006/2007/2008. 1 Australian 2007. Studied Business Administration at the University of Washington, graduated in 2004 ... can play a saxophone ... based-Seattle ... keen skier and snowboarder ... coach-Dan Pfaff ... 1.88 tall In 2008: 1 US indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Osaka; 1 Eugene; 1 Chula Vista; 3 US Olympic Trials; 1 Athens; =3 London Grand Prix; dng OLY (ho-heighted at 5.65 in qualifying); 1 Gateshead; =3 Lausanne; nh Moscow "Russian Challenge"</p>					
2, 44	24y	191d	1984	5.70	5.81 -06
<p>SCHULZE Fabian GER 2005 European under-23 silver ... 5.76i -08. 6 World Youth 2001; 3 EJC 2003; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; 5 EIC 2005; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; =4 WIC 2006 (2008-nh). 1 German junior 2003 & under-23 2004 ... 1.92 tall In 2008: 3 German indoor; 1 Bad Oeynhausen; nh WIC; 4 Dakar; 1 Hengelo; 5 Berlin Golden League; 5 Ostrava; 1 Heilbronn; 6 Biberach; 5 German; =3 Athens; nh Paris Golden League; 10 Munich; 1 Sondershausen; 4 Gateshead</p>					
3, 126	25y	166d	1983	5.82	5.82 -08
<p>MAZURYK Maksym UKR Former World Junior Champion ... beat great field to win on countback at Donyetsk indoor 2007 1 WJC 2002; 3 under-23 ECH 2003 (2005-6); 8 ECH 2006; 11 WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008 (2006-dng); dng OLY 2008... 1.90 tall In 2008: 6 WIC; 2 Berlin Golden League; 1 Ukrainian Cup; 4 Moscow Open; 4 Moscow Open; 3 Ostrava; 9 Zhukovskiy; 1 Kiev; 2 Jerez de la Frontera; =5 Lille; 2 Ukrainian; 7 Athens; 7 Paris Golden League; dng OLY; 3 Rieti; 3 Rovereto</p>					
4, 142	35y	351d	1972	5.80	5.81 -05
<p>MILES Derek USA US Champion indoors in 2003 & outdoors in 2008 ... 5.85i -05. 7 WSG 97; 5 WIC 2003; =6 WCH 2003; nh Pan-Am Games 2007; 4 OLY 2008 (2004-07). Coach-Earl Bell, trains with Jeff Hartwig, Chad Harting & Tye Harvey ... born-Sacramento ... employed as an academic adviser at Arkansas State University ... favourite hobby is paragliding ... lives-Jonesboro, Arkansas ... 1.91 tall In 2008: 3 US indoor; 8 WIC; 1 Drake Relays; 3 Modesto; 1 Yankton SD; 2 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials; =3 Athens; 7 Paris Golden League; 2 Heusden; 4 OLY; 4 Gateshead; 2 Lausanne</p>					
5, 128	30y	231d	1978	5.83	5.83 -08
<p>YURCHENKO Denys UKR 2004 World Indoor bronze ... 2008 Olympic bronze ... twice European indoor silver nh final EJC 97; =2 ECP 2002 (2007-3); =6 ECH 2002; 3 WIC 2004 (2003-6=, 2006/2008-dng); 2 EIC 2005/2007 (2002-dng); dng ECH 2006; 12 WCH 2007 (2005-dng); 3 OLY 2008 (2000-dng, 2004-9=). 1 Ukrainian 99/2000/2002/2003/2006/2007/2008... 1.75 tall In 2008: dng WIC; 1 Dakar; 2 Ukrainian Cup; 2 Ostrava; 3 Gyor; 6 Prague; 2 Kiev; nh Jerez de la Frontera; 4 Lille; 1 Ukrainian (7th time); 6 Athens; 6 Paris Golden League; 6 London Grand Prix; 3 OLY (at only 5.70); 2 Gateshead; 9 Lausanne; 2 Rieti</p>					
6, 113	23y	235d	1985	6.01	6.01 -08
<p>LUKYANENKO Yevgeniy RUS 2008 World Indoor Champion ... 2008 Olympic silver ... 5.90i -08. nh ECP 2007; 6 WCH 2007; 1 WIC 2008; 2 OLY 2008. 3 Russian junior 2003. 1 Russian 2008. From Slavanska Kuban in the Krasnodar area ...coach-Sergey Gripich ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 1 WIC; 2 Dessau; 1 Berlin Golden League; 2 Moscow Open; 1 Ostrava; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Biberach; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Russian; 1 London Grand Prix; 2 OLY; 1 Lausanne; 1 Moscow "Russian Challenge"</p>					
7, 45	24y	336d	1983	5.81	5.81 -08
<p>STRAUB Alexander GER 2007 World Student Games Champion ... dng WJC 2002; 10 under-23 ECH 2005; 1 WSG 2007. 1 German under-23 2005. Student of Chemical Engineering at University of Stuttgart ... coach-Ivan Macura-Boehm ... 1.79 tall In 2008: 9 German indoor; 1 Oberhaugstett; =6 Cologne; =7 Hengelo; 3 Dessau; nh Berlin Golden League; 3 Kassel; 3 Regensburg; 1 Cottbus; 2 Prague; 1 Ingolstadt; nh Lille; 4 German; 2 Jockgrim; 2 Paris Golden League; =3 London Grand Prix; 1 Wattenscheid; 7 Gateshead; =3 Lausanne; 1 Paris "DécaNation"</p>					
8, 112	23y	77d	1985	5.81	5.81 -08
<p>KUCHERYANU Sergey RUS nh EJC 2003 ; =10 ECH 2006; 6 under-23 ECH 2007; nh ECP 2008. 1 Russian under-23 2006/2007... coach-Vladimir Shulgin ... 1.85 tall In 2008: 6 Russian indoor; 1 European Indoor Cup; 1 Dessau; 3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Moscow Open; =5 Zhukovskiy; nh ECP; 1 Lille; 7 Russian; 7 London Grand Prix; nh Gateshead; =5 Lausanne; 1 Rieti; nh Rovereto</p>					

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Men's Long Jump

Sun/13:50

2008 World Best: 8.73 Irving Saladino PAN Hengelo 24 May 08

AWARDS

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

New World Record: \$100,000

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best	
1,	12		LAPIERRE Fabrice AUS	24y 333d 1983	8.14	8.19 -06
2002 World junior silver ... 2006 Commonwealth bronze ... 100 pb: 10.48w, 10.56 -04. 2 WJC 2002; 3 COM 2006; 8 WCP 2006; dnq OLY 2008. 1 NCAA 2005 (2006-2). Was at Texas A&M University ... born-Mauritius, lives-College Station ... coach-Jim van Hoogeten In 2008: 2 Canberra; 1 New South Wales State; 2 Melbourne; 4 Australian; 3 Baton Rouge; 1 Houston; 1 Gold Coast; 2 Thessaloniki; 1 Cork; 3 London Grand Prix; dnq OLY; 4 Gateshead; 1 Zagreb						
2,	42		BAYER Sebastian GER	22y 96d 1986	8.15	8.15 -08
Twice Asian Games Champion ... dnq WJC 2004; 2 EJC 2005; dnq ECH 2006; dnq OLY 2008. 1 German 2006/2008 In 2008: 4 Garbsen; 5 Dessau; 3 Bad Langensalza; 2 Rheinau-Freistett; 6 Wesel; 1 German; 3 Leverkusen; dnq OLY; 3 Zurich Golden League; 5 Brussels Golden League; 2 Paris "DécaNation"						
3,	91		AL-SABEE Hussein Taher KSA	28y 305d 1979	8.35	8.35 -04/08
Asian record holder ... 8.41w -04. 1 Arab 97/99/2003; 1 Asian Champs 2000/2002/2003; 11 WIC 2001 (2008-dnq); 4 WCP 2002; 1 Asian Games 2002/2006; 5 WCH 2003 (99-12, 2001-10, 2007-11); 11 OLY 2008 (2000-dnq) ... youngest of five brothers, two more are athletes ... his first sport was basketball ... coach-Hamid-Sahil ... 1.87 tall In 2008: 3 Asian Indoor Champs; dnq WIC; 2 Riyadh; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 Prague; 3 Rome Golden League; 2 Paris Golden League; 11 OLY (7.80); 1 Zurich Golden League (pb 8.35); 2 Brussels Golden League						
4,	90		AL-KHUWALIDI Mohamed Salman KSA	27y 88d 1981	8.37	8.48 -06
Asian record holder ... 2008 World indoor bronze ... 9 Asian Games 2002; 1 Gulf 2002 (2003-2); 1 Asian indoor 2004; dnq WIC 2004; 3 WCP 2006; 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2003-9); dnq WCH 2007; 1 Asian indoor 2008; 3 WIC 2008; dnq OLY 2008 In 2008: 1 Asian Indoor Champs; 3 WIC; 1 Riyadh; 3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Lille; 2 Rome Golden League; 3 Paris Golden League; dnq OLY (7.93, his only sub-8m meeting of the year to that point); 5 Zurich Golden League; 1 Bottrop						
5,	159		BADJI Ndiss Kaba SEN	24y 359d 1983	8.16	8.20 -04
Sixth in 2008 Olympic Long Jump, seventh at 2007 Worlds ... 2008 African Champion at Triple Jump 8.30w -04. TJ pb: 17.07 -08. 2 African junior TJ 2001 (4 LJ); 9 WJC TJ 2002 (dnq LJ); 5 WSG LJ 2003; 2 African Games LJ 2003 (4 TJ); 2 Afro-Asian Games LJ 2003 (5 TJ); dnq OLY TJ 2004/2008; 1 African Games TJ 2007; 7 WCH LJ 2007; 1 African Champs TJ 2008 (2004 -2); 6 OLY LJ 2008 ... doping suspension 2005-2007 ... based-Dakar ... 1.93 tall In 2008: 1 African Champs TJ; 2 Dakar TJ; 3 Athens TJ; 6 Barcelona LJ; 9 Monaco TJ; 6 OLY LJ (dnq TJ); 11 Lausanne TJ; 4 Brussels Golden League LJ; 2 Rieti LJ						
6,	26		MELIZ Luis Felipe ESP	29y 35d 1979	8.15	8.43 -00
Seventh in Sydney 2000 for Cuba, seventh again in Beijing 2008 for Spain 3 WJC 98; 2 WSG 99; 7 OLY 2000/2008; 4 WIC 2003 (2001-9, 2004-dnd); 2 Pan Am Games 2003 (99-3); 11 WCH 2003 (99/2001-dnq). 1 Spanish 2008. Had same coach as Pedroso, he has not competed for Cuba since 2004 In 2008: 3 Spanish indoor; 1 La Laguna; 1 Castellón; 1 Avilés; 4 Salamanca; 2 Reims; 2 Barcelona; 1 Spanish; 7 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League; 6 Brussels Golden League; 3 Paris "DécaNation"; 3 Rieti; 2 Zagreb						
7,	135		JOHNSON Brian USA	28y 173d 1980	8.30	8.33 -05/06
2006 US Champion ... 2003 US Collegiate Champion, representing Southern University Baton Rouge 8.48w -08. 100 pb: 10.18w -05, 10.24 -02. 200 pb: 20.65 -03. dnq OLY 2004/2008; dnq WCH 2005; 7 WIC 2006; 6 WCP 2006. 1 NCAA 2003 (2002-2). 1 US Champs 2006. Ex-Basketball player ... 1.96 tall In 2008: 14 US indoor; 1 Houston 100 'B'; 2 Baton Rouge; 1 Baie Mahault; 1 Fort-de-France; 1 Ponce; 5 Oslo Golden League; 2 US Olympic Trials; 4 Rome Golden League; 2 Athens; 6 Paris Golden League; dnq OLY						
8,	145		PATE Miguel USA	29y 94d 1979	8.24	8.46 -03
2003 World Indoor bronze ... 8.39w -08. TJ pb: 16.48 -01. HJ pb: 2.18i -00. 4 WCH 2001 (2005-dnq, 2007-10); 1 WSG 2001; 3 WIC 2003; dnq OLY 2008. 1 US indoor 2002; 1 NCAA indoor 2002. Studied Criminal Justice at University of Alabama ... ruptured left knee in 2003 ... coach-Rod Tiffin In 2008: 1 Baton Rouge; 3 Fort-de-France; 3 Hengelo; 6 Berlin Golden League; 4 Oslo Golden League; 3 US Olympic Trials (he kept out defending Olympic Champion Dwight Phillips who was fourth); 9 Rome Golden League; 4 Paris Golden League; dnq OLY; 1 Gateshead; 1 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti (3/3 wins since Beijing)						

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Men's Hammer Throw

Sun/13:30

2008 World Best:	84.51	Ivan Tikhon	Grodno	8 Jul 08
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AWARDS

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

New World Record: \$100,000

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best	
1,	107	ZIÓLKOWSKI Szymon	POL	32y	75d 1976	79.55	83.38 -01
<p>Former Olympic Champion ... 2001 World Champion ... 11x Polish Champion 1 WJC 94; 1 EJC 95; 2 under-23 ECH 97; 5 ECH 98/2006 (2002-dnq); 1 OLY 2000 (96-10, 2004-dnq, 2008-7); 1 ECP 2001/2004/2005/2007 (99-2, 95-6); 1 WCH 2001 (95/99-dnq, 2005-3, 2007-7). 1 Polish 96/97/99-2002/2004-2008 ... Coach-Pyotr Zaytsev ... younger sister Michalina threw hammer 52.94 in 2000 married 50m javelin thrower Joanna Domagala on December 26, 2000; their son-Adam (3) ... 1.92/117kg In 2008: 5 Osaka; 4 Hengelo; 3 Königs Wusterhausen; 1 Schönebeck; 4 Ostrava; 2 Warsaw; 6 Prague; 1 ECP; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Polish; 3 Rethymno; 2 Wattenscheid; 7 OLY; 1 Riga</p>							
2,	116	KOZMUS Primož	SLO	28y	350d 1979	82.02	82.30 -07
<p>In Beijing 2008 became Slovenia's first Olympic Champion in athletics 12 under-23 ECH 99; 7 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 2 WCH 2007 – he held the lead until the last throw of Tikhon (2003-5); 1 OLY 2008 (2000- dnq, 2004-6). 1 Slovenian 99-2004/2006/2008 ... he is a former high jumper ... older sister-Simona is Slovenian women's Hammer record holder ... 1.88/106kg In 2008: 1 Ljubljana (Jun 8); 1 Slovenian Cup; 1 Ostrava; 1 Warsaw; 1 Prague; 1 Celje; 2 ECP 1st League; 1 Velenje; 1 Slovenian; 1 OLY; 2 Zagreb</p>							
3,	50	PARS Krisztián	HUN	26y	209d 1982	81.96	82.45 -06
<p>Former World Youth Champion ... 1 World Youth 99; 1 EJC 2001; 1 under-23 ECH 2003; 6 ECH 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2005-7); 4 OLY 2008 (2004-5). 1 Hungarian 2005-2008 ... 1.88/104kg</p> <p>Fourth at the Olympic Games, but he may well be promoted to silver if the suspension of the Belorussian silver & bronze medallists Vadim Devyatovski & Ivan Tikhon is confirmed</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Hungarian winter; 2 European Throws Cup; 1 Veszprém; 1 Hengelo; 3 Ostrava; 4 Prague; 2 Celje; 1 ECP 1st League; 2 Velenje; 1 Kaustinen; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Lahti; 1 Rethymno; 1 Hungarian; 4 OLY; 4 Dubnica; 4 Zagreb</p>							
4,	92	AL-ZINKAWI Ali Mohamed	KUW	24y	200d 1984	77.25	77.25 -08
<p>3x Asian Champion ... Kuwait record holder ... 6 World Youth 2001; 2 WJC 2002; 1 Arab 2003/2004; 1 Asian Champs 2003/2005/2007; dnq OLY 2004; 2 Asian Games 2006; 12 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq) ... 1.86/97kg In 2008: 1 Kuwait City (Mar 17); 1 Doha (Apr 30); 1 Kuwait City (May 19); 5 Hengelo; 2 Algiers; 8 Prague; 1 Radès; 2 Hungarian; dnq OLY; 4 Zagreb</p>							
5,	117	KONOPKA Miloslav	SVK	29y	235d 1979	78.83	81.33 -04
<p>2001 European under-23 bronze ... Fouled out final EJC 97; 5 WJC 98; dnq OLY 2000/2004/2008; 3 under-23 ECH 2001; 10 ECH 2002 (2006-dnq); 9 WCH 2003 (2001/2005-dnq, 2007-10). 1 Slovak 2000/2001. Coach-Karel Sula ... twin brother-Mikulas is Slovak record holder at Shot Put ... 1.90/115kg In 2008: 3 Osaka; 7 Hengelo; 2 Ostrava; 1 Nitra; 1 Opava; 2 Slovak; 1 Pacov; 1 Ústí Nad Labem; dnq OLY</p>							
6,	63	MUROFUSHI Koji	JPN	33y	342d 1974	81.87	84.86 -03
<p>2004 Olympic Gold ... 2001 World silver ... 2003 world bronze ... 8 WJC 92; 8 WSG 97 (95-15, 99-6); 1 East Asian 97/2001 (93-3); 9 OLY 2000; 2 WCH 2001 (97-10, 95/99-dnq, 2003-3, 2007-6); 1 Asian Champs 2002 (93/95/98 -2); 1 Asian Games 2002 (94-2); 1 OLY 2004 (2000-9, 2008-5); 1 WCP 2006 (2002-2) ... 1 Japanese 95-2007, Japanese record holder; father (Shigenobu) was previous holder; as a family they have held the national hammer record since 1971; younger sister Yuka holds the Japanese women's hammer record ... in 2004 he beat other top throwers in a contest to throw a 10kg barrel for height; he threw it up 8.25m ... he's now a Doctor having completed his PhD thesis on the biomechanics of the hammer throw ... 1.87/98kg In 2008: 1 Japanese (14th time); 1 Toyota (Jul 21); 1 Toyota (Jul 27); 5 OLY, he may be promoted to bronze if the Belorussians ahead of him are disqualified</p>							
7,	53	LINGUA Marco	ITA	30y	103d 1978	79.97	79.97 -08
<p>7 EJC 97; dnq OLY 2008. 1 Italian 2008 ... 1.79/94kg In 2008: 1 Savona; 2 Italian winter; 1 European Throws Cup; nm Schio; 1 Milan; 1 Terni; 2 Osaka; 1 Alessandria; 3 Hengelo; 1 Savona (May 27); 1 Algiers; 4 Warsaw; 3 Prague; 1 Valbonne; 4 Velenje; 2 Bydgoszcz; 1 Savona (Jul 8); 6 Rethymno; 1 Italian; dnq OLY; 2 Dubnica; 3 Zagreb</p>							
8,	127	RUBANKO Artem	UKR	34y	178d 1974	79.75	80.44 -04
<p>7 ECP 96; 12 WSG 99; dnq OLY 2004/2008 ... 191/108kg In 2008: 2 Ukrainian winter; 4 Osaka; 3 Koncha-Zaspa; 8 Hengelo; 2 Ukrainian Cup (Jun 7); 1 Ukrainian Cup (Jun 20); 2 Ukrainian; dnq OLY</p>							

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2008 World Best: 90.57 Andreas Thorkildsen NOR Beijing 23 Aug 08

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

New World Record: \$100,000

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	161	GOYVAERTS Tom BEL	24y	178d	1984	79.65	79.65 -08
9 EJC 2003; 7 ECP 2007. 1 Belgian 2007/2008 ... 2.00/91kg In 2008: 1 Hulst; 1 Flemish; 5 Halle; 7 Dessau; 2 Kessel-Lo; 8 Moscow Open; 7 Zhukovskiy; 1 Belgian; 1 Kortrijk; 2 Ghent; 2 Heusden; 1 Brasschaat; 1 Ninove; 8 Brussels Golden League							
2,	33	JÄRVENPÄÄ Tero FIN	23y	347d	1984	86.68	86.68 -08
3 World Youth 2001; 2 EJC 2003; 5 under-23 ECH 2005; 2 WSG 2005; dng ECH 2006; 8 WCH 2007; 4 OLY 2008. 1 Finnish 2008 ... threw a baseball 66m as a nine year-old ... coach/father Pentti Järvenpää ... 1.87/96kg In 2008: 3 Kuortane (May 25); 3 Berlin Golden League; 2 Oslo Golden League; 3 Pihitipudas; 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Finnish; 4 OLY (83.95, but had a no-throw at around 88m); 3 Zurich Golden League; 1 FIN v SWE							
3,	93	KOVALS Ainars LAT	26y	298d	1981	86.64	86.64 -08
Surprise Olympic silver medalist in 2008 ... 4 under-23 ECH 2001 (2003-6); 7 WCH 2005 (2007-dng); 1 WSG 2005 (2007-3); 5 ECH 2006; 2 OLY 2008. 1 Latvian 2005/2007. Coach-Valentina Eiduka ... 1.92/110kg He once achieved a distance of 74m in a mobile-phone throwing contest in Latvia but eventually placed only third In 2008: 1 Latvian Universities; 13 Halle; 1 Kalamata; 1 ECP 2nd League; 1 Valmiera; 2 OLY; 2 Brussels Golden League; 2 Riga							
4,	46	VIEWEG Alexander GER	22y	79d	1986	83.27	83.27 -08
2007 European under-23 Champion ... 11 World Youth 2003; 2 EJC 2005; 1 under-23 ECH 2007. Coach-Boris Henry (twice world bronze medalist) ... 1.92/95kg In 2008: 6 Dessau; 2 Schönebeck; 6 Zeulenroda; 4 Strasbourg; 4 German; 2 Athens; 1 Lucerne; 2 Wattenscheid; dng OLY; 1 Bad Köstritz; 1 Rovereto							
5,	34	PITKÄMÄKI Tero FIN	25y	270d	1982	87.70	91.53 -05
2007 World Champion & 2008 Olympic bronze ... dng WJC 2000; 6 EJC 2001; 3 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 ECP 2006; 2 ECH 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-4); 3 OLY 2008 (2004-8). 1 Finnish 2004/2005/2006/2007 ... graduate of electrical engineering at Vaasa Polytechnic school ... ex-cross country skier, he was fifth in the Finnish Championships at age 14 ... coach-Hannu Kangas ... partner is heptathlete Niina Kelo (15 ECH Heptathlon 2006) ... he says he'll continue competing to 2020 ... 1.95/92kg In 2008: 2 Kuortane (May 25); 1 Berlin Golden League (beat Thorkildsen by 1cm); 3 Oslo Golden League; 1 Pihitipudas; 2 Kuortane (Jul 6); 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Joensuu; 1 Lapinlahti; 2 Finnish; 1 Lappeenranta; 3 OLY; 2 Zurich Golden League; 2 FIN v SWE; 1 Brussels Golden League							
6,	101	THORKILDSEN Andreas NOR	26y	167d	1982	90.57	91.59 -06
In Beijing 2008 became the first Norwegian to retain an Olympic title in athletics 1 European Youth 99; 2 WJC 2000; 2 EJC 2001 (99-7); 4 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 OLY 2004/2008; 2 WCH 2005/2007 (2001-dng, 2003-11); 1 ECH 2006 (2002-dng); 1 WCP 2006. 1 Norwegian 2001/2003/2004/2005/2006. Played soccer to age 16, then concentrated on javelin throwing ... father-Tomm was a 10.7 100 sprinter, mother-Bente Amundsen was Norwegian 100H champion ... coach-Åsmund Martinsen ... 1.88/90kg In 2008: 1 Doha; 2 Berlin Golden League (1 cm behind Pitkämäki); 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 ECP 1st League; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 1 OLY (90.57); 1 Zurich Golden League (90.28); 3 Brussels Golden League (sore groin)							
7,	95	VASILEVSKIS Vadims LAT	26y	253d	1982	85.97	90.73 -07
2004 Olympic silver, when he set personal bests in qualifying & final 8 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001; dng ECH 2002; 7 under-23 ECH 2003; 2 World Military 2003; 2 OLY 2004 (2008-9); 4 ECH 2006; 1 WSG 2007; 4 WCH 2007 (2005-dng) ... coach-Valentina Eiduka ... his second sport is mountain biking ... has two younger sisters (Jana & Dana) who were javelin throwers ... 1.88/102kg In 2008: 2 Ventspils; 1 Zhukovskiy; 6 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 1 Paris Golden League; 9 OLY; 4 Zurich Golden League; 5 Brussels Golden League; 1 Riga							
8,	94	RAGS Eriks LAT	33y	106d	1975	85.05	86.47 -01
(Rags pronounced "Rax") ... twice World Student Games Champion ... Latvian record holder 4 under-23 ECH 97; 6 WSG 97; 1 WSG 99/2001 (97-6); 4 ECH 2002 (2006-9); 7 OLY 2004 (2000/2008-dng); 6 WCH 2005 (97/2003-dng, 99-10, 2001-8, 2007-11). 1 Latvian 97/99/2000/2001/2002/2003/2006 ... won accuracy throwing contest at 2000 Stockholm Grand Prix ... coach-Maris Griva ... 1.84/95kg In 2008: 4 Doha; 1 Ventspils; 1 Tallinn; 1 Ventspils; 1 Gothenburg; 1 Lugano; 3 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens; 2 Stockholm; 1 Karlstad; dng OLY; 8 Zurich Golden League; 4 Brussels Golden League							